



Republic of the Philippines
City Of Pagadian

Sangguniang Panlungsod
(15th City Council)

MINUTES OF THE 27TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD (15th CITY COUNCIL) OF PAGADIAN CITY HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 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 27th Regular Session of the 15th City Council at 9:15 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 eight (8) Council Members, namely: Honorable Vice Mayor Monique Shaira Y. To, Honorable Roger L. Acedillo, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co, Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa, and Honorable Marylynn U. Tan.

Sometime later on during the course of the proceeding, the presence of Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa, Honorable Patrisha Kaye N. Asugas and Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr. were recorded. The body also noted that Honorable Joan Szanne S. Pulmones was out on Official Business while Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo was on leave.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 26TH REGULAR SESSION:

At the instance of the Honorable Floor Leader, the body dispensed with the Reading of the Minutes of the 26th Regular Session held on February 18, 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The body, following the suspension of the sequential treatment of the agenda, unanimously approved the consideration of the matter under Unfinished Business, Item H-1.1, Various complaints/clamor from the public relative to the manner and method by which the officers and personnel of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) are conducting random operation in relation to the office’s mandate under Republic Act No. 4136 otherwise known as the “Land Transportation and Traffic Code of the Philippines,” which per observation, has greatly caused heavy traffic in the city’s major thoroughfares.

After the Floor Leader introduced the visitor, a short recess was declared. Upon resumption, she expressed her apologies as she had read out the wrong name which was from the previous session and welcomed Pagadian City District Officer Chief of the Land Transportation Office, Mr. Allan E. Macabangkit.

This was followed the background information provided by Honorable Culve that there were complaints/queries regarding the manner by which the random LTO checkpoints were being undertaken in the city which needed answers that only the LTO could provide, hence the invitation to attend the session. On the other hand, Honorable Obaob added that the LTO District Operation In-Charge and the LTO Region IX Operation In-Charge were also invited to shed light on the issue particularly on the matter by which the operation has been perceived to have been contributing in the heavy traffic

congestion due to the practice of many motorists who, afraid of being collared for possible traffic violations, opted to stop and park at the roadside waiting for the LTO operation to end.

At this juncture, Mr. Macabangkit, upon recognition, thanked the City Council for the opportunity to explain the LTO's work as he provided information that he had also appeared before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for the same purpose. Initially, he categorically stated that the LTO personnel, by virtue of the provisions under R.A. No. 4136, Article IV of the Land Transportation and Traffic Code, is authorized to conduct inspections on highways including all public roads/streets anytime and anywhere. On the matter pertaining to the public clamor regarding the recent incident of heavy traffic congestion which was caused by the operation of the newly installed Barangay Tiguma traffic light and aggravated by the opening of the new site of the Western Mindanao State University–Pagadian City Campus, he made on record that the LTO had already suspended and discontinued the conduct of random inspection during peak hours from 6:00–8:00 A.M. as well as from 8:00–9:00 A.M. during Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. He also emphasized that their office is conducting special operations in collaboration with the PNP and the Highway Patrol Group.

During the discussion, Honorable Obaob raised concern regarding traffic congestion caused by motorists who just stop and park along the roadside to avoid inspections, as he then intimated the need for the LTO to closely coordinate with the city traffic office before the conduct of LTO inspection to ensure there will be no traffic congestion during the said operation, to which Mr. Macabangkit agreed on the proposal as he further shared their office's plans to conduct seminar for deputization of qualified city traffic enforcers and other traffic enforcers from the different municipalities of Zamboanga del Sur as well as PNP personnel. With this, he stressed that the deputized city traffic enforcers can now issue Temporary Operator's Permit (TOP) while those non-deputized personnel may issue only citation tickets. Furthermore, the LTO District Chief expressed openness to executing a Memorandum of Agreement with the City Government, as he also committed to conducting joint operations with city enforcers, emphasizing that LTO's mandate is road safety and discipline, not merely revenue collection. On the issue of holding deputization, he informed the body that it requires LTO-Central Office approval.

