



Republic of the Philippines
City Of Pagadian

Sangguniang Panlungsod
(15th City Council)

**MINUTES OF THE 28TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
(15th CITY COUNCIL) OF PAGADIAN CITY HELD ON 11 MARCH 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 28th Regular Session of the 15th City Council at 9:25 in the morning.

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

Upon motion of the Asst. Floor Leader, Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa, 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 Ariel J. Lim, Jr., Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa, Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa, and Honorable Joan Szanne S. Pulmones.

Sometime later on during the course of the proceeding, the presence of Honorable Patrisha Kaye N. Asugas was recorded. The body also noted that Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo, Honorable Roger L. Acedillo and Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co were on leave while Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana was out on Official Business and at the same time Honorable Marylynn U. Tan was on Official Time.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 27TH REGULAR SESSION:

At the instance of the Honorable Asst. Floor Leader, the body dispensed with the Reading of the Minutes of the 27th Regular Session held on February 25, 2026. Thereafter, with the presentation of a formal motion for its adoption and there being no comments or discussions from the floor, the same 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. The following Annual Budgets of the different Barangays were referred to the Committee on Finance & Appropriations, viz:
 - ✓ Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay San Francisco involving an appropriation of Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P7,500,000.00).

- ✓ Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Lumad involving an appropriation of Four Million Six Hundred Thousand Pesos (P4,600,000.00).
 - ✓ Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Pedulonan involving an appropriation of Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P3,300,000.00).
 - ✓ Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Gubac involving an appropriation of Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Pesos (P4,400,000.00).
 - ✓ Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Upper Sibatang involving an appropriation of Four Million Pesos (P4,000,000.00).
 - ✓ Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Ditoray involving an appropriation of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P4,500,000.00).
 - ✓ Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Lala involving an appropriation of Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00).
 - ✓ Appropriation Ordinance No. 02, s. 2025 (Supplemental Budget) of Barangay Gubang involving an appropriation of Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen Pesos (P877,814.00).
 - ✓ Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Gubang involving an appropriation of Five Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P5,200,000.00).
 - ✓ Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Bulawan involving an appropriation of Four Million One Hundred Thousand One Hundred Pesos (P4,100,100.00).
2. The endorsed request of the Honorable City Mayor for an authority to negotiate and purchase a parcel of land particularly a portion of Lot No. 5004 with an area of 53,765 square meters located at Barangay Lapedian, for use as additional lots for the “Asenso Village” projects, was jointly referred to the Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation and Committee on Planning & Landed Estates.
 3. The copy furnished revised schedule of the 1st Semester Barangay Assembly Day 2026, from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), with information that Barangays Danlугan, Kalasan and Lison Valley have changed schedules was simply noted and filed.
 4. A joint referral was made for the endorsed Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01 from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Finance (DOF) dated February 23, 2026, re: Dissemination of DILG-DOF Joint Memorandum Circular relative to the Implementing Guidelines for the setting-up and operation of Public Utilities Local Water Supply and Sanitation Services (PULWSSS), to the Committee on Public Utilities and Communications/Information Technology and Committee on Environment Protection, Ecological Preservation and Sanitation.

5. At this juncture, the following documents were deemed noted and to be put on file:
 - ✓ Endorsed Advisory from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) dated February 10, 2026 on the subject: Reiteration on the application requirements for foreign travel authority.
 - ✓ Resolution No. 12-623-2026 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur, entitled: “Adopting Committee Report No. 392-2026, dated January 21, 2026 of the Committee on Appropriations/Finance, Ways and Means, thereby declaring operative in its entirety Appropriation Ordinance No. 03-12-2025 of Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur.
 - ✓ Resolution No. 12-601-2026 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur, entitled: “A resolution adopting and approving the findings and recommendation of the Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges, as contained in its Committee Report No. 370-2026 dated 21 January 2026, thereby, declaring valid City Ordinance No. 2025-620 dated 26 November 2025 of Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur.
 - ✓ Resolution No. 12-602-2026 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur, entitled: “A resolution adopting and approving the findings and recommendation of the Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges, as contained in its Committee Report No. 371-2026 dated 21 January 2026, thereby, declaring valid City Ordinance No. 2025-621 dated 26 November 2025 of Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur.
6. For the letter from Engr. Viviel May B. Ramirez, Branch Manager, PAMANA Water Corporation, on the subject: Transmittal of NWRB Notice of Electronic Hearing and Request for Posting which will be held on 13 May 2026 at 9:00 o’clock to 10:00 o’clock in the morning via google meet, the body resolved to jointly refer the same to the Committee on Public Utilities and Communication/Information Technology and Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation.
7. Next presented was the endorsed Pro-forma Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be entered into by and among the City Government of Pagadian, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Field Office-IX, and the Pagadian City International College, relative to the implementation of the “TARA BASA!” Tutoring Program, with a request of the Honorable City Mayor for an authority to enter into the same.

During the discussion, Honorable Lim, Jr., after noting that the matter was certified urgent by the Honorable City Mayor, sought clarification from the Secretary to the SP whether a Pro-Forma Memorandum of Agreement is attached to the request as well as the information which party is responsible for the drafting of the said MOA, to which the Secretary replied that indeed a Pro-Forma MOA is attached to the request while he cannot provide information as to which party had formulated the draft MOA. As regards the query of the Presiding Officer that a similar request had been previously considered and taken up by the body, the Secretary, while concurring with the information provided by the Presiding Officer, clarified that the previous

MOA was intended for the Western Mindanao State University–Pagadian Campus which, per information, can no longer be implemented.

At this point, a recess was called to discuss the matter informally, and upon resumption, the body resolved to jointly refer the matter to the Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation and Committee on Education, Science & Technology & Accreditation of NGOs and POs.

8. The letter request of the Honorable City Mayor for the passage of a resolution declaring Lot Nos. 5881-K-1, 5881-K-2, 5881-K-3, 5881-K-4, 5881-K-5, 5881-K-6, 5881-K-7, containing a total land area of Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Eight (4,998) square meters, situated in Barangay Balintawak, as indispensable to the public for the purpose of establishing the Regional Government Center was jointly referred to the Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation and Committee on Planning & Landed Estates.

The adoption of the above-mentioned action was made after a brief recess was called to allow the Council Members to discuss the matter informally, and following the suggestion of Honorable Lim, Jr.

9. A referral was made for the endorsed application for renewal of accreditation submitted by the Moral Recovery Program-Movement for the Restoration of National Discipline (MRP/MRND) Philippine Incorporated, Pagadian City, to the Committee on Education, Science & Technology & Accreditation of NGOs and POs.

UNSCHEDULED COMMITTEE REPORTS:

At this juncture, the body proceeded to treat the Unscheduled Committee Reports from the different Committees and their recommendations facilitated the following actions, to wit:

- 1.) Committee Report No. 123 from the Committee on Education, Science & Technology & Accreditation of NGOs and POs, as presented by Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, for Referral No. 15cc-0179 which pertained to Resolution No. 09, s. 2026 from the Barangay Council of Kawit, entitled: “A resolution earnestly requesting the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Pagadian City to support and approve the conversion of Kawit Elementary School into Kawit Integrated School, commencing with Grade 7 for School Year 2026-2027, and providing for subsequent secondary level expansion thereafter.”

Based on the findings of the concerned Committee, the proposed conversion would enable students to transition from elementary to Junior High School within the same campus, thereby helping reduce dropout rates. This consideration was further supported by the recent conversion of ZSSAT into a Polytechnic State College and the overcrowding at San Pedro High School, which also affects graduating students from neighboring elementary schools.

In view thereof, the Committee recommended the approval of the measure, which facilitated the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0282**, supporting and strongly endorsing to the Department of Education – Regional Office 9 the conversion of the Kawit Elementary School, situated at Barangay Kawit, this City, into Kawit Integrated School.

- 2.) Committee Report No. 124 from the Committee on Health and Social Services, as reported by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., for Referral No. 15cc-0185. Based on the information provided by the concerned Committee, the MOA is an annual requirement but the only difference in the foregoing MOA is the direct transfer of funds from DSWD in the total amount of P18,859,500.00 to the LGU–Pagadian City for the direct procurement of agricultural and fishery products, which is predicated on the devolution of basic services, particularly social welfare. Given the foregoing information, the recommendation of the Committee led to the adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-0283**, authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to enter, for and in behalf of the City Government of Pagadian, into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD–Regional Office 9, with reference to the implementation of DSWD’s 16th Cycle Supplementary Feeding Program in the City of Pagadian.
- 3.) Committee Report No. 125 from the Committee on Health & Social Services, was likewise presented by Honorable Lim, Jr., for Referral No. 15cc-0184. Information revealed by the Committee that there was no amount indicated in the draft MOA, such that the amount in the previous MOA will serve as basis and any additional beneficiaries will be accommodated through a supplemental budget. Thereafter, the recommendation of the concerned Committee was adopted through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0284**, authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to enter, for and in behalf of the City Government of Pagadian, into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)–Regional Office IX, for the implementation of the 2026 Social Pension Program for Indigent Senior Citizens (SPISC) of Pagadian City in the total amount of P82,776,000.00 covering 6,898 qualified beneficiaries.
- 4.) Next considered was Committee Report No. 126 from the Committee on Tourism, Sisterhood Program, Arts & Culture, as reported by Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa, for Referral No. 15cc-0079, relative to the endorsed letter of Mr. Romeo M. Arnejo, Head of the Local Culture & Arts Council, requesting for the creation of the Cultural Inventory of the City of Pagadian and endorse the same to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) to form part of the Philippine Registry of Cultural Property (PRECUP). The body, following a short deliberation and, in support of the recommendation of the concerned Committee, passed **Resolution No. 2026-0285**, creating the Cultural Inventory of the City of Pagadian and formally endorsing the same to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) to form part of the Philippine Registry of Cultural Property (PRECUP).

Corollarily, the formal motion of Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa to extend thanks and gratitude to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) for its positive recommendation and support to the City Government of Pagadian in the conduct of the city’s Cultural Mapping, and duly seconded, was approved through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0286**.

OTHER MATTERS:

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

1. At this juncture, Honorable Asugas, in her capacity as Chairperson of the SP Committee on Women and Family Welfare and Children's Affairs, was recognized by the Chair, as she then presented her proposed Resolution pertaining to the Women's Month Celebration. Following a short deliberation, the body, upon her formal motion and duly seconded, resolved to adopt **Resolution No. 2026-0287**, declaring the month of March 2026 as Women's Month in the City of Pagadian and adopting the official 2026 National Women's Month Theme: "We for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society" With The Sub-Theme: "Lead Like The Babaylans, Filipinas" as announced by the Philippine Commission on Women.
2. Likewise, the formal motion presented by Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa, in line with the Women's Month celebration, was supported by the body through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0288**, authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to utilize and appropriate available funds for the implementation of programs and activities relative to the 2026 National Women's Month celebration in the City of Pagadian, and encouraging all barangays to allocate and utilize available funds for related Gender and Development (GAD) activities, subject to applicable budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.
3. 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 Datagan, involving an appropriation of P4,500,000.00.
 - ✓ Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Santiago, involving an appropriation of P6,700,000.00.
4. Lastly, Honorable Lim, Jr. presented his concerns in connection with the recently implemented high prices of fuel products, which matters were meted with the following actions, viz:
 - ✓ On the impending motorized tricycle for-hire fare hike in the City of Pagadian due to the recently implemented fuel price adjustment, the matter was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management and Franchising.
 - ✓ As regards to the expected price adjustment on food market products—meat, fish, vegetables, fruits, rice and like—and his proposal for the local government to initiate appropriate measures to cushion the impact of the fuel price hike to the food market products, the same was jointly referred to the Committee on Commerce, Trade & Industry & Economic Enterprise & Cooperatives and Committee on Agriculture and Fishery.
 - ✓ On the matter pertaining to the welfare of the employees in the City Government of Pagadian who, accordingly, are the most affected of the current situation and his proposal for the City Government to make an assessment relative to the implementation of the updated minimum wage for Region 9, was referred jointly to the Committee on Finance & Appropriations and Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service.

- ✓ Finally, the information or observation pertaining to the alleged non-compliance by some gasoline/fuel station operating in the City of Pagadian on the guidelines issued by the Department of Energy (DOE) relative to the gradual increase of fuel/petroleum products was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Trade & Industry & Economic Enterprise & Cooperatives.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no more matters to discuss, the session was declared adjourned on motion of Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa, following the closing prayer led by Honorable Culve.

Time of adjournment: 11:02 A.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.

ELKID P. NACUA

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Verified:

(On leave)

ROGER L. ACEDILLO
SP Member

(Official Business)

JACKIELYN KRYSTYL C. BANA
SP Member/Floor Leader

PATRISHA KAYE N. ASUGAS
SP Member

ARIEL J. LIM, JR.
SP Member

MA. ALICIA ELENA V. ARIOSAS
SP Member

(On leave)
ANN MARJORIE N. REVELO
SP Member

MAPHILINDO Q. OBAOB
SP Member

(On leave)
LANCE SAMUEL F. CO
SP Member

BIENVENIDO C. CULVE
SP Member

RONALD CHRISTOPHER GLENN L. ARIOSAS
SP Member

JOAN SZANNE S. PULMONES
SP Member (LB)

(Official Time)
MARYLYNN U. TAN
SP Member (SK)

Approved:

MONIQUE SHAIRA Y. TO
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer