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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

MINUTES OF THE 116th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON DECEMBER 11, 2024.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

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| 1. Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr. | Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer |
| 2. Hon. Carlo P. Loreto | 5 th District Board Member
Floor Leader |
| 3. Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar | 1 st District Board Member |
| 4. Hon. Raissa J. Villasin | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 5. Hon. Trinidad G. Apostol | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 6. Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 7. Hon. Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 8. Hon. Vincent L. Rama | 4 th District Board Member |
| 9. Hon. Michael L. Cari | 5 th District Board Member |
| 10. Hon. Carmen L. Cari | PCL President/Ex-Officio Member |
| 11. Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez | Liga ng mga Barangay President
Ex-Officio Member |
| 12. Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen | SK Federation President
Ex-Officio Member |

VIRTUALLY PRESENT:

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| 1. Hon. Wilson S. Uy | 1 st District Board Member |
| 2. Hon. Flaviano C. Centino, Jr. | 4 th District Board Member |

The 116th Regular Session opened at 10:55 o'clock in the morning presided over by the Honorable Leonardo M. Javier, Jr., Vice-Governor of Leyte.

Opening Prayer was led by the Honorable Marie Kathryn Veloso-Kabigting followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

A Motion to dispense with the Panunumpa sa Watawat, the Leyte Hymn, the PBMLP Hymn and the PBMLP Creed of the Agenda was presented by the Honorable Floor Leader Carlo P. Loreto, duly seconded by the Honorable Trinidad G. Apostol, 2nd District Board Member and Honorable Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban, 3rd District Board Member.

Considering that there was no objection, the motion was carried.

48 The Honorable Presiding Officer requested the SP Secretary Mrs. Florinda Jill S.
49 Uyvico, to call the roll in order to determine the presence of quorum.

50 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SP SECRETARY

51 The following Members are in attendance:

52 **PHYSICALLY PRESENT:**

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54 Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr. - Presiding Officer
55 Hon. Carlo P. Loreto - Floor Leader
56 Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar
57 Hon. Raissa J. Villasin
58 Hon. Trinidad G. Apostol
59 Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting
60 Hon. Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban
61 Hon. Vincent L. Rama
62 Hon. Michael L. Cari
63 Hon. Carmen L. Cari
64 Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez
65 Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen

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67 **VIRTUALLY PRESENT:**

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69 Hon. Wilson S. Uy
70 Hon. Flaviano C. Centino, Jr.

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72 Fourteen (14) Members are present, Mr. Chair, Mr. Floor Leader.

73 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

74 Okay, we have a quorum to do business.

75 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

76 We now proceed to our consideration of the minutes of the previous session of
77 December 3, 2024.

78 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

79 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Apostol for any corrections?

80 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

81 Honorable Apostol, you are recognized.

82 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

83 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

84 This representation has no correction as of this moment for the minutes of December
85 3, 2024 minutes session. Thank you.

86 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

87 Thank you, Honorable Apostol.

88 Mr. Chair, may I state on record that the Honorable Apostol is stellar in her red outfit
89 and very in tune with the Yuletide Season. With that, I move that we approve the minutes of
90 the session last December 3, 2024. I so move.

91 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

92 Second.

93 HON. MJ LUIPLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

94 Second.

95 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

96 It's been seconded.

97 Objections? Hearing none.

98 Motion is approved.

99 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-532-A

100 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

101 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

102 We have one Committee Report filed at the Secretariat. Mr. Chair, will you please
103 recognize the Author and Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Sanitation?

104 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

105 Honorable Villasin, you are recognized.

106 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

107 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16
Series of 2024**

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Referred to this Committee is the Proposed Provincial Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND ADVERTISEMENT OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE AND NON-NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS, HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND OTHER NOVEL TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN DESIGNATED AREAS, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION, AND PROMOTING HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS AND OTHER RELATED OBJECTIVES."

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In line with Republic Act No. 9211, also known as the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003 and Republic Act No. 11900 or the Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products Regulation Act, this proposed ordinance align with the goal of promoting a healthier environment, protecting public health, particularly among vulnerable populations, and reducing the incidence of tobacco/nicotine-related illnesses.

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Restricting the selling, distributing, advertising and promoting cigarettes and other tobacco products to minors, or electronic cigarettes, heated tobacco, other tobacco products, and/or its components within 100 meters from any point in the perimeter of public/private school, playground/facility for the youth and minors and health facility within territorial jurisdiction of Leyte, and having a designated smoking/vaping area, can serve as a deterrent for both current users and potential new users and prevent or reduce youth initiation and addiction to these products, which can have long-term detrimental effects on young people's health.

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Furthermore, the creation of smoke/vape-free task force for the effective implementation of this ordinance demonstrates a commitment to enforcement and compliance, ensuring its successful execution and long-term impact. Implementing such measures instill positive behavioral change and raise awareness about the risks associated with tobacco and nicotine use. The passage of this ordinance is a proactive measure to safeguard public health, promote well-being, and create a smoke-free environment conducive to the overall welfare of the populace.

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In view thereof, the Committee hereby recommends for the second (2-) reading of the proposed ordinance.
Submitted this ____ of December, 2024, Palo, Leyte.

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(Originally signed)
Hon. Raissa J. Villasin
Chairperson

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Atty. Carlo P. Loreto
Vice Chairperson

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Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar
Member

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Hon. Vincent L. Rama
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Hon. Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban
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(Originally signed)
Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez
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182 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

183 Mr. Chair, if my motion is in order, I move for the approval of the said Committee
184 Report. I so move.

185 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

186 Second.

187 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

188 It's been seconded.

189 Objections? Hearing none.

190 Motion is approved.

191 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-533

192 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

193 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

194 We now proceed to the Second Reading and Reference of Business. Will you please
195 recognize the Honorable Raissa Villasin, Mr. Chair?

196 **PROPOSED PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-_____**

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198 **"AN ORDINANCE OPERATIONALIZING HEALTHY**
199 **LEARNING INSTITUTIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE**
200 **AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."**

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202 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

203 Honorable Villasin, you are recognized.

204 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

205 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

206 For second reading is Proposed Provincial Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance
207 Operationalizing Healthy Learning Institutions in the Province of Leyte And For Other
208 Purposes." This is in line with the implementation of Universal Health care in the Province of
209 Leyte wherein schools are going to be established as a healthy learning institution where
210 different programs geared towards protection and the promotion of health consciousness in
211 the different schools will be implemented. The funding of this Ordinance will be coming from
212 annual budget of the Provincial Health Office as well as subsidies coming from the

213 Department of Health Center for Health Development. If my motion is in order, I move that
214 the Proposed Provincial Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance Operationalizing Healthy Learning
215 Institutions in the Province of Leyte And For Other Purposes." Be approved on Second
216 Reading. I so move.

217 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

218 Second

219 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

220 It's been seconded.

221 Objections? Hearing none.

222 Motion is approved.

223 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-534

224 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

225 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to the Business of the Day. Item No. 1 Madam
226 Secretary, please.

227 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

228 **BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

229 **ITEM NO. 01**

230 Presented for consideration is Ordinance No.479 of
231 Babatngon, Leyte entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ON THE
232 PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE IN THE
233 MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE." Same is recommended
234 for further REVIEW and REVISION by the Provincial Legal Office per
235 2nd indorsement dated November 15, 2024.

237 **ITEM NO. 02**

239 Presented for consideration is Ordinance No.2024-
240 19 of Tanauan, Leyte entitled: "A REVISED ORDINANCE
241 REGULATING AND SETTING GUIDELINES IN AVAILING THE
242 ASSISTANCE IN CRISIS SITUATION (AICS) IN THE MUNICIPALITY
243 OF TANAUAN, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.";
244 same is recommended for the declaration of its VALIDITY by the
245 Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated November 15, 2024.
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ITEM NO. 03

Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No.2024-20 of Tanauan, Leyte** entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OF TANAUAN, LEYTE AND PROVIDING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS THEREOF AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”**; same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated November 15, 2024.

ITEM NO. 04

Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No.2024-008 series of 2024 of Santa Fe, Leyte** entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING MEASURES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC PARKS AND GREEN OPEN SPACES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA FE, PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**; same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated November 15, 2024.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, there are several items coming from the 1st District of Leyte. Will you please recognize the crusading Board Member from the 1st District, the Honorable Reposar?

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

Board Member Reposar, you are recognized.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Honorable Floor Leader and Honorable Chairman.

Items number 1, 2, 3 and 4 are Ordinances coming from the 1st District of Leyte. Three of which have been reviewed as per 2nd endorsement of the Provincial Legal Office and has been recommended for the declaration of its validity particularly Ordinances coming from the Municipalities of Tanauan and Sta. Fe, Leyte. Hence, I move that we pass an omnibus resolution approving items number 2,3 and 4. I so move.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

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HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

It's been seconded.

288 Objections? Hearing none.

289 Motion is approved.

290 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-535

291 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

292 On the other hand, I subscribe to the observation of the Provincial Legal Office with
293 regards to Ordinance No. 479 of Babatngon, Leyte. The same has already complied with the
294 elements of a valid ordinance but the said ordinance may still be improved. Hence, I
295 subscribe that it shall be reviewed and revision shall be made. I so move.

296 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

297 Second.

298 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

299 Second.

300 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

301 It's been seconded.

302 Objections? Hearing none.

303 Motion is approved.

304 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-536

305 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

306 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to Item No. 5 Madam Secretary, please.

307 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

ITEM NO. 05

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310 Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance**
311 **No.24-15 series of 2024 of Burauen, Leyte** entitled: "AN
312 **ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING KATUWANG SA DIWA AT**
313 **GAWA SA MASAGANANG ANI AT MATAAS NA KITA (KADIWA)**
314 **NG PANGULO (KNP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN,**
315 **LEYTE AND WITH INTEGRATION OF THE ONE-CROP-ONE**
316 **BARANGAY PROGRAM."; same is recommended for the declaration**
317 **of its VALIDITY by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement**
318 **dated November 15, 2024.**
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ITEM NO. 06

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Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No.24-22 series of 2024** of Burauen, Leyte entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE CREATING THREE (3) MANDATORY PLANTILLA POSITIONS AND ONE (1) MUNICIPAL OFFICE, IN THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF BURAUEN, LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.”**;same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated November 15, 2024.

ITEM NO. 07

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Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No.09 series of 2024** of Dagami, Leyte entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE MIGRANT ADVISORY AND INFORMATION NETWORK (MAIN) DESK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAGAMI, LEYTE.”**;same is recommended for **FURTHER REVIEW** and **REVISION** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated November 11, 2024.