In response to the query of Honorable Bana, the deputized traffic enforcer does not become LTO personnel but are bound to implement road traffic rules and regulations, such that they have now the legal authority to approach those parked vehicles away from the checkpoints and apprehend violators once an inspection is made. He also stressed out that traffic issues are a nationwide concern caused by undisciplined motorists and irresponsible vehicle dealers. On the suggestion to use on-line platforms or social media which is considered a powerful tool to disseminate information, Mr. Macabangkit, however, lamented the sad reality that the web page of their office has, most often than not, gotten no views when they post new information/advisories but for those perceived by the public as mistake these become viral. Furthermore, he informed the body that there will be no wearing of masks by their personnel during the conduct of operation, while on the issue of holding operation within the vicinity of the Pagadian City Airport, he explained that their presence at the area was requested by the management regarding the overcharging of fares and he also reiterated their mandate that they are allowed to conduct operation in all public roads and streets.

Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa, for his part, brought to the attention of the LTO–District Officer the practice of some motorists in violating the traffic light where some are having fun of beating the red light which, if left unattended, may cause accident, to which Mr. Macabangkit sought for the submission of the CCTV capture of these incidents to their office so that each will be recorded in their database where such violation can be used during the renewal motor vehicle registration.

At this point, Honorable Lim, upon recognition, sought clarifications on the following issues, such as: The use of auxiliary lights being installed in motor vehicles, to which Mr. Macabangkit replied that auxiliary lights are not prohibited per se as long as it follows the guidelines specified under the LTO Memorandum Circular; On the matter concerning the after-market or muffler replacement for motor cycles, he contended that their office will require that the motorcycle shall undergo and pass the emission testing for noise and air pollution; On whether elected officials are allowed to be deputized by the LTO, he stated that it is possible for such elected officials to be deputized provided that it is part of his/her mandate to implement road and traffic rules and regulations; On the issue whether deputized personnel are authorized to conduct hot pursuit or road chase of any person violating the road and traffic rules and regulations, he replied that only those law enforcement personnel who are, at the same time, deputized by the LTO are allowed to perform hot pursuit or road chase against any person who is committing or has reasonable belief that the person to be pursued has committed a crime; and finally, on whether a mission order is required before LTO may conduct checkpoint operations, he answered in the negative as LTO is authorized to conduct checkpoints for inspection of motor vehicles in any public roads/streets and at any time of the day.

Honorable Co, for his part, sought clarification relative to the information he received that there is an apparent decline in the renewal of license, for which Mr. Macabangkit stressed that the decrease in license renewals was due to the implementation of the ten-year validity period for driver's license renewals.

The Honorable Acedillo personally expressed thanks and commendation to the LTO Chief and personnel for their unwavering and dedicated service and commitment to duties.

Finally, Honorable Asugas, on the other hand, suggested to include all private and public schools operating in the city in the information dissemination that will be conducted by the LTO.

With no further discussions from the individual Council Members, the body noted the entire discussion and a short recess was thereafter declared for the photo ops.

FIRST READING & REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

Upon resumption, the body proceeded with the consideration of the herein items calendared for First Reading and Referral to Committees which were then taken up and acted upon accordingly, to wit:

1. The following documents from the barangays were referred to the Committee on Finance & Appropriations, to wit:
 - Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Baloyboan, involving an appropriation of Four Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P4,200,000.00).
 - Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay San Jose, involving an appropriation of Fourteen Million Pesos (P14,000,000.00).
2. The endorsed request of the Honorable City Mayor for an authority to enter into a Relief Prepositioning Agreement (RPA) with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Regional Office IX, with reference to the prepositioning of relief goods by the DSWD for use exclusively during disasters was jointly referred to the Committee on Health & Social Services and Committee on Disaster/Calamity Resilience and Management.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The body unanimously approved the consideration of the herein Committee Reports, and the recommendations contained therein were acted upon as recorded herein, as follows:

- 1) Committee Report No. 112 from the Committees on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service; on Finance and Appropriations; and on Laws, Rules and Policy Formulation, as presented by Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0007, on Draft Ordinance No. 005, authored by Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo, entitled: “An Ordinance Operationalizing Freedom Of Information In The City Of Pagadian And Providing Guidelines Therefor.” Based on the findings of the Committee that the remedies under the said ordinance are already well provided for under existing laws such as RA 11032 (Ease of Doing business) amending the Anti-Red Tape Act which mandates faster processing times. As the Committee emphasizes the need to localize the ordinance as it is framed thereby avoiding duplication or contradiction to the actual law as it exists, the body approved the Committee’s recommendation to remand Draft Ordinance No. 005 to the author, Honorable Revelo.
- 2) Next considered was Committee Report No. 113 from the Committee on Laws, Rules and Policy Formulation, as reported by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0012, pertaining to Draft Ordinance No. 010, authored by Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo, entitled: “An Ordinance Establishing the Procedure in imposing the Penalties And Fines For Violation of Ordinances of Pagadian City.” Based on the findings and observation presented by the concerned Committee that the said draft ordinance could lead to situations where a single act is penalized under both a local and a national law which is considered unconstitutional since generally speaking, no person shall be placed in jeopardy of punishment for the same offense, thus multiple prosecution is disallowed, the body resolved to remand Draft Ordinance No. 010 to the author, Honorable Revelo.
- 3) Committee Report No. 114 from the Committee on Finance and Appropriations, as presented by Honorable Bana for Referral No. 15cc-0180 facilitated the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0268**, approving Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Palpalan and declaring the same operative and in full force and effect.
- 4) Committee Report No. 115 from the Committee on Finance and Appropriations, as reported by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0181 led to the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0269**, approving Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Santo Niño and declaring the same operative and in full force and effect.
- 5) Committee Report No. 116 from the Committee on Finance and Appropriations, as presented by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0182 led to the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0270**, approving Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Bulatok and declaring the same operative and in full force and effect.
- 6) Committee Report No. 117 from the Committee on Finance and Appropriations, as reported by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0183 facilitated the adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-0271**, approving Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Kalasan and declaring the same operative and in full force and effect.
- 7) Committee Report No. 118 from the Committee on Finance and Appropriations, as presented by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0188 facilitated the approval of **Resolution No. 2026-0272**, approving Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Lapedian and declaring the same operative and in full force and effect.
- 8) Committee Report No. 119 from the Committee on Finance and Appropriations, as reported by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0187 led to the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0273**, approving Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Kagawasan and declaring the same operative and in full force and effect.

- 9) Committee Report No. 120 from the Committee on Finance and Appropriations, as presented by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0189 facilitated the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0274**, approving Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Buenavista and declaring the same operative and in full force and effect.

OTHER MATTERS:

In considering the documents calendared under Other Matters, the herein actions were recorded as unanimously adopted by the body to officially dispose of the items, to wit:

1. The following Annual Budgets of the barangays were referred to the Committee on Finance & Appropriations, viz:
 - Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Balintawak, involving an appropriation of Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P7,500,000.00).
 - Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Bomba, involving an appropriation of Nine Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P9,500,000.00).
2. At this juncture, the body approved the motion for reconsideration made by Honorable Floor Leader for the urgent consideration of her unscheduled committee reports:
 - First considered was Committee Report No. 121 from the Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service, as reported by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0160 relative to the 1st Indorsement from the Office of the Ombudsman area office for Mindanao, re: Complaint of Barangay Captain Anselmo J. Obedencia, Jr., et. al., against Barangay Kagawad Arnel L. Cruz of Barangay Sto. Niño, this city, for appropriate action and/or administrative adjudication. After a brief recess, the body, based on the letter from the Ombudsman, and a DILG Release Order re: Filing of Administrative Cases over Barangay Officials Found Positive for Drug Use, as well as in consideration of the provision of City Ordinance No. 2016-362, passed **Resolution No. 2026-0275**, creating an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of conducting preliminary investigation pertaining to the complaint of Punong Barangay Anselmo J. Obedencia, Jr., et.al, against Barangay Kagawad Arnel L. Cruz of Barangay Sto. Niño, who have been found and confirmed positive for illegal drug use during the mandatory drug testing for all barangay elective officials, with the following composition, namely: Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, in her capacity as Chairperson of the SP Committee on Good Government, Ethics and Civil Service; and members—Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob and Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve.
 - Committee Report No. 122 from the Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Services, as reported by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-161, on the endorsed copies of drug test results of Barangay Kagawad Dexter U. Macadildig of Barangay Tuburan, Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur, as forwarded by its Punong Barangay, led to the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0276**, creating an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of conducting preliminary investigation pertaining to the administrative liability of Barangay Kagawad Dexter U. Macadildig of Barangay Tuburan, this city, who have been found and confirmed positive for illegal drug use during the mandatory drug testing for all barangay elective officials, with the following composition, namely: Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, in her capacity as Chairperson of the SP Committee on Good Government, Ethics and Civil Service; and members—Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob and Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve.

3. At this point, Honorable Culve, in view of the provision of the Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular which, in gist, prohibited the position of Private Secretary II in the Office of the City Vice Mayor, presented on First Reading Draft Ordinance No. 036, entitled: “An Ordinance creating co-terminus position of Executive Assistant II, Salary Grade 17, and Private Secretary I, Salary Grade 11, in the Office of the City Vice Mayor, defining its functions, duties and responsibilities and providing funds therefor.” Following a brief explanation, the body, upon his formal motion and duly seconded, approved the same on First Reading and for its consideration on Second Reading through **Resolution No. 2026-0277**.

Upon resumption after a brief recess, the body, in support of the urgent motion of Honorable Culve and duly seconded, and without any further discussion, adopted **Resolution No. 2026-0278**, approving on Second Reading Draft Ordinance No. 036, entitled “An Ordinance Creating The Co-Terminus Positions Of One (1) Executive Assistant II, Salary Grade 17, And One (1) Private Secretary 1, Salary Grade 11, Under The Office Of The City Vice Mayor, Defining Its Duties, Functions And Responsibilities And Providing Funds Therefor” and for its further consideration on Third Reading.

A one-minute recess was then declared. Upon resumption, the motion of Honorable Culve and duly seconded facilitated the adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-0279**, approving on Third and Final Reading, Draft Ordinance No. 036 and ordaining the same as **City Ordinance No. 2026-629**, entitled: “An Ordinance Creating The Co-Terminus Positions Of One (1) Executive Assistant II, Salary Grade 17, And One (1) Private Secretary 1, Salary Grade 11, Under The Office Of The City Vice Mayor, Defining Its Duties, Functions And Responsibilities And Providing Funds Therefor.”

4. The concern presented by Honorable Lim pertaining to the earlier discussion with the LTO and his proposal to commission appropriate SP Committee to assist in the drafting of a Memorandum of Agreement to be entered into by and between the City Government of Pagadian and the LTO-Pagadian City District Office with respect to the conduct of a joint operation in the implementation of RA 4136 or the “Land Transportation and Traffic Code of the Philippines,” in the city proper, was jointly referred to the Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management and Franchising, Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation and Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention.
5. Lastly, Honorable Obaob presented the public’s dismay every time a power outage occurs it will result in the lack of water supply, such that he proposed to persuade the management of PAMANA Water Corporation to fully implement Item No. 10 of the listed key indicators for Projects for Year 1 of Phase 1 as provided in the Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) which is purchase of stand-by generator sets for installation at the existing main deep well pumping stations located at various areas of the city to ensure continuous and uninterrupted water supply. Following a brief deliberation, the body, upon his formal motion and duly seconded, resolved to adopt the following resolutions, to wit:
 - **Resolution No. 2026-0280**, urging the General Manager of the Pagadian City Water District (PCWD) to persistently engage with the management of the PAMANA Water Corporation for the full implementation of Item No. 10 of the listed key indicators for Projects for Year 1 of Phase 1—purchase of stand-by generator sets for installation at the existing main deep well pumping stations located in the different areas of the City of Pagadian—as stipulated in the Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) entered into by and between the PCWD and the Pamana Water Corporation; and
 - **Resolution No. 2026-0281**, urging the management of PAMANA Water Corporation to urgently implement in full Item No. 10 of the listed key indicators for Projects for Year 1 of Phase 1—purchase of stand-by generator sets for

installation at the existing main deep well pumping stations located in the different areas of the City of Pagadian—as stipulated in the Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) entered into by and between the PCWD and the Pamana Water Corporation.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time of adjournment: 11: 55 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

ARIEL J. LIM, JR.

SP Member

(On Leave)

MA. ALICIA ELENA V. ARIOS

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. ARIOS

SP Member

(Official Business)

JOAN SZANNE S. PULMONES

SP Member (LB)

MARYLYNN U. TAN

SP Member (SK)

Approved:

MONIQUE SHAIRA Y. TO

City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer