



Republic of the Philippines
City Of Pagadian

Sangguniang Panlungsod
(15th City Council)

MINUTES OF THE 31ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD (15TH CITY COUNCIL) OF PAGADIAN CITY HELD ON 08 APRIL 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 31st 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 nine (9) Council Members, namely: Honorable Vice Mayor Monique Shaira Y. To, Honorable Roger L. Acedillo, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa, Honorable Joan Szanne S. Pulmones, and Honorable Marylynn U. Tan.

Sometime later on during the course of the proceeding, the presence of Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo, Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co, Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa, and Honorable Patrisha Kaye N. Asugas were recorded.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 30TH REGULAR SESSION:

At the instance of the Honorable Floor Leader, the body dispensed with the Reading of the Minutes of the 30th Regular Session held on March 25, 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 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 Appropriation Ordinances from the different Barangays were referred to the Committee on Finance & Appropriations, viz:
 - Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Lumbia involving an appropriation of Eight Million Seven Hundred Thousand Pesos (P8,700,000.00).
 - Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Tiguma involving an appropriation of Twenty-One Million One Hundred Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Pesos (P21,140,700.00).
 - Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Lourdes involving an appropriation of Four Million One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P4,100,000.00).

- Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay White Beach involving an appropriation of Five Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P5,200,000.00).
 - Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Gatas involving an appropriation of Six Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P6,200,000.00).
2. The letter of the Honorable City Mayor relative to the implementation of the Registry System For Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) Profiling Platform for Local Government Unit (RSBSAPP-LGU), and his request for the passage of the following resolutions was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Fishery, as herein specified, viz:
- A resolution expressing the support of the Local Government Unit of Pagadian for the commencement of the Registry System For Basic Sectors In Agriculture (RSBSA) Profiling Platform for Local Government Unit (RSBSAPP-LGU) to be undertaken by the City Agriculture Office; and
 - A resolution granting authority of the Local Chief Executive to enter into a data processing and non-disclosure agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Regional Field Office IX, for the implementation of the program.
3. Referrals were also made to the Committee on Health & Social Services for the following documents, viz:
- Endorsed request of the Honorable City Mayor for an authority to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be entered into by and among the Department of Health–Regional Office IX, the Pagadian City Infirmary and the City Government of Pagadian, relative to the Medical Assistance to Indigent and Financially Incapacitated Patients (MAIFIP) that will be provided by the DOH.
 - Letter-request of the Honorable City Mayor for the enactment of an ordinance prescribing a comprehensive guideline for the utilization and allocation percentage or sharing scheme of Philhealth capitation received from the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (Philhealth) for facility operational funds, professional fees for the City Health Office and Pagadian City Infirmary, and for other purposes.
4. The endorsed Board Resolution No. 07-02, s. 2025 of the Pagadian-Zamboanga del Sur Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation, Incorporated, entitled: “A Board resolution of the Pagadian-ZDS Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation, Incorporated (PZCCIFI) seeking the approval and implementation of Zamboanga del Sur 1 Electric Cooperative, Incorporated (ZAMSURECO-1) to reduce the penalty on late payments or payments made after the due dates from the current ten percent (10%) surcharge on electricity bills to two percent (2%) surcharge on electric bills, was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and Communication/Information Technology.
5. Resolution No. 12-596-2026 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur, entitled: “A resolution adopting and approving the findings and recommendation of the Committee on Culture, Arts & Tourism, as contain in its Committee Report No. 365-2026 dated 21 January 2026, thereby, declaring valid City Ordinance No. 2025-617 dated 12 November 2025 of Pagadian, Zamboanga del Sur” was deemed noted and to be put on file.
6. For Resolution No. 12-842-2026 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur, entitled: “Establishing the uniform standard and guidelines for the component municipalities and the lone city of Pagadian within the province of

Zamboanga del Sur in legislating tricycle fare adjustment at the rate of not more than Php2.00 per Php 10.00 increase of gasoline products or a fraction thereof based on the weekly price adjustments and announcement of oil companies,” the body referred the same to the Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management & Franchising.

7. At this juncture, the body resolved to note and file the following documents, to wit:
- Minutes of the Pagadian City Local Price Coordinating Council Meeting, held last March 24, 2026 at the City Mayor’s Office Conference Room, as forwarded by Atty. Roxan Desiree T. Ortaleza-Tan, OIC-City Administrator. It is to be noted that copies are to be furnished to all SP Members.
 - Resolution No. 12-651-2026 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. 414-2026 dated 04 February 2026, thereby, declaring valid City Ordinance No. 2025-622 dated 10 December 2025 of Pagadian, Zamboanga del Sur.”
 - Resolution No. 12-652-2026 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur, entitled: “A resolution adopting and approving the findings and recommendation of the Committee on Education, as contained in its Committee Report No. 415-2026 dated 04 February 2026, thereby, declaring valid City Ordinance No. 2025-623 dated 19 December 2025 of Pagadian, Zamboanga del Sur.”
 - Endorsed Memorandum Circular No. 114, dated March 6, 2026, issued by the Office of the President, which in gist, directs all Local Government Agencies and Instrumentalities to strictly adopt energy conservation protocols. Along with this action, copies of the same are to be furnished to all SP Members.
 - Endorsed Memorandum Circular No. 2026-027, dated March 26, 2026, issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government, re: guidance on the conduct of sanggunian sessions within territorial jurisdiction of the Local Government Unit. Copies of the same are to be furnished to all SP Members.
 - Endorsed Memorandum Circular No. 2026-028, dated March 26, 2026 issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government, on the subject: Reminder on the inclusion of the vice-local chief executive and punong barangay in the determination of quorum in the Sanggunian.

OTHER MATTERS:

Upon resumption, after a brief recess, the following unscheduled Committee Reports and other urgent concerns from some individual Council Members were considered under Other Matters, and the herein actions were recorded as unanimously adopted by the body to officially dispose of the items, to wit:

1. Committee Report No. 141 from the Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention, as reported by Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, for Referral No. 15cc-0230 led to the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0326**, officially approving and adopting the Peace and Order and Public Safety (POPS) Plan, for Calendar Year 2026-2028, of the City of Pagadian. Along with this action, copies are to be furnished all SP Members for information and guidance.
2. Committee Report No. 142 from the Committee on Finance & Appropriations, as presented by Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0209 was approved through **Resolution No. 2026-0327**, declaring Appropriation Ordinance No.

02, s. 2025, (Supplemental Budget No. 01) of Barangay Gubang, this city, to be operative and in full force and effect.

3. Committee Report No. 143 from the Committee on Finance and Appropriation, as reported by Honorable Bana, for Referral Nos. 15cc-0235 & 0238 led to the passage of the following resolutions, to wit:
 - **Resolution No. 2026-0328**, declaring Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026, (CY—2026 Annual Budget) of the Sangguniang Barangay of Tuburan, this city, to be operative and in full force and effect; and
 - **Resolution No. 2026-0329**, declaring Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026, (CY—2026 Annual Budget) of the Sangguniang Barangay of Banale, this city, to be operative and in full force and effect.
4. At this point, Honorable Obaob, upon recognition, presented his concern pertaining to the recent public pronouncement of the Secretary of the DILG for the strict enforcement of the prohibition against public intoxication or drinking of intoxicating beverages and alcoholic liquors in public places. Relatedly, he expressed his support to such pronouncement which, accordingly, will help address the recurring problem of violent fighting/brawling and/or stabbing among the youth due to intoxication. In view thereof, he then informed the body on the need to strictly implement the provisions of City Ordinance No. 2019-434, entitled: “An Ordinance Prohibiting The Selling And Drinking Of Alcoholic Liquor And Other Intoxicating Beverages In All Public Plazas, Parks, Roads, Sidewalks And Alleys Within The Territorial Jurisdiction Of The City Of Pagadian And Providing Penalty For Violation Thereof.”

