

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 1st REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE
CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL ON JANUARY 2, 2025.

PRESENT:

Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra	City Vice Mayor (Presiding Officer)
Hon. Sebastian Ric. A. Nagas	City Councilor
Hon. Joel E. Tinio	City Councilor
Hon. Baltazar C. Abian	City Councilor
Hon. Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli	City Councilor
Hon. Noel Christian G. Catre, Jr	City Councilor
Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana	City Councilor
Hon. Joseph Joey S. Yuipco	City Councilor
Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra	City Councilor
Hon. Florenillo b. Ravelo	Liga Ng Mga Barangay President
Hon. Jenelyn Edulzura	SK Federation President

ABSENT:

Hon. Cacel R. Azarcon	City Councilor (on leave)
Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza	City Councilor (on leave)

The session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of January 2, 2025.

OPENING PRAYER

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with grateful hearts for the opportunity
to serve our community.

Thank You for the wisdom, strength, and beauty that You provide.

As we gather to discuss matters that impact Surigao city and its people, we ask for Your presence
to guide our thoughts and decisions.

Help us to act for the truth, work hand in hand for the relief of the less fortunate, and spread
brotherly love to one another.

Grant us the ability to listen with open hearts, collaborate respectfully, and pursue solutions to
promote temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice for all.

Bless our city, its leaders, and its residents.

May our efforts today reflect Your love and bring hope
and growth to our beloved Surigao City.

In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

SINGING OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

ROLL CALL

The roll call was conducted with all the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod listed herein as present in attendance, and thereafter a **QUORUM** was declared.

PERUSAL AND APPROVAL OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES

Before the approval of the Minutes, Sanggunian Secretary, Ms. Edna B. Siega read the resolutions that were passed and approved in the previous regular session.

Thereafter, Honorable Sebastian Ric A. Nagas was recognized and presented a motion for the approval of the Minutes of the previous regular session, seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco, it was unanimously

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RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Session held on December 19, 2024, re: Resolution Nos. 309-313 be as it is hereby approved.

MATTERS OF INFORMATION

None

INCLUSION, AMENDMENT AND
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Honorable Joel E. Tinio, jointly seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco and Honorable Baltazar C. Abian, it was unanimously

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RESOLVED, to approve, as it is hereby approved, the agenda of the 1st Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod dated 2 January 2025 as prepared and presented.

FIRST READING:

- None

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

A. Committee on Rules—

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, the herein Barangay Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2024 of Barangay Danawan, this city entitled "An Ordinance Imposing Barangay Taxes, Fees and Charges on Business Activities and Services Within the Jurisdiction of Barangay Danawan, this city.
- Indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), relative to the Birth Registration Assistance Project for the City of Surigao.

B. Committee on Appropriations—

- Indorsement from the City Budget Officer, submitting the Annual Budget for CY 2025 of Barangay Ipil, Mabini, San Isidro and Rizal, all of this city.
- Indorsement from the City Budget Officer, submitting the Supplemental Budget No. 1 for CY 2024 of Barangay Mapawa, this city.

C. Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries—

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into an Implementation Management Agreement with the Department of Agriculture (DA)- sets out the commitments of the DA under the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) and the LGU for implementing the Subproject Construction of National Road Junction (NRJ) Trinidad - Mabini Farm-to-Market Road, including Bridges.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

1. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

A. Pending Matters:

- None

B. Urgent Matters:

- Indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into an Implementation Management Agreement with the Department of Agriculture (DA)- sets out the commitments of the DA under the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) and the LGU for implementing the Subproject Construction of National Road Junction (NRJ) Trinidad - Mabini Farm-to-Market Road, including Bridges.

Honorable Ravelo was recognized.

HON. FLORENILLO B. RAVELO:

Thank you Mr. Chair, good afternoon and to my colleagues.

I have received an urgent indorsement from the City Mayor, requesting the City Council to authorize him to enter into an Implementation Management Agreement with the Department of Agriculture under the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) for the implementation of the Subproject Construction of the National Road Junction (NRJ) Trinidad- Mabini Farm- to- Market Road, including Bridges.

Upon reviewing the agreement Mr. Chairman, it is clear that the objective of this project is to enhance value chain infrastructure by providing climate-resilient access roads, improving market linkages, and ensuring a stable supply of food commodities. The agreement also stated that the proposed subproject hasmet all the necessary legal, technical and documentary requirements and has received a No Objection from the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) as of December 18, 2024

Considering the urgency of this indorsement, Mr Chair, I therefore move to pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to enter into Implementation Management Agreement with the Department of Agriculture under the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) for the implementation of the Subproject Construction of the National Road Junction (NRJ) Trinidad- Mabini- Farm- To- Market Road including Bridges.

I so move, Mr. Chair.

The matter was treated as urgent. Thereafter, discussion followed. The **RULES WERE SUSPENDED** to allow the resource person to enlighten the august body with regard the urgent matter.

MS. GENEVIEVE B. PONTEVEDRA / ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

So, this Mr. Chair, beginning of the project is naa sya sa junction of Trinidad going to Anomar and then to Lower Sangay, traversing until Mabini Sir. So it will traverse Three bridges for the Three rivers composing of 180 lineal meters of the 3 bridges, each bridge is 60 lineal meters and a total road length for the road from Trinidad to Anomar, and then to Togonan, and then to Mabini. The connectivity of, I mean the end of the project is the start or the start of the paved road.

Further along the discussion, the source of the budget was explained and as confirmed by the City Budget Officer, there is already an allocated 40,000,000.00 in the 2024 budget as the counterpart of the LGU.

The project is set to start this year after the submission of the Implementation Memorandum Agreement and compliance with other documentary requirements. It was also clarified by the Acting City Engineer that the said project is exempted from the election ban since it is a grant from the World Bank.

With regard the affected structures and houses that will be affected by this project, Ms. Dela Rosa, the City Assessor, said that there's already a negotiation and that their office conducted appraisal for the cost of the aforesaid structures. On the other hand, the lot owners were also negotiated to have the affected lot donated.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

How many? meaning, because I have read the MOA, there are timelines. My worry is, when we approve this, and set up timelines here, but eventually there may be problems that we will be encountering, especially the road right of way or the expansion. Are you saying now that you have already conducted the, those structures that will be affected, and they are all willing to demolish, as long as we will pay them? And where will be paying? Where will be get the payment for all those structures that will be affected by this project?

MS. ARACELI C. DELA ROSA/CITY ASSESSOR:

Sir, actually there were lots of public consultation na tag conduct nan City Engineering's sa three (3) Barangays, the Anomar, Trinidad, and Mabini.

RECESS was declared. Thereafter, **SESSION RESUMED**.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

So, for the information of the members of this Council, again, as you can see the line on the visuals, we have three bridges, now what will happen to the Anomar Bridge? We will destroy that, or we will have another bridge, or what?

ENGR. GENEVIEVE B. PONTEVEDRA/CITY ENGINEER, CEO:

Ato pud sya magamit as access while constructing the, atong standard na bridge. So, motapad ra bale Sir ang atong project. Tapanan ra nato ang ato existing.

The City Engineer walk the august body through process of the implementation of the said project. There being no more discussion, the resource persons were excused and the **RULES WERE REINSTATED** and the motion presented by the Chair, Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries that would authorize the City Mayor to enter into an Implementation Management Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, setting out the commitments of the DA under the Philippine Rural Development Project and the Local Government Unit for implementation of the Subproject Construction of National Road Junction (NRJ) Trinidad – Mabini Farm-to-Market Road, including Bridges is hereby approved, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 03 – 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR PABLO YVES L. DURLAO II TO ENTER INTO AN IMPLEMENTATION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, SETTING OUT THE COMMITMENTS OF THE DA UNDER THE PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (PRDP) SCALE UP AND THE LGU FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SUBPROJECT CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL ROAD JUNCTION (NRJ) TRINIDAD-MABINI FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD, INCLUDING BRIDGES.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an indorsement from the City Mayor, denominated as URGENT, requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into an Implementation Management Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, setting out the commitments of the DA under the Philippine Rural Development Project

(PRDP) Scale Up and the LGU for implementing the Subproject Construction of National Road Junction (NRJ) Trinidad-Mabini Farm-to-Market Road, Including Bridges;

WHEREAS, the DA has been implementing the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) since 2014 up to the present, which program is currently initiating innovative approaches and processes in engaging rural communities, LGUs, and national government agencies in planning, designing, and implementing rural development projects;

WHEREAS, the PRDP is jointly funded by the national government, LGUs, farmers and fisherfolk beneficiaries, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBD) herein referred to as World Bank/Bank;

