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City Of Pagadian

Sangguniang Panlungsod
(15th City Council)

MINUTES OF THE 49TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD (15TH CITY COUNCIL) OF PAGADIAN CITY HELD ON 09 SEPTEMBER 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 49th 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 seven (7) Council Members, namely: Honorable Roger L. Acedillo, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo, 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 Vice Mayor Monique Shaira Y. To, Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., Honorable Marylynn U. Tan, and Honorable Patrisha Kaye N. Asugas were recorded as acknowledged by the Chair. The body also noted that Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa was absent.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 48TH REGULAR:

At the instance of the Floor Leader, the body dispensed with the Reading of the Minutes of the 48th Regular Session held on September 2, 2026. Thereafter, with the presentation of a formal motion for adoption and there being no comments or discussions from the floor, the minutes was approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

With Honorable Vice Mayor Monique Shaira Y. To now taking over as Presiding Officer, and with the presence of the invited guests in the Session Hall, namely Ms. Teodora Ortiz, the focal person for the Department of Education (DepEd) Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) and Mr. Richel P. Reducto, Project Development Officer V of the Pagadian City Schools Division Office, who were both introduced by the Floor Leader, the body then suspended the sequential treatment of the agenda to first consider the matter under Unfinished Business, Item H-1.1. which pertained to the concern of the Honorable Members of the 15th City Council regarding the safety and security of all schools in the city, as well as the safety, welfare, and future of every child, in light of the series of incidents involving violence in various schools across the country.

Following the suspension of the rules, Ms. Teodora Ortiz was recognized by the Chair and she proceeded to present a prepared power presentation before the body. She reported that for the 81 schools in the city, 32 schools had security guards using funding sourced from the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), 16 with barangay tanods assistance, 9 had designated school staff on duty during arrival and dismissal time, 60 had hired watchmen, 1 has a MOA with Barangay Dumagoc, 2 which

1 had MOUs are Baloyboan and Norberto Guillar, while 9 had tanods assigned but without
2 any MOA or MOU, all of which to provide security and ensure the safety of students.
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4 After she shared that with the issuance of DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2026-
5 037 on Safer School Zones, tanods are already being deployed outside the schools
6 although some schools are still not aware of this. She continued that there were 38
7 schools have functional CCTV cameras installed, while 43 schools had no CCTV camera.
8 With regard to perimeter fencing, she reported that 33 schools had complete perimeter
9 fences, the remaining schools had only partial fencing while one (1) in Lison Valley had
10 no fencing at all. She explained that the situation was primarily due to limited funds but
11 assured the Council Members that funding for the construction and improvement of
12 perimeter fences would be included in the budget annually. As for the availability of bag
13 inspection tools, particularly metal detectors, she reported that 76 schools were
14 utilizing such devices. Regarding to land ownership status, she provided information
15 that 16 schools already had the properties titled under DepEd, while 5 schools were
16 situated on land where the title still remained under private ownership, and 33 schools
17 had properties that were donated in favor of the Department of Education, Culture and
18 Sports (DECS).
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20 In response to the query posed by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr. regarding schools
21 without titles particularly concerning owners getting back the area, Ms. Ortiz clarified
22 that the matter is being handled by the School Legal Officer.
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24 At this point, Honorable Revelo inquired about the required number of barangay
25 tanods to be deployed in each school. Ms. Ortiz responded that the deployment of two
26 (2) to four (4) tanods per school would be sufficient. She further suggested replicating
27 the provisions stated in DILG Memorandum No. 2026-037. In cases where schools
28 deploy their own staff to serve as watchmen, she suggested that the designated
29 personnel be stationed at their respective posts during the arrival and dismissal of
30 students to ensure proper monitoring and security.
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32 Honorable Culve, for his part, suggested that school watchmen may be utilized
33 as security guards to strengthen the safety and security of school premises and, in his
34 capacity as Chairperson of the Committee on Education, Science and Technology and
35 Accreditation of NGOs and POs, he further informed the body that he would request a
36 comprehensive report on the matter which shall be presented during the City School
37 Board Meeting. With regard to the school budget, particularly the Maintenance and
38 Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), Honorable Lim, Jr. mentioned that the Department
39 of Education (DepEd) Central Office should be informed of the need for security guards
40 and the installation of fencing around school premises, for possible increase in the
41 schools' budget.
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43 This time, the manifestation of Honorable Bana addressed to Honorable Culve to
44 request from LGU's Local Finance Committee a statement as regards the Special
45 Education Fund (SEF) which is a funding meant to augment and support the
46 maintenance of our public schools was noted. Further into the discussion, Honorable
47 Pulmones informed the body that barangay tanods may assist primarily in maintaining
48 pedestrian movement around school premises only as they are not really equipped nor
49 trained unlike the security guards. She also proposed inviting a representative from the
50 Department of Education (DepEd) to attend the Liga ng mga Barangay meeting to
51 discuss matters concerning school safety and security. And, in response to the inquiry
52 on measures to prevent crime incidents within schools, Ms. Ortiz stated that schools
53 have First Aid Kits to provide immediate assistance in case of emergency. With no more
54 discussion from the floor, the Chair declared a recess.
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56 Upon resumption, the body recognized the next guest, Mr. Richel P. Reducto,
57 Project Development Officer of the Pagadian City Schools Division Office. Accordingly,

his report focused on incidents of bullying and sexual abuse, citing as example the recent crime incidents reported in Tacloban City and Zamboanga City. Mr. Reducto informed the body, that cases of abuse had been reported from some schools of which they responded. He further emphasized that the presence of police personnel within or around school premises could help to ensure the safety and security of students. With regard to his concern on the implementation of a curfew, Honorable Lim, Jr. responded that the City Council has an existing City Ordinance pertaining to curfew. The Honorable Presiding Officer then directed the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod to furnish with copies of the relevant ordinance on curfew and the Child Safety Act for their reference. Regarding the legal basis which Mr. Reducto mentioned earlier that the victim was hesitant to pursue the case due to pressure on the embarrassment to the family, Honorable Bana responded that there was nothing that could be done in such a situation, same for the police officers, but instead, she suggested educating pupils/ students on women’s empowerment and raising awareness about violence against women. Honorable Revelo, for her part, suggested to the body that a creation of a task force may help to cut the long and tedious process of securing a complaint for sexually abused children which may be composed of PNP, DSWDO and all related agencies. In addition, Honorable Presiding Officer suggested that counselling can help and to let the PTA be involved.

With no more discussion from council members, a brief recess was declared for the visitors to have a photo-op with the SP Members. Thereafter, the suspension of the rules was lifted.

FIRST READING & REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

Upon resumption, the herein items calendared for First Reading and Referral to Committees were then taken up and acted upon accordingly, to wit:

1. The endorsed letter-reply from Engr. Jena C. Salaug, OIC-Regional Director, Department of Agrarian Reform, relative to SP Resolution No. 2026-0477, which in gist revoke the Deed of Donation previously executed in favor of the department, with an appeal to reconsider implementing the afore-mentioned resolution, as they are working on practical measures to address their failure was first treated.

Following a brief recess to allow the Council Members discuss the matter informally and, upon resumption, the body, upon motion made by Honorable Bana which was duly seconded, resolved to pass **Resolution No. 2026-0531**, requesting the Honorable City Mayor, through the City Legal Officer, to provide the Sangguniang Panlungsod with an update on the current status of the Deed of Donation executed by the City Government of Pagadian in favor of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)-Regional Office IX over Lot 2, Block 4 of the PRC-MCO subdivision plan, situated at the President Corazon C. Aquino Regional Government Center, Barangay Balintawak, this City, in line with Resolution No. 2026-0477 which, in gist, authorized the revocation of the afore-said deed.

2. The Annual Audit Report of Barangay Poloyagan, this city, for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025 was deemed noted and filed.
3. Next considered was the endorsed letter of Punong Barangay Shermar T. Tampus, Barangay Tiguma, this City, addressed to the Honorable Members of the 15th City Council, re: formal request to review and investigate the Tiguma SK Councils for breach of commitment during the 81st Araw ng Tiguma.

During the discussion, Honorable Revelo, upon recognition, sought clarification on the contents of the letter, particularly whether the Punong Barangay was requesting a formal investigation or just seeking conversation regarding the

1 matter. Thereafter, she then suggested to refer the matter to appropriate
2 committee for proper disposition, to which the Honorable Floor Leader retorted
3 with a manifestation that referring the same to a committee is no longer reasonable
4 and practical considering that based on the provisions of the Local Government
5 Code, the conduct of investigation for erring barangay or SK officials is suspended
6 90 days prior to the scheduled election. This prompted the Chair to declare a recess
7 so the Council Members can discuss the matter informally.
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9 Upon resumption, the body, upon motion of Honorable Bana and duly seconded,
10 resolved to pass **Resolution No. 2026-0532**, officially referring to the City Local
11 Government Operations Officer–Department of the Interior and Local Government
12 (DILG) the letter of Punong Barangay Shermar T. Tampus, Barangay Tiguma, this
13 City, which requested the Sangguniang Panlungsod to conduct review and
14 investigation of the Tiguma Sangguniang Kabataan Council in connection with the
15 alleged breach of commitment during the 81st Araw ng Tiguma, for appropriate
16 action.
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18 4. For the endorsed letter from Ms. Marichu Malate-Atay, President, Kumbati Zampen
19 Cancer Support Group, relative to the conduct of various activities in relation to its
20 4th Anniversary on September 26, 2026, and her request for support by donating in
21 cash or in kind to help defray expenses during the activity, the body simply noted
22 the matter, as the Council Members agreed that they will be extending financial
23 assistance subject to individual commitments.
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25 **OTHER MATTERS:**