After a brief discussion, the body, upon his formal motion and duly seconded, resolved to pass **Resolution No. 2026-0330**, urging Honorable City Mayor Samuel S. Co to strictly implement the provisions of City Ordinance No. 2019-434, entitled: “An Ordinance Prohibiting The Selling And Drinking Of Alcoholic Liquor And Other Intoxicating Beverages In All Public Plazas, Parks, Roads, Sidewalks And Alleys Within The Territorial Jurisdiction Of The City Of Pagadian And Providing Penalty For Violation Thereof,” in line with the pronouncement of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

Corollary to this action, in support of the proposal of Honorable Lim, Jr., the body, upon motion of Honorable Obaob and duly seconded, enacted **Resolution No. 2026-0331**, formally endorsing copies of City Ordinance No. 2019-434, entitled: “As Ordinance Prohibiting the Selling and Drinking of Alcoholic Liquor and Other Intoxicating Beverages in all Public Plazas, Parks, Roads, Sidewalks and Alleys within the Territorial Jurisdiction of the City of Pagadian and Providing Penalty for Violation Thereof,” to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)–Pagadian City Local Government Operations Officer, the Pagadian City Police Station and all Fifty-Four (54) Barangays through the Liga ng mga Barangay–Pagadian City Chapter, for their information, guidance and strict implementation.

5. Next considered was the matter presented by the Honorable Floor Leader pertaining to the endorsed Project Proposals for Food Assistance to Individuals In Crisis Situation–Rice Distribution Project in the amount of P15,500,000.00 and Construction of Multi-Purpose Building in the amount of P15,500,000.00, with a further request for passage of a resolution endorsing both Project Proposals to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) for the funding of both projects in the total amount of P31,000,000.00 under the Local Government Support Funds–Financial Assistance to Local Government Units (LGSF-FALGU). Thereafter, the body resolved to jointly refer the same to the Committee on Health & Social Services and Committee on Infrastructure, Public Bidding & Community Development.

6. At this juncture, Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa was recognized by the Chair, who then informed the body on the passing of former City Councilor Victor M. Asuelo last April 4, 2026. His subsequent proposal for the body to extend its deepest sympathy to the bereaved family was support by through the passage by acclamation of **Resolution No. 2026-0332**, conveying the body's deepest condolences and profound sympathy to the bereaved family of the late former City Councilor Victor M. Asuelo who died in the grace of our Lord last April 4, 2026.
7. For the matter presented by the Honorable Floor Leader relative to the letter from Assistant Regional Director Carmelo Enrique B. Libot, OIC-DILG, Regional Office IX, re: urgent request for status update on Administrative Case filed before the Sangguniang Panlungsod against Arnel L. Cruz, Sangguniang Barangay Member of Barangay Sto. Niño, this city, concerning his drug test result, the Chair directed the SP Secretary to respond and provide an update on the status of the said administrative case.

CONVERSION OF THE BODY INTO A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Upon formal motion of the Honorable Floor Leader, the rules were then suspended and the body converted itself into a Committee of the Whole, purposely to consider and treat the recommendation of the Committee on Good Government, Ethics and Civil Service pertaining to SP Admin Case No. 003-2025, entitled: John M. Cajote, et.al., Complainants, versus Punong Barangay Prince Joy I. Gerona of Barangay Lenienza, this city, as Respondents, for Dereliction of Duty, Gross Negligence, Misconduct and Abuse of Authority in Violation of Section 60 of the Local Government Code or R.A. 6713 or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, as herein quoted, viz:

“RECOMMENDATION

MARCH 17, 2026

JOHN M. CAJOTE, ESTELA A. MATUTINA, JOE T. LAPINIG, SUSANA SARAUSA, AND CRESENCIO P. DABLO, COMPLAINANTS, VS. PRINCE JOY I. GERONA, PUNONG BARANGAY OF BARANGAY LENIENZA, RESPONDENT.

This is a case which stemmed from a Verified Joint Affidavit of Complaint filed by John M. Cajote, et.al. against Punong Barangay Prince Joy I. Gerona of Barangay Lenienza, Pagadian City for dereliction of duty, gross negligence, misconduct, and abuse of authority in violation of Section 60 of the Local Government Code, and R.A. 6713 of the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees

I. BACKGROUND

Upon receipt of the said complaint, an Ad Hoc Committee is created last October 15, 2025. Immediately, on October 16, 2025, the Committee issued and served the Summon to the Defendant.

On November 26, as agreed upon by both parties, the Preliminary Conference was set.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 2016-362, Rule 3(k), the following has been set forth:

- (1) No probability of settlement between the parties;
- (2) The following facts has been clarified relating to the case:
 - a. Complainants are members of the Barangay Council;

- b. Respondent, for a time, has been holding barangay transactions at a so-called “SK Hub” situated in their private property due to lack of electricity and water supply at the barangay hall;
- c. It was established that at the time of the Preliminary Conference, official transaction of the barangay have resumed at the barangay hall; and
- d. Respondent had withheld complainant’s honorarium during the period from June 2, 2025 up to September 2025 for failure of the latter to attend Regular Sessions.

II. ISSUES

Whether the respondent is liable for grave misconduct for the following acts:

- a. In transferring barangay operations to a private property;
- b. In his refusal to hand over the stub of check to the Barangay Treasurer;
- c. In scheduling several seminars and/or workshops in the barangay considering that the barangay is operating under a reenacted budget; and
- d. In posting libelous remarks on social media

III. FINDINGS

A. Whether the respondent is liable for grave misconduct in transferring barangay operations to a private property

According to the Respondent, electric bills were not timely paid which caused the utilities to be cut. Because there was no longer any electricity in the barangay hall, he caused the transfer of barangay transactions to the SK Hub (a privately owned lot by his mother-in-law). He argues that the use of another accessible location was only meant to keep the barangay services functioning.

Complainant, however, belies the allegation that the Barangay Treasurer failed to give to the Respondent the electricity bill. In fact, according to the complainant, it was handed to the respondent but the latter merely took it and failed to sign. Also, complainants averred that the barangay hall truly had poor working conditions such that there are no computers or office supplies found inside the barangay hall for staff and respondents to function and properly work at the same.

The transfer to the barangay hall without authority allegedly caused confusion to the constituents of the barangay. Those who would need to transact for their certificates, etc. would be confused as to where to transact, conduct of mediation would be compromised as parties would be directed to a private compound (the SK Hub). This is evidenced by (1) Copy of summons submitted as Annex B (in the Complainant’s Position Paper), (2) the Minutes of the June 16, 2025 showing that the barangay session is to be held at the same address.

In fact, the same Minutes provide that this is attended by Ms. Maribel C. Estoquia, Pagadian City’s Local Government Operations Officer (CLGOO Estoquia, for brevity) where the Respondent was admonished (Annex C) to return to the barangay hall, and (3) A notice

plastered on the wall announcing the transfer of office of Punong Barangay temporarily, at the SK Building Ground floor was also photographed and marked Annex D, submitted under the Joint Judicial Affidavit for Complainants.

In this regard, we refer to Book 1, Title 1, Chapter II, Section 11 of the Local Government Code governs the Selection and Transfer of Local Government Site, Offices, and Facilities. The provision clearly states that: “Local government offices and facilities shall not be transferred, relocated, or converted to other uses unless public hearings are first conducted for the purpose and the concurrence of the majority of all the members of the sanggunian concerned is obtained.”

Without any showing of public hearings conducted and the concurrence of the majority of all members of the sanggunian concerned being obtained, the noble intent of the Barangay Captain to hold office outside of the barangay hall, without being allowed by its barangay members, is irrelevant if not a lousy justification to assert unlawful authority.

Grave misconduct is understood as a wrongful, improper, or unlawful act, carried out with a premeditated or willful intent to violate the law or established rules. This definition is supported by Philippine jurisprudence, notably in the landmark case of Office of the Ombudsman v. Racho, G.R. No. 178785, February 4, 2010, where the Supreme Court emphasized that for misconduct to be classified as "grave," there must be elements of corruption, clear intent to violate the law, or flagrant disregard of legal standards. In the context of barangay governance, grave misconduct may involve corruption, abuse of authority, gross neglect of duty, or the intentional bypassing of proper procedures and ethical norms.

Thus, the Respondent’s failure to return his office and all other official transactions of the barangay to the barangay hall despite lack of authority and support of other barangay officials, and even with the advice of CLGOO Estoquia last June 2025 where he continued to transact at the SK Hub at the time of filing of the complaint last October of the same year, shows grave misconduct on the part of the Respondent.

B. Whether the respondent is liable for grave misconduct in his refusal to hand over the stub of check to the barangay treasurer

During the preliminary investigation by the Ad Hoc Committee, it was established that the check was kept in the possession of the Respondent. Despite attempts by the Barangay Treasurer Bernardo Baja Bala, Jr. (Mr. Bala, for brevity) in asking the Respondent to give it back to him, the Respondent deliberately refuses to hand over the stub. The same is undisputed by the Respondent during the preliminary investigation.

According to the Minutes marked as Annex C (under the Complainant’s Position Paper), it shows that the respondent was admonished by CLGOO Estoquia during the barangay session. She reprimanded the respondent to return the stub of check to the Barangay Treasurer. However, it was only turned over to the incumbent treasurer not by the Respondent, but by a certain Rose Buhian, when the

Respondent was on official leave sometime in October until mid-December 2025.

Important to note that under the COA Manual on Financial Management, the Treasurer's Responsibilities include: (a) Collections, (1) Keeps custody of barangay funds and property and ensure the safety of cash, cash items, and barangay records; xxx (b) Disbursements, xxx (4) Maintains the Cashbook to record in and out of cash in the treasury, in depository banks and petty cash; xxx

Moreover, as per standard procedure under the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) guidelines and pursuant to Section 340 of the Local Government Code (Republic Act No. 7160), the stub of the check is required to be returned to the custody of the Barangay Treasurer for accounting and audit purposes.

Again, despite being asked by CLGOO Estoquia to return the stub of checks to the Barangay Treasurer, it was not immediately returned by the Respondent. Such deliberate withholding of the checkbook is not only a violation of procedure but also demonstrates wrongful intent, as it prevented the Treasurer from performing official functions and could potentially expose barangay funds to unauthorized use.

Considering the gravity of the misconduct and its impact on public service, the Barangay Captain is found guilty of grave misconduct.

C. *Whether the respondent is liable for grave misconduct in scheduling several seminars and/or workshops in the barangay considering that the barangay is operating under a reenacted budge*

The Complainants aver that the barangay is operating under a reenacted budget. Therefore, it could not have conducted any seminar or workshop at the time. In the Position Paper of the Complainants, they alleged that the Respondent was able to pool fifteen (15) topics in a span of (2) days, on August 30 and 31.

While this may be impossible and may result to serious fiscal management concerns, the same is unsubstantiated. No evidence, testimonial or documentary, was submitted by the Complainants except the schedule of said seminars. The schedule merely provides for the target date and time, without any relation to use of public funds. As correctly pointed out by the Respondent, the supposed seminars could merely be proposed or planned activities. Truly, administrative liability cannot rest on speculation or assumption.

Indeed, without evidence of the actual activity carried out, there is nothing for this Committee to sanction. Thus, the same is without merit.

D. *Whether the respondent is liable for grave misconduct in posting libelous remarks on social media*

In the Complaint, the complainants allege that the respondent has been posting on social media, with screenshots of the posts made on Facebook. This is said to have injured or damaged the reputation and honor of the complainants involved.

One post from the Facebook account named PRINCE JOY IMPERIAL GERONA, reads: “Pa-ila2x sunod. Ako diay usa ka taga media ug live in partner sa kagawad nga taga Barangay Lenienza nga pangalan kay Estela Matutina.” However, one does not automatically injure the reputation of another by such statement. Living together with someone or having a live-in partner is a statement which may or may not injure one’s reputation depending on circumstances. It was not stated if one is married, or that both are. In such case, it could injure the reputation as the same is obviously against laws and public policy. But this Committee cannot presume facts and could not appreciate screenshots when the same are not substantiated as to how they can be libelous.

The Respondent is correct – the Complainants cannot simply rely on attachments found elsewhere in the records without clearly integrating and identifying them in the Position paper, or to its arguments in its pleadings as proof of each allegation.

However, it must be noted that the posts of the Respondent may constitute conduct unbecoming of a public official, especially a Barangay Captain who is expected to be noble in conduct as public trust requires the highest standard of ethics. As the Chief Executive of the barangay, he must serve his constituents with dignity.

Thus, the Respondent is admonished for such unruly behavior over his social media posts. The same will be dealt with strictly next time.

This Committee finds no compelling reason to resolve all other trivial matters raised.

WHEREFORE, Respondent is found guilty of two (2) counts of Grave Misconduct, and is hereby **SUSPENDED** for Six (6) months.

SO RECOMMENDED.”

Immediately thereafter, the Committee of the Whole was convened and, considering that the individual Council Members had been duly furnished a copy of the recommendation during the caucus of the Committee of the Whole last March 25, 2026, purposely to allow them to carefully study the same, the body, acting as Committee of the Whole, and upon formal motion of Honorable Bana—in her capacity as Chairperson of the Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service—adopted *in toto* the recommendation which, in its dispositive portion, found the respondent, Punong Barangay Prince Joy I. Gerona of Barangay Lenienza, guilty of two (2) counts of grave misconduct and imposing upon him a disciplinary penalty of suspension from office for a period of six (6) months, effective immediately, after the conduct of voting, as herein recorded:

For the Motion:	Ten (10) –	Hon. Acedillo, RL; Hon. Bana, JKC; Hon. Asugas, PKN; Hon. Ariosa, MAEV; Hon. Revelo, AMN; Hon. Obaob, MQ; Hon. Culve, BC; Hon. Ariosa, RCGL; Hon. Pulmones, JSS; and Hon. Tan, MU.
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Against the Motion:	None (0)
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Abstention:	One (1) –	Hon. Lim, Jr., AJ
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Note: At this particular point, Honorable Lance Samuel S. Co has already left the session hall before the voting was conducted.

With no further matters to be taken up by the Committee of the Whole, the suspension of the rules was then lifted and the Committee of the Whole is now dissolved as the body now reverted to the plenary.

At this juncture, the body, in consideration of the decision of the Committee of the Whole which adopted *in toto* the recommendation of the Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service, and after formal motion presented by the Honorable Floor Leader, resolved to approve the decision of the Committee of the Whole, after the conduct of the voting, as recorded hereunder:

For the Motion: Ten (10) – Hon. Acedillo, RL; Hon. Bana, JKC; Hon. Asugas, PKN; Hon. Ariosa, MAEV; Hon. Revelo, AMN; Hon. Obaob, MQ; Hon. Culve, BC; Hon. Ariosa, RCGL; Hon. Pulmones, JSS; and Hon. Tan, MU.

Against the Motion: None (0)

Abstention: One (1) – Hon. Lim, Jr., AJ

Subsequently, the body, on motion of Honorable Bana duly seconded and with no objection, the body pass **Resolution No. 2026-0333**, finding Punong Barangay Prince Joy I. Gerona of Barangay Lenienza, this City, administratively liable for two (2) counts of Grave Misconduct and imposing a disciplinary penalty of suspension from office for a period of six (6) months, effective immediately, and the full text of the decision is hereto attached and forms an integral part of the foregoing resolution.

Along with this action, the Honorable City Mayor is hereby directed to issue a corresponding Order implementing the aforesaid decision of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

OTHER MATTERS (CONTINUED):

Lastly, Honorable Culve presented to the body the observation of some Council Members pertaining to a structure which allegedly encroached the sidewalk or the road right-of-way as well as blocked the existing fire hydrant located at the corner of Canuto M.S. Enerio Street (formerly R.T. Lim Street) and J.P. Rizal Avenue.

During the discussion, Honorable Asugas, upon recognition, disclosed that the building which is owned by the Bureau of Fire Protection is supposedly rented by a certain PNP officer, while Honorable Lim, Jr. pointed out that the subject of the obstruction is not the afore-mentioned building owned by the BFP but rather the structure that is within the sidewalk or road right-of-way which, accordingly, block the existing fire hydrant.

Upon resumption, following a recess to allow the Council Members discuss the matter informally, the body, on motion of Honorable Culve and duly seconded, passed **Resolution No. 2026-0334**, requesting the Honorable City Mayor to direct the Pagadian City Road Clearing Team to immediately conduct a thorough investigation and inspection of the alleged encroachment/obstruction of the sidewalk and/or road right-of-way including the accessibility and availability of an existing fire hydrant along the corner of Canuto M.S. Enerio Street (formerly R.T. Lim Street) and J.P. Rizal Avenue, this City, and, if warranted, cause its immediate demolition.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time of adjournment: 10: 31 A.M.
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.

Verified: **ELKID P. NACUA**
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

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
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
JOAN SZANNE S. PULMONES SP Member (LB)	MARYLYNN U. TAN SP Member (SK)

Approved: **MONIQUE SHAIRA Y. TO**
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer