



Republic of the Philippines
City Of Pagadian

Sangguniang Panlungsod
(15th City Council)

**MINUTES OF THE 47TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
(15th CITY COUNCIL) OF PAGADIAN CITY HELD ON 19 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 47th Regular Session of the 15th City Council at 9:40 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 nine (9) Council Members, namely: Honorable Vice Mayor Monique Shaira Y. To, Honorable Roger L. Acedillo, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo, Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co, 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 Patrisha Kaye N. Asugas, Honorable Marylynn U. Tan and Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa were recorded as acknowledged by the Chair. The body also noted that Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr. was on leave.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 46th REGULAR SESSION:

At the instance of the Floor Leader, the body dispensed with the Reading of the Minutes of the 46th Regular Session held on August 12, 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. 01, s. 2026 (Annual Budget) of Barangay Santa Lucia, involving the appropriation of Twelve Million (P12,000,000.00) Pesos was referred to the Committee on Finance and Appropriations.
2. A joint referral was made for endorsed request of the Honorable City Mayor for an authority to purchase a containerized Cargo Vessel in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Eight Million (P148,000,000.00) Pesos, together with the certification of the Local Finance Committee that the same amount is available for appropriation, to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Finance and Appropriations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

At this juncture, the body proceeded to treat the lone item under Unfinished Business relative to the endorsed request of the Honorable City Mayor for authority to execute a new Deed of Donation in favor of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) involving Lot 2, Block 4 of the PRC-MCO Subdivision Plan, containing an area of 5,504.07 square meters, situated at the President Corazon C. Aquino Regional Government Center, Barangay Balintawak, this City.

During the period of discussion, it was revealed that the foregoing request of the City Chief Executive is supported with a letter-recommendation from the City Legal Officer, together with a Certification issued by the Pagadian Regional Center Management and Coordinating Office attesting to the availability of the lot for donation, as well as a copy of a Deed of Revocation and a new Deed of Donation.

Following a brief recess to allow the members to scrutinize the letter recommendation from the City Legal Officer and other supporting documents, the body, upon resumption, and upon the explanation made by the Chair and Floor Leader that the subject lot is now legally available, and on motion by Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa, approved the request through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0501**, authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to sign, for and in behalf of the City Government of Pagadian, the Deed of Donation in favor of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) with reference to the City Government-owned parcel of land known as Lot 2, Block 4, containing an area of Five Thousand Five Hundred Four & Point Seven (5,504.07) Square Meters, situated at the President Corazon C. Aquino Regional Center in Barangay Balintawak, this City, for use as site of its permanent office building.

OTHER MATTERS:

At this point, 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 endorsed draft Memorandum of Agreement to be entered into by and between the City Government of Pagadian and the Department of Science and Technology, Regional Office IX, relative to the Smarter Approaches to Reinvigorate Agriculture as An Industry in the Philippines: Centralized National Hub for Regional Operations (SARAI-CeNTRO): Project 2: SARAI Regional Hubs in Region IX, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Fishery.
2. Jointly referred to the Committee on Planning & Landed Estate, Housing and Rural/ Urban Community Development and Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation is the letter-request of the Honorable City Mayor for authority to apply for Miscellaneous Lease Agreement (MLA) or other appropriate tenurial instrument over public land for Tourism Development.
3. For the endorsed draft Memorandum of Agreement to be entered into by and among the City Government of Pagadian, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Regional Office IX, and the Pagadian City Marginal Fisherfolk Association, for the availment of one (1) unit 62-footer Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Tuna Handline Fishing Boat and Bagnet Boats, the body resolved to refer the same to the Committee on Agriculture and Fishery.
4. At this juncture, the following unscheduled Committee Reports rendered by Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve were reconsidered and thereafter the following recommendations were approved with the herein reports as follows:

- ❖ Committee Report No. 240 from the Committee on Education, Science & Technology and Accreditation of NGOs and POs, as rendered by Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, for Referral Nos. 15cc-0373, 0344, 0343, 0355, 0351, 0352, & 0345 facilitated the passage of the herein resolutions, to wit:
 - ✓ **Resolution No. 2026-0502**, accrediting and recognizing the PUMGGG– Search and Rescue Forces, as a Non-Government Organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
 - ✓ **Resolution No. 2026-0503**, accrediting and recognizing the Pagadian City Government Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PACIGEMPCO), as a Non-Government Organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
 - ✓ **Resolution No. 2026-0504**, accrediting and recognizing the Social Solidarity Charitable Organization of the Philippines, as a Non-Government Organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
 - ✓ **Resolution No. 2026-0505**, accrediting and recognizing the Pagadian City Business Multi-Purpose Cooperative, as a Non-Government Organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
 - ✓ **Resolution No. 2026-0506**, accrediting and recognizing the Association of Barangay Health Workers, as a Non-Government Organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
 - ✓ **Resolution No. 2026-0507**, accrediting and recognizing the Pagadian Blind Massage Association, as a Non-Government Organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
 - ✓ **Resolution No. 2026-0508**, accrediting and recognizing the Women/Widow Apostolate of Pagadian City Multi-Purpose Cooperative, as a Non-Government Organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian.
- Joint Committee Report No. 241 from the Committee on Education, Science & Technology and Accreditation of NGOs and POs and Committee on Agriculture, Fishery and Agrarian Reform, for Referral No. 15cc-0047, led to the approval of **Resolution No. 2026-0509**, accrediting and recognizing the Zamboanga del Sur Livestock Marketing Cooperative (ZDS-LMC), as a Non-Government Organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian.
- Committee Report No. 242 from the Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management & Franchising, for Referral No. 15cc-0153, which pertains to the letter-reply of the Honorable City Mayor relative to SP Resolution No. 2025-0104, entitled: “A Resolution suspending the implementation of the mandatory change of color of all motorized tricycles-for-hire operating within the City of Pagadian, as required under Resolution No. 2022-1688” was next treated. Following a short deliberation, the matter was deemed noted and filed as it will be discussed during the scheduled Executive-Legislative Agenda.
- Similarly, Joint Committee Report No. 243 from the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication/Information Technology and Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation, for Referral No. 15cc-0100, relative to the complaint from a concerned citizen, requesting for an investigation regarding the unlawful and wasteful use of public funds by the Local Government Unit of Pagadian City for the mandatory repainting of privately-owned public utility tricycles and its abuse of the regulatory power on the release of motorized tricycle franchise, was simply noted and filed as

the same will be included for discussion during the scheduled Executive-Legislative Agenda.

5. Next considered was Joint Committee Report No. 244 from the Committee on Barangay Affairs and Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service, as presented by Honorable Joan Szanne S. Pulmones, for Referral No. 15cc-0400 pertaining to the 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.” Based on the information from Committee Chair that the foregoing barangay resolution was withdrawn by the Sangguniang Barangay of Santo Niño in view of the express provision of the Local Government Code, particularly Section 45 (a) (3) thereof, the body deemed noted and filed the same.
6. For Joint Committee Report No. 245 from the Committee on Barangay Affairs, Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management and Franchising and Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention, as reported by Honorable Joan Szanne S. Pulmones, for Referral No. 15cc-0191, the body, based on the information provided by the concerned Committees that there were commitments on both the barangays and the City Government to continuously observe and implement road clearing laws, resolved to note and file the subject matter.

PRIVILEGE HOUR:

This time, Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo availed the Privileged Hour, the full text of the message is quoted hereunder:

“Honorable Vice Mayor our Presiding Officer, Fellow Members of the 15th Sangguniang Panlungsod, Our City Officials, our partners from the Department of Education, Philippine National Police, Barangays, School Administrators, Teachers, Parents, and our fellow Pagadianons, good morning. I rise today with a matter that concerns not only our schools, but the safety, welfare, and future of every child in Pagadian City. In the past several weeks, our country has witnessed a disturbing series of incidents involving violence in and around schools. We have seen reported stabbing incidents in Bethel Academy, Cavite National High School, outside Julio Ledesma National High School, outside Emilia Ambalada Pobleta Integrated School, outside Sum-ag National High School, Cabaluay National High School, and outside Emilio Ramos National High School. We have also witnessed school shooting incidents, including the June 22 incident at San Jose National High School in Tacloban City and, most recently, just yesterday, Madam Chair, August 18, 2026 shooting at Ateneo de Zamboanga University—Junior High School. These incidents should concern us deeply not because we are saying that Pagadian is unsafe, but precisely because we want to make sure that Pagadian remains safe. We should not wait for a tragedy to happen within our own city before we begin asking questions. Prevention must come before reaction. Madam Chair, our schools should be among the safest places in our communities. When parents send their children to school, there is an implicit trust, “I am sending my child to you because I believe my child will be safe.” That trust is something government, schools, parents, and the entire community must protect. Madam Chair, our first question, are our schools prepared? With the series

of incidents happening around the country, I believe that this Honorable Body has a legitimate responsibility to ask. What are the existing safety and security protocol of our schools in Pagadian City? Do all schools have updated emergency response procedures? Do they have proper protocols for unauthorized persons entering school premises; threats involving weapons; fights and violent confrontations; suspicious persons around school grounds; threats made through social media; emergency evacuation; lockdown or shelter-in-place situations; and coordination with the PNP and barangays? Do school administrators know exactly whom to call and what to do when a serious threat occurs? And perhaps most importantly, have these protocols actually been tested? Because having a policy on paper is different from having a system that works during an actual emergency. Therefore, I propose our first action, Madam Chair, I respectfully request that this Honorable Body, through the appropriate committee, formally request the Department of Education—Schools Division of Pagadian City to submit and present before this august body, in aid of legislation, a report on the existing safety and security protocols being implemented in all public schools within the City in the next regular session. I would also encourage the inclusion of private schools in the consultation and information-gathering process, subject to their respective policies and applicable laws. The requested report may include the following: 1. Existing school safety and security protocols; 2. Emergency response and evacuation procedures; 3. Protocols concerning weapons and threats; 4. Coordination mechanisms with the PNP and barangays; 5. Availability and functionality of CCTV systems; 6. Security personnel or guards, where applicable; 7. School perimeter and access-control measures; 8. Emergency communication systems; 9. Safety drills conducted during the current school year; 10. Existing Child Protection Committees; 11. Existing anti-bullying mechanisms; 12. Identified safety vulnerabilities; and 13. Recommendations or assistance needed from the City Government. This is not an investigation intended to find fault, Madam Chair. This is in aid of legislation. We need information so that this Sanggunian can determine what policies, ordinances, funding, infrastructure, training, or inter-agency coordination may still be necessary. The second question, Madam Chair, let us talk about the mental health of our children. Madam Chair, when we talk about school violence, we should not look only at the weapon. We should also look at the circumstances that may precede violence. Bullying. Intimidation. Social isolation. Family problems. Unresolved conflicts. Peer pressure. Online harassment. Threats through social media. And emotional or psychological distress. We must be careful not to automatically associate mental health conditions with violence. Mental health concerns do not make a person violent. But we cannot deny that students experiencing serious emotional distress may need appropriate support, and schools must have mechanisms to identify concerns early and refer students to qualified professionals. Therefore, I believe that our second question should be: What mental health and psychosocial support programs are currently available to our students in Pagadian City? Are guidance services adequately staffed? How often are mental health awareness programs conducted? Are teachers trained to recognize students who may need assistance? Is there a referral system where student requires professional intervention? Are parents included? And after a serious incident, do schools have mechanisms for psychological first aid and psychosocial support? Second proposed action, Madam Chair, I respectfully request that this Honorable Body formally request the Department of Education—Schools Division of Pagadian City again, in aid of

legislation, to submit and present before this august body a report on the status and implementation of its Mental Health Awareness, Guidance, Psychosocial Support, and related student welfare programs in our schools on our next regular session. The report may include, Madam Chair, 1. Existing mental health awareness programs; 2. Guidance and counseling services available in schools; 3. Number and availability of qualified guidance personnel, subject to applicable privacy rules; 4. Student mental health awareness activities; 5. Anti-bullying and peer-support programs; 6. Referral mechanisms for students requiring professional assistance; 7. Teacher and personnel training; 8. Parent and family involvement; 9. Psychosocial support following serious incidents; and 10. Programs or resources that require assistance again from the City Government. Again, we are not asking for confidential medical or psychological records of students. We are asking about the programs, systems, capacity, and resources available to our children. This is precisely why the request is being made in aid of legislation. From information to action, Madam Chair, after receiving these reports, I propose that the appropriate committees of this Sanggunian conduct a consultation on our next Regular Session we invite DepEd Pagadian City, PNP Pagadian City, BFP, CDRRMO, City Health Office, CSWDO, School Administrators, Teachers, Parents, or representatives of the teachers. I think we have the PTA Federated President, student representative, and representatives from the Barangays. From that open consultation here in our august body for our next Regular Session, hopefully we can determine whether Pagadian needs additional legislation. In closing Madam Chair, our children cannot lobby this Sanggunian. They cannot come to this floor and demand better protection. They cannot write an ordinance. We have to do it for them. Let us make sure that every child who enters a school in our beloved Pagadian City can enter with confidence. Let us make sure that every teacher can teach without fear. Let us make sure that every parent can send their child to school knowing that the City Government, DepEd, PNP, Barangays, and the entire community are working together to protect them. We are not waiting for Pagadian to experience what happened in other cities. We are acting precisely so that it does not happen here. Because when it comes to our children, the best time to strengthen our protection is before tragedy, not after. Prevention is our responsibility. Protection is our duty. And the safety and well-being of our children must always be our priority. Thank you, Madam Chair.”

In view of the importance and urgency of the foregoing concern and following her proposal for this Sanggunian to initiate appropriate legislative action to possibly address, if not, prevent the occurrence of such violent incidents in the city, the body, after the huddle made among the Council Members during a one- minute recess and, upon resumption, resolved to adopt **Resolution No. 2026-0510**, cordially inviting, in aid of legislation, the Pagadian City Schools Division Superintendent–DepEd; the Chief of Police of Pagadian City; the President of the Federated School Parent-Teacher Association–Pagadian City; Philippine Association of Detective and Protective Agency Operators (PADPAO)–Zamboanga del Sur Chapter; PNP Supervisory Office for Security and Investigation Agencies (SOSIA); and the management of Southern Mindanao Colleges, Holy Child Academy, and Saint Columban College, to attend the 48th Regular Session of the 15th City Council of Pagadian on 2 September 2026, at 9:00 o’clock in the morning, at the SP Session Hall, Fourth Floor, City Commercial Center (C3), Barangay Santiago, this City, for a legislative consultation on school safety, security, violence prevention, mental health, psychosocial support, and related student welfare concerns in light of the recent

violent incidents reported in various schools in the country, and to discuss proactive measures, interventions, and collaborative strategies to prevent similar disturbing incidents in the city.

Corollarily, to the above-mentioned resolution, the body, upon formal motion of Honorable Culve, resolved to adopt **Resolution No. 2026-0511**, requesting Honorable City Mayor Samuel S. Co, in his concurring capacity as Chairman of the Pagadian City School Board, to immediately convene the Pagadian City School Board purposely to take up and discuss the recent occurrence of violent incidents in various schools in the country and the proactive measures and interventions necessary to prevent the occurrence of similar incidents in the city.

OTHER MATTERS, CONTINUED:

At this juncture, the body then proceeded to treat urgent matters, and the herein actions were recorded as unanimously adopted by the body to officially dispose of the items, viz:

1. On the information provided by Honorable Bana on the declaration of a Muslim holiday on the next Wednesday, August 26, 2026, and her proposal to hold a special session on August 20, 2026, was supported by the body through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0512**, approving the holding of a Special Session on August 20, 2026 at 09:00 o'clock in the morning at the SP Session Hall, 4th Floor City Commercial Center Building, Santiago District, this City, to deliberate on the Committee Report of the Committee on Planning and Landed Estates, Housing and Urban/Rural Community Development, for Referral No. 15cc-0382, pertaining to the endorsed letter-request of the Honorable City Mayor for authority to donate a city government-owned parcel of land known as Lot 2, Block 1-c of the PRC-MCO Subdivision Plan, containing an area of 3,070 Square Meters, situated at PCARGC, Barangay Balintawak, this City, in favor of the Military Reservation Army Unit assigned in Pagadian City, Philippine Army (PA).
2. Lastly, Honorable Obaob, upon recognition, gave an update and/or report on his attendance of the DILG-ROg conference at Four Queens, Tuburan District, this city, relative to the proposed amendments to the Local Government Code of 1991, as well as his attendance and participation to the Vice Mayors League of the Philippines (VMLP) Zamboanga del Sur Quasi-Judicial Functions Seminar, Sportsfests and Provincial Assembly held on August 13-15, 2026 at the Pavilion Hall, Provincial Government Center, Dao, this city.

Accordingly, during the Vice Mayors League of the Philippines (VMLP) Zamboanga del Sur Quasi-Judicial Functions Seminar, he learned that the DILG has developed the Legislative Information System which will be provided for free to the LGUs who would like to avail of such system. In relation thereto, he then contended the need to really implement City Ordinance No. 2019-420, entitled: "An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Conduct of Paperless Sessions by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Pagadian City, where the implementation of the same requires funding to purchase necessary office equipment. He further averred that it is high time now to include the required funding in the Calendar Year 2027 Local Expenditure Program of the City Government of Pagadian.

Following a short deliberation, the body, upon his formal motion, resolved to adopt **Resolution No. 2026-0513**, requesting the Local Finance Committee, through the Honorable City Mayor, to include and/or incorporate in the Calendar Year 2027 Local Expenditure Program of the City Government of Pagadian the budgetary requirements for the implementation of City Ordinance No. 2019-420, entitled" An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Conduct of Paperless Sessions by the

Sangguniang Panlungsod of Pagadian City,” more specifically for the purchase of the following office equipment, viz:

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| a. 17 units | Branded Core i7 Laptop |
| b. 15 units | Tablet |
| c. 2 units | High-Speed Document Scanners – Epson DS-860 or Higher |
| d. 1 unit | Network Monochrome Multi-Function Laser Printer |
| e. 1 unit | USB-C Docking Station |
| f. 1 unit | Server Desktop/Tower Server |
| | - processor: Inter Core i7 14 th Generation/Intel Xeon |
| Equivalent | |
| | - Memory: 64 GB DDR5 RAM Minimum |
| | - System Storage: 2 x 1 TB NVMe SSD, RAID 1 |
| | - Data Storage: 4 TB Enterprise SSD/HDD Minimum |
| | - Network: Dual Gigabit Ethernet/2.5 GbE Preferred |
| | - Graphics: Integrated Graphics |
| | - Power Supply: 750W 80+ Rated or Higher |
| | - Cooling: Heavy-Duty Tower Cooling |
| | - Operating System: TPM 2.0, BIOS/UEFI Security |
| | - Warranty: 3-Year Manufacturer Warranty Preferred |
| g. 1 unit | - UPS for Server |
| h. 1 unit | - UPS for NAS/Network |
| i. 1 unit | - UPS for Session Control |
| j. 1 set | - Surge Protectors/Automatic Voltage Regulators (AVR), in sufficient quantity and capacity for the intended equipment |
| k. 1 unit | - Television (Large 75-inch to 86-inch 4k Display) |

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. Ariosa.

Time of adjournment: 10:43 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

(On Leave)

ARIEL J. LIM, JR.

SP Member

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RONALD CHRISTOPHER GLENN L. ARIOS
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