



Republic of the Philippines
City Of Pagadian

Sangguniang Panlungsod
(15th City Council)

**MINUTES OF THE 32ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
(15th CITY COUNCIL) OF PAGADIAN CITY HELD ON 15 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 32nd Regular Session of the 15th City Council at 9:20 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 Roger L. Acedillo, Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa, 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 Ariel J. Lim, Jr., Honorable Patrisha Kaye N. Asugas, Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co, Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, and Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo were recorded. The body also noted that Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana was on leave.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 31ST REGULAR SESSION:

At the instance of the Honorable Asst. Floor Leader, the body dispensed with the Reading of the Minutes of the 31st Regular Session held on April 8, 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 Alegria involving an appropriation of Four Million Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P4,300,000.00).
 - Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Tawagan Sur involving an appropriation of Six Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P6,200,000.00).
2. For Resolution No. 12-786-2026 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur, entitled: “Enjoining the City of Pagadian and the Municipalities of Labangan, Tukuran, Aurora, Tambulig, San Pablo, Dumalinao, Margosatubig, Vincenzo Sagun, Dinas, Dimataling, Pitogo, Lapuyan, Tabina and Kumalarang to fast track the submission of their Respective Coastal Resource

Management Plan to the Provincial Governor through the Provincial Planning and Development Officer, as necessary in the formulation of the Provincial Coastal Resource Management Plan of Zamboanga del Sur, the body, following a brief recess to iron out the matter, and upon motion of the Assistant Floor Leader and duly seconded, adopted **Resolution No. 2026-0335**, official forwarding to the Honorable City Mayor Resolution No. 12-786-2026 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur which, in gist, requested the City Government of Pagadian to fast track the submission of the City's Coastal Resource Management Plan to the Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Sur for use in the formulation of the Provincial Coastal Resource Management Plan.

3. Next considered was the endorsed Appointment Papers of Engr. Gloria B. Samson, for the position of City Government Department Head 1 (City Engineer), Salary Grade 25/1, for concurrence as mandated under RA 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991).

Initially, the body then suspended the rules as it recognized the appointee, Engr. Gloria B. Samson, who then presented her credentials and long work experience at the City Engineer's Office for almost 35 years now. Along with her long work experiences, she provided information that on August 2019 she was appointed as Assistant City Engineer and was later designated as the Officer In-Charge-City Engineer last June 2025 in view of the retirement of then City Engineer Gerry D. Nebria. She also intimated that recently she turned 63 years old and will be serving the City Government for two (2) years more.

During the discussion, Honorable Obaob, upon recognition, informed the body that during his incumbency as the City Vice Mayor last July 2019, he was astonished to note that Engr. Samson, then the Asst. City Engineer, is the one being referred to and even attending meetings regarding infrastructure related problems of the city and not the City Engineer himself, such that the problem of excavated earth materials along the roadside could have been resolved even without adopting an enabling ordinance, if only the appointee had performed her job by removing the excavated materials. Also, he brought out the recurring problem of flooding along the low-lying areas as well as of the city and the lack of plan to address the issue pertaining to the Balangasan River and Gatas Creek.

Engr. Samson, in response to the query of Honorable Lim, Jr., replied that there is already available replacement for the position she will be vacating. On the matter pertaining to whether she has a management plan to fix the identified problems, she expressed apologies for the lapses which has caused inconvenience to the public as she intimated that they are trying very hard to address the foregoing problems. She also disclosed that the implementation of various projects is confronted with different problems such as the budgetary allocation for the SP Building as the work is progressive. Further into her manifestation, she stressed that the drainage in Barangay Sta. Lucia as well as the rehabilitation of rivers is already budgeted and is due for implementation. She then expressed her gratitude to Honorable Lim, Honorable Acedillo and Honorable Culve for the support and assistance with regard to the adjustment of the Association of Carriers and Equipment Lessors (ACEL) rates on the rental of equipment, labor, and fuel which has remained unchanged for the past six (6) years.

Honorable Culve, for his part, reminded the appointee relative to the request of the 15th City Council addressed to the Honorable City Mayor to direct the City Engineer's Office for the installation of "No Parking" street signs and painting of pedestrian lanes to help direct motorists, minimize traffic congestion and prevent accidents, which reminder was duly noted by Engr. Samson who further explained

that the implementation of the said project is awaiting the required bidding for the fabrication and installation of the same, aside from the fact that the installation cannot as yet be made due to the ongoing sidewalk excavations. While Honorable Acedillo, on the other hand, confirmed the accolade relayed by Honorable Obaob to his late father who, during his incumbency as the City Engineer of Pagadian City will go around the city during heavy downpour to inspect the drainage whether it overflows for repair thereafter, but he emphasized that the population of the city was then still small. Thereafter, Honorable Acedillo then extended congratulations to Engr. Samson, his former co-worker, as she deserves the promotion.

On the part of the Honorable Presiding Officer, she called the attention of the appointee pertaining to her observation regarding the implementation of projects under phase by phase will, oftentimes, result to delay, unfinished or unusable projects, as she hopes such issues shall be addressed.

At this juncture, Honorable Lance Co expressed his strong conviction for the promotion of Engr. Gloria B. Samson, as he personally witnessed for the past several years, her dedication, influence, and good moral ascendancy within the CEO where she was never involved in issues of corruption and ghost projects. Accordingly, he intimated that all projects were implemented though there are delays which is due to restrictions on fiscal management, change of orders, unforeseen circumstances, and others, since projects, whether big or small, have to undergo the same paper works such as: bidding, inspection and implementation. He also averred that the City Engineer's Office is not only responsible for the City Government's projects but also those of the 54 barangays. Furthermore, he considers it the moral duty of the body, as members of the LGU, to help just like what he is doing in his personal capacity to go out of his way to address concerns of the constituents for a more harmonious and collective way to achieve great things for the city.

Upon recognition, Honorable Obaob expressed his reservation on the appointment of Engr. Samson who is about to retire in two (2) more years, as he shared his observation that usually those government employees near retirement lose their drive, and become hesitant in their decisions for fear of making mistakes, for which Engr. Samson gave assurance that she will do her best in performing the duties and functions as City Engineer and to address what they want to happen for the city.

Finally, with no further discussions from the Council Members, the rules were then lifted. Thereafter, the body, upon formal motion of Honorable Co and duly seconded, resolved to adopt **Resolution No. 2026-0336**, confirming the appointment of Engr. Gloria B. Samson as City Government Department Head I (City Engineer), effective March 2, 2026.

4. For the endorsed Appointment Papers of Atty. Roxan Desiree T. Ortaleza-Tan, for the position of City Government Department Head 1 (City Administrator), Salary Grade 25/1, for concurrence as mandated under RA 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991), the rules were then suspended to allow the appointee to deliberate on the matter.

Atty. Tan, upon recognition, presented her credentials, qualifications and work experienced. During the discussion, Honorable Lim, Jr. expressed his elation over the impressive credentials of the appointee which, according to him, is an honor of the Local Government Unit of Pagadian. With no further queries and discussions from the Council Members, the body, following the lifting of the suspension of the rules, supported the seconded motion of Honorable Ronald

Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0337**, confirming the appointment of Atty. Roxan Desiree T. Ortaleza-Tan as City Government Department Head I (City Administrator), effective March 1, 2026.

5. The endorsed Appointment Papers of Engr. Joseph Isaias M. Quipot VI, for the position of City Government Department Head 1 (City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer), Salary Grade 25/3, for concurrence as mandated under RA 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991) was next considered. Following the suspension of the rules, Engr. Quipot VI, upon recognition, gave a brief introduction of himself and a brief summary on his qualifications and work experiences. Accordingly, he had served under the City Government of Pagadian for almost 21 years, a City Assessor from 2010 until 2013, became an OFW, and upon the return of Mayor Samuel S. Co, was appointed as the City Administrator before taking on the present position of OIC of the CDRRMO.

During the discussion, Honorable Revelo shared her appreciation to the appointee who, according to her, is being very hands on in his work as she then expressed her support for his promotion, which manifestation was supported by Honorable Obaob

Honorable Culve, for his part, presented his concern regarding the obstruction of the fire hydrant near the fire station in Barangay Balangasan and the stockpile near Dunkin Donut, which concerns were duly noted by Engr. Quipot VI.

Thereafter, with no further questions from the body, the motion of Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V, Ariosa and duly seconded, led to the approval of **Resolution No. 2026-0338**, confirming the appointment of Engr. Joseph Isaias M. Quipot VI as City Government Department Head I (City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer), effective March 1, 2026.

6. For the endorsed Application for Preliminary Subdivision Development Permit for project under residential subdivision of Stephen Homes Phase II, represented by Severino A. Tan, Real Estate Developer, on Lot No. A-3; covered by TCT No. 14,300; TD No. 2019-004249, and Lot No. A-4 covered by TCT No. 14,301; TD No. 2019-004246 with a total land area of 59,210 square meters, located at Barangay Manga, Pagadian City, the body resolved to jointly refer the same to the Committee on Planning and Landed Estates and Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

With the presence of some invited guests in the Session Hall, the body then proceeded to treat the item under Unfinished business particularly the concern of the Honorable Members of the 15th City Council on the continuous surge in petroleum product prices which has directly contributed to the escalating cost of food, transportation and other essential commodities.

Following the suspension of the rules, Honorable Revelo then expressed thanks to the visitors present, as she then gave a brief backgrounder on the matter.

Upon recognition, DTI Regional Director Marlon A. Alabata, shared that their main concern is on the basic commodities and they were able to come up with a list on the SRP until April 30, 2026 for the big establishments of grocery stores and hardware stores. In response to the queries posed by Honorable Revelo they had not included convenience and sari-sari stores as these are not covered within the bounds of the DTI law but they do accept complaints. As for the observation of Honorable Lim on their agency having no regulatory power and his query on how to raise public awareness, he responded that they only monitor prices, inquire, and will issue show cause order

and thereafter impose corresponding penalties to violators. He also disclosed, upon inquiry, that they do have a social platform through Facebook page where they can post the suggested retail price (SRP) and other updates.

As for the query of Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa on the method of monitoring the prices of hardware/stores considering that fuel prices fluctuate, Mr. Alabata responded that the DTI Secretary is in constant talks with the producers or distributors in the hope of getting prices back to normal, and they will issue orders or notices if the stores do not follow the SRP prices.

On the part of the City Agriculturist, Mr. Ramon M. Rodrigo, Jr. gave an update regarding the recent monitoring conducted by the Local Price Monitoring Council which showed that there were no violations so far, and the abundant fish supply had helped keep prices down. In view of the manifestation of Honorable Lim, Jr., Mr. Rodrigo presented the detailed report on the current price of livestock, poultry, fish, and rice in the local market in comparison with the suggested retail price provided by the Department of Agriculture. Being satisfied with the report, Honorable Revelo contended the need for the Local Price Monitoring Council to post the price list on the Asenso Pagadian FB page with a further request to provide the body with a copy of the same through the SP Secretary. Furthermore, Mr. Rodrigo reminded the individual Council Members, being members of the LPMC, to send their respective representatives during the conduct of the LPMC monitoring in the city. On the issue of regulating the price of livestock, he intimated that it is within the regulation of the City Veterinary Office while the NMIS is the sole controlling authority on meat inspection and hygiene. The City Administrator, Atty. Tan, on the other hand, disclosed that the National Food Authority (NFA) is currently selling rice at P20.00 per kilo to vulnerable sectors particularly the Senior Citizen, Persons with Disability, members of 4Ps, single parents, farmers, and the TODA.

At this juncture, Honorable Co informed the body relative to a recent incident involving a local distributor of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) where, accordingly, there was a confiscation of an LPG tank due to a discrepancy of 200 grams but these supplies are coming from outside as the city does not have LPG refilling stations. He expressed bewilderment on the action of the personnel of the Department of Energy whose office is situated in Davao who, on that particular occasion, found time to physically inspect and confiscate defective/lacking petroleum products in the city but, in many instances, only appear via zoom during meetings of the Local Price Monitoring Council of Pagadian City. While Honorable Co does not condone violators, however, such a minimal mistake must not be exaggerated by embarrassing the said businessman.

Honorable Culve, for his part, inquired relative to the proposed establishment of a KADIWA Center, to which Mr. Rodrigo explained that they are still waiting for the documents so for the meantime they will start with the KADIWA NG PANGULO which is a mobile center.

Following a couple of recesses, the matter was deemed noted and to be placed on file. Along with this action, the Provincial Director-DTI, Mr. Alabata and the City Agriculturist, Mr. Rodrigo, were requested to submit to the Sangguniang Panlungsod through the Secretary copies of the suggested retail price (SRP) and the weekly monitoring report of the Local Price Coordinating Council, respectively, for the information and guidance of the Council Members.

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, the report of Honorable Culve pertaining to the status of the Motorized Tricycle Operators Permit (MTOP) released by the MTRFB for the period from July 2026 up to the present was deemed noted and to be put on file.
2. Joint Committee Report No. 144 from the Committee on Planning and Landed Estates and Committee on Environmental Protection, Ecological Preservation and Sanitation, as reported by Honorable Ariel J, Lim, Jr., for Referral No. 15cc-0190 relative to the endorsed application of the City Government of Pagadian, for a special land use permit for the development and improvement of sanitary landfill, located at Barangay Buenavista, this city, facilitated the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0339**, granting a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to the City Government of Pagadian over parcels of land known as Lot Nos. 5609-B; 5609-F; 5609-A; 5609-C; 2 parts of 5609, under TD-2019-000030, 000031, 000029, 000028, 000081, 000082, containing a total area of 62,537.83 square meters, situated at Purok Mahogany, Barangay Buenavista, this city, purposely for the development and improvement of the city's sanitary landfill.
3. Joint Committee Report No. 145 from the Committee on Planning and Landed Estates, Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation and Committee on Agriculture and Fishery, as presented by Honorable Lim, Jr., for Referral No. 15cc-0171, led to the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0340**, denying the application of Dos Paulo Agri-Venture Incorporated for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) over a parcel of land known as Lot No. 4589, covered by TCT No. 131-2021001382, under Tax Declaration No. 2019-000652, containing an area of 48,348, square meters, located in Barangay Gubang, this city, for the establishment of three (3) tunnel-ventilated poultry buildings, with a further advice to the applicant to first secure necessary clearances and comply with all documentary and regulatory requirements necessary in accordance with the actual nature, scale and classification of the proposed project, including applicable agricultural land use, environmental and zoning laws, rules and regulations.
4. Committee Report No. 146 from the Committee on Planning and Landed Estates, as reported by Honorable Lim, Jr., for Referral No. 15cc-0170, facilitated the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0341**, denying the application of Foothill Resort for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) over a parcel of land known as Lot No. 8 PSD-09-059655 covered by TCT No. 131-2022001002, containing an area of Eight Hundred Thirty Two (832) Square Meters, located in Barangay Datagan, this City, for the purpose of establishing a resort, with a further advice to the owner-applicant to secure the necessary clearances and comply with all documentary requirements, in accordance with the actual nature, scale, and classification of the proposed project to ensure strict compliance with existing agricultural land use, environmental, and local zoning laws, rules, and regulations.
5. A referral was made for appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Tulawas involving an appropriation of Four Million One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P4,100,000.00) to the Committee on Finance & Appropriations.
6. Lastly, the endorsed letter from the Regional Manager, National Irrigation Administration (NIA)–Regional Office IX, with an attached Deed of Absolute Sale to be entered into by and between the City Government of Pagadian and the National Irrigation Administration, represented by its Administrator, relative to the intention of the City Government to purchase a parcel of land owned by the latter covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-8,849, containing an area of 2,080 square meters, more or less, situated at Barangay Tuburan (formerly Barangay Sta.

Maria), this city, with a further request of the Honorable City Mayor for an authority to enter and sign the said deed, was jointly referred to the Committee on Finance and Appropriations, Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation and Committee on Planning and Landed Estates.

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 Asugas.

Time of adjournment: 12:16 P.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	(On leave) 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