WHEREAS, the DA has designed PRDP as one of the platforms for achieving the Philippine Government's Sustainable Development Goals, over the years, the PRDP has proven its efficacy in providing a means to strengthen the capacity of the LGUs and proponent groups in improving its Agri-fishery industry;

WHEREAS, the PRDP has triggered improvements in income and food security levels of households through better-targeted and sustainable agriculture and fisheries-related rural development and marine biodiversity conservation projects as well as enhanced LGU institutional, technical, management and financial capabilities and systems;

WHEREAS, given the prevailing need of the agriculture sector to address the gaps in the value chain as well as improve and modernize the Agri-fishery industry, and in accordance to the Philippine Development Plan, National Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization and Industrialization Plan (NAFMIP) 2021-2030, the DA has expanded the PRDP with the institution of the new PRDP Scale-up ("PRDP Scale Up");

WHEREAS, given the successes and accomplishments of PRDP from its Original Loan and subsequent Additional Financing, the Government of the Philippines (GOP) shall receive a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the "Bank"), specifically under Loan Agreement for IBD Loan No. 9577-PH dated July 27, 2023, in an amount equivalent to US \$ SIX HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (US\$600,000,000) for the purpose of part-financing of the new PRDP Scale Up to further support the Governments effort to improve farmers' and fisherfolk's access to market as well as increase income from selected Agri-fishery value chains, in continuation of PRDP's mission and goals;

WHEREAS, the PRDP Scale Up Rural Infrastructure Market Linkage (I-BUILD Component), through Infrastructure Development Grants to the LGU, will focus on delivering climate-resilient access and value chain infrastructure support with the end goal of building up food distribution hubs and logistics systems to provide unhampered mobility, access and stable supply of food commodities and other agri-fishery products with reduced transport, handling, and hauling costs thereby improving product quality and prices in target markets;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 extends genuine and meaningful local autonomy to the LGUs to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and to make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 devolves to the LGUs the then-essentially DA function of providing agricultural support services, agricultural extension, and on-site research services and facilities to agricultural areas and stakeholders;

WHEEAS, the LGU has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement dated May 20, 2024, with the DA for the pre-implementation of the Project, and forwarded to the DA the documentary requirements for its proposed subproject;

WHEREAS, evaluation of the proposed subprojects indicates that the LGU proposed subproject: Construction of National Road Junction (NRJ) Trinidad - Mabini Farm-to-Market Road, including Bridges has met and complied with all documentary, legal, and technical requirements mandated by the MOA except for the execution of the Implementation Management Agreement (IMA) for the subproject;

WHEREAS, PRDP NCO has issued its No Objection for the implementation of the aforementioned subproject on December 18, 2024;

WHEREAS, the LGU and the DA committed to perform actions as set out in this IMA hereinafter referred to as the Agreement to ensure the successful implementation of the subproject, and thus achieve the Project's desired objectives;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra, seconded by Honorable Joseph Joey S. Yuipco, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II to enter into an Implementation Management Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, setting out the commitments of the DA under the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) and the LGU for implementing the Subproject Construction of National Road Junction (NRJ) Trinidad-Mabini Farm-to-Market Road, Including Bridges.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished to the Honorable City Mayor and the Department of Agriculture Caraga, and City Agriculture Office, for their information and appropriate action.

C. Business of the Day

- None

PRIVILEGE HOUR/SPEECH

None

OTHER MATTERS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters discussed, the 1st Regular Session was adjourned at 2:46 o'clock in the afternoon of January 2, 2025.

(As to what transpired in the discussion, the transcribed stenographic notes of the same are kept and filed in the SP Office for record purposes and reference.)

CLOSING PRAYER:

HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Heavenly Father,
As we conclude this session,
We thank You for Your guidance and presence
throughout our discussions.
We are grateful for the opportunity to serve
and for the wisdom shared among us.

May the decisions made today be pleasing to You
And beneficial to our community.
Grant us the strength and determination to follow through
on the tasks we have undertaken,
always keeping the needs of those we serve at the forefront.

In Your name, we pray. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APPROVED, this 9th day of January 2025.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing statements, resolutions and the like were passed
and approved by us, members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao, Province of
Surigao del Norte.

EDNA B. SIEGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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Presiding Officer