



MINUTES OF THE 41ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD (15TH CITY COUNCIL) OF PAGADIAN CITY HELD ON 01 JULY 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 41st 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:

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 five (5) Council Members were noted present, namely: Honorable Vice Mayor Monique Shaira Y. To, Honorable Roger L. Acedillo, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, and Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve. As this number was insufficient to constitute a quorum, a recess was declared.

The session resumed at 9:46 a.m., and after another roll call was conducted, quorum was then declared with the attendance of eight (8) Council Members through the addition of Honorable Patrisha Kaye N. Asugas, Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., and Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa.

Sometime later on during the course of the proceeding, the presence of Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co was recorded as acknowledged by the Chair. The body also took note that Honorable Marylynn U. Tan and Honorable Joan Szanne S. Pulmones were out on Official Business while Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo and Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa were both on leave.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 40TH REGULAR SESSION:

At the instance of the Floor Leader, the body dispensed with the Reading of the Minutes of the 40th Regular Session held on June 24, 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. Appropriation Ordinance No. 02, s. 2026 (Supplemental Budget No. 1) of Barangay Balangasan, involving an appropriation of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000.00) was referred to the Committee on Finance & Appropriations.
2. For the endorsed letter of Barangay Captain Eddie M. Gallega of Barangay Bulatok, respectfully requesting the intervention of the Sangguniang Panlungsod concerning the difficulties encountered by residents of Barangay Bulatok in complying with the documentary and other requirements prescribed by PAMANA Waters Incorporation for the processing and approval of water service applications

- was next presented, the body resolved to jointly refer the same to the Committee on Barangay Affairs and Committee on Public Utilities and Communication/Information Technology.
3. A referral was made for the endorsed letter of Ms. Hazel J. Lu, President, Pagadian-ZDS Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation, Incorporated, requesting the support and participation of the Local Government Unit of Pagadian in hosting the 2026 Business Week and 3rd Zamboanga Peninsula Investment Conference (ZamboPen Icon) scheduled on July 27-31, 2026, at the City Commercial Center (C3 Mall) in Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur, to the Committee on Commerce, Trade & Industry & Economic Enterprise & Cooperatives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

At this juncture, the lone item under Committee Reports, which pertains to Committee Report No. 183 from the Committee on Finance and Appropriations, as presented by Honorable Bana, for Referral Nos. 15cc-0314 and 15cc-0315, was next considered. The body, following a short deliberation made by the Chair, approved the recommendation through the passage of the following resolutions, to wit:

- **Resolution No. 2026-0408**, declaring Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026, (CY—2026 Annual Budget) of the Sangguniang Barangay of Dampalan, this City, to be operative and in full force and effect;
- **Resolution No. 2026-0409**, declaring Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026, (CY—2026 Annual Budget) of the Sangguniang Barangay of Tulangan, this City, to be operative and in full force and effect.

OTHER MATTERS:

As there are urgent concerns and matters not calendared in the agenda that the individual Council Members would like to present to the plenary, the body then proceeded to treat the same under Other Matters and, the herein actions were recorded as unanimously adopted by the body to officially dispose of the items, to wit:

1. First considered was Committee Report No. 184 from the Committee on Education, Science & Technology & Accreditation of NGOs and Pos, and Committee on Barangay Affairs, as presented by Honorable Culve, for Referral No. 15cc-0317 relative to 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. Based on the initial evaluation and consideration of the concerned Committees, the following findings were recorded as herein stipulated, viz:
- On the issue of overlapping, since the 54 barangays of the city are part of the 681 barangays of the province, the City Legal office has clarified that there is no duplication due to the distinct project identification. Even if both City and Province receive allocations under the said program, the funds directly allocated to the City Government of Pagadian will be bound to specific, non-overlapping projects or line-items distinct from any provincial program. Provincial interventions generally focus on macro-level or inter-boundary projects while city-administered funds target localized, immediate barangay-level needs. Accordingly, the City Executive Department will closely coordinate with the Provincial Government and the Commission on Audit (COA) will implement strict accounting and COA safeguards to eliminate any risk of double-funding as every barangay project is mapped with unique project codes and distinct liquidation reports.

- On the concern of a double allocation for the city’s barangays, one from the province and another from the city, the national guidelines of the program is designed by the national government to ensure equal allocation with a per component flat allocation of P200,000.00 per barangay nationwide. The province, with its allocation of P136.2 million which is not a separate discretionary fund, acts strictly as a conduit/trustee to download the checks directly to the accounts of all 681 barangays.

In consideration of the above-mentioned findings and, following the information that the request for authority of the Chief Executive is purposely to formally accept, log, and structurally oversee the implementation rules within the local jurisdiction specifically the strict mandate that 50% (P100,000.00) be locked for the five (5) Presidential scholars per barangay, and the remainder is for community-identified projects, the body, upon formal motion of Honorable Culve and duly seconded, resolved to grant the request through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0410**, authorizing Honorable City Mayor Samuel S. Co to accept and sign the Deed of Donation entered into by and between the Office of the President (OP) as donor, and City Government of Pagadian, as donee, for the donation and acceptance of financial assistance in the amount of Ten Million Eight Hundred Thousand Pesos (P10,800,000.00), representing Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000.00) per barangay, sourced from the Socio-Civic Projects Fund (SCPF), for the implementation of educational assistance and barangay development priorities.

Along with the afore-mentioned authority, the Honorable City Mayor is further authorized to execute all documents necessary to implement this Resolution, ensure faithful compliance with the provisions of the Deed of Donation, and the lawful utilization of the special financial assistance in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations;

- 2. The Honorable Floor Leader presented the endorsed letter from the Honorable City Mayor requesting authority for the Renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement to be entered into by and between the City Government of Pagadian and the Philippine Coconut Authority for the implementation of the Communal Nursery Establishment under the Coconut Hybridization Program of the PCA. Following a brief deliberation, the body, finding urgency and importance in the foregoing matter, and on motion of Honorable Bana and duly seconded, resolved to adopt **Resolution No. 2026-0411**, authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to renew and sign, for and in behalf of the City Government of Pagadian, the Memorandum of Agreement with the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)–Regional Office 9, with reference to the implementation of the Communal Nursery Establishment of Hybrid Coconut Seedlings under the Coconut Hybridization Program.

Along with the above action, the body, in consideration of the manifestation of the Honorable Floor Leader that there is a need to study and review the matter pertaining to the contract period of renewal, resolved to refer the copy of the Memorandum of Agreement to the Committee on Agriculture and Fishery.

At this point, a recess was declared. At 10:20 in the morning, the session was resumed, and following the motion of the Honorable Floor Leader and unanimously seconded, the Chair then suspended the rules as the body is now converted into a Committee of the Whole.

CONVENING OF THE BODY ACTING AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PURPOSELY TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDED DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT, ETHICS AND CIVIL SERVICE PERTAINING TO THE MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION FILED BY RESPONDENT, PUNONG BARANGAY PRINCE JOY I.

GERONA, OF BARANGAY LENIENZA, WITH RESPECT TO THE DECISION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD ON SP ADMIN CASE NO. 003-2025, ENTITLED: JOHN M. CAJOTE, ET. AL. VERSUS PUNONG BARANGAY PRINCE JOY I. GERONA OF BARANGAY LENIENZA, THIS CITY, 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.

At the outset, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, in her capacity as the Chairperson of the Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service, presented the recommended decision penned by the concerned Committee which is quoted herein:

“After careful evaluation of the Motion for Reconsideration, we find that the arguments raised therein are mere reiterations of those already presented and thoroughly considered in the initial pleadings. The movant has not presented any new matters or compelling reasons to warrant a modification or reversal of the previous ruling.

Accordingly, the Motion for Reconsideration is hereby **DENIED** for lack of merit. The decision previously rendered stands as final and executory.”

During the course of the proceeding, the Presiding Officer, Honorable Vice Mayor To, expressed her observations as regards several substantive arguments raised by the respondent in his Motion for Reconsiderations, viz:

1. The alleged denial of due process arising from the failure to officially furnish him and his counsel copies of the Decision;
2. The contention that the elements of Grave Misconduct were not established by substantive evidence;
3. The finding regarding the temporary transfer of barangay operations to the SK Hub;
4. The finding regarding the alleged refusal to turn over the check stub; and
5. The argument that the penalty imposed is excessive.

In response thereto, Honorable Bana explained that the arguments raised by the respondent had already been discussed and provided for and approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod. She also contended that it would just be a reiteration if the Committee on Good Government, Ethics and Civil Service would discuss it again and it is just a futile move on the part of the Punong Barangay to delay the proceeding. Furthermore, she stressed that the respondent has still a remedy of appeal should he feel that he is not given due process by this Council.

With no further discussions from the Committee Members, the recommended decision was then adopted *en toto* by the body acting as Committee of the Whole through a vote, as herein recorded, to wit:

For the Motion : Seven (7) – Honorable Acedillo, RL; Honorable Bana, JKC; Honorable Asugas, PKN; Honorable Obaob, MQ; Honorable Co, LSF; Honorable Culve, BC; and Honorable Ariosa, RCGL.

Against the Motion : None (0)

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

Thereafter, the suspension of the rules was lifted and, the body reverted to the plenary performing their legislative functions.

OTHER MATTERS, CONTINUED:

1. At this juncture, Honorable Bana presented to the floor the approved decision of the body acting as Committee of the Whole pertaining to the Motion for Reconsideration filed by Punong Barangay Prince Joy I. Gerona of Barangay Lenienza, Respondent of Administrative Case docketed as SP Admin Case No. 003-2025 which, in gist, denied the motion for lack of merit, for consideration and deliberation.

After a brief huddle, and with no further discussion from the floor, Honorable Bana then formally moved and duly seconded, to adopt the approved decision of the body acting as Committee of the Whole on SP Admin Case No. 003-2025. Thereafter, the motion was put into a vote and the result is herein recorded as follows, to wit:

For the Motion : Seven (7) – Honorable Acedillo, RL; Honorable Bana, JKC; Honorable Asugas, PKN; Honorable Obaob, MQ; Honorable Co, LSF; Honorable Culve, BC; and Honorable Ariosa, RCGL.

Against the Motion : None (0)

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

Based on the result of the voting, the body resolved to deny, for lack of merit, the Motion for Reconsideration filed by Punong Barangay Prince Joy I. Geron of Barangay Lenienza, this city, relative to the decision of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (15th City Council) on the Administrative Case under Docket No. SP Admin Case No. 003-2025 through **Resolution No. 2026-0412**.

In consideration of the manifestation of Honorable Co that the Honorable City Mayor Samuel S. Co and Honorable City Mayor Francisco Javier M. Zamora of San Juan City will be visiting the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the Chair then declared a recess.

2. With the arrival now in the session hall of the expected dignitaries, the Honorable Presiding Officer, Vice Mayor Monique Shaira Y. To, then acknowledged the presence of the City Mayor of Pagadian City, Honorable Samuel S. Co, and the City Mayor of San Juan City, Honorable Francisco Javier M. Zamora, along with the Tourism Officer of the City Government of San Juan.

As a gesture of the body's appreciation for the visit, both Local Chief Executives were recognized and given the floor to give their respective short messages. Honorable Samuel S. Co, Pagadian City Mayor, expressed thanks and gratitude to the Council Members for the warm welcome.

Thereafter, Honorable Francisco Javier M. Zamora, City Mayor of San Juan, was given the floor where he extended his felicitations and acknowledged each of the members of the City Council. Briefly, he gave a summary on how he started in politics as a councilor in 2007 before becoming Mayor in 2019, and expressed that he is really excited to sign the sisterhood agreement with which both cities can help each other during calamities but also to learn the city's best practices of which opportunity he is looking forward to. The short messages given by both Local Chief Executives were

deemed noted and a brief recess was declared for a photo-op together with the Council members.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no more matters to discuss, the session was declared adjourned on motion of Honorable Bana, following the closing prayer led by Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosia.

Time of adjournment: 10:42 A.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. ARIOS
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. ARIOS
SP Member

(Official Business)
JOAN SZANNE S. PULMONES
SP Member (LB)

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

Approved:

MONIQUE SHAIRA Y. TO
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer