



Republic of the Philippines
City Of Pagadian

Sangguniang Panlungsod
(15th City Council)

**MINUTES OF THE 40TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
(15th CITY COUNCIL) OF PAGADIAN CITY HELD ON 24 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 40th 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:

At the request 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 only four (4) Council Members were noted present, namely: Honorable Vice Mayor Monique Shaira Y. To, Honorable Roger L. Acedillo, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana and Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa. As this number was insufficient to constitute a quorum, a recess was declared.

The session resumed at 9:37 a.m., and after another roll call was conducted, quorum was then declared with the attendance of nine (9) Council Members with the inclusion of: Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co and Honorable Marylynn U. Tan.

Sometime later on during the course of the proceeding, the presence of Honorable Patrisha Kaye N. Asugas and Joan Szanne S. Pulmones were recorded as acknowledged by the Chair. The body also noted that Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo and Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa were both on leave.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 39th REGULAR SESSION:

At the instance of the Floor Leader, the body dispensed with the Reading of the Minutes of the 39th Regular Session held on June 17, 2026. Thereafter, with the presentation of a formal motion for its adoption and there being no comments or discussions from the floor, the minutes was approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

With the presence of the invited guest in the Session Hall in the person of General Manager and CEO Jose Raul A. Sanial of ZAMSURECO I together with the other officers, the body then suspended the sequential treatment of the agenda to consider first the matter under Unfinished Business, Item H-1.1, pertaining to the concern of the Honorable Members of the 15th City Council, relative to issues and concerns relating to the series of unscheduled power interruptions/ brownouts being experienced in the City of Pagadian and the Province of Zamboanga del Sur.

To begin with, Honorable Culve was recognized to give a background information on the matter. Thereafter, following the suspension of the rules, General Manager Jose Raul A. Sanial was recognized by the Chair, as he then expressed his gratitude to the 15th City Council for the opportunity to address the body and explained the issues surrounding the said unscheduled power interruptions and

brownouts experienced in the City of Pagadian and the Province of Zamboanga del Sur through a prepared PowerPoint presentation. Accordingly, he illustrated the causes of the unscheduled brownouts, a series of outages occurred during the months of May and June, primarily due to adverse weather conditions, particularly strong winds that caused trees to fall and damage power lines. He also cited interruptions involving the 69-kilovolt transmission line from Aurora to San Miguel, which is operated by the NGCP, noting that ZAMSURECO-I, as the downstream distribution utility, was affected by these transmission-related outages. He further informed the body that consumers may communicate their concerns through their Facebook account, Customer Care Center, and standby night crew, all of which are readily available to receive reports and ensure that problems are addressed promptly. Mr. Saniel also asked support on the RA No. 11361 and ask for its adoption through the council supporting and empowering vegetation management where they encounter problem with regard to the trimming of trees near the power lines.

During the discussion, Honorable Co sought the explanation from the General Manager regarding the frequent on-and-off power fluctuations, which some consumers believe will result in higher electricity bills, particularly during meter reading periods, to which Mr. Saniel clarified that such perception is incorrect. He explained that whenever there is no power supply or electrical current, the electric meter also stops running. On the matter pertaining to the issue on vegetation management, Honorable Co suggested to the management of ZAMSURECO I to closely coordinate with the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office in the implementation of the provision of R.A. 11361 particularly on the trimming of trees considering that there is now an existing task force “Alambre” created by the Honorable City Mayor where ZAMSURECO I is part and parcel of the said task force.

Honorable Bana, for her part, raised three concerns: (1) the effects of frequent power fluctuations on household appliances, (2) the timely dissemination of notices and communications regarding power tripping and interruptions, and (3) the enforcement of Republic Act No. 11361, otherwise known as the “Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act,” and the need to coordinate with the MDRRMO’s, to which Mr. Saniel explained that the causes of power trippings are the falling of trees and branches to power lines, particularly during adverse weather condition. He emphasized that such incidents cannot always be immediately addressed, especially during nighttime and with some areas not accessible to their equipment and suggested to help prevent these occurrences, he emphasized the importance of implementing an effective vegetation management program to protect power lines. Regarding the dissemination of notices, Mr. Saniel informed the body that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) provides advance notice whenever maintenance activities are scheduled. Such information was directly relayed by ZAMSURECO-I to its consumers through Facebook page and radio programs. However, he clarified that unscheduled interruptions remain a challenge, as they occur unexpectedly without prior notice. As to the concern on the localized implementation of Republic Act No. 11361, Mr. Saniel stated that ZAMSURECO-I has already established partnerships with local government units (LGUs) to support the enforcement of the law and address obstructions affecting power lines.

At this point, Honorable Lim, Jr., upon recognition, presented the following concerns, viz: Firstly, he raised the issue regarding short-duration power interruptions, emphasizing that sudden power fluctuations and brief outages could damage appliances, as he then inquired whether there are possible remedies or measures that could extend such interruptions to at least one to two minutes to provide consumers sufficient time to switch off their appliances and prevent damage, to which General Manager Jose Raul A. Saniel explained that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) has programmed and synchronization

substations to manage power system disturbances and as a practical measure, he advised consumers to use Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) devices to protect electrical appliances for sudden power interruptions and fluctuations. Next presented was the issue concerning electrical posts erected on private lands as well as electrical post now situated in the middle of the road after implementation of road widening which, observably, very hazardous to the motorists. In relation to this issue, he insinuated the possible scenario that the lot owner may reclaim the lot causing the post to be transferred. In reply thereto, Mr. Sanial informed the body that ZAMSURECO-I secures the consent of lot owners before installing utility poles on private properties and for those electrical post now situated in the middle of the road, he contended that they are now pursuing the transfer of the same but he further explained the difficulty they have encountered due to other wires attached to their post which they find difficulty in identifying the owner of such wires. He then assured the body that they will find solutions to such predicaments.

On the part of Honorable Obaob, he sought clarification regarding the status of the previous proposal to purchase the 69-kilovolt (KV) transmission lines, to which Mr. Sanial explained that the proposal was not pursued because the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) still needed to conduct a review of the transmission facilities and there is lacking of supporting documentary requirements necessary for its processing and consideration.

For Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa, he requested a copy of the existing law, Republic Act No. 11361, where he expressed willingness to work closely with the office in its implementation and enforcement. While Honorable Acedillo conveyed his gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Sanial for the clear and comprehensive explanation provided regarding the issues discussed before the body.

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

FIRST READING & REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

Upon resumption at 11:30 a.m. and, with Honorable Culve now acting as Floor Leader, the herein items calendared for First Reading and Referral to Committees were then taken up and acted upon accordingly, to wit:

1. The Annual Budgets from different barangays of the city were referred to the Committee on Finance & Appropriations, to wit:
 - ✓ Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Dampalan, involving an appropriation of Four Million Pesos (P4,000,000.00).
 - ✓ Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Tulangan, involving an appropriation of Four Million Eight Hundred Thousand Pesos (P4,800,000.00).
2. For Draft Ordinance No. 040, authored by Honorable Marylynn U. Tan, entitled: "An Ordinance Strengthening Measures To Prevent Human Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation, and Other Forms Of Abuse And, thereby, Regulating the Admission And Accommodation of Unaccompanied Minors in Hotels, Inns, Motels, Lodging Houses, and Other Accommodation Establishments Within Pagadian City, and Providing Penalties For Violations Thereof," the body resolved to jointly refer the same to the Committee on Youth Welfare and Juvenile Delinquency, Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation, Committee on Commerce, Trade & Industry & Economic Enterprise & Cooperatives, Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety & Illegal Drug Prevention and Committee on Women and Family Welfare and Children's Affairs.

3. At this juncture, the endorsed City Resolution No. 137, s. 2026 of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of San Juan City, entitled: “A Resolution Establishing a Sisterhood Agreement Between The City Government of Pagadian, Province of Zamboanga del Sur, And The City of San Juan, Metro Manila, Further, Authorizing The Honorable Francisco Javier M. Zamora To Negotiate The Terms And Enter Into The Said Sisterhood Agreement,” with a request of the Honorable City Mayor for an authority to accept and sign the same was next considered.

Initially, Honorable Co informed the body that the whole council of San Juan City will be observing the session of the 15th City Council on July 1, 2026. Following the suspension of the rules to urgently consider the matter, Honorable Lim, Jr., during the discussion, expressed his views that the proposed Sisterhood Agreement needs to be reviewed first by the body which was immediately presented on the screen.

After a short deliberation, the body, upon formal motion of Honorable Co and duly seconded, resolved to pass **Resolution No. 2026-0403**, authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to enter and sign, for and in behalf of the City Government of Pagadian, the Sisterhood Agreement with the City Government of San Juan, with reference to the establishment of a framework for sustained inter-local cooperation, the implementation of mutually beneficial programs, projects, and activities, and the creation of a joint technical working group, subject to the respective financial, material, and human resource capabilities of both Local Government Units.

4. The body resolved to note and put on file the letter-reply via electronic mail, from Dr. Seville D. David, Jr., CESO III, Executive Director, National Water Resources Board, relative to SP Resolution Nos. 2026-0308 and 2026-0342, with information that hearings before the Water Rights Division of the Board are presently conducted through virtual means, unless otherwise determined in appropriate instances, parties and interested persons shall participate in the proceedings virtually, with the necessary access links to be provided.
5. For the following Memorandum from Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the body resolved to simply note and put on file the matters and to furnish each Council Members with the copy of the same, viz:
 - ✓ Endorsed Memorandum from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), dated June 18, 2026, on the subject: Invitation to the virtual launching of the Document Management System for Local Government Units (DMS4LGUs), on June 30, 2026 at 1:30 PM via Zoom Platform.
 - ✓ Endorsed Memorandum Circular No. 2026-035 from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) dated June 09, 2026, on the subject: “Guidelines On The Adoption Of The Document Management System For Local Government Units (DMS4LGUs).
 - ✓ Endorsed Memorandum from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), dated June 18, 2026, on the subject: “Templates and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the implementation of the Bawat Barangay Makikinabang: Presidential Assistance Under Socio Civic Project Funds.
6. The invitation from the Philippine Councilor’s League (PCL) TO THE 2nd Quarterly Continuing Local Legislative Education Program (CLLEP), with the theme: “Localizing Resilience: Legislative Interventions in Energy, Food Security, and Public Service Amid Global Economic Disruptions” on July 29 to 31, 2026, at the

Iloilo City Convention Center (ICON) Mandurriao, Ilo-Ilo City was likewise noted and filed and a copy of the same be furnish to all Council Members.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

1. Committee Report No. 181, from the Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety & Illegal Drug Prevention, as presented by its Chairman Honorable Obaob, for Referral No. 15cc-0313, relative to the request of the Honorable City Mayor, for an authority to grant monetary reward/award to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Regional Office 9, in recognition of their successful operation on two (2) separate occasions, resulting in the apprehension of drug personalities.

During the discussion and in consideration of the Committee's recommendation to approve the request of the Honorable City Mayor, Honorable Lim, Jr., upon recognition, inquired on the basis for computing and fixing the amount of the reward, as he cited that previously, the amount of the reward was justified considering that a larger quantity of illegal drugs was confiscated, such that he suggested that the reward must be based from the amount estimated versus achievement. In response thereto, Honorable Obaob, while yielding to the suggestion of Honorable Lim, Jr., assured the body that he will personally present this concern during the Pagadian City Anti-Drug Abuse Council meeting and will update the Council on this matter.

With no other discussion from the floor, the body, on motion of Honorable Obaob and duly seconded, approved the request of the Honorable City Mayor through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0404**, authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to grant monetary reward/award to the officers and men of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA)–Zamboanga del Sur Provincial Office in the total amount of Sixty Thousand (P60,000.00) Pesos—P30,000.00 for each of the two (2) successful operation against illegal drugs in the City of Pagadian.

2. Committee Report No. 182, from the Committee on Finance and Appropriations, as presented by Honorable Culve being the Vice Chairman of the Committee, for Referral Nos. 15cc-0310 & 15cc-0311 led to the passage of the following resolutions, to wit;
 - ✓ **Resolution No. 2026-0405**, declaring Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026, (CY—2026 Annual Budget) of the Sangguniang Barangay of Deborok, this City, to be operative and in full force and effect.
 - ✓ **Resolution No. 2026-0406**, declaring Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026, (CY—2026 Annual Budget) of the Sangguniang Barangay of Dumagoc, this City, to be operative and in full force and effect.

OTHER MATTERS:

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

1. The endorsed request of the Honorable City Mayor for authority to enter into a Deed of Donation with the Office of the President for the Bawat Barangay Makikinabang: Presidential Assistance under Socio Project Funds Intended for the Fifty-Four (54) Barangays of Pagadian City and to accept the donation

and ensure its proper utilization was presented by Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa.

Following the approval of the motion of Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa to urgently consider the matter, the query of Honorable Lim, Jr. regarding the amount to be allocated to each barangay prompted the Chair to declare a recess to allow the Council Members to discuss the matter informally.

Upon resumption of the session, Honorable Obaob presented Resolution No. 12-1076-2026 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur, which is related to the matter at hand. Thereafter, a lengthy discussion ensued.

Honorable Co, during the discussion, sought the indulgence of the Council Members relative to the request of the Honorable City Mayor, as he further explained based on the information he received that the said funds for barangays under the city will be downloaded directly to the City Government while barangays in the municipalities will be downloaded to the Provincial Government, such that it would be wise to just ready the authority of the City Mayor to hasten the process.

considering He stated that a similar matter had previously been presented and he suggested that the matter be laid on the table. However, Honorable Lim, proposed that the matter be referred first to the appropriate committee for review to avoid any duplication of the Deed of Donation. Honorable Co likewise expressed his views on the matter, emphasizing the need to consider granting the City Mayor the requested authority. He also explained that the funds would be downloaded directly to the city or municipality, and that the authority should already be in place when needed.

After another recess was called by the Chair and, upon resumption, the body, in consideration of the proposal of Honorable Lim, Jr. to refer first the matter to appropriate committee for review to avoid duplication of the Deed of Donation, resolved to jointly refer the same to the Committee on Education, Science & Technology & Accreditation of NGOs and POs and Committee on Barangay Affairs. This referral was made with a further direction to the concerned Committees to report it back in next regular session on July 1, 2026 due to its urgency, which direction was duly noted by the Chairman of the Committee on Education, Science & Technology & Accreditation of NGOs and POs.

2. Draft Ordinance No. 041, authored by Honorable Tan, entitled: “An Ordinance strengthening school safety, preventing bullying, youth violence, and other forms of harmful behavior among minors, providing intervention and support mechanisms, and appropriating funds therefore,” was approved on First Reading and was jointly referred to the Committee on Youth Welfare and Juvenile Delinquency, Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation, Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention and Committee on Education, Science & Technology & Accreditation of NGOs and POs.
3. Honorable Co, for his part, presented the letter-request from Col Lino L. Araya, Jr., ART (GSC) PA, 901CDC Director, addressed to the Honorable City Mayor, for legislative endorsement of the application of the following individuals for admission to the Basic Citizen Military Training (BCMAT) CY 2026, namely:

1. Joyce Angelique Laylay Tigam – resident of Sto. Niño District, Pagadian City, ZDS;
2. Virgenia Dionson Caballero – resident of Santa Lucia District, Pagadian City, ZDS;
3. Willy Tac-an Castro – resident of Barangay Napolan, Pagadian City, ZDS;
4. Traxie Paitan Guadalquiver – resident of Barangay Napolan, Pagadian City, ZDS

After a brief discussion, the body resolved to refer the request to the Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal drug prevention.

CONVENING OF THE BODY AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN RELATION TO THE SUBMISSION OF THE WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT, ETHICS AND CIVIL SERVICE WITH RESPECT TO THE MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION FILED BY RESPONDENT, PUNONG BARANGAY PRINCE JOY I. GERONA, OF BARANGAY LENIENZA, ON THE DECISION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF SP ADMIN CASE NO. 003-2025.

With the body now converted as Committee of the Whole, Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, in his capacity as Vice Chairman of the Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service, presented the written recommendation of the decision pertaining to the Motion for Reconsideration filed by Prince Joy I. Gerona of Barangay Lenienza with respect to the decision of the Committee of the Whole which finds him administratively liable and suspending him for six (6) months from office under SP Admin Case No. 003-2025, for perusal and review, with a manifestation that the said recommendation will be discussed and deliberated on by the body acting as Committee of the Whole in the next scheduled meeting.

Thereafter and with no further discussion from the Committee Members, the Presiding Officer then issued an Order in open session that the Committee of the Whole will convene on July 1, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning to deliberate on the recommendation submitted by the Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service.

At this point, the body was reverted to the plenary on motion made by Honorable Culve.

OTHER MATTERS, CONTINUED:

Finally, Honorable Culve expressed his deep concern over the reported shooting incident involving high school students at San Jose National High School in Tacloban City, last June 22, 2026, which took the lives of three (3) students and injured several others as well as the prior incident of stabbing inside the school premises somewhere in Cavite. Given the implication of such violent incidents and his apprehension that it might happen in one of the schools of the City of Pagadian, the body, following the suspension of the rules to urgently consider the matter and, upon his formal motion and duly seconded, resolved to adopt **Resolution No. 2026-0407**, requesting the Honorable City Mayor, in his concurring capacity as Chairman of the Pagadian City School Board, to direct all Public and Private Educational Institutions in the City of Pagadian to strictly implement heightened security protocols within their respective campuses in the light of the reported violent incidents in some schools in the country.

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: 12:49 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	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