
PRESENT:

Councilor Dominador S. Lagare III
Councilor Elizabeth B. Bagonoc
Councilor Ramon C. Melliza
Councilor Rosalita T. Nuñez
Councilor Shandee Theresa O. Llido-Pestaño
Councilor Richard L. Atendido
Councilor Marius Orlando A. Oco
Councilor Eduardo D. Leyson IV

ABSENT:

Vice Mayor Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nograles (On Maternity Leave)
Councilor Franklin M. Gacal, Jr. (OB)
Councilor Brix T. Tan (OB)
Councilor Arturo C. Cloma (OB)
Councilor Vivencio E. Dinopol (OB)
Councilor Rogelio D. Pacquiao (OB)

SECRETARIAL STAFF:

Ms. Lolita P. Pedro
Ms. Ma. Lovella Morales-Gindap
Ms. Joyce A. Coruña
Ms. Dalisay F. Ignacio
Ms. Jerlyn L. Malupa
Ms. Juliet A. Dela Torre
Ms. Inocencia J. Tumbaga
Ms. Dina B. Muring

Ms. Ma. Lovella Morales-Gindap
Ms. Joyce A. Coruña
Ms. Dalisay F. Ignacio
Ms. Jerlyn L. Malupa
Ms. Juliet A. Dela Torre
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Ms. Dina B. Muring

The session started with a prayer song led by the City Government Employees Performing Arts Choir Division followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem and the General Santos City Hymn. The Honorable Dominador Lagare III after thanking the choir acknowledged the presence of everyone and thereafter called the session to order. The Board Secretary called the roll and there being no quorum yet the chair thereupon declared a few minutes recess.

RECESS: 9:24 A.M.
RESUMED: 9:59 A.M.

With the arrival of Councilor Leyson IV the chair thereupon called the session back to order and acknowledged the presence of the former and noting that there was already a quorum thereupon declared the session open for business.

F. READING AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES : 44th Regular Session

On separate motions of Councilor Bagonoc jointly seconded by Councilors Nuñez and Pestaño, the reading of the minutes of the 44th regular session was dispensed with and the same was eventually adopted without any correction.

MINUTES OF THE 44TH REGULAR SESSION – ADOPTED

G. PRIVILEGE HOUR:

NOTE: COUNCILOR BAGONOC - PRESIDING
1. Hon. Dominador S. Lagare III

Being the privileged speaker, Councilor Lagare III relinquished the chair to Councilor Bagonoc in which after some preliminaries introduced Engr. Arnell Sayco, the officer in charge of the Department of Trade & Industry here in General Santos City. He was invited to present the city’s preparation in the upcoming ASEAN Economic Integration or the ASEAN Economic Community in June, 2015.

Engr. Sayco said the country’s official accession to ASEAN Economic Integration was supposed to be in December of 2015 yet but the government fast track its implementation that the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) actually started as early as 2010. This FTA among ASEAN member countries was meant to reduce or eliminate tariff. The member countries are Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Cambodia, China, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam. There was also a FTA with Australia-New Zealand, with Korea, India and a bilateral agreement with Japan through Philippine Japan Economic Partnership Agreement. The three pillars or levels of this ASEAN Economic Integration are said to be Political Security, economic community and the Socio-Cultural Community.

Since the FTA will eventually result to a global economic integration where there will be free flow of goods and services, investments/capital, skilled labor and more, the general concern of the honorable members was whether or not the country or the city in particular which is the center of this ASEAN integration activity would be ready since reportedly, the country is lagging behind in terms of agriculture and it is not even an accredited member. They were also wondering why the Philippines was into microchips trade when basically it is agricultural.

Councilor Lagare III also ventilated his apprehension because, though Region XII has six products to boast, but the city he said is wanting of better logistics, of globally competitive facilities like wharfs and airports, infrastructure support, trucking services in which Councilor Melliza said even the farm to market roads remain neglected. Likewise, Councilor Nuñez asked whether there are safety nets for this ASEAN economic integration so much so that this inclusive growth will be a reality not for the rich to become richer and the poor become poorer. Councilor Melliza also said that he was reminded of the Free Trade Act in 1960 between the Philippines and the US where it led to the collapse of Philippine economy because the country at that time was not ready in terms of infrastructure. This FTA now should be actively disseminated to all sectors in the city so that everybody will be prepared and eventually benefited.

Engr. Sayco said there were interventions made by the government and both the agriculture sector and the Tourism Industry this year were given bigger budgets. The rice being a major staple food was not included in the free trade as there is an imposed 40% tariff. As to Health Care Investment, the city as Councilor Oco had said, can well compete because of its modern facilities as well as the city’s able and competent doctors.

It was also stated by Councilor Atendido that Filipinos are ready in fact more than capable to compete with other ASEAN nations as far as free trade agreement is concerned but only lacking in infrastructure support. In all sector, Filipinos are competitive in terms of technology, skill, knowledge, human resources, where neighboring nations only learned from Filipinos.

The chair finally asked Engr. Sayco to update the body from time to time to strengthen the evolutionary preparations expected from all sectors so that the city’s and the country’s various resources will not be exploited. Further stating that the Philippines will not only be a meeting place of businessmen but a competitive nation where both the rich and poor will be equally benefited out of this ASEAN free trade agreement. Engr. Sayco said he will invite personnel from DTI national to give more information on this FTA and this council he said will be invited and requested to possibly share the expense which the chair acknowledged. The chair further requested the guest to probably consider the mainstreaming of climate change adaptation and mitigation in their presentation as it is also equally important. After thanking the guest and the motion for the resumption of the rules was sustained the chair thereupon ruled to proceed to the next item.

NOTE: COUNCILOR LAGARE III – PRESIDING

2. Hon. Arturo C. Cloma

Since Councilor Cloma was on official business, as moved and seconded Councilor Eduardo Leyson IV was recognized to avail the privilege hour which topic was about his sponsored Arbor Day ordinance. He yielded the floor to Mr. Allen Terenelo, the project officer of the Mahintana Foundation which “Ridge to Reef Integrated Watershed and Coastal Rehabilitation Project” from Mt. Matutum to coastal areas was ongoing. This project was accordingly part of Dole’s corporate social responsibility and Mahintana Foundation was its implementer. The main goal of the project is to enhance vegetation cover of the riverbanks and the coastal areas of General Santos City up to Maasim, Sarangani and to address the problem on climate change.

Mr. Terenelo enumerated the interventions implemented by Mahintana supported by Dole Philippines in coordination with various government agencies where it resulted to the declaration of Mt. Matutum in 1995 as a
protected landscape and eventually, around 700 hectares were reforested, curtailed illegal logging activities thereat that leads also to the protection of endangered species like the tarsier. The DENR had also declared the Silway River as water quality management area where there were 24 water river sampling stations that the DENR regularly monitors. Further, Mahintana through its various fund and co-funded support projects were able to reforest 10.5 km stretch of riverbanks; planted thousands of bamboos, thousands of assorted fruit trees and the installation of cages of gabion wires along riverbanks. Accordingly, the implementation of reforestation and preservation project of the headwater of Silway River located in Brgy. Datal Bob, T’boli was on going.

As regards to setbacks in implementation, Councilor Bagonoc informed him that the city have already adopted the Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plan and other major legislations that address the protection and preservation of environment that includes watershed because the city has four big rivers. She therefore invited him to attend the SOCSKSARGEN Climate Change Summit on July 4, 2014. She also mentioned that the city is heading towards the use of green charcoal out of palay husk to replace the use of firewood.

Responding to the concern of Councilor Melliza to make use of the fallen big wood/trees in the forest rather than leave it there to rot, the guest said he would bring the matter with the DENR provided they will be informed of the exact location of such trees.

After an extended discussion where the privileged speaker said he would like that the LGU and Mahintana would have a MOA in regard to the said environmental concerns just presented and also the provision of endemic varieties of trees, the guest said the body could just write the foundation’s executive director for this matter. Other concerns as regards to flora/fauna, reforesting station of the ridge connecting Mt. Matutum to K’laja Karst, were also brought to Mr. Terenelo’s attention.

In reaction to the suggestion of Councilor Nuñez, Councilor Bagonoc said there was already an initial move when the Water Quality Management Area was convened and it is indeed necessary that the watershed alliance group be organized so that the implementation of coordinated eco-system and the watershed master plan will be certainly sustained.

There having no more concern the chair thanked Mr. Terenelo and acting on the motion presented, the chair thereby ruled for the resumption of the rules.

H. COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. Consultative Meeting conducted by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources held on May 12, 2014. (Hon. Eduardo D. Leyson IV – Reporter)
2. Committee Hearing conducted by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources held on May 28, 2014. (Hon. Eduardo D. Leyson IV – Reporter)

ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS ADOPTED

I. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS:

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:


LAID ON THE TABLE


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II. BUSINESS OF THE DAY:

(a.) FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO PROPER COMMITTEE: None
(b.) THIRD & FINAL READING:

1. **SPPO NO.2014-1000** - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SYSTEMS AND MECHANISMS FOR AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MATERNAL NEWBORN AND CHILD-HEALTH AND NUTRITION (MNCHN) STRATEGY. (HON ROSALITA T. NUÑEZ, – AUTHOR)

Councilor Nuñez moved that the foregoing ordinance be referred back to second reading since there were amendments to the introduced which was duly seconded by Councilor Pestaño. The chair sustained the said motion.

The foregoing was discussed under Second Reading where it was moved by the author that all the amendments in the committee hearing last May 14, 2014 be incorporated in the ordinance, duly seconded by Councilors Bagonoc and Pestaño. As there was no objection registered the chair ruled the same approved.

**APPROVED ON 2\textsuperscript{ND} READING AS AMENDED SUBJECT TO STYLE**

In the Other Business Councilor Nuñez moved for its approval on 3\textsuperscript{rd} and final reading jointly seconded by Councilors Bagonoc, Nuñez, Pestaño, and Oco. There being no objection the chair finally ruled the same as approved on 3\textsuperscript{rd} and final reading.

**APPROVED ON 3\textsuperscript{RD} AND FINAL READING**

2. **SPPO NO. 2014 - 0994.** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2013, RE: AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE MECHANISM ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES-FOR-SERVICE PAYMENT DERIVED FROM THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHIC) RENDERED BY THE LYING-IN CENTERS OF GENERAL SANTOS CITY. (HON ROSALITA T. NUÑEZ, – AUTHOR)

Councilor Nuñez again moved that the foregoing ordinance be referred back to second reading since there were amendments to be introduced which was duly seconded by Councilor Pestaño. The chair sustained the said motion.

The foregoing was discussed under Second Reading where it was moved by the author that the word “pro-rata” be inserted after “distributed” in section 1 thereof, which was duly seconded by Councilors Bagonoc and Pestaño. As there was no objection registered the chair ruled the same approved.

**APPROVED ON 2\textsuperscript{ND} READING AS AMENDED SUBJECT TO STYLE**

In the Other Business Councilor Nuñez moved for its approval on 3\textsuperscript{rd} and final reading jointly seconded by Councilors Bagonoc, Nuñez, Pestaño, and Oco. There being no objection the chair finally ruled the same as approved on 3\textsuperscript{rd} and final reading.

**APPROVED ON 3\textsuperscript{RD} AND FINAL READING**

3. **SPPR NO. 2014-9861** - RESOLUTION CONCURRING THE FREE PATENT APPLICATION OF MS. LUZ C. SAGO OVER LOT NO. 390-B, CSD-12-009134 IDENTICAL TO LOT 1460, PLS-553 CONTAINING AN AREA OF 20,000 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN BARANGAY UPPER LABAY, GENERAL SANTOS CITY, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1, RULE III OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING REPUBLIC ACT 9649, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 5412 OR THE CITY CHARTER OF GENERAL SANTOS. (HON. ARTURU C. CLOMA – SPONSOR)

Mover - Councilor Nuñez
Seconder - Councilors Bagonoc, Nuñez, Pestaño

**LAID ON THE TABLE**


**APPROVED ON 3\textsuperscript{RD} AND FINAL READING**

Mover - Councillor Melliza
Seconder - Councillors Bagonoc, Nuñez, Pestaño

APPROVED ON 3RD AND FINAL READING


LAID ON THE TABLE

(c.) URGENT:


Mover - Councillor Melliza
Seconder - Councillors Bagonoc, Nuñez, Pestaño

APPROVED

2. SPPR. NO. 2014-9932- RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE VALIDITY OF ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2014 ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY OF BULA, THIS CITY, UPDATING ITS INTERNAL RULES OF PROCEDURES. (HON. RAMON R. MELLIZA - AUTHOR)

Mover - Councillor Melliza
Seconder - Councillors Bagonoc, Nuñez, Pestaño

APPROVED


Mover - Councillor Pestaño
Seconder - Councillors Bagonoc, Nuñez

APPROVED

(d.) SECOND READING:

1. SPPPO NO. 2014-1004- AN ORDINANCE DECLARING EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH OF JUNE OF EVERY YEAR AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS. (HON. EDUARDO D. LEYSON IV - AUTHOR)

Note: all amendments in the committee report will be incorporated in the ordinance. As manifested, this was included and reconsidered in the Other Business for third and final reading.

Mover - Councillor Leyson IV
CO-AUTHOR - Councillors Bagonoc, Atendido
Seconder - Councillors Nuñez, Pestaño, Melliza
1. **FIRST READING: SPRR NO. 2014-9935** - RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY LEGAL OFFICE TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER OR NOT THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF REAL PROPERTY TAX BY SOCOTECO II AND PASSING IT ON TO THE CONSUMERS, IS VALID. (HON. EDUARDO D. LEYSON IV – SPONSOR)


**ITEM NOS. 1 & 2 – REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE**


   Mover - Councillor Melliza
   Seconder - Councilors Bagonoc, Nuñez, Pestaño

**APPROVED**

4. **URGENT: SPRR NO. 2014-9937** - RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE VALIDITY OF RESOLUTION NO. 24, SERIES OF 2014, PASSED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY OF LAGAO, INTERPOSING NO OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED TOP GAS (MINI-GASOLINE STATION) OWNED BY MR. VOLTAIRE Q. GARCIA LOCATED AT DENOGA SUBDIVISION, PUROK 21, BARANGAY LAGAO, THIS CITY. (HON. EDUARDO D. LEYSON IV – SPONSOR)

**LAID ON THE TABLE**


   Mover - Councillor Melliza
   Seconder - Councilors Bagonoc, Nuñez, Pestaño

**APPROVED**


   Mover - Councillor Bagonoc
   Seconder - Councillors Nuñez, Pestaño

**APPROVED AS AMENDED SUBJECT TO STYLE**

7. **URGENT: SPRR NO. 2014-9942** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE RONNEL C. RIVERA TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN REGARD TO THE GRANT OF ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES TO PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL IN GENERAL SANTOS CITY. (HON. ROSALITA T. NUÑEZ – SPONSOR; HON. RAMON R. MELLIZA, HON. FRANKLIN M. GACAL, JR., – CO-SPONSORS)

**DEFERRED**

Mover - Councilor Pestaño
Seconder - Councilors Bagonoc, Nuñez

APPROVED

9. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE NEW BOXING CHAMP, NONITO DONAIRE FOR WINNING LAST SUNDAY’S BOXING BOUT. (SUBJECT TO STYLE)
NOTE: to mention in the “whereases” inviting him to come in Gensan for a hero’s welcome.

Mover - Councilor Bagonoc
Seconder - Councilors Melliza, Nuñez, Pestaño

JOINT SPONSORSHIP

J. QUESTION AND ANSWER HOUR: NONE
K. ANNOUNCEMENT: NONE
L. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no more matter to take up and as moved by Councilor Bagonoc duly seconded by Councilor Pestaño, the chair thereupon declared the session adjourned at about 1:30 pm.

SESSION ADJOURNED

Prepared and certified correct by:

LOLITA P. PEDRO
Board Secretary IV
OIC- Secretary to the Sanggunian

Concurred by:

DOMINADOR S. LAGARE III
City Councilor and Acting Vice Mayor