

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF SURIGAO

MINUTES OF THE 23rd REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE
CITY OF SURIGAO HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL ON JULY 3, 2025.

PRESENT:

Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra	- City Vice Mayor – Presiding Officer
Hon. Arnold A. Go	- City Councilor
Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza	- City Councilor
Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra	- City Councilor
Hon. Noel P. Catre	- City Councilor
Hon. Perfecto B. Consigo	- City Councilor
Hon. Faith B. Elumba	- City Councilor
Hon. Baltazar C. Abian	- City Councilor
Hon. Sebastian Ric A. Nagas	- City Councilor
Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana	- City Councilor
Hon. Florenillo B. Ravelo	- Liga ng mga Barangay President
Hon. Jenelyn Edulzura	- SK Federation President

ABSENT:

Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli	- City Councilor (On Leave)
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The session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of July 3, 2025.

OPENING PRAYER

HON. ARNOLD A. GO:

Let us bow our heads and place ourselves in the presence of the Lord.

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
as we open this Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Surigao City.*

*We thank You for the privilege to serve, for the opportunity to lead, and
for the trust given to us by the people we represent. As first-time member and someone
humbled by the people's overwhelming support, I acknowledge the responsibility,
accountability, and the purpose. May You grant me and my fellow public
servants the grace to always remember why we are here, to serve with sincerity,
to listen with compassion, and to act with justice. Bless this session Lord,
enlighten our minds, purify our intentions, and unite our hearts so that every
discussion, every decision, and every action we take may bring honor
to Your name and benefit to the people of Surigao City. We entrust*

*this day and this entire legislative term to You. May it be filled with
meaningful service and true progress for our City.
These we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.*

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

SINGING OF THE 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.

Before the approval of the minutes of the previous regular session, the Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra, the Presiding Officer, delivered an opening remarks and welcomed the newly elected City Councilors of the Sangguniang Panlungsod term 2025-2028.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Before we proceed any further, considering that in the agenda that we have today, we would like first to consider welcoming our new members of the Sanggunian Panlungsod. And before they will give their remarks for being given the opportunity and the chance to be a member of this council to serve for the term 2025 to 2028, allow me first to welcome each and everyone, members of this council. As you all know, the election has already been over and the trust that has been given to us by the people of Surigao is there, as we have seen in the results of the election. And not only that, it has been given to us by the people of Surigao, but also by the Lord Almighty that He has given us the chance and the privilege to serve the people. And the people that we serve is the people that God would like also to be served.

Along this line, I call upon each and every one of us and every one of you to give your best in a way that the people of Surigao is expecting so much from you, from me, and from this administration. And making sure that for every step that we conduct ourselves, it has to be on the basis that the paramount objective is really that we are here to serve, we are here to render our best effort, and to make sure that we align ourselves to what you feel is proper, just, as well as making sure that you stand on your ground to allow yourselves to be considered as public servants.

I would now call the Honorable Arnold Go to the podium and offer his first remarks to the members of this council and making sure that we would welcome him as a member of this council. Honorable Go, you have the floor.

At this point, the Hon. Arnold A. Go was recognized and gave his wholehearted remarks and expressed his gratefulness to the Lord and to the people of Surigao for giving him an opportunity to serve the Surigaonons.

HON. ARNOLD A. GO:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. To our Presiding Officer, an ato amahan nan Sangguniang Panlungsod, the Honorable Vice Mayor Pons Casurra, to my fellow members of the council, to our staff, to the media friends, and to all who are here this afternoon, maradjaw na hapon sa ato tanan.

First of all, I would like to thank the Lord for this blessing, for giving me this opportunity to serve the City of Surigao. And I would like also to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the people of Surigao for the overwhelming support during the elections.

Salamat gajud karadjaw sa ijo. Hibayo kamo, tapos naman an ato piniliay. Tapos na an ato pagpamulitika.

Now, let us work. I am very excited to start, to learn, and to serve alongside all of you. Manghinaut ako na tagaan pa tana kita nan giya ng labaw na Makagagahom para makahatag kita ng sakto na panerbisyo sa katawang Surigaonon. Salamat karadjaw, God bless everyone.

The Hon. Noel P. Catre was recognized and delivered his speech with sincerity, dignity, and great responsibility.

HON. NOEL P. CATRE:

Thank you, Your Honor.

Mga katawan ng Surigao, today is my initial roll call with you as your newly elected City Councilor, which I consider to be an honor. I am humbled by the trust you have given me. Thank you so much for your vote of confidence. I did not seek this office for power or prestige. I reign with the thought that there is value in public service, service that is rooted in responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency. These are not just ideals for me. These are the foundation of the leadership I aspire to embody and the leadership that our City deserves. I believe that a public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives.

Dignity, because I believe that every person, regardless of background, status, or belief, must be treated with respect.

Sincerity, because I believe that we should lead with genuine intent, not with political ambition, but with a true desire to serve.

You will not see me hiding behind titles or making promises I cannot keep. I will show up, stay engaged, and remain accessible and transparent. With integrity, because I intend to do what is right, not what is popular or convenient.

I will uphold the law, act with honesty, and steward our resources responsibly and wisely. May I therefore invite you to stay involved, to share your ideas, to hold us accountable, and most of all, help us shape the City we all dream of. Together, let us prove that public service can still be honorable, and that principled leadership can truly transform lives.

Thank you, and good afternoon.

The Hon. Faith B. Elumba was recognized and expressed gratitude to the Surigaonons for electing her as City Councilor of Surigao City and willingness to serve as public servant.

HON. FAITH B. ELUMBA:

Thank you, Your Honor.

My respect to our City Mayor, Honorable Pablo Yves Dumlao II, to our City Vice Mayor, Honorable Alfonso "Pons" Casurra, to my fellow Sanggunian members, and to everyone who are present here today, good afternoon.

I am Faith Besario Elumba, and I'm honored to stand before you today as the newly elected City Councilor. I want to start by expressing my deepest gratitude to the residents of our beloved and beautiful City, Surigao City, and I'm privileged to stand here. I am committed to working tirelessly to address the needs and concerns of my fellow Surigaonons and the entire community. To ensuring that our City remains vibrant, inclusive, and prosperous place for all. I look forward to collaborating with the fellow council members of Sangguniang Panlungsod, because I believe that effective governance requires collaboration, communication, and the willingness to work together.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity. I am confident that together, we can make a positive impact to our community. Let us work together to build a brighter future to our beloved Surigao.

I am Faith Besario Elumba, ready to serve as a public servant. Once again, salamat karadjaw sa ijo hurot.

The Hon. Perfecto B. Consigo was recognized and delivered his message expressing full support of the administration of the City Mayor for the benefit of Surigaonons.

HON. PERFECTO B. CONSIGO:

My respect to our City Mayor, Mayor Paul Dumlao, and also to our Presiding Officer Vice Mayor Pons Casurra, my fellow Kababayan, mga Konsehal, sa tanan mga media, mga visitors, media, employees, tanan maayong hapon sa ijo tanan. Mubo ra inin ako...My warmest greetings to everyone. It's good to be back, marajaw jaon magbalik, kay nibalik naman ako kuman. I hope this will be a fresh to start for our three years journey in responding the needs of our fellow Surigaonon.

A new start of friendship and working as one. Abi nijo in ato pangatundanan, dili kay sa kaugalingon nato personal ang ato. Kinahanglan nato musuporta kita sa ato lider sa kan Mayor Paul Dumlao kay Vice Mayor Pons Casurra, kun uno an himuon para sa karajawan nan mga katawhan Surigaonon. Amo jaon an isa na dili nato ikuanan ikalimtan, ang panagkilay-anay, pag sinabtanay, pag tinabangay, kay did-on sa pagtinabangay makab-ot nato ang kalambuan nan ato Surigao City. Salamat ug maayong hapon sa ato tanan.

**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 Noel P. Catre was presented a motion for the approval of the Minutes of the previous regular session, duly seconded by Honorable Baltazar C. Abian, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Session held on June 26, 2025, re: Resolution Nos. 109-113 be as it is hereby approved.

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MATTERS OF INFORMATION

None

INCLUSION, AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

None

FIRST READING:

None.

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

CALENDAR OF BUSINESS –

A. PENDING MATTERS:

- **NONE**

B. URGENT MATTERS:

- Proposed resolution confirming all the existing accounts of the City Government of Surigao and designating the authorized signatories with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP)

C. BUSINESS OF THE DAY:

- The Proposed Resolution Adopting the Internal Rules of Procedure of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Surigao City for term 2025 to 2028.

The Hon. Baltazar C. Abian was recognized.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and to my colleague. Mr. Chair, I move for the adoption of the Existing Internal Rules of Procedure of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao. I so move.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

There is now a motion to approve the Internal Rules of Procedure of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to cover the term 2025 to 2028. Is there any second to the motion?

HON. PERFECTO B. CONSIGO:

Second.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Second. Let's go to discussion. The internal rules that we are adopting is the ones that had been furnished each and every member of this Council. It may appear that there are some corrections but the corrections are only, or rather new provisions but it refers to the electronic signature and the signatures that are being done electronically. What else are the new ones? And the order, the calendar of business which we are now following to guide us in the coming sessions. I suppose that you have read the Internal Rules that we will be adopting and I just would like to highlight that the session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod would start from 2:00 o'clock.

Second is that the members of this Council are supposed to be in a proper attire. The proper attire is either Coat and Tie or Barong Tagalog, and for the ladies a Filipiniana dress or a casual dress, ah ano formal dress. And then mind you that if you want to be absent, please inform us whether you will have to ask for leave because if we are, you do not have any knowledge about your absence. The rules here says that for four (4) consecutive absences you can be dropped as a member of this Council. And the language to be used during the session normally it starts with English but later on you can use the Visayan or Filipino language.

And what else? The special session by the way will can be considered one if it is being agreed by the majority of the members of this Council or if there is a special session that is called by the City Mayor, okay. And our session is online and we are adopting the so-called paperless session. And the one that you will have to consider here is that knowledge to use your laptop. Anyone who may ask for guidance as to how he can access the laptop, our IT personnel will be there as always to extend your assistance. What else? Next, next. Ah three (3) consecutive sessions baja ni. Okay, then other one, then the Calendar of Business.

The Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana asked for clarification and he was recognized.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

The subject of the motion of the Honorable Abian was the old existing of the old Internal Rules of the Sanggunian.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

No, yes, yes.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

So, for the amendments to be incorporated in the amended Internal Rules. I think the proper motion for the amendment should be introduced.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

It is... We discussed this matter with the DILG and they said that for every term there is always its own internal rules. So, we feel that the Internal rules that we have adopted for 2022 to 2025 is no longer applicable so that we really have to adopt a new Internal Rules to cover for a specific term that is 2025 to 2028. Precisely we have to correct the motion. It's no longer an amendment but it is rather a new motion for the adoption of the Internal Rules that will cover for the specific term 2025 to 2028.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

I suggest the removal of the word existing, Mr. Chairman.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Yes.

HON. JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA:

It may refer to the old one.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

So, I was about to say that, that the, the proper motion here is to move for the adoption of the Internal Rules of procedure that will cover for term, 2025 to 2028. Thank you so much for that observation, Councilor Bayana. Any other that you would wish to consider?

The suggestion of Hon. Jose Expeditus B. Bayana was carried then the Hon. Baltazar C. Abian was presented the New Internal Rules of Procedure with certain provisions included.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

In section 20.1, in second Paragraph.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Oh, what is that? Ah the word electronic agenda.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Can I read Mr. Chair?

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Ah you're the one move that, you can read. You want any kuan... You just state whatever you would want because you are the one move that.

HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN:

Under the Internal Rules of Procedure of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao, for the term 2025-2028, certain provisions have been included specifically under Rule V, section 20.1, second paragraph under 20.2 and Rules V1, section 24, which shall read as follows;

Rule V, section 20.1, of second paragraph from the word digitally to electronically. Still under Rule V, the insertion of section 20.2, Electronic signature. Sangguniang Panlungsod members are authorized to use electronic signatures for all official documents, resolutions, ordinances, minutes, and other legislative matters during paperless sessions. These signatures must be securely linked to electronic documents to verify identity and signify approval.

In Rule No. 6 VI- Order and Calendar of Business:

“Section 24. Order of Business: The order of business shall be as follows:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Prayer
- C. National Anthem
- D. Roll Call
- E. Perusal and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Session
- F. Matters of Information
- G. Inclusion, Amendment and Approval of the Agenda
- H. First Reading and Referral to Committees of proposed Ordinances, Resolutions, Communications and Messages
- I. Committee Reports
- J. Calendar of Business
 1. Pending Matter
 2. Urgent Matter
 3. Business of the Day
 - a. Second Reading and Floor Deliberations
 - b. Third and Final Reading
- K. Privilege Hour
- L. Other Matters
- M. Adjournment
- N. Closing Prayer

I so move Mr. Chair.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Yeah, you had already moved that this is more on the...no longer the amendment but the entirety, the entire Internal Rules that we are adopting. That's why the Honorable Bayana has corrected us that it is not an amendment, but it is more, that we are adopting the entirely new rules of procedure to cover for the term 2025-2028. There is no amendment, it's simply that we really wanted to have all these included as part of the Internal Rules to cover us from 2025-2028. Any other matter that you would wish to consider here?

Before further discussions, the Hon. Noel P. Catre asked about the proper attire and he was recognized.

HON. NOEL P. CATRE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Your Honor, I refer you to Section 47, the attire. It says here...proper attire means Barong Tagalog or long sleeves with tie. But what was mentioned by His Honor is coat and tie.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

So, it is long sleeves only. Okay. But if you want coat and tie...better. What do you wish to consider? I was on the impression that it was really coat and tie, but it is long sleeves with tie. What do you propose Councilor Catre?

HON. NOEL P. CATRE:

This is okay with me Your Honor, without prejudice to wearing a coat.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Long sleeves with tie...yes. And then, if you want to raise the fine because the fine is only five hundred (500), and it will go to the coffers of the Sanggunian. Okay?

HON. NOEL P. CATRE:

Thank you, Your Honor.

There being no more discussions, the motion to adopt the Internal Rules of Procedure of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, was approved, to wit:

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RESOLUTION NO. 115– 2025

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE INTERNAL RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SURIGAO FOR THE TERM 2025-2028.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod is a lawmaking body responsible for the passage of ordinances and resolutions for the administration of the city pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government Code of the Philippines which is to ensure the General Welfare of the Surigaonons;

WHEREAS, Section 50 (a) of the Local Government Code identically states that “on the first Regular Session following the election of its member and within ninety (90) days thereafter, the Sanggunian concerned shall adopt or update the existing Rules of Procedure” for the proper discharge of legislative functions;

WHEREAS, its adoption and enforcement are imperative considering that it shall direct, guide and maintain order in the proceedings of the Sanggunian;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Baltazar C. Abian, seconded by Honorable Perfecto B. Consigo, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: to adopt the Internal Rules of Procedure of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Surigao for the term 2025-2028.

**INTERNAL RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF
SURIGAO FOR THE TERM 2025–2028**

RULE I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Composition. The Sanggunian shall be composed of the Vice Mayor as Presiding Officer, the members elected at large and such sectoral representatives as may be elected or appointed pursuant to law.

SECTION 2. Term of Office. The term of office of the members of the Sanggunian shall be for the whole duration of the period provided by law, unless sooner terminated for causes recognized by law.

SECTION 3. Oath of Affirmation. All the members of the Sanggunian shall upon assumption to office take an oath or affirmation in the prescribed form, duly subscribed before a person authorized to administer oath. Copies of the oath or affirmation of office shall be filed and preserved in the Office of the City Mayor and the Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

SECTION 4. Vacancies and Successions. Vacancies and successions in the membership of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall be filled in accordance with the Local Government Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

RULE II - PRESIDING OFFICER

SECTION 5. The Presiding Officer. The Vice Mayor shall be the Presiding Officer of the Sanggunian. The Presiding Officer shall vote only to break a tie. He may not compel to vote.

SECTION 6. Temporary Presiding Officer. In the event of the inability of the regular presiding officer to preside at a Sanggunian session, the members present and constituting a quorum shall elect from among themselves a temporary presiding officer. He shall not vote even in case of a tie but shall certify within ten (10) days from the passage ordinances enacted and resolutions adopted by the Sanggunian in session over which he temporarily presided.

SECTION 7. Instant Presiding Officer. It shall, however, be the privilege of the regular presiding officer or the temporary presiding officer elected pursuant to Section 6 hereof, to relinquish the chair in favor of any sanggunian member if said presiding officer wants to participate in a floor discussion or to leave the session hall for a short period.

SECTION 8. Power and Duties. The Presiding Officer shall exercise the following powers and duties:

- a. Preside on the sessions of the sanggunian;
- b. Preserve order and decorum during session, and, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the session hall, or within the premises, take measures as he may deem advisable or as the sanggunian may direct;
- c. Decide all questions of order, subject to appeal by any sanggunian member in accordance with these Rules. A motion to appeal must be duly seconded;
- d. Sign all acts, ordinances, resolutions and memorials duly approved by the Sanggunian;
- e. Exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be provided by law, ordinance or regulations.

SECTION 9. Prohibition. The regular presiding officer shall not be a chairman of any standing committee but shall have a voice in all committee deliberations. He may, however, be elected as chairman of any special or ad hoc committee which the Sanggunian may organize for a specific purpose or purposes.

RULE III - THE SECRETARY

SECTION 10. Appointment. The Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall be appointed in accordance with the Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulation and Republic Act 7160. His compensation, allowances, and other emoluments shall be determined by law or ordinance.

SECTION 11. Powers and Duties. The Secretary to the Sanggunian shall exercise the following powers and duties:

- a. Attend sessions and meetings of the sanggunian and keep a journal of its proceedings;
- b. Keep the seal of the City of Surigao and affix the same with his signature to all ordinances, resolutions, and other official acts of the sanggunian and present the same to the presiding officer for his signature;
- c. Forward to the Mayor for approval, copies of ordinances and resolutions enacted by the Sanggunian and duly certified by the presiding officer in the manner prescribed in Section 54 under Book1 of the Local Government Code."
- d. Transmit to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan copies of duly approved ordinances and resolutions in the manner provided for in Section 56 and 57 under Book 1 of the Local Government Code.";
- e. Furnish, upon request of any interested party, certified copies of records of public character in his custody upon payment to the local treasurer of such fees as may be prescribed by ordinance;
- f. Record in a book kept for the purpose all ordinances and resolutions enacted or adopted by the sanggunian, with the dates of passage and publication thereof;
- g. Keep his office and all nonconfidential records therein open to the public during the usual business hours;
- h. Translate into the dialect used by a majority of the inhabitants all ordinances and resolutions immediately after their approval, and cause the publication thereof,
- i. together with the original version in the manner provided by the Rules implementing the Local Government Code;
- j. Take custody of the local archives and, where applicable, the local library and annually account for the same; and
- j. Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance relative to his position, such as taking charge of the codification of ordinances, provided that funds for said codification have been duly appropriated.

RULE IV – STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 12. Committees. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall have the following standing committees, the general jurisdiction of which, in aid of legislation, shall be therein provided:

- 569 a. **Committee on Appropriations** – All matters related to the approval of the budget, the
 570 appropriation of funds for the payment of obligations; determination of compensation of
 571 personnel; reorganization of local offices; allocation of funds for projects and other services.
- 572 b. **Committee on Ways and Means** – All matters related to taxes, fees, charges, loans; study
 573 and revision of tax measures; and generation of other sources and forms of revenue from both
 574 public and private sectors, including codification of revenue ordinances.
- 575 c. **Committee on Public Order and Safety** – Passage of necessary legislation related to the
 576 maintenance of peace and order; protective services; fire prevention and control measures;
 577 and jail management.
- 578 d. **Committee on Human Rights** – Passage of legislation on matters pertaining to but not limited
 579 to protection of human rights.
- 580 e. **Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure** – All matters related to planning,
 581 construction, maintenance and improvement and repair of public buildings, roads and bridges,
 582 parks, monuments, playgrounds, and other public edifices; drainage, sewerage, and flood
 583 control and protection.
- 584 f. **Committee on Transportation, Communication & Utilities** - All matters related to planning,
 585 modernization, installation and construction of transportation and telecommunications
 586 facilities; power and water utilities; traffic rules and regulations; and franchising of public utility
 587 vehicles.
- 588 g. **Committee on Youth and Sports Development** - Passage of the necessary legislation on
 589 matters related to promotion and protection of the youth's physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual
 590 and social wellbeing; inculcation of patriotism and nationalism among the youth and their
 591 involvement in public, civic affairs including promotion, participation in sports and development
 592 of sports program;
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- 595 h. **Committee on Education, Culture and Heritage** - Passage of the necessary legislation on
 596 matters related to education, culture and tribal communities, i.e., local schools, colleges and
 597 universities, libraries and museums, non-formal and community adult education;
- 598 i. **Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries** - All matters related to agriculture and agrarian
 599 reform; food production, agribusiness, agricultural economics & research, agricultural
 600 education and extension services; animal industry & livestock quarantine, farm credits,
 601 fisheries and aquatic resources preservation and development; construction of fish ponds,
 602 corrals, oyster beds, and regulatory measure thereof; and other agricultural products.
- 603 j. **Committee on Cooperatives** - Passage of the necessary legislation pertaining to promotion
 604 and advancement of cooperativism in the community; matters pertaining to providing access
 605 to credit facilities and the like;
- 606 k. **Committee on Rules** - Passage of legislation on matters related to Order of Business; revision
 607 and updating of the sanggunian internal rules of procedure; committees and their jurisdictions;
 608 and privileges and disorderly conduct of the members of the sanggunian; review of all contract
 609 which does not otherwise fall under the jurisdiction of any other committee; and review of all
 610 barangay ordinances.
- 611 l. **Committee on Labor and Employment** - Passage of legislation which shall include but not
 612 limited to matters related to labor; manpower development; maintenance of industrial
 613 cooperation; labor education, standards and statistics; organization of labor market, including

- 614 recruitment, training & placement of workers and employment, manpower promotion; and
615 development of labor intensive technology.
- 616 m. **Committee on Health and Sanitation** - Passage of legislation on matters related to health,
617 sanitation and hygiene; health centers, medical hospitals and clinics; purchase of medicine,
618 and other health and sanitary measures.
- 619 n. **Committee on Environment and Natural Resources** - All matters related to the environment
620 ensuring ecological balance; soil survey and conservation; exploration, development,
621 utilization of natural resources.
- 622 o. **Committee on Social Welfare** - Passage of legislation on all matters related to social services
623 for the disadvantaged groups including but not limited to the elders, the disabled, street
624 children, drug dependents, and criminal offenders.
- 625 p. **Committee on Good Government** - Passage of legislation on matters related to
626 advancement and promotion of good governance; it shall handle administrative cases falling
627 under the jurisdiction of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.
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- 629 q. **Committee on Tourism** - All matters related to tourism, i.e., tourist attraction, including its
630 publicity and promotion, tourist travel and accommodation; and beautification, cleaning and
631 greening of parks and places of public interest.
- 632 r. **Committee on Trade, Business, Industry and Economic Enterprises** - All matters related
633 to or connected with the promotions, establishment and operation of all kinds of trade,
634 business, and industry, including other economic enterprises.
- 635 s. **Committee on General Services and Government Property Management** - All matters
636 related to the maintenance of the city's basic and general services such as solid waste disposal
637 and general sanitation, and the maintenance of all properties real or personal owned by the
638 city;
- 639 t. **Committee on Barangay Affairs** - All matters related to the affairs of the barangays in the
640 city, including the passage of resolutions and ordinances enacted for their benefit and
641 wellbeing;
- 642 u. **Committee on Women and Family** - All matters related to the protection of women and family;
643 measures to protect working women by providing safe and healthful working conditions, taking
644 into account their maternal functions, and such facilities and opportunities that will enhance
645 their welfare and potentials; measures to protect the rights of spouse and children, including
646 assistance for proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse,
647 cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development; measures to protect
648 the rights of families or family associations to participate in the planning and implementation
649 of policies and programs that affect them.
- 650 v. **Committee on Urban Development and Land Use** – Handles the following local
651 development concerns and functions, viz: Membership/representation to the City Zoning Board
652 of Adjustment and Appeals in accordance with the pertinent ordinance;
653 Membership/representation to the City Zoning Review Committee pursuant to the relevant
654 ordinance; Handles the review and approval process of the Sanggunian on applications for
655 Preliminary Subdivision Approval for housing subdivisions; handles the review and approval
656 process of the Sanggunian on applications/petitions for rezoning and/or land conversions and
657 other pertinent aspects on the implementation of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and City

658 Zoning Ordinance; handles pertinent legislative aspects on the local implementation of RA
 659 7279 – Urban Development and Housing Act which, among others, cover the following:

660 a. Housing and resettlement

661 b. Development of slums or blighted areas, or urban renewal

662 Membership/representation to the City Housing Board created under pertinent ordinance;
 663 legislative requirements/actions that may be needed in relation to the operations of the newly-
 664 created City Urban Development and Housing Office under the relevant ordinance, and in the
 665 pursuit of its plans.

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 667 The conduct of public hearing/inquiry. The above committees may conduct public hearing/inquiry
 668 in aid of legislation. The rights of the individual attending the public hearing/inquiry shall always be
 669 protected and safeguarded.

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 671 **SECTION 13. Composition.** Each committee shall be composed of a Chairman who shall be elected
 672 from among the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. The elected Chairman shall submit his or
 673 her Vice Chairman and 3 members within a reasonable time after proper consultation with them. The
 674 chairman can vote during committee deliberation.

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 676 **SECTION 14. Special Committee.** The Sangguniang Panlungsod may form a special committee as
 677 the need arises the composition of which shall be determined by a majority vote of the Sanggunian
 678 members present constituting a quorum.

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 680 **SECTION 14.1** The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall constitute itself as a Committee of the
 681 Whole to tackle issues which it deems appropriate by a majority vote of all its members.

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 683 **SECTION 15. Prohibition.** No Sanggunian member shall be elected Chairman of more than three (3)
 684 standing committees and not more than Seven (7) membership in other committees.

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 686 **SECTION 16. Meetings.** The committee shall determine the frequency of their meetings and hearings.
 687 Majority of all the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

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 689 **SECTION 17. Committee Reports.** When the committee submits or makes a report, the members
 690 thereof shall be presumed to have concurred in the report and shall be precluded from opposing the
 691 same, unless they had entered their objection thereto during the committee meeting.

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 693 The committee in its report shall make an official motion on whether or not it is in favor or against a
 694 particular measure deliberated upon. All committee report should be in writing and signed by the
 695 majority members of the committee and copy furnished to every member a day before the session. All
 696 committee reports which do not comply with the above-mentioned requirement shall not be
 697 considered.”

698 699 **RULE V - SESSIONS**

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 701 **SECTION 18. Regular Session.** The regular session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, not exceeding
 702 four times monthly, shall be at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday each week at the SP Session Hall unless
 703 otherwise decided to be held elsewhere by a majority of those present constituting a quorum: Provided,
 704 that when the prescheduled session falls on a holiday, the working day immediately following shall be
 705 the regular session day.

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SECTION 19. Special Session. As often as necessary, when public interest so demands, special sessions may be called by the City Mayor or by agreement of the majority of the Sanggunian Members upon written notice stating the time, date and purpose of the session. Such notice may however be given thru digital means such as, but not limited to, mobile phone text messaging and electronic mail messages provided that the requirement as to time, date, and purpose shall be complied with. Unless agreed upon by the majority vote of the members present constituting a quorum, no other matter shall be considered as a special session except those stated in the notice.

SECTION 20. Online Session. By agreement of majority of all the Members of the Sanggunian, regular or special sessions maybe held online using a secure application or platform.

SECTION 20.1. Paperless Session. A digital manner in conducting a regular or special session using electronic devices such as laptop, tablet and smartphone is hereby adopted. This will involve an easy-to-do mechanism converting documents and other papers into digital form and makes the documentation and information sharing easier with the purposes of reducing the use of paper during sessions of the members.

Towards this end, members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod are hereby required to have a scanned signature which will be used in the system as their official signature (under Section 17, 2nd Paragraph). Logging-in into the system will enable them to access the electronic agenda containing letters, indorsement, committee reports which are electronically signed by the members of each committee, draft ordinances and other necessary documents in a Portable Document File Format (PDF).

Section 20.2 -Electronic Signature – Sangguniang Panlungsod members are authorized to use electronic signatures for all official documents, resolutions, ordinances, minutes, and other legislative matters during paperless sessions. These signatures must be securely linked to electronic documents to verify identity and signify approval.

SECTION 21. Session Open to the Public. Regular or special sessions shall be open to the public unless a closed session is decided by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Sanggunian members for reasons of decency or morality, or for reasons affecting the dignity of the Sanggunian or any of its members, or when confidential matters are being considered.

SECTION 22. Language To Be Used During The Session. The Sangguniang Panlungsod members can use either English, Visayan or Pilipino in order for everybody to understand the proceedings of the session.

SECTION 23. Attendance. Every member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall be present in all sessions and shall not be absent for three (3) consecutive sessions, unless necessarily prevented from doing so by sickness or other unavoidable circumstances duly reported to the Sangguniang Panlungsod through the secretary.

Rule VI- Order and Calendar of Business:

Section 24 of Rule VI should be amended to read as follows:

“Section 24. Order of Business: The order of business shall be as follows:

O. Call to Order

P. Opening Prayer

- 760 Q. *National Anthem*
- 761 R. *Roll Call*
- 762 S. *Perusal and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Session*
- 763 T. *Matters of Information*
- 764 U. *Inclusion, Amendment and Approval of the Agenda*
- 765 V. *First Reading and Referral to Committees of proposed Ordinances, Resolutions,*
- 766 *Communications and Messages*
- 767 W. *Committee Reports*
- 768 X. *Calendar of Business*
- 769 4. *Pending Matter*
- 770 5. *Urgent Matter*
- 771 6. *Business of the Day*
- 772 a. *Second Reading and Floor Deliberations*
- 773 b. *Third and Final Reading*
- 774 Y. *Privilege Hour*
- 775 Z. *Other Matters*
- 776 AA. *Adjournment*
- 777 BB. *Closing Prayer*

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779 **SECTION 25. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of every preceding session shall be submitted to

780 the Sanggunian members at least one day before each session.

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782 **SECTION 26. Matters of Information.** Any member may, before the approval of the agenda, move to

783 take any matter for information and ask for its inclusion in the calendar for first reading and referral to

784 committees. Only clarificatory questions shall be allowed during this period.

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786 **SECTION 27. Inclusion, Amendments and Approval of the Agenda and Suspension of the**

787 **Rules.** Any member may upon motion, without need of a seconder, ask for the inclusion of any matter

788 or measure in the calendar for First Reading and referral to committees or under the unassigned

789 business, whichever is proper and applicable. Upon proper motion duly seconded and approved by

790 the majority of the members present, any item or part of the agenda may be amended. After the

791 inclusion and/or amendment, if any, the body shall upon motion duly seconded approve the agenda.

792 Upon the approval of the agenda the Sanggunian cannot alter or modify the same or deviate from the

793 orders of the day or make further inclusion except upon motion to suspend the rules or order of the

794 day duly seconded and voted favorably by two thirds of the members present.

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796 **SECTION 28. Privilege Hour.** Any member of the Sanggunian may deliver a privilege speech which

797 shall not be more than ten (10) minutes, subject to whatever action the body may take. The speaker

798 may be subjected to interpellations or questioning on matters related to his speech.

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800 **RULE VII - ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION**

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802 **SECTION 29. Three Readings.** No ordinance shall be approved unless it has passed three readings;

803 Provided, however, that a resolution or ordinance need not go through a third reading for its final

804 consideration if decided by general consent a quorum being present; Provided, further, that any

805 legislative matter certified by the local chief executive as urgent whether or not included in the calendar

806 of business may be presented, considered and approved by the body at the same session without

807 need of suspending the rules.

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809 **SECTION 30. Parts of Ordinance or Resolution.** A proposed ordinance or resolution shall be in

810 writing and shall contain an assigned number, a title or caption, an enacting or ordaining clause, and

811 the date of its proposed effectivity. In addition, every proposed ordinance shall be accompanied by a

brief explanatory note containing the justification for its approval. It shall be signed by the author or authors and submitted to the secretary who shall report the same to the Sangguniang Panlungsod at its following session for first reading.

SECTION 31. First Reading. The first reading of a proposed ordinance or resolution shall only be a title. The reading shall be done by the secretary and thereafter the same shall be referred by the presiding officer to the appropriate committee.

SECTION 32. Report of the Committee. The committee shall submit a report on the proposed ordinance or resolution within seven (7) days upon receipt or on the next regular session immediately following its referral to it. The Sanggunian may, however, on reasonable ground grant an extension within which a committee report may be submitted for a period it may deem appropriate under the circumstances. If the committee report is favorable, the proposed ordinance or resolution shall be included in the calendar of business. If the report is unfavorable, the committee, in its report, shall state the reason or reasons for its action; Provided, that the author or authors of the proposed ordinance or resolution may seek reconsideration from the Sanggunian.

SECTION 33. Second Reading. A proposed ordinance or resolution, on second reading, shall be read in full including the amendments proposed by the committee unless copies thereof had been distributed earlier and such reading may be dispensed with. Thereafter, the proposed ordinance or resolution shall be subject to debate and amendment, if any.

SECTION 34. Power to Regulate Debate. The Presiding Officer is empowered to regulate the time of each Sanggunian member to speak for or against the proposed ordinance or resolution.

SECTION 35. Approval on Second Reading. After the amendments have been acted upon, the proposed ordinance or resolution shall be voted on second reading. The secretary shall then prepare copies of the proposed ordinance or resolution in the form it was passed on second reading and shall distribute to each Sanggunian member a copy thereof.

SECTION 36. Third Reading. A proposed ordinance or resolution approved on second reading shall be included in the next calendar of business for third reading. Upon the third reading, no amendment thereto shall be allowed. The vote thereon shall be taken immediately thereafter and the "yeas" and "nays" entered in the minutes.

SECTION 37. Approval on Third Reading. No ordinance or resolution passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members present, there being a quorum. Any ordinance authorizing or directing the payment of money or creating liability shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of all the Sanggunian members for its passage. Each approved ordinance or resolutions shall be stamped with the seal of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and recorded in book kept for the purpose.

RULE VIII - EXECUTIVE APPROVAL OR VETO

SECTION 38. Mayor's Approval. Every ordinance or resolution passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall be forwarded to the city mayor for approval. Within ten(10) days after receipt of the ordinance or resolution the city mayor shall return the same to the Sangguniang Panlungsod with either his approval or his veto. If he does not return it within that time, the ordinance or resolution shall be deemed approved.

SECTION 39. Veto Power. The City Mayor may veto any ordinance or resolution stating his reasons therefor. He shall have the power to veto any particular item or items of an appropriation ordinance directing the payment of money or creating liability. In such case, the veto shall not affect the item or items not objected to. Vetoed item or items shall not have effect unless the Sangguniang Panlungsod overrides the veto.

SECTION 40. Power to Override a Veto. The Sangguniang Panlungsod may override the veto of the City Mayor by a two third vote of all its members, thereby making the ordinance or resolution effective. The local chief executive may veto an ordinance or resolution only once.

RULE IX - LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

SECTION 41. What Constitutes a Quorum. A majority of all the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall constitute a quorum to transact official business.

SECTION 42. Roll Call. Should a question of quorum be raised during a session, the presiding officer shall immediately proceed to cause roll call thereof and thereafter announce the result.

SECTION 43. Recess for Lack of a Quorum. Where there is no quorum, the presiding officer may declare a recess until such time as a quorum is constituted.

SECTION 44. Adjournment for Lack of a Quorum. If there is still no quorum no business shall be transacted. The presiding officer, upon proper motion duly approved by the member present, shall then declare the session adjourned for lack of quorum.

RULE X - DECORUM AND DEBATE

SECTION 45. Addressing the Chair. When a member desires to speak he shall respectfully address the chair thus; "Mr. Chairman" or "Madam Chairman". When two or more desire to speak, the one recognized first shall have the floor.

SECTION 46. DECORUM. The member who has obtained the floor shall confine himself to the question under consideration, avoiding personalities. He shall refrain from uttering words or performing acts which are inconsistent with decorum. Any member whose interest is in conflict with a pending question shall inhibit to participate in its deliberation and voting. For purposes of this resolution, "conflict of interest" refers in general to one where it may be reasonably deduced that a member of a sanggunian may not act in the public interest due to some private, pecuniary, or other personal considerations that may tend to affect his judgment to the prejudice of the service or the public.

Any member who has reason to believe that another member labors under a conflict of interest in a pending question may raise the matter before the sanggunian and the sanggunian by a majority vote there being a quorum may decide to cause the inhibition of the member whose labors under a conflict of interest."

No member, during session, shall be allowed to operate a cellphone nor entertain a call inside the session hall nor shall reading of newspapers be allowed. Any member who desires to read a newspaper or to make a call or answer a call shall step outside the hall with prior permission from the presiding officer.

SECTION 47. Proper Attire. During sessions, Sanggunian members shall be in proper attire which means "Barong Tagalog", or "Long Sleeves with Tie" for males and "formal dress" for females. However, if the session is held online, Sanggunian members may wear smart casual attires. A fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00) shall be imposed for any violations hereof.

SECTION 48. Snack During Recess. Snack or refreshment, if any, shall be served only during declared break or recess.

SECTION 49. Discipline. The Sanggunian may punish its members for disorderly behavior for objectionable utterance, and for conduct inimical or prejudicial to the interest of the city and/or dignity of the Sanggunian and the members thereof and with the concurrence of two thirds (2/3) of all its members censure, reprimand or exclude a member from the session.

RULE XI - MOTIONS AND VOTING

SECTION 50. Stating and Withdrawing a Motion. – When a motion is presented, it shall be stated by the chair before being debated. Before it is stated, the author can withdraw it as a matter of right. After a motion has been stated by the chairman, it cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

SECTION 51. Precedence of Motions. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except motions to adjourn, raise a question of privilege, declare a recess, lay on the table, postpone to a certain day, refer, amend and postpone indefinitely in that hierarchical order.

SECTION 52. Privilege motions. Privilege motions are those that are of such importance and high priority and privilege that after they are presented, they must be put to a vote immediately. Motions to take recess, unqualified motion to adjourn, to call for the orders of the day and questions of privilege are some of the privilege motions.

SECTION 53. Questions of Privilege. Questions of privilege are those which members usually raise in relation to their convenience, comfort, honor or rights during the session. Raising a question of privilege, in view of its high rank, can interrupt a speaker or the consideration of a pending question.

SECTION 54. Incident Motions. Incidental motions are those which are presented before an assembly in view of certain procedures and practices during its deliberations. They include, among others, point of order, division of the house, suspending the rules, appeal, withdrawing a motion. Other incidental motions are in the forms of request for information or inquiries which grow out of the business of the Sanggunian.

SECTION 55. Amendment. A motion to amend must be seconded after which it shall then be stated by the chairman for discussion. The manner of voting on an amendment is like that of a main motion.

SECTION 56. Second Degree Amendment. An amendment to an amendment shall also be seconded before it is stated by the chair. An amendment to an amendment cannot be further amended.

SECTION 57. Withdrawal of Amendment. The provision of Section 49 hereof shall apply with respect to motion to amend.

SECTION 58. Voting. The affirmative vote on a question should always be taken ahead of the negative vote. Every member or any member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod may not be compelled to vote.

SECTION 59. Tie. If the result of the vote is a tie, the motion is lost unless the presiding officer decides to vote to break the tie. The chair should first announce his vote before informing the assembly of the result of the vote just taken.

RULE XII - OFFICIAL TRAVEL

SECTION 60. Collection of Per Diem or Compensation When on Official Travel. Any Sanggunian member who is on official business outside his official station as evidenced by a travel order duly approved by the local chief executive or any competent authority is authorized to collect per diem or compensation for session held while he is on official travel. Upon his return, he shall make a report of the results of his travel to the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

RULE XIII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 61. Amendments. Any portion of these rules may be amended by a majority vote of all the Sanggunian members.

RULE XIV - SUPPLEMENTAL RULE

SECTION 62. Robert's Rule. Robert's rule of order not incompatible with these rules shall be considered supplemental thereof.

RULE XV - EFFECTIVITY

SECTION 63. Effectivity. These rules shall take effect on the date of their adoption.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution/INTERNAL RULES OF PROCEDURE be furnished all concerned for their information.

The Presiding Officer, back to the urgent matter to take up the proposed resolution confirming all the existing accounts of the City Government of Surigao and designating the authorized signatories with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP).

The Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra was recognized.

HON. KARL DUANE A. CASURRA:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and to the members of the august body. We have here an Indorsement from the Office of the City Mayor denominated as Urgent to pass a resolution confirming all existing accounts of the City Government of Surigao with the Development Bank of the Philippines and Land Bank of the Philippines and designating the authorized signatures with the attachment from the Local Finance Committee, Resolution No. 17, Series of 2025, which states "Resolution authorizing the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II – Principal Signatory; Atty. Cristina R. Pariñas, City Administrator – Alternate Signatory; and, the City Treasurer, Mr. Nelson S. Alcala; Ms. Gilgie S. Dagala, Assistant City Treasurer; and, Ms. Annabelle E. Diaz, Local Treasury Operations Officer IV, to sign checks for and in behalf of the Local Government Unit of Surigao City.

Mr. Chair, I would like to pass 2 resolutions, respectively, Mr. Chair. No. 1, A Resolution Adopting Resolution No. 17, Series of 2025, of the Local Finance Committee to Authorize the Honorable City Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II; Atty. Cristina R. Pariñas, City Administrator; Mr. Nelson S. Alcala, City Treasurer; Ms. Gilgie G. Dagala, Asst. City Treasurer; and, Ms. Annabelle E. Diaz, Local Treasury Operations Officer IV, to sign checks for and in behalf of the Local Government Unit of Surigao City. With this Mr. Chair, I move to pass the first resolution, Mr. Chair.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Is there any second to the motion regarding the authority that is being given by the Sangguniang Panlungsod for the City Mayor, the Legal Officer, City Treasurer, Asst. City Treasurer and Local Treasury Operations Officer to sign checks for and in behalf of the Local Government Unit of Surigao City. Is there any second to the motion?

HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:

Second.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA/PRESIDING OFFICER:

Second. Is there any discussion?

The Hon. Noel P. Catre was recognized for discussion and some clarification regarding the motion stated by the proponent and the Presiding Officer on whether the legal officer or the city administrator will be one of the authorized signatories to sign on behalf of the Local Government Unit of Surigao City.

At that point, the Presiding Officer **SUSPENDED THE RULES**, and thereafter the **RULES WERE REINSTATED**, and other items were taken up first, which is the designation of the Committee Chairpersons for each respective committee.

The Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza was recognized.

HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and to my colleagues. Mr. Chairman, for the proposed of designating a Committee Chairman of 22 Committees, as provided under Rule 4, Section 12 of the Internal Rules of Procedure of Sangguniang Panlungsod of Surigao City. May I move that the following committees will be Chaired by the following members of this Honorable Council.

Mr. Chairman, for the Committee on Cooperative and Committee on Tourism, I moved that these 2 committees will be Chaired by Honorable Arnold A. Go. I so move, Mr. Chair.

For Committee on Appropriation, Committee on Public Order and Safety, and Committee on Social Welfare, I move that these 3 committees will be Chaired by this representative, Mr. Chair.

For the Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries and Committee on Education, Culture and Heritage. I move that these two committees will be chaired by Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra. I so move, Mr. Chair.

For the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, Committee on Good Governance and Committee on Rules. I move that these three committees will be chaired by Hon. Noel P. Catre. I so move, Mr. Chair.

For the Committee on Urban Development and Land Use, Committee on Ways and Means, I move that the same will be chaired by the Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli. Additionally, Committee on Trade, Business, Industry and Economic Enterprise also chaired by him. I so move, Mr. Chair.

Next, Mr. Chairman, for the Committee on General Services and Government Property Management. I move that this committee will be chaired by the Hon. Perfecto B. Consigo. I so move, Mr. Chair.

Next, Mr. Chairman, for the Committee on Health and Sanitation and Committee on Women and Family will be chaired by the Hon. Faith B. Elumba. I so move, Mr. Chair.

Next, Mr. Chairman, for the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure. I move that this committee will be chaired by the Hon. Baltazar C. Abian. I so move, Mr. Chair.

For the Committee on Barangay Affairs, Committee on Labor and Employment and Committee on Transportation, Communications, and Utilities. I move that these three committees will be chaired by the Hon. Florenillo B. Ravelo. I so move, Mr. Chair.

Mr. Chairman, for the Committee on Youth and Sports Development, I respectfully move that the same will be chaired by the Hon. Jenelyn Edilzura. Additionally, I move that the Committee on Human Rights also will be chaired by the Hon. Edulzura. I so move, Mr. Chairman.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA /PRESIDING OFFICER:

You only have one motion for all these Committee Chairmanship.

HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA:

Yes, Mr. Chairman.

The Presiding Officer stated that under Rule or Section 13, whoever is the chair shall submit his/her desired vice chair and the three members within a reasonable time and after proper consultation with them. The chairman can vote during the committee deliberation.

Thereafter, the motion was favorably seconded and approved to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 116– 2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF TWENTY-TWO (22) STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD.

WHEREAS, contingent upon the adoption of the Internal Rules of Procedure is the approval of the Chairmanship of the various standing committees of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Surigao City;

WHEREAS, standing committees is a legislative mechanism where matters indorsed to the Sanggunian will be reviewed in a systematic and orderly manner and shall be treated with a highest degree of fairness;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Joenil B. Aldonza, jointly seconded by Honorable Karl Duane A. Casurra and Honorable Jenelyn Edulzura, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: To approve, as it is hereby approved, the Chairmanship of the Twenty-Two (22) Standing Committees of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, namely:

1. COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

1127 Chairman : HON. KARL DUANE A. CASURRA

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1129 **2. COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

1130 Chairman : HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA

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1132 **3. COMMITTEE ON BARANGAY AFFAIRS**

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1134 Chairman : HON. FLORENILLO B. RAVELO

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1136 **4. COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES**

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1138 Chairman : HON. ARNOLD A. GO

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1140 **5. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, CULTURE AND HERITAGE**

1141 Chairman : HON. KARL DUANE A. CASURRA

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1143 **6. COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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1145 Chairman : HON. NOEL P. CATRE

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1147 **7. COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT PROPERTY**
1148 **MANAGEMENT**

1149 Chairman : HON. PERFECTO B. CONSIGO

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1151 **8. COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT**

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1153 Chairman : HON. NOEL P. CATRE

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1155 **9. COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION**

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1157 Chairman : HON. FAITH B. ELUMBA

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1160 **10. COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

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1162 Chairman : HON. JENELYN EDULZURA

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1164 **11. COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT**

1165 Chairman : HON. FLORENILLO B. RAVELO

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1167 **12. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY**

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1169 Chairman : HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA

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1171 **13. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

1172 Chairman : HON. BALTAZAR C. ABIAN

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1174 **14. COMMITTEE ON RULES**

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Chairman : HON. NOEL P. CATRE

15. COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL WELFARE

Chairman : HON. JOENIL B. ALDONZA

16. COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Chairman : HON. ARNOLD A. GO

17. COMMITTEE ON TRADE, BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE

Chairman : HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI

18. COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES

Chairman : HON. FLORENILLO B. RAVELO

19. COMMITTEE ON URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Chairman : HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI

20. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Chairman : HON. JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI

21. COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND FAMILY

Chairman : HON. FAITH B. ELUMBA

22. COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Chairman : HON. JENELYN EDULZURA

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor, Sangguniang Panlungsod Members and all concerned for their information and guidance.

The Presiding Officer back to the Urgent Matter, the proposed resolution confirming all the existing accounts of the City Government of Surigao and designating the authorized signatories with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP).

As to the clarification on the matter of who the signatories are; a city administrator or the legal officer, the usual signatories are to be confirmed, that is the Mayor, the City Administrator, and the Treasurer, not a Legal Officer.

The Presiding Officer noticed that the Legal Officer is now Atty. Pariñas, all he knows is that she is the City Administrator; with that, he is asking who will really verify the matter as to the appointment of the city administrator and the Legal Officer from the executive department.

Before they proceed, the **RULES WERE REINSTATED** to allow a motion for the accounts of Sangguniang Panlungsod and the Office of the Vice Mayor.

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The Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra was recognized.

HON. KARL DUANE A. CASURRA:

Mr. Chair, I move also to include as designated signatories the Hon. City Vice Mayor Alfonso S. Casurra and the following members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod:

1. *Hon. Arnold A. Go*
2. *Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza*
3. *Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra*
4. *Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli and*
5. *Hon. Baltazar C. Abian*

As designated authorized signatories to all existing accounts of the City Government of Surigao with the Development Bank of the Philippines and Land Bank of the Philippines for the legislative office, Mr. Chair. I so move, Mr. Chair.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA /PRESIDING OFFICER:

There is a motion that we consider the personalities that were mentioned to sign in behalf of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. Any second to the motion?

HON. PERFECTO B. CONSIGO:

Second.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA /PRESIDING OFFICER:

Second. Now, for the discussion here, why you probably may consider the number of signatories because under, when we consider the absences, especially on official travel or official business, or when you're having to go outside of the country, the order of succession is really to be followed. So, if the mayor is out of the country, naturally the Acting Mayor will be the Vice Mayor. So, the one who will take over will be the first city councilor; it's not by designation, ha. It's automatically that the first councilor will assume as the Acting City Vice Mayor. Now, in the absence of the first city councilor, the second councilor will take over. If in the absence of the second city councilor, it's the third, fourth, and fifth in that order so that we'll try to see that we have as many as until Councilor Abian.

The signatories, by the way, will be the City Treasurer and/or, rather, the City Treasurer and the Vice Mayor, okay, for the representative of the Treasurer and the Vice Mayor. Meaning, two signatories for each check. So, kon waya si Alcala, it will be the Assistant City Treasurer and myself, if I am here. If I will not be here, so whoever will be the Acting Vice Mayor will be the other signatory, and so on. So that's the way we handle our accounts with regard to the checks in the Sangguniang Panlungsod. So, I think that is clear, so any other discussion? If there is none, then the motion to authorize the signatories insofar as the Office of the Vice Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod is hereby APPROVED.

As to continue, the representative from the executive department was recognized to explain further and verify the appointment of the City Administrator and City Legal Officer.

The Presiding Officer wants to shed light on the appointment of Atty. Cristina Parinas, as he knows that she is the City Administrator, not the Legal Officer. He, then just clarifying the matter, said they are confused about the real position of Atty. Parinas.

ATTY. JAYSON REGOR COSINAS / CMS, CITY LEGAL OFFICE:

Good afternoon your Honor. We confirm your Honor that Atty. Parinas is now our City Legal Officer and Atty. Lex Silvosa is our City Administrator. And also your Honor we concur with the recommendation of Honorable Catre that the resolution should state the position only.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Yes, but what position would you want the alternate signature or signatory? Is it the Legal Officer or the City Administrator?

ATTY. JAYSON REGOR COSINAS / CMS, CITY LEGAL OFFICE:

The City Administrator your Honor.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Are you sure on that?

ATTY. JAYSON REGOR COSINAS / CMS, CITY LEGAL OFFICE:

Yes your Honor, I confirmed with Atty. Parinas that she is now appointed as the City Legal and. . .

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

Yes, but who is really the one that you would wanted to become an alternate signatory. It is the City Legal Officer or the City Administrator?

ATTY. JAYSON REGOR COSINAS / CMS, CITY LEGAL OFFICE:

Your Honor for our usual transaction your Honor it is the City Administrator who signed the checks your Honor.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

So it's not, I really would like to see. Because this is a resolution that has been approved by the Local Finance Committee. And we cannot just alter any entry there without being, without having to call them.

The Presiding Officer calls for A **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES** to take a recess; thereafter the **RULES WERE REINSTATED**.

The Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra was again recognized for his pending motion.

HON. KARL DUANE A. CASURRA:

Mr. Chair, I move to amend my motion Mr. Chair.

HON. ALFONSO S. CASURRA / PRESIDING OFFICER:

What is the amendment that you would wish to consider?

HON. KARL DUANE A. CASURRA:

My amendment will be read as follows, Mr. Chair. I move to amend my motion for a resolution to pass my motion earlier, Mr. Chair, and my amendment is this, Mr. Chair. I move to pass a resolution to designate. I move to pass a resolution confirming all existing accounts of the City Government of Surigao with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and designating the authorized signatories, namely;

1. Hon. Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II - City Mayor
2. Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra- City Vice Mayor
3. Hon. Arnold A. Go- City Councilor
4. Hon. Joenil B. Aldonza - City Councilor
5. Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra- City Councilor
6. Hon. Joshua Emilio S. Geli- City Councilor
7. Hon. Baltazar C. Abian- City Councilor
8. City Administrator
9. Mr. Nelson S. Alcala - City Treasurer
10. Ms. Gilgie G. Dagala - Asst. City Treasurer
11. Ms. Annabelle E. Diaz City Treasurer - Cashier III

Mr. Chair.

The motion was favorably seconded that there is a manifestation that there is no mentioning of the name of the City Administrator, just the designation of whoever is in the position. Thereafter, a motion was presented and approved, to wit:

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RESOLUTION NO. 117– 2025

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ALL EXISTING ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO WITH THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (DBP) AND LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (LBP) AND DESIGNATING THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES

WHEREAS, it is imperative therefore to confirm all the existing accounts of the City Government of Surigao with the Development Bank of Philippines (DBP) and Landbank of the Philippines (LBP);

WHEREAS, it is likewise essential to update City Government records in its depository bank accounts particularly the designated authorized signatories;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Karl Duane A. Casurra, seconded by Honorable Perfecto B. Consigo, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That a resolution be passed confirming all existing accounts of the City Government of Surigao with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and designating the authorized signatories, namely:

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| 1. Hon. Pablo Yves L. Dumlao II | - City Mayor |
| 2. Hon. Alfonso S. Casurra | - City Vice Mayor |
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| 9. Mr. Nelson S. Alcala | - City Treasurer |
| 10. Ms. Gilgie G. Dagala | - Asst. City Treasurer |
| 11. Ms. Michelle Hann P. Chinte | - LTOO IV |
| 12. Ms. Annabelle E. Diaz | - Cashier III |

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE: That copies of this resolution be furnished the City Mayor, Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), Landbank of the Philippines (LBP) and all concerned for their information.

PRIVILEGE HOUR/SPEECH

None

OTHER MATTERS

MS. EDNA B. SIEGA / SP SECRETARY:

In connection with the DILG memorandum which was previously announced during our 21st regular session on June 19, regarding the online orientation on the DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2025- 034 or the Updating of the Elective Local Finance Officials Profiling Database System (ELOPDS). So this afternoon 1:30 to 4:30 is our scheduled time to participate in the zoom orientation. Unfortunately, there is a conflict of time of our regular session. But the City DILG Director advised to us to review the recorded online orientation from another Region. Which was held by a zoom yesterday, July 2.

This orientation aimed to provide newly elected and re-elected Local Officials with a clear understanding of the provision and requirement of the DILG specifically introduce the Elective Local Officials Profiling Database System as an essential tool for maintaining and updated and accurate profile of all Elective Local Officials across the country, guide participants on the proper procedures for encoding, updating and submitting the required information in the ELOPDS platform, ensure compliance with the DILG mandate for the timely and accurate submissions of the official data for planning, monitoring and policy formulation purposes, and promote awareness and accountability among Local Officials regarding their role in maintaining the integrity of government database and records. So, you can download the video clip in the link of the subject under other matters. 2 hours.

The Presiding Officer wanted the DILG to guide them on this Memorandum Circular 2025-034 and explain what is the salient features are that need to be complied with. Or somebody has to go over this video clip and inform the Chief of Staff of the City Councilors.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no matters discussed, the 23rd Regular Session was adjourned at 3:32 o'clock in the afternoon of July 3, 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. ARNOLD A. GO:

Let us pray.

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

Gracious and faithful God,
We thank You for guiding us,
through our first regular session today.
Thank You for the calm discussion,
The shared wisdom and the spirit of cooperation that prevailed.

As a new member of this esteemed Council,
I am inspired by the work that lies ahead.
May You continue to mold us.
Your chosen servants to be instrument of truth,
Fairness, and transformation in our community.

Help us to carry the lessons and responsibilities of today
into our future sessions.
May we not grow weary in doing what is right,
but be continually renewed by our purpose
to serve with honor, humility, and heart.

Bless each of us as we return to our families and responsibilities.
Keep us safe, united, and grounded
in our mission to be champions of good governance.

We ask all these in Your Holy Name.

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

APPROVED, this 10th day of July 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

ARNOLD B. GO
City Councilor

JOENIL B. ALDONZA
City Council

KARL DUANE A. CASURRA
City Councilor

NOEL P. CATRE
City Councilor

JOSHUA EMILIO S. GELI
City Councilor

PERFECTO B. CONSIGO
City Councilor

FAITH B. ELUMBA
City Councilor

BALTAZAR C. ABIAN
City Councilor

SEBASTIAN RIC A. NAGAS
City Councilor

JOSE EXPEDITUS B. BAYANA
City Councilor

FLORENILLO B. RAVELO
Liga ng mga Barangay President

JENELYN EDULZURA
SK Federation President

ATTESTED BY:

ALFONSO S. CASURRA
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer