



Republic of the Philippines
City Of Pagadian

Sangguniang Panlungsod
(15th City Council)

**MINUTES OF THE 23RD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
(15th CITY COUNCIL) OF PAGADIAN CITY HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2026 AT THE SP
SESSION HALL, 4th FLOOR CITY COMMERCIAL CENTER (C3) BUILDING, PAGADIAN
CITY**

CALL TO ORDER:

Honorable Vice Mayor Monique Shaira Y. To, Presiding Officer, convened and officially called to order the 23rd Regular Session of the 15th City Council at 9:18 in the morning.

**INVOCATION, SINGING OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND
RECITATION OF THE “PANUNUMPA SA WATAWAT NG PILIPINAS:**

Upon motion of the Floor Leader, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, the session, accompanied by a prepared audio recording, commenced with the invocation, followed thereafter by the mass singing of the Philippine National Anthem, the recitation of the “Panunumpa sa Watawat ng Pilipinas,” the singing of both the “Zamboanga del Sur March” and the “Pagadian City Hymn.”

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

A roll call was made at the direction of the Chair and quorum was then declared with the attendance of seven (7) Council Members namely: Honorable Vice Mayor Monique Shaira Y. To, Honorable Roger L. Acedillo, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa, Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, and Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa.

Sometime later on during the course of the proceeding, the presence of Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co, Honorable Patrisha Kaye N. Asugas, Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo, and Honorable Marylynn U. Tan was recorded. The body also noted that Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., and Honorable Joan Szanne S. Pulmones were both on leave.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 22ND REGULAR SESSION:

At the instance of the Honorable Floor Leader, the body dispensed with the Reading of the Minutes of the 22nd Regular Session held on January 21, 2026. Thereafter, with the presentation of a formal motion for its adoption and there being no comments or discussions from the floor, the minutes was approved as presented.

FIRST READING & REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

The herein items calendared for First Reading and Referral to Committees were then taken up and acted upon accordingly, to wit:

1. Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay San Pedro, involving an appropriation of Fifteen Million Pesos (P15,000,000.00) was referred to the Committee on Finance & Appropriations.
2. A referral was made for the endorsed request of the Honorable City Mayor for an authority to sign and enter into the Data Turnover Agreement (DTA) between the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and the City Government of Pagadian, in relation to the 2024 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) data to the Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation.

3. Resolution No. 12-499-2025 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur, entitled: “Declaring Valid City Ordinance No. 2025-612 dated October 15, 2025, titled: “An Ordinance Granting Amnesty To All Real Property Taxpayers In The City Of Pagadian Particularly On The Payment Of Interest, Penalties, And Surcharges Incurred From Delinquent Real Property Tax Payments/Accounts, Prescribing The Conditions And Period Of Availment Thereof, And Providing Legal Remedies In Case Of Non-Payment, Consistent With The Intention And Purposes Of Republic Act No. 12001, Otherwise Known As The “Real Property Valuation And Assessment Reform Act, As Amended” was deemed noted and to be put on file.
4. Likewise, the copy furnished Memorandum from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) dated January 26, 2026, on the subject: conduct of Retooling of LGU Officials and Employees on Foreign Travel Authority Requirements on February 3, 2025 at 10:00 o’clock in the morning via Zoom was deemed noted and filed. Along with this action, copies of the same are to be furnished to all SP Members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The body then proceeded to consider the items under Unfinished Business, particularly the concern of the Honorable Members of the 15th City Council pertaining to the Performance Evaluation Report of PAMANA Water Corporation. After a recess, the rules were suspended upon the motion of the Floor Leader who briefly introduced the members of the Board of Directors of the Pagadian City Water District (PCWD).

Initially, Honorable Culve, upon recognition, expressed gratitude for the presence of the invited guests. Thereafter, he gave a brief background information surrounding the issue at hand. He also pointed out the distinction between the two (2) submitted Evaluation Report on the Performance of the PAMANA Water Corporation in relation to the stipulations/provisions in the Joint Venture Agreement.

At this point, Mr. Lamberto Talip, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Directors–PCWD, was recognized to ventilate and shed light on the matter. At the outset, he expressed thanks to the 15th City Council for the invitation, as he then discussed, in response to the clarification made by the Presiding Officer, the provisions concerning Capital Expenditures which pertains to the capital investment to be made by the PAMANA which is estimated over P1-Billion for the improvement of the facilities and services and the Operational matter which refers to the operation of the said water utility provider, as provided under the Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) which took effect sometime on October of 2023.

Further into the discussion, while Mr. Talip concurred with the information brought out by Honorable Co that the price of parcels of land at Barangay Tulangan for the establishment of a Water Treatment Plant and at Barangay Poloyagan for Water Storage Reservoir has skyrocketed which is the reason for the delay in the purchase of the said parcels of land, Honorable Co suggested, as a matter of goodwill on the part of the Council, to possibly acquire the parcels of land through expropriation proceedings, to which Mr. Talip stressed that expropriation proceedings would be the last resort in a worst-case scenario. Along with this discussion, Mr. Talip informed the body that under the CAPEX of the JVA, the water treatment plant is the primary reason they entered into the

JVA to have enough supply of water for Pagadian City for the next 25 years. Accordingly, the acquisition of the parcels of land should have been accomplished on the first year but, anyway, the PAMANA still has another year to complete the purchase. On the question of system's loss or accurately referred to as Non-Revenue Water (NRW) brought out by Honorable Co, Mr. Talip replied that NRW are attributed to the water loss due to the use of firetrucks, leaks, flushing of tanks, where based on the Local Water Utility Administration (LWUA), the NWR should only be 20%, but sad to note, the PCWD has incurred 32% NRW before the JVA, and currently it has increased to at least 58%-60%, which means that 40% water supply only has reached the populace.

In response to the query of the Presiding Officer whether the delay in the acquisition of the parcels of land will not affect the timeline and mechanisms for the purpose of solving the perceived water shortage, Mr. Talip informed the body that they had an assurance from the owner of the PAMANA, in the person of Mr. Lucio Co, that PAMANA will deliver what is stipulated in the JVA. Along with that information, Mr. Talip averred that the JVA can be amended after five (5) years from its inception.

Honorable Bana, premised on the objective of the PCWD in entering into JVA with the PAMANA which is, accordingly, to address the perceived water shortage of the City of Pagadian and that the purchase of the parcels of land for the establishment of the water treatment plant is one among the solutions stipulated in the JVA, inquired whether the PAMANA will be penalized for the period they failed to deliver what was stipulated in the JVA, to which Mr. Talip, in response, contended that based on the JVA, the PAMANA could not yet be penalized and no surcharges can be effected for the first three (3) years which is considered as transition period, as he further expressed his commitment to strictly implement the JVA including the provisions of penalty and surcharge in case of failure to comply with the stipulations thereat. On the issue of having enough water source to supply the entire consumers of Pagadian City, Mr. Talip categorically stated that the PAMANA had voluntarily introduced and came up with a catch-up plan where they are currently drilling five (5) wells in Barangays Napolan and Buenavista as a temporary measure to supplement the water supply pending the establishment of the water treatment plant. Furthermore, he stressed that the water produced from the wells is almost the same as the expected water supply from the water treatment plant.

In response to the queries of Honorable Revelo, Mr. Talip detailed that the proposed water treatment plants in Barangays Tulangan and Poloyagan will each produce 10-million liters per day which, according to him, is more than sufficient for the demand including that of the expected increase in population. On the queries posed by Honorable Co, Mr. Talip responded that they are currently serving 25,000 consumer-households or a total of 125,000 people, as he further explained that they are hoping the PAMANA, as part of the JVA, will hasten the institution of the necessary repairs/rehabilitation of the current water pipes to help address the present NRW of 60% and bring down to 20% set by the Local Water Utility Administration (LWUA), which will, in effect, address the water problem of the city for the next 40 years even if the JVA is only for 25 years. Furthermore, on the query whether PAMANA is still liable if they fail to deliver what was stipulated in the JVA notwithstanding the completion of the drillings they are currently undertaking, Mr. Talip answered positively that PAMANA will

be liable for penalties and surcharges prescribed in the JVA and, after due process, it will cause the eventual termination of the said JVA.

After Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa raised the issue on the re-piping of the water lines to minimize the NRW as he expressed apprehension that the city is fast developing and there is no sufficient water supply, Mr. Talip informed the body that most, if not all, of the water pipes will be replaced as these are almost 50 years old being part of the JVA under Capital Expenditures, which is the reason why PAMANA, due to their substantial losses from water wastage, is now implying the deferment for the establishment of the water treatment plant and instead focus on the re-piping to resolve the current 58% NRW.

As for the request for clarification of the Presiding Officer regarding the Notice of Hearing from the National Water Resources Board for the application of PAMANA for a Certificate of Public Convenience with proposed increased in tariff and drilling sites, Mr. Talip explained that while this a requirement for all private concessionaires operators to secure a CPC, the PCWD chose to ignore the invitation as it is stated within the JVA that it is only the PCWD Board that can approve any tariff increase which will then be passed on to the Local Water Utilities Administration for their approval. Accordingly, he stated that technically, the NRWB has no jurisdiction over this matter, such that they did not acknowledge the invitation as attending the hearing would be tantamount to acknowledging the NRWB had authority over water tariff increases.

At this juncture, Honorable Obaob, upon recognition, gave a brief information on what was really the prevailing problem being brought by the PCWD during the year 2019—the period within which he was then the City Vice Mayor—and that is the replacement of the water pipes which are dilapidated and are now located at the middle of the roads which can be easily broken due to vibration coming from big vehicles passing the roads. He went on further by asking the PCWD's General Manager whether the establishment of the water treatment plant or the rehabilitation/replacement of water pipes should first be resolved, to which Engr. Pericles Sollano, upon recognition, agreed completely with the observations relayed by Honorable Obaob. For the information of the body, Engr. Sollano narrated the series of events which led them to forego with the idea of obtaining a loan due to interest rates that might affect their office' operation as well as the consumers who will ultimately suffer the increased water bills. Based on the foregoing circumstances, Engr. Sollano averred that they chose to accept the P1-billion investment offer of Pamana. He also stands corrected that the actual date of the JVA was September 20, 2023. Accordingly, the PCWD had taken into consideration the projected demand for the population growth such that the establishment of the water treatment plant must be taken first which, accordingly, be finished for one (1) year to be followed by the replacement/rehabilitation of water pipes considering that inverting the prioritization would be tedious, impractical and inadequate due to lack of new water source. Following a brief recess to allow some Council Members verify the copies of the 1st and 2nd Performance Evaluation Report they had received, Honorable Obaob sought clarification regarding the catch-up plan, to which Atty. Carlos N. Madarang, member of the BOD of PCWD, succinctly explained that the catch-up plan, as voluntarily initiated by the PAMANA, is just a temporary measure/solution to remedy or address the perceived water shortage. Engr. Sollano, on the other hand, elucidated that failure to implement the JVA after the

3-year transitory period, the PAMANA will be meted with a penalty of 6% for every specified indicator in the performance evaluation and the pre-termination of the JVA will only take place on the 5th year of the contract on the ground that the accomplishment is below 60%. As for the issue on the heavy traffic due to pipelaying works in Barangay Tiguma, which Honorable Obaob observed that the traffic light should have been turned off and traffic aides take over directing traffic, Engr. Sollano reasoned that the delay was caused by a miscommunication with the barangay officials, as he added that future issues must be addressed directly to PCWD for faster solutions rather than to PAMANA.

With no further discussions, the Presiding Officer expressed thanks to the PCWD Board of Directors and, thereafter a recess was declared for brief photo-op.

Upon resumption at 11:26 A.M., the suspension of the rules was lifted, and the motion of Honorable Obaob was supported through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0233**, requesting the PAMANA Water Corporation, through the Pagadian City Water District, to furnish/provide the Sangguniang Panlungsod with a copy of the approved Catch-Up Plan for the Pagadian City Water System.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

At this juncture, the body considered the items under Unscheduled Matters which were meted the following actions, viz:

- 1) Committee Report No. 097 from the Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation, as reported by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0167 led to the adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-0234**, granting authority to Honorable City Mayor Samuel S. Co to renew and sign the Contract of Affiliation with the Universidad de Zamboanga, Incorporated (UZ)—Pagadian Campus, in relation to the affiliation and training of Bachelor of Science in Nursing students in the City Health Office.
- 2) Committee Report No. 098 from the Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation, as presented by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0168 facilitated the adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-0235**, authorizing Honorable City Mayor Samuel S. Co to enter and sign, for and in behalf of the City Government of Pagadian, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the JH Cerilles State College in relation to the hands-on training of the school's nursing students at the City Health Office.
- 3) Lastly, the body considered the indorsed request of the Honorable City Mayor for the passage of appropriate legislative measures as presented Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa. Thereafter, the body, after a brief discussion and, upon separate motions from Honorable Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa and duly seconded, resolved to adopt the following resolutions, to wit:
 1. **Resolution No. 2026-0236**, expressing the support of the Local Government Unit of Pagadian for the proposed Balangasan Main Health Center Project and Committing to certain undertakings necessary for its implementation and sustainability;
 2. **Resolution No. 2026-0237**, expressing the support of the Local Government Unit of Pagadian for the proposed Pagadian City Infirmary Project and Committing to certain undertakings necessary for its implementation and sustainability;

3. **Resolution No. 2026-0238**, expressing the support of the Local Government Unit of Pagadian for the proposed Santa Lucia Main Health Center Project and Committing to certain undertakings necessary for its implementation and sustainability.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no more matters to discuss, the session was declared adjourned on motion of Honorable Bana, following the closing prayer led by Honorable Asugas.

Time of adjournment: 12: 05 A.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.

ELKID P. NACUA

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Verified:

ROGER L. ACEDILLO

SP Member

JACKIELYN KRYSTYL C. BANA

SP Member/Floor Leader

PATRISHA KAYE N. ASUGAS

SP Member

(On Leave)

ARIEL J. LIM, JR.

SP Member

MA. ALICIA ELENA V. ARIOSAS

SP Member

ANN MARJORIE N. REVELO

SP Member

MAPHILINDO Q. OBAOB

SP Member

LANCE SAMUEL F. CO

SP Member

BIENVENIDO C. CULVE

SP Member

RONALD CHRISTOPHER GLENN L. ARIOSAS

SP Member

(On Leave)

JOAN SZANNE S. PULMONES

SP Member (LB)

MARYLYNN U. TAN

SP Member (SK)

Approved:

MONIQUE SHAIRA Y. TO

City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer