



MINUTES OF THE 45TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD (15th CITY COUNCIL) OF PAGADIAN CITY HELD ON 5 AUGUST 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 45th 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:

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 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 Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa, and Honorable Joan Szanne S. Pulmones.

Sometime later on during the course of the proceeding, the presence of Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co, Honorable Patrisha Kaye N. Asugas, Honorable Marylynn U. Tan, Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., and Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa were recorded as acknowledged by the Chair. The body also took note that Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo was on leave.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 44th REGULAR SESSION:

At the instance of the Floor Leader, the body dispensed with the Reading of the Minutes of the 44th Regular Session held on July 22, 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. 148, s. 2026, from the Barangay Council of Sto. Niño, entitled: "A resolution declaring the position of Sangguniang Barangay Member previously held by Honorable Arnel L. Cruz as vacant effective July 15, 2026, due to his resignation, and expressing the sense of the Barangay Council not to recommend the appointment of a successor in view of the upcoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) 2026," was jointly referred to the Committee on Barangay Affairs and Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service.
2. A referral was made to the Committee on Finance and Appropriations for Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Lower Sibatang, involving an appropriation of Four Million One Hundred Thousand (P4,100,000.00) Pesos.

3. The copy furnished Memorandum Circular No. 2026-041, dated July 23, 2026 from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) relative to the implementation of E-Legis Reference System, as an online AI-driven legislative information platform that consolidates local ordinances, resolutions, and other legislative issuances was simply noted and filed with a directive from the Chair to furnish all Council Members with copies of the memorandum circular.
4. As for the endorsed request of the Honorable City Mayor for an authority to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Agriculture, Regional Office IX and the Sunshine World College of Technology, Incorporated, relative to the implementation of the Livelihood Economic Enterprise Development (LEED) Program—Establishment of Multiplier Farm where the recipient will receive one (1) module cattle multiplier farm project from the Department of Agriculture, the body resolved to refer the same to the Committee on Agriculture and Fishery.
5. The endorsed Pro-forma Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be entered into by and between the City Government of Pagadian and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)-Regional Office for the collaboration in the establishment and implementation of the Pagadian City Urban Biodiversity Program, was referred to the Committee on Environmental Protection, Ecological Preservation and Sanitation.
6. Executive Order No. 12, s. 2026, issued by the Honorable City Mayor, entitled: “An Executive Order Further Updating and Reconstituting the Composition of the Personnel Selection/Promotion Board of the City Government of Pagadian was noted and to be put on file. Along with this action, the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod was given instruction to furnish all SP Members with copies of the Executive Order.
7. The body referred to the Committee on Planning & Landed Estates, Housing and Urban/Rural Community Development the endorsed request of the Honorable City Mayor for an authority to execute a Deed of Donation of a parcel of land to be donated by the City Government of Pagadian to the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), involving Lot 5-B, Block 16-A of the PRC-MCO Subdivision Plan with an area of One Thousand (1,000) square meters at the Regional Government Center, Balintawak, Pagadian City.
8. At this point, the Veto Message of the Honorable City Mayor relative to the passage of City Ordinance No. 2026-631, entitled: “An Ordinance Providing for the Pagadian City Botika Ng Bayan Dispensing Ordinance Of 2026,” was temporary held in abeyance pending the arrival of the author of the said ordinance in the session hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The body then proceeded to tackle the following calendared Committee Reports, as presented by Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana. Shortly thereafter, the following recommendations as stipulated in the Committee Reports were adopted, as herein recorded:

1. First considered was Joint Committee Report No. 213 from the Committees on Laws, Rules, and Policy Formulation, on Human Rights and Subanen/Muslim Community Affairs, on Planning and Landed Estates, Housing and Urban/Rural Community Development and on Barangay Affairs, for Referral No. 15cc-0017 relative to Resolution No. 12, s. 2025 of Barangay White Beach, entitled: “A resolution requesting the 15th City Council to reconsider the retracting of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Resolution of the 14th City Council relative to the titling of the parcel of land located at Barangay White Beach for the reason of the failure to hold a public hearing for the purpose. Following the information that the subject matter is still

pending before the local court, the body supported the recommendation to defer action pending the court's resolution on the matter.

2. Joint Committee Report No. 214 from the Committees on Laws, Rules, and Policy Formulation, on Health and Social Services, on Barangay Affairs and on Agriculture and Fishery, for Referral No. 15cc-0049, led to the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0436**, forwarding to the Sangguniang Barangay of Tiguma, for its appropriate action, the letter complaint from the residents of the Pagadian Mutual Executive Heights, situated along the B.F. Arao Avenue pertaining to the health and environmental concerns due to the operation of poultry farm within the vicinity.

3. For Committee Report No. 215 from the Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service, for Referral No. 15cc-0055, pertaining to the issue presented by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr. on the need to conduct legislative investigation on the possible malfeasance committed by the officer and personnel of the Agora Market and the City Economic Enterprise Department in connection with the alleged illegal removal of the so-called transient vendors thereat was noted and filed for the following reasons, viz:

- ✓ Recognition of the prior legislative action already taken by the Committee on Markets and Slaughterhouse/ Dressing Plants through Resolution No. 2025-0070;
- ✓ Referral of any allegations of malfeasance to the appropriate investigative bodies (e.g. City Legal Office) for fact finding as legislative body has already exhausted its role on policy formulation and oversight regarding vendor relocation; and
- ✓ Monitoring compliance with Resolution No. 2025-0070 by requiring the concerned offices (City Administrator, Market Supervisor, Business Permits and Licensing Officer) to submit the reports to the Sanggunian Panlungsod on the status of relocation and validation of vendors.

4. Joint Committee Report No. 216 from the Committees on Finance and Appropriations, on Laws, Rules, and Policy Formulation and on Planning and Landed Estates, Housing and Urban/Rural Community Development, for Referral No. 15cc-0265, facilitated the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0437**, authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to purchase, by way of a Deed of Absolute Sale, a parcel of land owned by the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-8,849, containing an area of 2,080 Square Meters, situated at Barangay Tuburan (formerly Barangay Santa Maria), this city, in the amount of Seven Million Two Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Pesos (P7,238,000.00), purposely for use in the expansion of the City's Public Cemetery.

OTHER MATTERS:

With no other matters calendared in the agenda, the following matters, concerns and/or documents were considered under Other Matters, and the herein actions were recorded as unanimously adopted by the body to officially dispose of the items, to wit:

1. The following unscheduled Committee Reports rendered by Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve were considered and thereafter the following recommendations were approved with the herein reports as follows:
 - Committee Report No. 217 from the Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management and Franchising, for Referral No. 15cc-0247 relative to the concern presented by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr. pertaining to the habal-habal operators and his proposal for their possible inclusion in the giving of local fuel subsidy, facilitated the adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-0438**, requesting the Honorable City Mayor to favorably consider the recommendations of the Committee on

1 Transportation, Road Traffic Management and Franchising as embodied in its
2 Committee Report No. 217, dated August 5, 2026 pertaining to the inclusion of
3 habal-habal operators in the fuel subsidy, as herein specified, viz:

- 4 ❖ To direct the City Legal Officer, the City Treasurer, the City Budget Officer,
5 and other concerned offices, purposely to conduct a thorough study on the
6 legal authority and fiscal implications in extending local fuel subsidy to habal-
7 habal operators;
- 8 ❖ To direct the City Planning and Development Coordinator, City Social Welfare
9 and Development Officer, and the concerned transport sector purposely to
10 conduct an inventory and profiling of habal-habal operators within the City of
11 Pagadian.

12 Along with this action, the Committee on Transportation and
13 Communication/Information Technology will closely coordinate with the Land
14 Transportation Office, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board,
15 and other concerned agencies regarding applicable policies governing motorcycle-
16 for-hire operations, and subject to legal authority and availability of funds, the city
17 government may consider adopting an ordinance or program establishing guidelines
18 for the grant of a local fuel subsidy or similar financial assistance to qualified habal-
19 habal operators.

- 20 • Committee Report No. 218 from the Committee on Education, Science and
21 Technology and Accreditation of NGOs and POs, for Referral No. 15cc-0283,
22 which pertains to the letter-request from Ptr. Ruben A. Aguirre, Secretary-MRP-
23 MRND Philippines, Inc., for the conduct of Moral Values Formation and Spiritual
24 Upliftment in the Sangguniang Panlungsod employees was simply noted with
25 advice to the requesting party to just visit and coordinate with the respective
26 offices of the Sangguniang Panlungsod regarding the scheduling of the said
27 activity.
- 28 • Committee Report No. 219 from the Committee on Public Utilities,
29 Transportation, Communications & Franchising, for Referral No. 15cc-0094,
30 relative to the urgent concern brought by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr. relative to
31 the status of some electrical post which is now currently situated within the road
32 right of way due to road widening projects of the City Government, and in effect,
33 posing danger and hazards to both motorists and pedestrians led to the passage
34 of **Resolution No. 2026-0439**, requesting the Honorable City Mayor to favorably
35 consider the recommendations of the Committee on Public Utilities,
36 Transportation, Communications & Franchising, as embodied in its Committee
37 Report No. 219, dated August 5, 2026 relative to the immediate relocation of
38 electrical posts encroaching upon the road-right-of-way as a result of the city
39 government’s road widening projects, in view of the potential danger and
40 hazards they pose to motorists and pedestrians, as herein specified, viz:
41 ❖ To direct the City Engineer to immediately conduct a comprehensive citywide
42 inventory and assessment of all electrical posts affected by completed and
43 ongoing road-widening projects, particularly those located within or
44 encroaching upon the road-right-of-way;
45 ❖ To request the concerned electrical distribution utility and all
46 telecommunications companies utilizing the affected electrical posts to
47 immediately undertake the necessary relocation of said posts and their
48 corresponding facilities found within or encroaching upon the road-right-of-
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- ❖ To direct the City Engineer to coordinate with the concerned utility providers, telecommunications companies, and contractors in the preparation of a comprehensive relocation timetable specifying definite target dates for the commencement and completion of the necessary relocation works;
 - ❖ To require all concerned utility providers to install and maintain appropriate warning devices, reflective markings, traffic barriers, barricades, and conspicuous warning signs around electrical posts identified as hazardous, obstructive, or situated within the road-right-of-way, pending their relocation, in order to ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and the general public;
 - ❖ To direct the concerned offices and agencies to conduct the necessary legal and technical evaluation and submit to the Sangguniang Panlungsod its findings and recommendations for its further consideration and appropriate legislative action.
- Committee Report No. 220 from the Committee on Public Utilities and Communication/Information Technology, for Referral No. 15cc-0103, pertaining to the Notice of Hearing from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) to be heard on October 15, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning relative to the application of GVM Radio/TV Corporation, for the issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to install, operate and maintain an FM Radio Broadcast Station in Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur, was deemed noted and filed for future reference.
 - Joint Committee Report No. 221 from the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, Communications & Franchising; Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation; and Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention, for Referral No. 15cc-0056, relative to the issue raised by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr. on the unregulated parking of motor vehicles along various department stores/malls in the City of Pagadian and his subsequent request for the conduct of study on the matter. Following a short deliberation, the body adopted **Resolution No. 2026-0440**, requesting the Honorable City Mayor to favorably consider the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, Communications & Franchising; Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation; and Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention as embodied in its Joint Committee Report No. 221, dated August 5, 2026, relative to the unregulated parking of motor vehicles along various department stores and malls within the City of Pagadian, as herein specified, viz:
 - ❖ To direct the Road Traffic Management Office purposely to intensify and sustain the enforcement of existing laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations governing parking and traffic management, particularly in commercial areas experiencing frequent traffic congestion and roadside parking concerns;
 - ❖ To direct the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO), in coordination with the City Engineer's Office and the City Planning and Development Coordinator, purposely to assess and verify, as part of the business permit application and renewal process, whether commercial establishments have adequate and appropriate off-street parking facilities, subject to existing laws, ordinances, zoning regulations, and other applicable rules and regulations;
 - ❖ To direct the concerned offices to conduct a comprehensive traffic impact assessment of the areas surrounding major malls, department stores, supermarkets, and other commercial establishments with significant

- 1 vehicular and pedestrian activity, for the purpose of determining appropriate
- 2 traffic and parking management measures;
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- 4 ❖ To direct the Road Traffic Management Office purposely to identify and
- 5 establish, where practicable and appropriate, designated loading and
- 6 unloading zones and other regulated areas to facilitate the orderly
- 7 movement of vehicles and prevent unnecessary obstruction of traffic;
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- 9 ❖ To direct the Road Traffic Management Office purposely to install in strategic
- 10 areas additional traffic signs, road markings, “NO PARKING” signs, and other
- 11 appropriate traffic control devices in areas identified as prone to illegal,
- 12 improper, or obstructive parking;
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- 14 ❖ To direct the concerned offices to conduct sustained public information and
- 15 education campaigns on responsible parking, proper observance of traffic
- 16 rules and regulations, and the importance of traffic discipline and road safety;
- 17 and
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- 19 ❖ To require the Road Traffic Management Office to undertake periodic
- 20 monitoring of parking and traffic conditions in identified commercial areas
- 21 and to submit regular compliance and monitoring reports to the Sangguniang
- 22 Panlungsod, including findings, enforcement actions undertaken, and
- 23 recommendations for further legislative or administrative measures.
- 24 • At this juncture, Committee Report No. 222 from the Committee on Education,
- 25 Science & Technology and Accreditation of NGOs and POs for various committee
- 26 referral facilitated the passage of the following resolutions, to wit:
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- 28 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0441**, accrediting and recognizing the Balangasan
- 29 Association of Person With Disability (BAPWD), as a non-government
- 30 organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- 31 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0442**, accrediting and recognizing the Bulawan
- 32 Association of Person With Disability (BAPWD), as a non-government
- 33 organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- 34 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0443**, accrediting and recognizing the Dumagoc
- 35 Association of Person With Disability (DAPWD), as a non-government
- 36 organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- 37 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0444**, accrediting and recognizing the Danlupan
- 38 Association of Person With Disability (DAPWD), as a non-government
- 39 organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- 40 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0445**, accrediting and recognizing the Kagawasan
- 41 Association of Person With Disability (KAPWD), as a non-government
- 42 organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- 43 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0446**, accrediting and recognizing the Santa Lucia
- 44 Association of Person With Disability (STAPWD), as a non-government
- 45 organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- 46 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0447**, accrediting and recognizing the Banale
- 47 Association of Person With Disability (BAPWD), as a non-government
- 48 organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- 49 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0448**, accrediting and recognizing the Bulatok
- 50 Association of Person With Disability (BAPWD), as a non-government
- 51 organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- 52 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0449**, accrediting and recognizing the Barangay Manga
- 53 Pwd Integrated Association, as a non-government organization existing and
- 54 operating in the City of Pagadian;
- 55 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0450**, accrediting and recognizing the Barangay San Jose
- 56 Person With Disability Association, as a non-government organization
- 57 existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;

- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0451**, accrediting and recognizing the Buenavista Person With Disability Association (BUPERWIDA), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0452**, accrediting and recognizing the Gubac Association Of Person With Disability (GAPWD), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0453**, accrediting and recognizing the Dampalan Person With Disability Association (DPWDA), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0454**, accrediting and recognizing the San Pedro Association of Person With Disability (SPAPWD), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0455**, accrediting and recognizing the Datagan Association of Person With Disability (DAPWD), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0456**, accrediting and recognizing the Barangay Lison Valley Livelihood Person With Disability Association, as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0457**, accrediting and recognizing the Macasing Association of Person With Disability (MAPWD), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0458**, accrediting and recognizing the Baloyboan Persons With Disability Association (BPWDA), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0459**, accrediting and recognizing the Lumbia Association of Person With Disability (LAPWD), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0460**, accrediting and recognizing the Tulawas Association of Person With Disability (TAPWD), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0461**, accrediting and recognizing the Kawit Person With Disability Association (KPWDA), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0462**, accrediting and recognizing the Balintawak Association of Person With Disability (BAPWD), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0463**, accrediting and recognizing the Tulangan Association of Person With Disability (TAPWD), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0464**, accrediting and recognizing the Palpalan Association of Person With Disability (PAPWD), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0465**, accrediting and recognizing the Gatas Association of Person With Disability (GAPWD), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0466**, accrediting and recognizing the Lower Sibatang Association of Person With Disability (Lsapwd), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0467**, accrediting and recognizing the Gubang Association of Person With Disability (GAPWD), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
- ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0468**, accrediting and recognizing the La Suerte Association of Person With Disability (LSAPWD), as a non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;

- 1 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0469**, accrediting and recognizing the Alegria Person
2 With Disability Association (APWDA), as a non-government organization
3 existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
4 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0470**, accrediting and recognizing the Muricay
5 Association of Person With Disability (MAPWD), as a non-government
6 organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
7 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0471**, accrediting and recognizing the Bomba Association
8 of Person With Disability (BAPWD), as a non-government organization
9 existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
10 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0472**, accrediting and recognizing the Lapedian
11 Association of Person with Disability (LAPWD), as a non-government
12 organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian.
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- 14 2. Next reconsidered was Committee Report No. 223 from the Committee on Finance
15 & Appropriations, as presented by Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, for Referral
16 No. 15cc-0397. After a brief deliberation, the body, in support of the Committee's
17 recommendation, adopted **Resolution No. 2026-0473**, declaring to be operative in
18 its entirety, Supplemental Budget No. 01, s. 2026, from the Sangguniang Kabataan
19 of Barangay Gatas, this city, for the Priority Programs, Projects, and Activities
20 (PPA's) related to the sports and development"
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- 22 3. Likewise, Committee Report No. 224 from the Committee on Finance &
23 Appropriations, as reported by Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C, Bana, for Referral No.
24 15cc-0398 was also reconsidered. After a short discussion, the body approved the
25 Committee's recommendation through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0474**,
26 declaring to be operative in its entirety, Supplemental Budget No. 01, s. 2026, from
27 the Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Kalasan, this city, for the Priority Programs,
28 Projects, and Activities (PPA's) related to the sports and development."
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- 30 4. At this juncture, the Honorable Floor Leader presented to the body the Decision of
31 the Committee of the Whole pertaining to SP Admin Case No. 004-2026, entitled:
32 Anselmo J. Obedencia, Punong Barangay of Santo Niño, complainant, versus Arnel L.
33 Cruz, Barangay Kagawad of Santo Niño, respondent, for Gross Misconduct, Conduct
34 Unbecoming of a Public Officer, Gross Neglect of Duty and Inefficiency in Violation
35 of the Local Government Code of 1991, which found the Respondent, Arnel L. Cruz,
36 Barangay Kagawad of Barangay Santo Niño, Administratively Liable for Grave
37 Misconduct in Office and Suspending him from office for a period of six (6) months
38 but which suspension is not legally feasible as the respondent is no longer holding
39 public office as Barangay Kagawad of Barangay Santo Niño.
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- 41 Following a short recess to allow the Council Members discuss the matter
42 informally, and upon resumption, the body, on motion of Honorable Bana,
43 unanimously seconded, and with no objection, the Decision of the Committee of the
44 Whole on SP Admin Case No. 004-2026 was adopted and approved through
45 **Resolution No. 2026-0475**, finding Respondent Arnel L. Cruz, Barangay Kagawad of
46 Barangay Santo Niño, Administratively Liable for Grave Misconduct in Office and
47 Suspending him from office for a period of six (6) months.
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- 49 5. On motion for reconsideration made by the Honorable Floor Leader, the body then
50 retrieved the earlier action of the body on Item No. F-5.4, Executive Order No. 12, s.
51 2026, issued by the Honorable City Mayor, entitled: "An Executive Order Further
52 Updating and Reconstituting the Composition of the Personnel Selection/Promotion
53 Board of the City Government of Pagadian," which was earlier noted by the body.
54 After a brief deliberation, the matter was instead referred to the Committee on
55 Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service for re-evaluation.
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6. Likewise, the body retrieved the matter earlier held in abeyance, particularly Item No. F-5.6, pertaining to the Veto Message of the Honorable City Mayor relative to the passage of City Ordinance No. 2026-631, entitled: “An Ordinance Providing for the Pagadian City Botika ng Bayan Dispensing Ordinance Of 2026.” The full text of the veto message is quoted hereunder:

VETO MESSAGE

*Sangguniang Panlungsod Members
Pagadian City*

Honorable Members:

With due respect, I wish to convey my appreciation for the passage of Ordinance No. 2026-631, entitled: “An Ordinance Providing for the Pagadian City Botika ng Bayan Dispensing Ordinance of 2026.” This measure reflects our shared commitment to extend assistance to our constituents, particularly those who are most in need of affordable medicines.

It must be emphasized, however, that the Pagadian City Botika ng Bayan is not a mandated function of the Local Government Unit (LGU) but rather an additional service voluntarily undertaken by the City Government. While the ordinance is laudable in its intent, certain provisions – specifically Section 7 and Section 10 (paragraph c) – require reconsideration as they overstretch the capacity of the LGU and risk diluting the program’s focus.

On Section 7 (Operation of the Pharmacy): The ordinance mandates operations from Monday to Saturday. Given that this service is only an extension of the LGU’s functions, its schedule must reasonably align with the regular workdays of city government employees, which are Monday to Friday. Extending operations beyond these days would impose undue strain on limited manpower and resources, potentially affecting the quality and sustainability of service delivery.

On Section 10, Paragraph (c) (Medical Prescription Requirement): The ordinance allows prescriptions from any duly licensed physician in the Philippines. While this is standard practice, the Pagadian City Botika ng Bayan is intended to serve indigent constituents who cannot afford medicines elsewhere. Considering the limited funding allocated for this program, prescriptions must be issued only by identified physicians of the City Government. This safeguard ensures that the service is directed to those most in need, and prevents its unintended use by individuals who may have the means to purchase medicines outside.

The Botika ng Bayan is a manifestation of the City Government’s willingness to go the extra mile for its people. However, it must be implemented within the bounds of fiscal prudence and administrative feasibility. Sections 7 and 10 (c), as presently worded, extend beyond what the LGU can reasonably sustain and may compromise the program’s intended priority for indigent beneficiaries.

In view of the foregoing, I hereby veto the aforementioned provisions of Ordinance No. 2026-631. I trust that the Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod will appreciate the necessity of this action, and I remain open to collaborative refinement of the ordinance to ensure that the Botika ng Bayan truly fulfills its purpose of serving those most in need.

Respectfully,

(SGD) **SAMUEL S. CO**
City Mayor

During the discussion Honorable Lim, Jr., in his capacity as author of the said ordinance, manifested that there is a need to concur with the veto expressed by the Honorable City Mayor particularly on the specified period of only Mondays to Fridays as provided under Section 7 of City Ordinance No. 2026-631, while there is a need to override the veto on Section 10 thereof.

After a lengthy discussion, the body, on motion of the author, concurred with the veto message of the Honorable City Mayor particularly on Section 7 of City Ordinance No. 2026-631 through voting, as recorded herein:

For the Motion : Eleven (11) – Honorable Acedillo, RL; Honorable Bana, JKC; Honorable Asugas, PKN; Honorable Lim, Jr., AJ; Honorable Ariosa, MAEV; Honorable Obaob, MQ; Honorable Co, LSF; Honorable Culve, BC; Honorable Ariosa, RCGL; Honorable Pulmones, JSS; Honorable Tan, MU.

Against the Motion : None (0)

Upon motion of the author and duly seconded, the veto of the Honorable City Mayor on Section 10 of City Ordinance No. 2026-631 was overridden by the body through voting, as recorded herein:

For the Motion : Eleven (11) – Honorable Acedillo, RL; Honorable Bana, JKC; Honorable Asugas, PKN; Honorable Lim, Jr., AJ; Honorable Ariosa, MAEV; Honorable Obaob, MQ; Honorable Co, LSF; Honorable Culve, BC; Honorable Ariosa, RCGL; Honorable Pulmones, JSS; Honorable Tan, MU.

Against the Motion : None (0)

7. At this point, the proposed ordinance, authored by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., denominated as Draft Ordinance No. No. 043, entitled: “An Ordinance Prescribing a Comprehensive Guidelines for the Utilization and Allocation Percentage or Sharing Scheme of PhilHealth Capitation Received from the Philippine Insurance Corporation (PHILHEALTH) for Facility Operational Funds for City Health Office–Animal Bite Treatment Center and TB DOTS Facility and for other purposes was approved on First Reading and thereafter, referred the same to the Committee on Health and Social Services.
8. Honorable Obaob, upon recognition, presented the following concerns which facilitated the adoption of the herein actions, to wit:
 - a. On his expression of gratitude for the swift action of the City Engineer’s Office relative to the clamor of the residents along Barangay Balangasan leading to Barangay Napolan for cementing the road shoulder thereat, the body deemed noted the same;
 - b. On the matter concerning the heavy traffic congestion along the Balangasan-Napolan road particularly fronting the Our Lady of Triumph Institute of Technology–Pagadian City due to unregulated parking on both sides of the road, the body resolved to jointly refer the same to the Committee on Transportation,

1 Road Traffic Management and Franchising and Committee on Police, Fire, Public
2 Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention;
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4 c. On the information/update relative to the performance audit conducted by the
5 Provincial Police Station on the performance of the Pagadian City Police Station
6 which, accordingly, resulted in good performance and forthcoming evaluation on
7 August 19, 2026 where he assured the body that he will provide an update on the
8 result thereof, was deemed noted by the body.
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10 9. The issue presented by Honorable Bana pertaining to the growing concern on
11 smoking in private and public places and her proposal to conduct a re-evaluation on
12 the existing legislations was jointly referred to the Committee on Health & Social
13 Services and Oversight Committee.
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15 10. Next considered was the endorsed letter-request from the Honorable City Mayor,
16 dated August 3, 2026, as presented by Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L.
17 Ariosa, for the following concerns, viz:
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- 19 a. Revocation of SP Resolution authoring him to donate in favor of the GSIS the City
20 Government-owned parcel of land known as Lot 1, Block 6-A, containing an area
21 of 3,000 square meters, situated at the President Corazon C. Aquino Regional
22 Center, Barangay Balintawak, this city;
23 b. Revocation of the Deed of Donation previously executed in favor of DAR-R IX for
24 Lot 2, Block 4, containing an area of 5,504.07 square meters, situated at the
25 President Corazon C. Aquino Regional Center, Barangay Balintawak, this city;
26 c. Issuance of a new resolution authorizing him to execute a new Deed of Donation
27 in favor of the GSIS involving a new lot location particularly Lot 2, Block 4 of the
28 PRC-MCO Subdivision Scheme, containing an area of 5,504.07 square meters,
29 situated at the President Corazon C. Aquino Regional Center, Barangay
30 Balintawak, this city;
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32 Following the suspension of the rules to urgently consider the matter, the
33 body, after a recess to allow the Council Members discuss the matter informally and,
34 upon resumption, adopted the following actions, to wit:
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36 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0476**, authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to revoke the
37 Deed of Donation previously granted to the Government Service Insurance
38 System (GSIS) over Lot No. 1 Block 6-A of the PRC-MCO Subdivision Plan,
39 containing an area of Three Thousand (3,000) Square Meters, situated at the
40 Regional Government Center in Barangay Balintawak, this City, as granted Under
41 Resolution No. 2026-0400;
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43 ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0477**, authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to revoke the
44 Deed of Donation previously executed in favor of the Department of Agrarian
45 Reform Regional Office-IX (DAR-R-IX) over Lot 2, Block 4 of the PRC-MCO
46 Subdivision Plan, situated at the Regional Government Center, Barangay
47 Balintawak, this City, for failure to comply with the conditions of the donation;
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49 ❖ On the request of the Honorable City Mayor for authority to donate Lot 2, Block
50 4 of the PRC-MCO Subdivision Plan, containing an area of 5,504.07 square
51 meters, situated at the President Corazon C. Aquino Regional Government
52 Center, Barangay Balintawak, this city, the body resolved to recalendar the
53 matter as Unfinished Business in the next session. Along with this action, the
54 Secretary was directed to invite the City Legal Officer and the Head of the
55 Pagadian Regional Center Management and Coordinating Office to attend in the
56 next session purposely to ventilate on the matter.
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58 11. Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co, for his part, convey the appreciation and
59 gratefulness of the management of GSIS for the action of the Sangguniang

1 Panlungsod on their request for the donation of lot at the President Corazon C.
2 Aquino Regional Government Center, Barangay Balintawak, this city, where they can
3 establish their new GSIS building, as well as the invitation extended by the GSIS to all
4 SP Members to be present during the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement
5 (MOA) which is tentatively scheduled on August 19, 2026, was deemed noted by the
6 body.
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8 12. For the information provided by Honorable Co on the scheduled Executive-
9 Legislative Agenda which will be held during the scheduled MOA signing with the
10 GSIS was deemed noted by the body.
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12 **CONVENING OF THE BODY AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE PROMULGATION**
13 **OF THE DECISION ON SP ADMIN CASE NO. 004-2026, ENTITLED: PUNONG BARANGAY**
14 **ANSELMO J. OBEDENCIA, ET.AL., VERSUS BARANGAY KAGAWAD ARNEL L. CRUZ, OF**
15 **BARANGAY SANTO NIÑO, THIS CITY, FOR GRAVE MISCONDUCT, CONDUCT**
16 **UNBECOMING OF A PUBLIC OFFICER, GROSS NEGLECT OF DUTY AND INEFFICIENCY IN**
17 **VIOLATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.**
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19 The body, following the suspension of the rules, and on motion of the Honorable
20 Floor Leader and unanimously seconded, the session was converted into a Committee
21 of the Whole for the purpose of rendering the promulgation of the Decision on SP
22 Admin Case No. 004-2026.
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24 Before the Committee of the Whole proceeded to deliberate on SP Admin Case
25 No. 004-2026, a roll call was conducted, during which the presence of twelve (12)
26 Council Members was confirmed. After the reading of the case, the body took note of
27 the presence of both the complainant, Punong Barangay Anselmo J. Obedencia, and the
28 respondent, Arnel L. Cruz, in the session hall while both their counsels are absent.
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30 Shortly thereafter, the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, upon the
31 direction of the Presiding Office, read the dispositive portion of the Decision of the
32 Sangguniang Panlungsod, as herein quoted *in toto*:
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34 **“WHEREFORE, premises considered, respondent ARNEL L. CRUZ,**
35 **Barangay Kagawad of Barangay Sto. Niño, City of Pagadian, is hereby**
36 **found ADMINISTRATIVELY LIABLE for GRAVE MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE,**
37 **violation of law, and conduct prejudicial to the service arising from drug**
38 **use evidenced by a positive drug test result. Respondent is hereby**
39 **SUSPENDED from office for a period of six (6) months, effective upon**
40 **finality and in accordance with applicable law and rules.**
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42 However, by virtue of the legal impossibility of imposing the
43 penalty of suspension to a public official who is no longer holding any
44 office, we find that a stern reminder be made to Kagawad Cruz for him to
45 voluntarily submit himself to a drug treatment facility for his rehabilitation.
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47 The City Mayor, the Department of the Interior and Local
48 Government, the Barangay Sto. Niño, and all offices concerned are hereby
49 furnished copies of this Decision, for their information, guidance and
50 appropriate action.”
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52 After the reading of the Decision, the Presiding Officer then Ordered that the
53 Decision be entered into the records of the Sanggunian and furnished to all concerned
54 parties. The Respondent is also informed that he may avail of appropriate remedies
55 under the law, including the filing of a motion for reconsideration within the
56 reglementary period as provided in City Ordinance No. 2016-362, also known as “An
57 Ordinance Adopting the Rules of Procedures in the Conduct of Administrative
58 Investigation against Elective Barangay Officials.”
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Finally, with no further matters to discuss by body acting as Committee of the Whole, the body then reverted to the plenary to continue with their legislative functions.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time of adjournment: 11:50 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

MA. ALICIA ELENA V. ARIOS
SP Member

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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. ARIOSA
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