26 At this point, the following matters, concerns and/or documents were
27 considered under Other Matters, and the herein actions were recorded as unanimously
28 adopted by the body to officially dispose of the items, to wit:
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30 1. First treated was the matter concerning the issue of sexually-abused children as
31 brought out earlier during the discussion of Item H-1.1, which was the proposal
32 presented by Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo for the creation of a Task Force that
33 will provide a close coordination by and among the Pagadian City Schools Division
34 Office (DepEd), the Pagadian City Police Station, City Social Welfare and
35 Development Office (CSWDO) and other relevant offices/ agencies purposely to
36 address the bullying and sexual abuse in schools. Thereafter, the said proposal was
37 referred to the Committee on Women and Family Welfare and Children’s Affairs.
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39 2. At this juncture, the body considered the Joint Committee Report No. 257 from the
40 Committee on Public Utilities and Communication/Information Technology,
41 Committee on Barangay Affairs and Oversight Committee, as reported by Honorable
42 Bienvenido C. Culve, for Referral No. 15cc-0076 which pertains to various concern
43 from the city residents pertaining to all kinds of obstructions along the city road
44 right-of-way and the practice of business establishments in setting up a “Reserve
45 Parking signage” and as working area in front of their respective establishments as
46 relayed by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr. and his proposal to conduct a legislative inquiry
47 on the matter was noted and filed by the body as the Chairman will bring the matter
48 during the scheduled Executive-Legislative Agenda.
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50 3. For Joint Committee Report No. 258 from the Committee on Public Utilities and
51 Communication/Information Technology and Committee on Barangay Affairs and
52 Oversight Committee, as presented by Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, for Referral
53 No. 15cc-0077, relative to the issue raised by some Tricycle Operators and Drivers
54 Association (TODA) of Pagadian as presented by Honorable Joan Szanne S.
55 Pulmones in the implementation of the color scheme for motorized tricycle-for-hire
56 in the City of Pagadian including the unabated operation of illegal motorized tricycle-

- for-hire (colorum), the body resolved to note and file the same, with the assurance from the Committee Chair that the same will be included during the scheduled Executive-Legislative Agenda.
4. Committee Report No. 259 from the Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management and Franchising, as likewise rendered by Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, for Referral No. 15cc-0229 which pertains to the Resolution No. 12-702-2026 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur, entitled: “A resolution requesting the City Mayor of Pagadian, Province of Zamboanga del Sur, to issue a policy with regards to the LTO Guidelines for all dealers of vehicles and motorcycles within the City which states that no brand-new motor vehicle and motorcycle shall be released without the plate/s, official receipt (OR) and Certificate of Registration (CR) was also considered. Following a short deliberation, the body supported the recommendation of the Committee which facilitated the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0533**, requesting the Honorable City Mayor, in coordination with the Land Transportation Office (LTO)-Pagadian District Office, to issue and implement, if legally and administratively appropriate, a policy or directive requiring dealers of motorcycles and all types of motor vehicles operating within Pagadian City to ensure that no brand-new vehicle or motorcycle shall be released without the required Plate Number, Certificate of Registration (CR), and Official Receipt (OR), consistent with existing LTO guidelines and regulations.
5. At this point, the Honorable Presiding Officer informed the body relative to the Memorandum issued by the Honorable City Mayor on the subject: Conduct of 3rd Quarter 2026 Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on September 10, 2026 at 1 pm to 5 pm at the Philippine Port Authority (PPA). Thereafter, she then gave a direction to the individual offices of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to participate in the foregoing activity provided that it shall adopt a skeletal work arrangement during the said activity so as not to hamper the delivery of service, which directive was deemed noted.
6. The endorsed Appropriation Ordinance No. 02, s. 2026 (Supplemental Budget No. 01) of Barangay Lower Sibatang, involving an appropriation of Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Three Pesos and Forty Centavos (P735,263.40) was referred to the Committee on Finance & Appropriations.
7. The proposed resolution from Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa to consider the scheduled conduct of the Enhancing Local Governance Capacities in Planning, Budgeting, Program Implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation and the attendance to the scheduled signing of the Deed of Donation with the GSIS on September 13 to 16, 2026 at Metro Manila, as official undertaking of the Sangguniang Panlungsod in lieu of the scheduled Regular Session for the week, thereby, resetting the 50th Regular Session of the 15th City Council to September 23, 2026 was approved through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0534**.
8. Finally, the concern presented by Honorable Obaob on the safety and security of the school children in the City of Pagadian, specifically on the matter of providing support to public schools who are not yet fully fenced as well as the identified problems concerning the ownership of the lot where the school is situated, for inclusion and consideration during the scheduled planning and budgeting of the CY 2027 Annual Budget of the City Government was noted by the Chairperson of the Committee on Education, Science & Technology & Accreditation of NGOs and POs with assurance to include the matter in the scheduled ELA.

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: 12:10 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.

ELKID P. NACUA

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Verified:

ROGER L. ACEDILLO

SP Member

JACKIELYN KRYSTYL C. BANA

SP Member/Floor Leader

PATRISHA KAYE N. ASUGAS

SP Member

ARIEL J. LIM, JR.

SP Member

(Absent)

MA. ALICIA ELENA V. ARIOSA

SP Member

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