



MINUTES OF THE 44TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD (15TH CITY COUNCIL) OF PAGADIAN CITY HELD ON 22 JULY 2026 AT THE SP SESSION HALL, 4TH FLOOR CITY COMMERCIAL CENTER (C3) BUILDING, PAGADIAN CITY

CALL TO ORDER:

Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, Chairman Pro-Tempore, convened and officially called to order the 44th Regular Session of the 15th City Council at 9:29 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 only six (6) Council Members were noted present, namely: Honorable Roger L. Acedillo, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa and Honorable Joan Szanne S. Pulmones. As this number was insufficient to constitute a quorum, a recess was declared.

The session resumed at 10:00 a.m., and after another roll call was conducted, quorum was then declared with the attendance of nine (9) Council Members through the attendance of Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co, Honorable Marylynn U. Tan and Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr.

The body also noted that Honorable Monique Shaira Y. To, Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa, Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo and Honorable Patrisha Kaye N. Asugas were on leave.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 43RD REGULAR SESSION:

At the instance of the Floor Leader, the body dispensed with the Reading of the Minutes of the 43rd Regular Session held on July 15, 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. Resolution No. 12-1051-2026, from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur, entitled: "Adopting Committee Report No. 675-2026, dated June 10, 2026 of the Committee on Appropriations/Finance, Ways and Means, thereby declaring operative in its entirety Appropriation Ordinance No. 01-05-2026 of Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur was simply noted and filed.
2. Similarly, the copy furnished letter-invitation from Regional Director Pablo L. Benitez, Jr., Phd, CESO V, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Regional Office IX, on the subject: "Invitation to the 2026 Reinforcing Public Accountability in Local Governance (RPA) Webinar, on September 10, 2026 from

1 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM via zoom was noted and filed with the direction from the Chair
2 to furnish all SP Members with the copy of the letter invitation.

3 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

4 At this point, the body unanimously approved the consideration of the herein
5 Committee Reports, as presented by Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana. Shortly
6 thereafter, the body resolved to support the recommendation of the Committee to
7 simply note and file the herein Committee Reports, as follows:

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- 9 • Joint Committee Report No. 199, from the Committee on Finance and
10 Appropriations and Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service, for
11 Referral No. 15cc-0015 which pertains to the endorsed letter from anonymous
12 claimants/former employees of the City Government of Pagadian dated July 1, 2025,
13 seeking intervention from the Sangguniang Panlungsod relative to their unpaid
14 claims for separation pay and terminal leave benefits for the reason that the Local
15 Finance Committee had made clear that no concern remained unacted provided that
16 all the necessary documents had been submitted by the applicants.
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 - 18 • Committee Report No. 200, from the Committee on Finance and Appropriations, for
19 Referral No. 15cc-0002 relative to the Copy Furnished Annual Audit Report (AAR) of
20 the City Government of Pagadian for Calendar Year 2024 pursuant to Section 2,
21 Article IX-D of the Philippine Constitution and Section 43 of PD No. 1445, otherwise
22 known as the Government Auditing Code of the Philippines as the Committee finds
23 no area of critical importance that requires any action.
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25 **OTHER MATTERS:**

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

- 29 1. The first item considered was Committee Report No. 201 from the Committee on
30 Laws, Rules and Policy Formulation, the Committee on Barangay Affairs, and the
31 Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety, and Illegal Drug Prevention, as presented
32 by Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, relative to Referral No. 15cc-0295. Through a
33 PowerPoint presentation, the Committee Chair thoroughly discussed the
34 "whereas" clauses of the proposed ordinance and explained its provisions section
35 by section, including the Definition of Terms and the Exception Clause. She
36 emphasized the exceptions relating to age, venue, expression through fashion,
37 culture, and the arts, and as necessary due to livelihood.

38 During the period of discussion, Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr. raised a concern
39 regarding homeless and indigent individuals, questioning whether the proposed
40 ordinance might be perceived as anti-poor in a situational basis where they cannot
41 afford to buy clothing's and sought clarification from the proponent on how
42 apprehensions would be carried out under those circumstances. In response,
43 Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana explained that clothing is now generally
44 affordable, with many at "ukay-ukay" items at minimal cost. She further
45 emphasized that poverty, in itself, should not be reason for a situational exemption
46 as it will be an absurd provision to the proposed ordinance. As for the imposition of
47 penalties, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana clarified that there is no warning but
48 instead the 1st offense will directly be implemented. She also explained the changes
49 with the addition of the word "naked" in the title along with the definition of terms
50 so as not to leave the interpretation to the discretion of the apprehending officer.
51 With Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr. yielding, the motion of the Committee Chair which
52 was duly seconded was approved through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-**
53 **0425**, approving on Second Reading Draft Ordinance No. 039, sponsored by

Honorable Bana, entitled: “An Ordinance Prohibiting the Act of Being Naked, Topless or Half-Naked in Public Places,” and for its consideration on Third Reading.

Upon resumption after a one-minute recess, with no further discussion, upon motion of Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana and duly seconded, the body resolved to approve the same through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0426**, approving on Third Reading and Final Reading Draft Ordinance No. 039 and ordaining the same as **City Ordinance No. 2026-632**.

2. Committee Report No. 202 from the Committee on Planning and Landed Estates, Housing and Urban/Rural Community, as presented by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., for Referral No. 15cc-0312 led to the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0427**, authorizes the Honorable City Mayor to negotiate and purchase a parcel of land known as Lot No. 5144-D, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. T-50,783 and registered in the name of Spouses Roel & Rozyl Aposaga, containing an aggregate land area of 30,000 square meters, situated at Barangay Lala, this city, for use as additional site for the Asenso Village project.

3. Committee Report No. 203 from the Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation, as rendered by Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0290 pertaining the endorsed Legal Opinion from the City Legal Office, relative to the passage and approval of City Ordinance No. 2026-627 which, in gist, suspends the implementation of Section 216, Apportionment Or Sharing Scheme For The Proceeds Of All Administrative/ Judicial Fines under City Ordinance No. 2018-400, with a recommendation, among others, that the afore-cited section of the said Ordinance, which found to be legally defective, be instead repealed was also considered. Following the recommendation made by the Chair to amend the ordinance particularly the collection, a recess was declared to allow the Council Members discuss the matter informally.

Upon resumption, the manifestation of the Chair was noted allowing the proposed amendment under Section 216 of City Ordinance No. 2018-400, by inserting the phrase “such that the proceeds of administrative fines collected from or paid by the violators of the city traffic rules and regulations who opted to settle their violations administratively during the reglementary period of 72 hours from the time of arrest shall accrue, be collected and entered into the general funds book of the city and the apportion will follow,” be incorporated in the proposed draft amendatory ordinance to be formulated by the Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management and Franchising with respect to City Ordinance No. 2018-400. Along with this, Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, in his capacity as the Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management and Franchising took note of the matter as manifested by the Presiding Officer.

4. For the endorsed SK Supplemental Budget No. 001, CY 2026, of Barangay Kalasan in the amount of P300,000.00, the body resolved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance & Appropriations.

5. A referral also was made for the endorsed letter-request of the Honorable City Mayor for authority to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be entered into by and between the City Government of Pagadian and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-RO IX, for the implementation of the “Smart and Sustainable Communities” Program, to the Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management and Franchising.

6. At this juncture, the following unscheduled Committee Reports was also considered as presented by Honorable Culve after it was accepted by the body, and the herein actions were approved as recorded, to wit:

- 1 • Joint Committee Report No. 204 from the Committee on Public Utilities and
2 Communication/Information Technology and Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy
3 Formulation, for Referral No. 15cc-0048 facilitated the adoption of **Resolution**
4 **No. 2026-0428**, adopting the following recommendations of the Joint
5 Committees on Public Utilities and Communication/Information Technology &
6 Committee on Laws, Rules, and Policy Formulation as embodied in its Joint
7 Committee Report No. 204, dated July 22, 2026 relative to the unresolved issues
8 on the implementation of the approved tricycle fare matrix, particularly the
9 reported collection of fares in excess of the prescribed rates, as herein specified,
10 viz:
 - 11 ❖ That the Road Traffic Management Office (RTMO) and the Motorized Tricycle
12 Franchising and Regulatory Unit (MTFRU) intensify the enforcement of the
13 approved tricycle fare matrix and impose appropriate sanctions against
14 violators;
 - 15 ❖ That all tricycle operators and drivers be required to prominently display the
16 approved fare matrix inside their unit;
 - 17 ❖ That a sustained public information campaign be conducted to educate
18 commuters and drivers on the authorized fare rates and the available
19 complaint mechanisms;
 - 20 ❖ That the Road Traffic Management Office (RTMO) strengthen traffic
21 enforcement by clearing illegal parking, regulating loading and unloading
22 areas, and increasing the deployment of traffic personnel in congestion-
23 prone areas; and
 - 24 ❖ That a consultative meeting be convened among the City Government,
25 tricycle operators' and drivers' associations, commuters and other
26 stakeholders to address transportation concerns and identify long-term
27 solutions to traffic congestion.
- 28 • Committee Report No. 205 from the Committee on Public Utilities and
29 Communication/Information Technology, for Referral No. 15cc-0067 led to the
30 passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0429**, confirming the validity of Barangay
31 Ordinance No. 3 from the Barangay Council of Ditoray, entitled: "An Ordinance
32 Prohibiting the Use of Motor Vehicles with an Open Pipe Muffler or those that
33 are defective or have been modified which increase the sound emitted by motor
34 vehicles and penalizing owners/drivers in Barangay Ditoray, Pagadian City,
35 Zamboanga del Sur."
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- 37 • Committee Report No. 206 from the Committee on Public Utilities and
38 Communication/Information Technology, for Referral No. 15cc-0068 facilitated
39 the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0430**, confirming the validity of Barangay
40 Ordinance No. 8 from the Barangay Council of Ditoray, entitled: "An Ordinance
41 Regulating Speed Limit at 20KPH to all types of motor vehicles that traverse
42 within the jurisdiction of Barangay Ditoray and providing penalties for violation
43 thereof."
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- 45 • Joint Committee Report No. 207 from the Committee on Public Utilities and
46 Communication/Information Technology, Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy
47 Formulations and Committee on Barangay Affairs, for Referral No. 15cc-0269 was
48 treated and approved through **Resolution No. 2026-0431**, confirming the validity
49 of Barangay Ordinance No. 004, series of 2025, of Barangay Tuburan, entitled:
50 "An Ordinance Establishing the Freedom of Information (FOI) Mechanism in
51 Barangay Tuburan, Pagadian City."
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- The adoption of the above-mentioned **Resolution Numbers 2026-0429, 2026-0430 and 2026-0431** was based on findings of the concerned Committee that the reglementary period of 30-days to review barangay ordinances as provided under the Local Government Code of 1991 had already lapsed but, at the same time, it was found beneficial and for the best interest of the barangay concerned.
- Joint Committee Report No. 208 from the Committee on Public Utilities and Communication/Information Technology and Committee on Environment Protection, Ecological Preservation and Sanitation, for Referral No. 15cc-0222 which pertains to the endorsed Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01 from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Finance (DOF) dated February 23, 2026, re: Dissemination of DILG-DOF Joint Memorandum Circular relative to the Implementing Guidelines for the setting-up and operation of Public Utilities Local Water Supply and Sanitation Services (PULWSSS), was deemed noted and filed with a further recommendation to furnish copy of the Joint memorandum Circular to the Office of the City Mayor, City Planning and Development Officer; City Engineer’s Office, City Treasurer, City Health Office, City Environment and Natural Resources Office, and other concerned offices for their information and appropriate action.
 - Joint Committee Report No. 209 from the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, Communications and Franchising and Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation, for Referral No. 15cc-0035 relative to the unnumbered Draft Ordinance, entitled: “An Ordinance Regulating the Use of National Roads and Highways, within their respective territorial jurisdiction as parking areas of cargo trucks especially during nighttime,” was simply noted. Prior to its action, the recommendation of the concerned Committee for the approval of the said draft ordinance on Second Reading was withdrawn following the suggestion of the Honorable Presiding Officer to incorporate instead the said Draft Ordinance together with the proposed amendments presented earlier by Honorable Bana in her Committee Report No. 203 with the amendatory ordinance currently formulated by the Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management & Franchising with regard to City Ordinance No. 2018-400.
7. At this point, Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob relinquished the Chair to Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa, so as to allow him to render his unscheduled Committee Report after it was considered and accepted by the body, as herein recorded, to wit:
- Joint Committee Report No. 210 from the Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention and Committee on Barangay Affairs, for Referral No. 15cc-0324 led to the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0432**, remanding, without action, Barangay Ordinance No. 01, series of 2026, from the Sangguniang Barangay of Tuburan, entitled: “An Ordinance Banning Drinking of Liquor and Intoxicating Beverages in Public Areas,” with an advise to amend the penal clause to conform with Section 391 (a)(14) of the Local Government Code of 1991.
 - Joint Committee Report No. 211 from the Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention and Committee on Barangay Affairs, for Referral No. 15cc-0325 which facilitated the adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-0433**, confirming the validity of Barangay Ordinance No. 02, series of 2026, from the Sangguniang Barangay of Tuburan, entitled: “An Ordinance Instituting Curfew Hours for Minors, Defining Prohibited Acts, Providing Exemptions, and Prescribing Penalties for Violation Thereof.”

- Joint Committee Report No. 212 from the Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention and Committee on Barangay Affairs, for Referral No. 15cc-0324 led to the approval **Resolution No. 2026-0434**, remanding, without action, Barangay Ordinance No. 03, series of 2026, from the Sangguniang Barangay of Tuburan, entitled: “An Ordinance Prohibiting the Act of Being Topless or Half-Naked in All Public Places Within the Territorial Jurisdiction of Barangay Tuburan and Prescribing Penalties for Violation Thereof,” with an advise to amend the penal clause to conform with Section 391 (a)(14) of the Local Government Code of 1991.

CONVENING OF THE BODY AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 004-2026, ENTITLED: PUNONG BARANGAY ANSELMO J. OBEDENCIA, ET.AL., VERSUS BARANGAY KAGAWAD ARNEL L. CRUZ, OF BARANGAY SANTO NIÑO, THIS CITY, FOR GRAVE MISCONDUCT, CONDUCT UNBECOMING OF A PUBLIC OFFICER, GROSS NEGLECT OF DUTY AND INEFFICIENCY IN VIOLATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, WITH RESPECT TO THE RECOMMENDED DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT, ETHICS & CIVIL SERVICE ON THE AFORE-MENTIONED ADMINISTRATIVE CASE.

With Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob now taking over as Presiding Officer, the body, following the suspension of the rules, and on motion of the Honorable Floor Leader and unanimously seconded, the session was converted into a Committee of the Whole purposely to report the recommendation of the Committee of Good Government, Ethics and Civil Service.

Before the Committee of the Whole proceeded to deliberate on SP Admin Case No. 004-2026, a roll call was conducted, during which the presence of nine (9) Council Members was confirmed. The body acting as Committee of the Whole then proceeded to tackle SP Admin Case No. 004-2026.

Shortly thereafter, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana presented to the body, for its consideration, the decision penned by the Committee on Good Government, Ethics and Civil Service with concurrence of the Adhoc Committee, as quoted hereunder, viz:

“The respondent Arnel LK. Cruz, Barangay Kagawad of Barangay Sto. Nino, City of Pagadian, is hereby found Administrative Liable for Grave Misconduct of Office and hereby suspended from office for a period of six (6) months, effective upon finality and in accordance with applicable law and rules. However, by virtue of the legal impossibility of imposing the penalty of suspension to a public official who is no longer holding any office, the Committee finds that a stern reminder to the respondent to voluntarily submit himself to a drug treatment facility for his rehabilitation should be issued.”

At this point, the body proceeded to consider the motion to approve the decision as presented by Honorable Bana which led, without further discussion, to the approval of the said recommended Decision through voting as herein recorded, viz:

For the Motion	:	Eight (8) – Hon. Acedillo, RL; Hon. Bana, JKC; Hon. Lim, Jr., AJ; Hon. Co, LSF; Hon. Culve, BC; Hon. Ariosa, RCGL; Hon. Pulmones, JSS; and Hon. Tan, MU.
Against the Motion	:	None (0)
Abstention	:	None (0)

Thereafter, the Presiding Officer, in an open session, made an Order notifying all parties to be present on August 5, 2026 at 11:00 in the morning for the promulgation of the Decision.

With no other matters to be taken up by the body acting as Committee of the Whole and, upon formal motion presented by Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, the body now is reverted to the plenary.

OTHER MATTERS, CONTINUED:

At this juncture, Honorable Bana invited the individual Council Members to attend the forthcoming National Convention of the Philippine Councilors League on July 29-31, 2026, at the Iloilo City Convention Center (ICON), Mandurriao, Iloilo City. After a brief deliberation and given the importance of such occasion, the body, upon her formal motion and duly seconded, passed **Resolution No. 2026-0435**, considering the participation/attendance of the members of the 15th City Council to the PCL-2026 2nd Quarterly Continuing Local Legislative Education Program (CLLEP) on July 29 to 31, 2026, at the Iloilo City Convention Center (ICON), Mandurriao, Iloilo City, as an official undertaking of the body in lieu of its scheduled session for the week thereby, in effect, scheduling the 45th Regular Session to August 5, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time of adjournment: 11:42 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
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(On Leave) PATRISHA KAYE N. ASUGAS SP Member	ARIEL J. LIM, JR. SP Member
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(On Leave) MA. ALICIA ELENA V. ARIOSAS SP Member	(On Leave) ANN MARJORIE N. REVELO SP Member
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LANCE SAMUEL F. CO SP Member	BIENVENIDO C. CULVE SP Member
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RONALD CHRISTOPHER GLENN L. ARIOSAS SP Member	JOAN SZANNE S. PULMONES SP Member (LB)
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MARYLYNN U. TAN
SP Member (SK)

Approved:

(On Leave) MONIQUE SHAIRA Y. TO City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer	MAPHILINDO Q. OBAOB Chairman Pro-Tempore, Presiding
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