



Republic of the Philippines
City Of Pagadian

Sangguniang Panlungsod
(15th City Council)

**MINUTES OF THE 38TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
(15th CITY COUNCIL) OF PAGADIAN CITY HELD ON 3 JUNE 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 38th Regular Session of the 15th City Council at 10:10 in the morning.

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

At the instance of Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve who was temporarily designated as Floor Leader, 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 Patrisha Kaye N. Asugas, Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co, Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa, Honorable Joan Szanne S. Pulmones, and Honorable Marylynn U. Tan.

The body also noted that Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, Honorable Roger L. Acedillo, Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo and Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa were all on leave.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 37th REGULAR SESSION:

At the instance of the Floor Leader, the body dispensed with the Reading of the Minutes of the 37th Regular Session held on May 20, 2026. Thereafter, with the presentation of a formal motion for its adoption and there being no comments or discussions from the floor, the minutes was approved as presented.

FIRST READING & REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

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

1. Barangay Ordinance No. 001, s. 2026 from the Barangay Council of Sto. Niño, entitled: “An Ordinance Re-Enacting The Barangay Garbage Collection Fee, Increasing The Monthly Collection Fee From Php25.00 to Php30.00 Per Household, Providing A Classified Garbage Collection Fee For Business Establishment, And For Other Purposes,” was jointly referred to the Committee on Ways & Means; Committee on Environmental Protection, Ecological Preservation and Sanitation; and Committee on Barangay Affairs.
2. A joint referral was made for Barangay Ordinance No. 002, s. 2026 from the Barangay Council of Sto. Niño, entitled: “An Ordinance Implementing Curfew Hours for Minors Within the territorial jurisdiction of Barangay Sto. Niño,

Providing Penalties for Violation thereof, and for other purposes” to the Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention and Committee on Barangay Affairs.

3. For Barangay Ordinance No. 003, s. 2026 from the Barangay Council of Sto. Niño, entitled: “An Ordinance Requiring All Dog Owners To Properly Leash Or Restrain Their Dogs In Public Places Within Barangay Sto. Niño, And Providing Penalties Therefore,” the body resolved to jointly refer the same to the Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention; Committee on Agriculture and Fishery; and Committee on Barangay Affairs.
4. Appropriation Ordinance No. 02, s. 2026 (Supplemental Budget) of Barangay Dao, involving an appropriation of Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P300,000.00), was referred to the Committee on Finance and Appropriations.
5. The copy furnished Management Letter from the Commission on Audit to the Honorable City Mayor on the compliance audit on the required allocation of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management (LDRRM) Fund and Alignment of Budgetary Plans with LDRRM Plan of the City of Pagadian, was jointly referred to the Committee on Disaster/Calamity Resilience and Management and Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention.
6. The endorsed request of the Honorable City Mayor for an authority to negotiate and purchase additional lots for the “Asenso Village Projects, particularly Lot No. 518 with an area of 26, 608 square meters located at Barangay Kahayagan, this City, was subjected to a joint referral to the Committee on Planning & Landed Estate and Committee on Barangay Affairs.
7. At this juncture, the herein documents were deemed noted and to be put on file, viz:
 - Unnumbered Memorandum from the Department of the Interior and Local Government, dated May 21, 2026, re: Conduct of Nationwide Online Webinar on Presidential Assistance to Barangays Under the Socio-Civic Projects Fund SCPF) “Bawat Barangay Makikinabang-Project on May 26, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM via Zoom Video Conferencing and Facebook Live.
 - Notice of Hearing from the National Telecommunications Commission on May 18, 2026 at 11:00 o’clock in the morning, via zoom, relative to the application of Intercontinental Broadcasting Corporation (IBC) for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to install, operate and maintain a 10,000 Watts ERP FM Station in Pagadian City.
 - Resolution No. 12-955-2026 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur, entitled: “Declaring valid City Ordinance No. 2026-628 dated February 18, 2026, titled: “An Ordinance Institutionalizing The "Dugong Bayani" Blood Donation Program Of The City Of Pagadian And Prescribing Policies On The Conduct Of Blood Donation Activities In The City.”
8. Next treated was the endorsed letter of the Honorable City Mayor, dated May 28, 2026, amending his previous request for the body’s endorsement of the proposed projects, viz: (1) Construction of Multi-Purpose Building in the amount of P15,500,000.00 and (2) Food Assistance to Individuals in Crisis

Situation–Rice Distribution Project in the amount of P15,500,000.00 to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), funded through the Local Government Support Fund-Financial Assistance to Local Government Units (LGSF-FALGU), to the passage of necessary resolutions authorizing the implementation thereof, pursuant to the applicable guidelines and requirements of the LGSF-FALGU Program in view of the information that the funding for the Food Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation–Rice Distribution Project in the amount of P15,500,000.00 has already been downloaded in the account of the City Government of Pagadian and is readily available for implementation.

At this point, Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa, upon recognition, informed the body that the amount of P15,500,000.00 intended for the implementation of the Food Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation–Rice Distribution Project is already downloaded in the account of the City Government and is now readily available for implementation, such that the rules were then suspended to treat the matter as urgent.

Following a lengthy discussion, a recess was declared by the Chair to allow the Council Members to discuss the issue informally. Upon resumption at 10:39 a.m., Honorable Culve moved to have the matter be temporarily laid on the table while waiting for the resource speaker to arrive and enlighten the body, however, before the Chair ruled on the motion, Honorable Lim, Jr., was recognized who then presented to the body the salient aspects of the recent request of the Honorable City Mayor. Accordingly, he provided information that there was already a previous request of this particular subject matter which was previously referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services. He also expressed his observation that the request pertains to two (2) projects in the total amount of P31-Million of which P15.5 million was already deposited to the LGU for the Bagong Pilipinas Rice Program subsidy, while the remaining funds for the construction of a Multi-Purpose building has not yet been downloaded. Further into his discussion, he made it clear that the granting of authority to implement the project for rice subsidy must strictly adhere with the established “Sagip-Saka” guidelines which requires that the rice shall be procured directly from the qualified local farmers.

After a couple of recesses, the body, after the huddle, and upon separate formal motion presented by Honorable Lim, Jr. and Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa, respectively, passed the following resolutions, to wit:

- **Resolution No. 2026-0389**, authorizing the implementation of the Food Assistance To Individuals In Crisis Situation–Rice Distribution Project in the amount of Fifteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P15,500,000.00), funded under the Local Government Support Fund–Financial Assistance To Local Government Units (LGSF-FALGU), subject to the compliance of the procurement process and other applicable guidelines of the LGSF-FALGU Program.
- **Resolution No. 2026-0390**, remanding, without action, to the Honorable City Mayor its the letter–request for authority to implement the Construction of a Multi-Purpose Building in the Amount of Fifteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P15,500,000.00), funded under the Local Government Support Fund–Financial Assistance To Local Government

Units (LGSF-FALGU), for the reason that appropriate funds necessary for its implementation has not yet been downloaded to the City Government of Pagadian.

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 endorsed Executive Order No. 9, series of 2026, issued by Honorable City Mayor Samuel S. Co, on the subject: “An Order Lifting the Four-Day Workweek under Executive Order No. 4, series of 2026, while reiterating the strict implementation of Energy Conservation Protocols and Designating an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Officer,” was deemed noted and to be filed. Along with this action, the Honorable Vice Mayor gave direction in open session that the Sangguniang Panlungsod will implement the said Executive Order No. 9 that starting June 01,2026, all officers and employees of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall render a five (5) work week from 8:00 o’clock in the morning until 5:00 o’clock in the afternoon.
2. Resolution No. 2K26-31 from the Barangay Council of Dao, this city, entitled: “A Resolution adopting 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 Penalties for Violation Therefor” was jointly referred to the Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention and Committee on Barangay Affairs.
3. Jointly referred to the Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation and Committee on Barangay Affairs the Barangay Ordinance No. 02, series of 2026, from the Barangay Council of Dao, this city, entitled: “An Ordinance Prohibiting the Act of Being Half-Naked in Public Places within Barangay Dao, Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur.
4. Another joint referral was made for Resolution No. 2K26-33 from the Barangay Council of Dao, entitled: “A resolution amending Barangay Ordinance No. 2K14-03, entitled: “An Ordinance Regulating the Use of ay Audio Devices that can cause disturbance within the territorial jurisdiction of Barangay Dao, Pagadian City,” to the Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention and Committee on Barangay Affairs.
5. Resolution No. 2K26-34, from the Barangay Council of Dao, entitled: “A resolution adopting City Ordinance No. 2017-378, entitled: “An Ordinance Implementing a Curfew within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pagadian and Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof,” was jointly referred to the Committee on Youth Welfare and Juvenile Delinquency and Committee on Barangay Affairs.
6. Likewise, Resolution No. 2K26-35 from the Barangay Council of Dao, entitled: “A Resolution enforcing Barangay Ordinance No. 2024-01, entitled: “An Ordinance Establishing a Curfew Hour for Minors within the territorial jurisdiction of Barangay Dao and Prescribing Penalty for Violation Thereof,” was jointly referred to the Committee on Youth Welfare and Juvenile Delinquency and Committee on Barangay Affairs.

7. At this point, the body approved the consideration of Committee Report No. 172 from the Committee on Planning & Landed Estates and Housing and Urban/Rural Community Development, as presented by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., for Referral No. 15cc-0066 which pertains to the endorsed Application For Reclassification Of Area From Agricultural To Commercial Zone owned by Mr. Cesar C. Dacal, Sr., on Lot No. 4337-B; covered by TCT-131-2017000869; TD No. 2019-000224, containing an area of 18,240, square meters, situated at Purok Balatong-2, Barangay Kahayagan, this City. Based on the information and subsequent recommendation of the concerned Committee, the body passed and approved **Resolution No. 2026-0391**, remanding, without action, the application for reclassification of area from agricultural to commercial zone of a parcel of land known as Lot No. 4337-B, covered by TCT No. 131-2017000869, TD No. 2019-000224, owned by Mr. Cesar C. Dacal, Sr., containing an area of 18,240 square meters, situated at Barangay Kahayagan, Pagadian City, with an advise that the applicant shall fully comply with the mandatory submission of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Order of Finality and the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC);
8. Next reconsidered by the body was Committee Report No. 173 from the Committee on Health and Social Services, as reported by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., for Referral No. 15cc-0231 pertaining to the letter-request of the Honorable City Mayor for authority to enter into MOA with the Hofileña Hospital, for its Hospital Ambulance Services as a requirement in the DOH Licensing of Pagadian City Infirmary. Following the information provided by the concerned Committee that there are provisions in the agreement that needs to clarified and revisited, the body supported the Committee's recommendation through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0392**, remanding, without action, to the Honorable City Mayor the draft Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) to be entered into by and between the City Government of Pagadian and the Hofileña Hospital for the utilization of its ambulance services, with a further request for authority to enter into the same, with an advise that both parties shall further deliberate and finalize the terms and conditions of the proposed agreement.
9. Following the reconsideration and acceptance of Joint Committee Report No. 174 from the Committee on Health and Social Services, Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention and Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation, as presented by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., for Referral No. 15cc-0008, the body, in support of the Committee's recommendation, resolved to return Draft Ordinance No. 006, entitled: "An Ordinance repealing City Ordinance No. 2023-533, entitled: "An Ordinance Institutionalizing A Drug-Free Workplace In The City Government Of Pagadian And, For The Purpose, Providing For A Mandatory Drug Testing Of All City Government Employees And Appropriating Funds For The Implementation Thereof", authored by Hon. Sam Tyra F. Co, and City Ordinance No. 2023-551, entitled: "An Ordinance Institutionalizing A Drug-Free Public Workplace In All Government Offices And, For The Purpose, Mandating The Conduct Of Drug Testing For All City Elective Officials As Well As All Barangay Elective And Appointive Officials To Include Its Employees/Workers", sponsored by Hon. Priscilla M. Fernandez, and enacting in lieu thereof, "An Ordinance Promoting a Drug-Free Workplace in the City of Pagadian, providing sanctions thereof, and for other purposes," to the author/sponsor, Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo, purposely to fine tune and

resolve conflicting provisions thereat in coordination with the City Legal Officer.

10. Next reconsidered and accepted was Joint Committee Report No. 175 from the Committee on Planning & Landed Estates and Housing and Urban/Rural Community Development and Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation, as reported by Honorable Ariel J. Lim. Jr., for Referral No. 15cc-0264, which facilitated the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0393**, approving the application for Preliminary Subdivision Development Permit for project under residential subdivision of Stephen Homes Phase II, represented by Mr. Severino A. Tan, involving 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 and Td No. 2019-004246, containing a total land area of 59,120 square meters, located at Barangay Manga, Pagadian City.
11. Also reconsidered and accepted was Joint Committee Report No. 176 from the Committee on Health & Social Services and Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation, as reported by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., for Referral No. 15cc-0033 pertaining to Draft Ordinance No 013. Following a power point presentation made by the Committee Chair, the body, with no further discussion and amendments, supported the Committee's recommendation through **Resolution No. 2026-0394**, approving on Second Reading Draft Ordinance No. 013, authored by Honorable Lim, Jr., entitled: "An Ordinance Amending City Ordinance No. 2021-498, to strengthen and Enhance the Implementation of the Botika ng Bayan Program in the City of Pagadian by Establishing a Systematic, Accessible, and Equitable Dispensing of Medicines, Prescribing Guidelines, Qualifications and Documentary Requirements Therefor, and for other purposes," and for its consideration on Third Reading.

Upon resumption after a one-minute recess, the body, upon his formal motion, resolved to adopt **Resolution No. 2026-0395**, approving on Third and Final Reading Draft Ordinance No. 013 and ordaining the same as **City Ordinance No. 2026-631**.
12. The verbal concern presented by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr. on the need to conduct an investigation/inspection on the lack of culvert connecting the drainage on the area particularly across the PJC High School at Barangay Balangasan which caused water to overflow during rainy season and endanger the lives of residents and passersby was jointly referred to the Committee on Infrastructure, Public Bidding and Community Development, Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention; and Committee on Barangay Affairs.
13. Another verbal concern presented by Honorable Ariel Lim, Jr. on the unfinished construction along the corner of Sabado Street and Jose P. Rizal Avenue which observably prejudicial to the safety and health of the public was jointly referred to the Committee on Infrastructure, Public Bidding and Community Development; Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention; and Committee on Health & Social Services.
14. The endorsed Resolution No. 037, series of 2026 from the Barangay Council of Tiguma, this city, entitled: "A Resolution Approving the Change of Program/Project/Activity Description of the 20% Development Fund, CY 2026 of

Barangay Tiguma, City of Pagadian,” with a request for appropriate legislative action was deemed referred to the Committee on Finance and Appropriations.

15. Finally, the letter-invitation from the Philippine Councilors League-Regional Council Chapter for a Seminar-workshop on “Navigating the Gas Volatility: Practical Legislative Strategies for Continuity and Efficiency,” on June 10-12, 2026 at the Dakak Beachside Golf and Resort, Dapitan City, as presented by Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, led to the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0396**, considering the participation/attendance of the members of the 15th City Council to the Philippine Councilors League sponsored Seminar Workshop On Navigating The Gas Volatility: Practical Legislative Strategies For Continuity And Efficiency on June 10-12, 2026 at Dakak Beachside Golf and Resort, Dapitan City, as an official undertaking of the body in lieu of its scheduled session for the week thereby, in effect, scheduling the 39th Regular Session to June 17, 2026.

CONVENING OF THE BODY AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION FILED BY PUNONG BARANGAY PRINCE JOY I. GERONA RELATIVE TO THE DECISION ON SP ADMIN CASE NO. 003-2025:

At this point, the body, following the suspension of the rules, was converted as Committee of the Whole in view of the Motion for Reconsideration filed by Punong Barangay Prince Joy I. Gerona relative to the Sangguniang Panlungsod’s decision on SP Admin Case No. 003-2025 which found Respondent, Prince Joy I. Gerona, administratively liable of two (2) counts of grave misconduct and imposing a six (6) months suspension from service.

Thereafter, quorum was declared following a roll call made by the Secretary to the Sanggunian where 8 (eight) Council Members present, while noting that Honorable Joan Szanne S. Pulmones was already out of the Session Hall.

Upon the direction of the Presiding Officer, the case was called by the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod. SP Admin Case No. 003-2025, entitled: John M. Cajote, Estela A. Matutina, Joe T. Lapinig, Susana Sarausa, and Cresencio P. Dablo, as Complainants, versus Prince Joy I. Gerona, Punong Barangay of Barangay Lenienza, as Respondent, 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.

After acknowledging the Motion for Reconsideration filed by the Respondent, and following the motion presented by Honorable Tan, the Honorable Presiding Officer made an Order in open session directing the Chairperson of the Committee on Good Government, Ethics and Civil Service to draft/pen the decision and in concurrence with the Ad Hoc Committee, created for the purpose, with respect to the motion for reconsideration filed by the respondent within 10 days from today pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2016-362 otherwise known as the Rule of Procedure in the Conduct of Administrative Investigation Against Elective Barangay Officials.

Based on the query of Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee was disclosed for record purposes, namely: Honorable

Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana as Chairman, Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve and Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob as members.

With no further matters to be taken up, the Committee of the Whole was then terminated following the lifting of the suspension of the rules. At this point, the proceedings was reverted to the plenary.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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:

(On Leave)

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

(On Leave)

MA. ALICIA ELENA V. ARIOSAS

SP Member

(On Leave)

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