ITEM NO. 08

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Presented for consideration is the summary of amended provisions of the Ordinance No. 21, series of 2017, otherwise known as the **2017 Revised Revenue Code of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte** in compliance to SP Resolution No. 2024-395 dated September 17, 2024.

350 **HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

351 Mr. Chair, there are several items coming from the 2nd District of Leyte. Will you
352 please recognize the former Congresswoman of the 2nd District, the Honorable Apostol?

353 **HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR**

354 Board Member Apostol, you are recognized.

355 **HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

356 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

357 Item number 5 is Municipal Ordinance No.24-15 Series of 2024 coming Burauen,
358 Leyte entitled **“An Ordinance Institutionalizing Katuwang Sa Diwa At Gawa Sa Masaganang
359 Ani At Mataas Na Kita (Kadiwa) Ng Pangulo (Knp) In The Municipality Of Burauen, Leyte
360 And With Integration Of The One-Crop-One Barangay Program.”** This particular Ordinance
361 has been declared valid by the Provincial Legal Office in its 2nd endorsement last November
362 15, 2024.

363 For item number 6, this is Municipal Ordinance No.24-22 Series Of 2024 coming also
364 from Burauen, Leyte entitled **“An Ordinance Creating Three Mandatory Plantilla Positions**

365 And One Municipal Office, In The Municipal Government Of Burauen, Leyte And
366 Appropriating Funds Thereof." Mr. Chairman, this particular ordinance has also been
367 recommended for the declaration of its validity by the Provincial Legal Office Per 2nd
368 Indorsement Dated November 15, 2024.

369 For item number 7, this is Municipal Ordinance No.09 series of 2024 of Dagami, Leyte
370 entitled "An Ordinance Establishing And Maintaining The Migrant Advisory And Information
371 Network (Main) Desk In The Municipality Of Dagami, Leyte."

372 Now for item number 8, Ordinance No. 21, Series Of 2017, Otherwise Known As The
373 2017 Revised Revenue Code Of The Municipality Of Jaro, Leyte In Compliance To Sp
374 Resolution No. 2024-395 Dated September 17, 2024.

375 Now, Mr. Chairman and Mr. Floor Leader, for Item number 5, 6, and 8 has been
376 declared and studied by the Provincial Legal Office. This representation would like to move
377 for the approval of this particular Ordinances. I so move.

378 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

379 Second.

380 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

381 Second.

382 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

383 It's been seconded.

384 Objections? Hearing none.

385 Motion is approved.

386 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-537

387 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

388 While for Item number 7, it has been observed and studied by the Provincial Legal
389 Office for revision and review. So Mr. Chairman, with this, I move that this particular item
390 number 7 be returned to the SB of Origin. I so move.

391 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

392 Second.

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394 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

395 Second.

396 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

397 It's been seconded.

398 Objections? Hearing none.

399 Motion is approved.

400 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-537-A

401 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

402 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to Item No. 9 Madam Secretary, please.

403 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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ITEM NO. 9

405 Presented for consideration is Ordinance No.2024-
406 25 of Calubian, Leyte entitled: "AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE
407 POSITION ITEMS OF ONE (1) SOCIAL WELFARE ASSISTANT,
408 SALARY GRADE 8; AND ONE (1) DAY CARE WORKER II,
409 SALARY GRADE 8- BOTH POSITIONS UNDER THE OFFICE OF
410 THE MUNICIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT
411 OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE
412 MUNICIPALITY OF CALUBIAN, LEYTE."; same is recommended for
413 the declaration of its VALIDITY by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd
414 indorsement dated November 11, 2024.

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ITEM NO. 10

417 Presented for consideration is Ordinance No.2024-
418 28 of Calubian, Leyte entitled: "AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE
419 POSITION ITEMS OF TWO (2) NURSE I POSITIONS, SALARY
420 GRADE 15, UNDER THE RURAL HEALTH UNIT (RHU) IN THE
421 MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
422 CALUBIAN, LEYTE."; same is recommended for the declaration of its
423 VALIDITY by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated
424 November 5, 2024.

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426 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

427 Mr. Chair, there are two items coming from Calubian, Leyte. Will you please recognize

428 Honorable Kabigting for items number 9 and 10?

429 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

430 Board Member Kabigting, you are recognized.

431 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

432 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

433 We have to Ordinances coming from the Municipality of Calubian. Ordinance
434 No.2024-25 of Calubian, Leyte is "An Ordinance Creating The Position Items Of One Social
435 Welfare Assistant, Salary Grade 8; And One Day Care Worker II, Salary Grade 8- Both
436 Positions Under The Office Of The Municipal Social Welfare And Development Office In The
437 Municipal Government Of The Municipality Of Calubian, Leyte."

438 Under Agenda number 9 is Ordinance No.2024-28 of Calubian, Leyte is "An
439 Ordinance Creating The Position Items Of Two (2) Nurse I Positions, Salary Grade 15, Under
440 The Rural Health Unit (RHU) In The Municipal Government Of The Municipality Of Calubian,
441 Leyte." Both Ordinances have been reviewed by the Provincial Legal Office and it is
442 recommended for the declaration of its validity as it is in consonance with Section 447 and
443 Section 76 of the Local Government Code. Considering the forgoing, I would like to move for
444 an omnibus motion for the approval of both Ordinances of Calubian, Leyte. I so move.

445 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

446 Second.

447 HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

448 Second.

449 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

450 It's been seconded.

451 Objections? Hearing none.

452 Motion is approved.

453 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-538

454 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

455 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to Item No. 11 Madam Secretary, please.

456 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

457 **ITEM NO. 11**

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459 Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No.2024-08** of
460 **Tabango, Leyte** entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1**
461 **OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02, ENTITLED: "AN**
462 **ORDINANCE CREATING THE NEW PLANTILLA POSITIONS IN**
463 **THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF TABANGO, PROVINCE OF**
464 **LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR ITS QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES, AND**
465 **FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS**

466 **THEREOF.** The Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated
467 November 15, 2024 has recommended that the **correct Municipal**
468 **Ordinance to be amended** should be attached.
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470 **ITEM NO. 12**

471 Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance**
472 **No.2024-10** of Tabango, Leyte entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE**
473 **GRANTING GRATUITY TO ALL ELECTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS**
474 **WHO HAVE RENDERED THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF**
475 **OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO AND PROVIDING**
476 **FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE."** Same is recommended for the
477 **FURTHER REVIEW** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement
478 dated November 15, 2024.
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480 **HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

481 Mr. Chair, there are two items coming from Tabango, Leyte. Will you please recognize
482 the former and future Mayor of Tabango, Leyte, the Honorable Remandaban for items
483 number 11 and 12?

484 **HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR**

485 Board Member Remandaban, you are recognized.

486 **HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

487 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

488 Items 11 and 12 are both from Tabango, Leyte. Municipal Ordinance No.2024-08 is
489 "An Ordinance Amending Section 1 Of Municipal Ordinance No. 2023-02, Entitled: "An
490 Ordinance Creating The New Plantilla Positions In The Municipal Government Of Tabango,
491 Province Of Leyte, Providing For Its Qualifications, Duties, And Functions And Appropriating
492 The Necessary Funds Thereof." and Municipal Ordinance No.2024-10 is "An Ordinance
493 Granting Gratuity To All Elected Barangay Officials Who Have Rendered Three (3)
494 Consecutive Terms Of Office In The Municipality Of Tabango And Providing Funds For The
495 Purpose."

496 For item number 11, I move to approve the necessary amendment but advise the SB
497 of Tabango to submit the correct attachment as recommended by the Provincial Legal Office.

498 I so move.

499 **HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

500 **Second.**

501 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

502 Second.

503 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

504 It's been seconded.

505 Objections? Hearing none.

506 Motion is approved.

507 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-539

508 HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

509 For item number 12, I move to return to the SB of Origin this Ordinance No. 2024-10
510 for further review as recommended by the Provincial Legal Office due to the subject
511 ordinance is in contrary with Section 335 of the Code which is the Prohibition of the
512 Expenditure for Religious or Private Purpose. I so move.

513 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

514 Second.

515 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

516 Second.

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518 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

519 It's been seconded.

520 Objections? Hearing none.

521 Motion is approved.

522 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-540

523 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

524 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to Item No. 13 Madam Secretary, please.

525 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

526 **ITEM NO. 13**

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528 Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance**
529 **No.193 of Matag-ob, Leyte,entitled :“ AN ORDINANCE CREATING**
530 **THE MATAG-OB, LEYTE DANGEROUS DRUGS ADMINISTRATIVE**
531 **BOARD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”; same is**
532 **recommended for FURTHER REVIEW and REVISION by the**
533 **Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated November 11, 2024.**

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ITEM NO. 14

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Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No.19-24-003 of Isabel, Leyte, entitled :“ AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 16-15-009, AND MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 18-21-002, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ORDINANCES REGULATING THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE FOR HIRE.”**; same is recommended for its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated November 30, 2024.

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HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

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Mr. Chair, items number 13 and 14 are coming from the 4th District of Leyte. Will you please recognize the Honorable Rama?

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HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

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Board Member Rama, you are recognized.

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HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

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Thank you and Good morning, Mr. Presiding Officer and Majority Floor Leader Mr.

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Item number 13 is Municipal Ordinance No.193 Of Matag-Ob, Leyte Entitled :“ An Ordinance Creating The Matag-Ob, Leyte Dangerous Drugs Administrative Board And Appropriating Funds Therefor. This is recommended for **FURTHER REVIEW** and **REVISION** by the Provincial Legal Office so this representation would like to move that this Ordinance be sent to the proper venue.

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HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

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HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

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It's been seconded.

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Objections? Hearing none.

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Motion is approved.

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Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-541

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HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

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For item number 14 is Municipal Ordinance No.19-24-003 of Isabel, Leyte, Entitled :“

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An Ordinance Amending Certain Provisions Of Municipal Ordinance No. 16-15-009, And

567 Municipal Ordinance No. 18-21-002, Otherwise Known As The Ordinances Regulating The
568 Electric Vehicle For Hire.

569 Board Member Centino and I would like to move for the approval of this Ordinance. I
570 so move.

571 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

572 Second.

573 HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

574 Second.

575 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

576 It's been seconded.

577 Objections? Hearing none.

578 Motion is approved.

579 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-542

580 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

581 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to Item No. 15 Madam Secretary, please.

582 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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ITEM NO. 15

Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No.24-13 of Inopacan, Leyte**, entitled : **“ AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON ALL MINING ACTIVITIES AND THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATION OF THE SAME IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN, LEYTE FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN (15) YEARS AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.”**; same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated November 15, 2024.

596 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

597 Mr. Chair, for item number 15, I am honored to move for its referral to the Committee
598 on Environment and Natural Resources. I so move.

599 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ:EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

600 Second.

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602 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

603 It's been seconded.

604 Objections? Hearing none.

605 Motion is approved.

606 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-543

607 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

608 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to Item No. 16 Madam Secretary, please.

609 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

610 **ITEM NO. 16**

611 Presented for consideration is a **Notice of Hearing** from the **National**
612 **Telecommunications Commission** relative to the **Application of St.**
613 **Jude Thaddeus Institute of Technology, Inc.**, for the **issuance of a**
614 **Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC)** to install, operate and
615 **maintain an FM RADIO Broadcasting Station** in Maasin City, Leyte.
616 Applicant also requests for issuance of **Provisional Authority (PA)**
617 **pending final determination of the application.**

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ITEM NO. 18

Presented for consideration is a letter dated November 29, 2024 from **Christopher A. Garcia, Acting General Manager, DORELCO**, furnishing copy of **Joint Application for Approval of the Power Supply Agreement (PSA) between DORELCO and Sual Power Inc. (SPI)** with Prayer for Confidential Treatment of Information. Furthermore, it is requested that said Application with all its annexes be posted at the bulletin board of the Office building and thereafter a certification bearing the dry seal of the office as proof of receipt and posting.

ITEM NO. 19

633 Presented for consideration is a **Water Permit**
634 **Application (WPA)** filed with the **National Water Resources**
635 **Board** by the **LGU of Hilongos, Leyte** with source location at Brgy.
636 **Sto Niño, 6524 Hilongos, Leyte**, under **WPA No. VIII-LEY-2024-09-**
637 **113**; with a request that said **WPA** be posted on the office bulletin
638 board for a period of fifteen days from receipt and issuance of
639 certification.

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642 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

643 Items number 16, 18 and 19 are all processes. I move that we approve the requests for these

644 to be posted on our bulletin board as requested. I so move.

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646 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

647 Second.

648 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

649 Second.

650 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

651 It's been seconded.

652 Objections? Hearing none.

653 Motion is approved.

654 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-543

655 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

656 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to Item No. 17 Madam Secretary, please.

657 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

658 **ITEM NO. 17**

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670 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

671 Mr. Chair, I move that we take note of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution of

672 Nueva Vizcaya. I so move.

673 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

674 Second.

675 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

676 Second.

677 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

678 It's been seconded.

679 Objections? Hearing none.

680 Motion is approved.

681 Approved unanimously. RES. NO. 2024-545

682 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

683 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to Item No. 20 Madam Secretary, please.

684 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

685 **ITEM NO. 20**

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687 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
688 **Supplemental Budget No. 1 FY 2024 of Dagami, Leyte** in the
689 amount of **Php21,471,075.72** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2**
690 **S. 2024**; same is recommended for its **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS**
691 by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated December 9,
692 2024; together with the **Supplemental Investment Plan (SIP) No. 1**
693 **CY 2024** in the amount of **Php55,774,217.01**.

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695 **ITEM NO. 21**

696 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
697 **Supplemental Budget No. 1 FY 2024 of Jaro, Leyte** in the amount of
698 **Php41,500,000.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, S. 2024**;
699 same is recommended for its **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the
700 Local Finance Committee per review letter dated December 9, 2024;
701 together with the **Supplemental Investment Plan (SIP) No. 01 CY**
702 **2024** in the amount of **Php41,500,000.00**.

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704 **ITEM NO. 22**

705 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
706 **Supplemental Budget No. 2 FY 2024 of Jaro, Leyte** in the amount of
707 **Php9,315,848.64** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, S. 2024**;
708 same is recommended for its **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the
709 Local Finance Committee per review letter dated December 10, 2024;
710 together with the **Supplemental Investment Program (SIP) No. 02**
711 **CY 2024** in the amount of **Php9,315,234.98**.

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714 **ITEM NO. 23**

715 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
716 **Supplemental Budget No. 03 FY 2024 of Barugo, Leyte** in the
717 amount of **Php3,056,407.04** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 24,**
718 **S. 2024**; same is recommended for its **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS**
719 by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated December 5,
720 2024; together with the **Supplemental Investment Program (SIP)**
721 **No. 03 CY 2024** in the amount of **Php102,096,407.04**.

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724 **ITEM NO. 24**

725 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
726 **Supplemental Budget No. 01 FY 2024 of Julita, Leyte** in the amount
727 of **Php8,995,827.02** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-09**;
728 same is recommended for its **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the
729 Local Finance Committee per review letter dated December 9, 2024.

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ITEM NO. 25

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 2 CY 2024** of Carigara, Leyte in the amount of **Php1,858,216.41** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-208**; same is recommended for its **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated December 9, 2024; together with the **Annual Investment Program (AIP) for CY 2024** in the amount of **Php704,034,141.91** and **Supplemental Annual Investment Program (SIP) No. 2 for CY 2023** in the amount of **Php16,650,000.00**.

ITEM NO. 26

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 5 CY 2024** of Tabango, Leyte in the amount of **Php1,445,116.78** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-05 series of 2024**; same is recommended for its **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated December 10, 2024.

ITEM NO. 27

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 4 FY 2024** of Villaba, Leyte in the amount of **Php4,880,057.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, S. 2024**; same is recommended for its **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated December 3, 2024; together with the **Supplemental Investment Program (SIP) No. 4 CY 2024** in the amount of **Php13,483,057.00**.

ITEM NO. 28

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 02 FY 2024** of Calubian, Leyte in the amount of **Php9,500,000.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-26**; same is recommended for its **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated December 6, 2024; together with the **Second Supplemental AIP No. 2 CY 2024** in the amount of **Php9,500,000.25**.

ITEM NO. 29

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 02 FY 2024** of Albuera, Leyte in the amount of **Php4,377,900.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-03**; same is recommended for its **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated December 9, 2024; together with the **Second Supplemental Investment Program (SIP) CY 2024** in the amount of **Php6,077,900.00**.

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ITEM NO. 30

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 02 FY 2024 of Inopacan, Leyte** in the amount of **Php16,746,399.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 24-03**; same is recommended for its **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated December 3, 2024; together with the **Supplemental Investment Program (SIP) No. 3 for CY 2024** in the amount of **Php45,895,000.00**.

ITEM NO. 31

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Annual Budget FY 2025 of Hindang, Leyte** in the amount of **Php133,155,064.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-03**; same is recommended for its **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated December 6, 2024; together with the **Annual Investment Program CY 2025** in the amount of **Php771,902,987.79**.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, there are several budgets submitted to this August Body, from items number 20 to 31. Mr. Chair, I move that we pass an Omnibus resolution approving General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 1 FY 2024 of Dagami, Leyte, General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 1 FY 2024 of Jaro, Leyte, General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 2 FY 2024 of Jaro, Leyte, General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 03 FY 2024 of Barugo, Leyte, General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 01 FY 2024 of Julita, Leyte, General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 2 CY 2024 of Carigara, Leyte, General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 5 CY 2024 of Tabango, Leyte, General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 4 FY 2024 of Villaba, Leyte, General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 02 FY 2024 of Calubian, Leyte, General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 02 FY 2024 of Albuera, Leyte, General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 02 FY 2024 of Inopacan, Leyte, and General Fund Annual Budget FY 2025 of Hindang, Leyte as well as their corresponding Supplemental Investment Programs and Annual Investment Programs, subject to the comments and recommendation of the Local Finance Committee. I so move.

HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

823 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ:EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

824 Second.

825 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

826 It's been seconded.

827 Objections? Hearing none.

828 Motion is approved.

829 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-546

830 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

831 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Before we proceed, Mr. Chair, I noticed that we are graced with
832 the presence of one of the most dynamic members of House of the Representatives. We are
833 honored with the presence of the 2nd term Representative, Honorable Congresswoman
834 Lolita Karen Javier of the 2nd District of Leyte. Let it be stated on record, Mr. Chair, that
835 Congresswoman Javier has been in her only 4 and a half years as Congresswoman, yet she
836 handed a tremendous amount of infra and social programs to the Province of Leyte.

837 So we proceed to the next item. Item No. 32 Madam Secretary, please.

838 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

839 **ITEM NO. 32**

840 Presented for consideration is **Sangguniang Bayan**
841 **Resolution No. 19-24-499 of Isabel, Leyte** entitled: "AN ACT
842 **CREATING THE PROVINCE OF WESTERN LEYTE", INTRODUCED**
843 **BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD I. GOMEZ, 4TH DISTRICT OF**
844 **LEYTE".**

845 **ITEM NO. 33**

846 Presented for consideration is **Resolution No. 24-**
847 **11-274 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte** entitled: "A
848 **RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE**
849 **SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BURAUEN TO HOUSE BILL NO.**
850 **11077 PROPOSING THE DIVISION OF LEYTE INTO TWO**
851 **PROVINCES-WESTERN LEYTE AND EASTERN LEYTE, AND**
852 **URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO RECONSIDER**
853 **THE BILL DUE TO ITS FAR-REACHING IMPACTS ON UNITY,**
854 **GOVERNANCE, AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROVINCE"**
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859 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

860 Items number 32 and 33 are resolutions from Isabel and Burauen both objecting to the
861 creation of the Western Leyte Province. Will you please recognize the Honorable Rama, Mr.
862 Chair?

863 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

864 Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer. Since my partner in the district is not here today for
865 he is attending an equally important function, so I will take the items. Just like what the
866 Majority Floor Leader was stating, these are copies furnish to the SP and these should be
867 sent to the House of Representatives. Same as the one last session, we also decided to
868 send it to the same proper venue which is the House of the Representative. Nevertheless,
869 being a part of the 4th District and having our Congressman proposing a bill.

870 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

871 Second.

872 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

873 I would just like to point two subject, if I may be allowed, Mr. Chair?

874 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

875 Yes, go ahead please.

876 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

877 When we talk about the Province of Leyte, even if you are not a Leyteño, everywhere
878 you look around for, or try to make research about the place. Now, as I did my study, Mr.
879 Chair, as I did my research, Congressman Iñiguez proposed a bill of the 3rd District
880 separating the Island. Take note during that time Biliran was still a part of Leyte. There was
881 one Congressman who opposed it and it was in 1958, if I wasn't mistaken, it was
882 Congressman Veloso who is related to most of you guys here, still about dividing Leyte. Now
883 it was brought up again by the same proponent and then finally approved so then Southern
884 Leyte was created. Now, moving forward, in 2007 no less than former Congresswoman Cari
885 who is related to Governor, sister of the Former Governor and related to most of you here,
886 also had an intention in filing a House Bill. It was HB 03784. This is very timely, Mr. Chair,
887 that we have two former Congresswoman and one sitting Congresswoman. My point, Mr.

888 Presiding Officer is that, it seems like every decade something arises about an issue trying to
889 divide the Province. Now everybody knows that this has to go through a process. Having two
890 former Congresswoman and one sitting Congresswoman, it is a proposal and it goes to
891 Committee Level and then Author is suggested to go either to a Public consultation and etc.
892 So, my point is that Four representatives have tried to explain to the public that they would
893 want to have it divided but at the end of the day it is the voice of the people that would be
894 heard. It goes to the proper process just like what the former Congresswoman Cari did. If I'm
895 not mistaken, Congressman Boying also tried to move it forward but our Governor was very
896 firm saying that we, in the Province of Leyte do not need to be divided, He declared that the
897 Province remain just the right size to handle. Now this is the 3rd resolution opposing it and I
898 see it as very premature and very presumptive because they were saying that the Honorable
899 Congressman should have gone through a public consultation. That will be done after it will
900 be entertained in the Committee level in Congress. He will be told to go ahead. Now my
901 question is, these three municipal towns that are strongly objecting, I wonder if they went
902 through the process of consulting their constituents by opposing. It is just an inquiry because
903 I feel that the first thing that you ask a Cebuano speaking constituent is that if they would
904 agree if Leyte was divided. Last week there were lots of AICs distribution and I couldn't help
905 and ask them being being the representative of Governor, you have to ask the people. And
906 its always a resounding YES but the main reason is distance and I'm sure that is not the
907 Congressman Richard's reason only. So if we give him or this process a chance to move
908 then we will find out exactly what his purpose is , it is the same as Congresswoman Cari's bill
909 before, although I do respect the resolutions coming from the Barangays except one which is
910 my second point. So first, I move that it may be sent to the House of the Representative
911 because this is only copy furnished. My second point is the Municipality of Palompon sent us
912 a copy of a resolution. From the resolution, it was adopted on December 2, and we received
913 it the same day. And this is the most interesting part where I would really like us to invite the
914 council of Palompon because if you remember, Mr. Chair, this is the council that were all
915 dismissed together with their Mayor and then the replacement are all new and they are all
916 relatives of the dismissed officers. No discrimination there but my point is baka wala sila ka

917 bantay na ang ila session day is December 2 unya nag Lawing Festival man. So most of the
918 sitting new councilors where there at the parade. So, in aid of Legislation we just would like
919 to inquire by probably inviting the councilors and presiding officer of Palompon if they were
920 on that parade, how come they can have a session on the same day. Because my point is
921 we don't want our Sanggunian receiving something that might not have gone through a
922 process. I am hoping that being a Sangguniang Member for 9 years that they did a resolution
923 changing the date of their session, because if not, there is something that we should talk
924 about here if they're here. It needs a resolution a week before stating that our session has to
925 be moved on a Friday instead of a Monday because there is a Fiesta going on but being a
926 student of UP, you can't have 2 sessions in a week. There is only one. It's nothing personal,
927 it's just an inquiry on how Palompon was able to pass a resolution when it was a fiesta of
928 Palompon and all of the council is there including the dismissed Mayor. So I think the
929 intention here is just to inform future generations that for whatever its worth, they will
930 represent the kids, the tribe, and tried to present it to proper venue. Now this could go to
931 negative or positive on Congressman Richard's side. Now on Congresswoman Cari's side
932 went negative or she just stopped pursuing it because of time constraints but for me what is
933 important is if we look back 20 years from now, the population of Province will be so huge
934 that this will be brought up again. I think it's healthy to have Congressman do this and most
935 specially to the Cebuano speaking. Rest assured it's nothing personal, let's just try to get a
936 view on how the Cebuano speaking will think. Nevertheless, this will be talked about and I'm
937 sure there will be lots of Municipalities that will be opposing which will respectfully be
938 accepted. Thank you and that's all.

939 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

940 Mr. Chair?

941 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

942 Yes, Board Member Apostol, go ahead please.

943 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

944 Just a manifestation and observation for the 4th District of Leyte, all municipalities has
945 the right and entitled to pass a resolution for objecting or not so this Municipality of Palompon

946 has the right to object. Now since this bill has already been endorsed by the Floor Leader to
947 Congress, what is important here is a Congressman who will tackle and sponsor and will
948 defend this particular bill in Congress. Alam mo lahat ng Municipyo, they are entitled to pass
949 a Resolution for opposition or not, Board Member Rama. Hindi nating sila pwede pigilan. So
950 that is my manifestation and observation. Thank you.

951 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

952 Noted on that, Board Member Apostol.

953 HON. CARMEN L. CARI:EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

954 Mr. Chairman?

955 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

956 Yes, Board Member Carmen Cari?

957 HON. CARMEN L. CARI:EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

958 Mr. Chair, this is about the bill that I filed when I was in Congress. I was working on
959 two options, the Cityhood of Baybay and 15 others. It was so hard because there are so
960 many problems with the qualifications of the City to be considered in Congress so I decided
961 to file a bill as a Province only for the 5th District with 9 Municipalities because with these
962 Municipalities, we can already qualify as a Province and we have proper consultation where
963 in all the Mayors wanted it, although it was very hard to secure some paper. Besides I got the
964 cityhood. The cityhood was my priority while the province was only my option so I didn't
965 pursue that. And it was only for the nine municipalites, I did not touch Albuera, Ormoc,
966 Palompon and others outside of the 5th District. So it's very clear that the 5th District was
967 supposed to be converted into province since we are qualified but due to some other
968 problems also and besides I got the first priority option that I filed which is the cityhood of
969 Baybay. And that is the reason what made me push to file a bill for province but cityhood was
970 my priority. Thank you.

971 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

972 We thank the two former legislators from Congress who are with us, Mr. Chair. Just for
973 clarification, the motion now is to refer these two resolutions to the Congress. More
974 discussion, Mr. Chair, please recognize the Honorable Rama?

975 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

976 Yes, Board Member Rama, go ahead.

977 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

978 For the record, Mr. Presiding Officer, this representation is not objecting to
979 communications specially resolutions from Municipalities. As a matter of fact, Burauen and
980 Isabel's resolution is right on and is not a problem. My question was how the Palompon's
981 resolution was done when the session date was a fiesta day. Also, my point of raising this
982 manifestation was just to make sure it was carefully followed especially the whereas. Now,
983 Board Member Apostol being meticulous at this point, I just wanted to know if most of the
984 whereas makes sense because you can always come up with a resolution and it would not
985 match with what we are talking about. On Board Member Carmen Cari's revelation, it's true it
986 was for Baybay but it is on record that there was also a proposal dividing the Province. For
987 the sake of conversation, it's on record that Board Member Carmen Cari and few more
988 Congressmen proposed it. So, Congressman Richard is now one of the those that is now
989 trying so we will just see. Nevertheless, if it doesn't go his way then the 4th District will still
990 fully support him. Thank you.

991 HON. CARMEN L. CARI:EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

992 Mr. Chairman?

993 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

994 Yes, Board Member Carmen Cari?

995 HON. CARMEN L. CARI:EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

996 Mr. Chairman, in that case that I filed in that Congress wherein I don't remember the
997 date already, there was no objection because I did not touch other places that were not
998 within 5th District. In this case, there are so many objections so I would like to suggest to this
999 body to forward this to Congress because after all, all these objections, good and bad side of
1000 it will be discussed in the Congress. Thank you.

1001 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1002 Mr. Chair?

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1004 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1005 Yes, Board Member Apostol, go ahead please.

1006 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1007 In addition to the manifestation of Board Member Cari, when she filed a bill making
1008 Baybay as a city, there are other qualification for such bill. For example one of these
1009 qualifications is the population of the area, then the income of the Municipality so when the
1010 bill was filed there were no objection so it was carried. Thank you.

1011 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1012 Honorable Vince, we were informed about this two days after it was filed. Actually, not
1013 too many people like surprises especially if you are involved in such place. What if somebody
1014 tells you if your house is going to be decapitated without hearing any notice or talking about
1015 it. Now, the Province of Leyte, which we are part of and which we represent here is wholly
1016 composed of 5 districts. So, when the bill was filed we were informed that not a single
1017 Congressman was informed. In other words, it was just like a thief in the night and caught
1018 everybody by surprise. That is why this bill is encountering with a lot of opposition kasi nga if
1019 you're friends nga naman and you live in the same place and all of the sudden somebody
1020 tells you that you are going to be divided into little pieces, its not a very pleasant experience.
1021 That is the fault of this bill because it was filed without consulting the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th
1022 District. It's a matter as big as dividing the whole Province of Leyte into two. It's something
1023 that concerns everybody which includes the opinion of the Governor, the Sanggunian, the
1024 Mayors, and most specially the Representatives. So I think this is a matter of discussion kasi
1025 ang nangyari dito ay gulatan eh. Wala namang May gustong gugulatin ka since
1026 magkakaibigan tayo and as a matter of fact, we are all solid in the Province. Then all of the
1027 sudden, the 5th District is surprised because they are to be included into another Province in
1028 this particular proposed bill. So I would suggest that lets observe first and accept any
1029 recommendations and objections kasi this is a matter that concerns everybody not only the
1030 4th District. Kaibigan naman natin si Congressman Richard but we also are wanting of
1031 respect as a matter of fact, you are going to take in the 5th District and exclude three
1032 Municipalities which are the Abuyog, Javier and Mahaplag. Who has the right to choose?

1033 There is going to be a lot of opinions here and that is why, I, as a leader of the Sangguniang
1034 Panlalawigan should be more objective about tackling this issue because we need to be fair
1035 to everybody. That is my manifestation with regards this issue.

1036 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1037 Mr. Chair, thank you and I subscribe to the Manifestation of the Chair. On that note, I
1038 would like to state on record as well that although Isabel, Palompon and other parts of
1039 Province are distant physically, the Provincial Government has not been lacking in terms of
1040 providing for the basic services, social services, roads, dams, and Calamity assistance. On
1041 that note, the motion on the floor is to refer to the House of Representatives this two
1042 resolutions from Isabel and Burauen, Leyte. It has been duly seconded, Mr. Chair, may we
1043 have a ruling?

1044 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1045 May we also note of course the manifestation of our colleague regarding Palompon.
1046 And yes, as I said, we should accept all opinions of every who are concern with the division
1047 of our Province.

1048 It's been seconded.

1049 Motion is approved.

1050 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-547

1051 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1052 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to the last item, Madam Secretary, please.

1053 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

1054 **ITEM NO. 34**

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1056 Presented for consideration is the letter dated December 9, 2024 from
1057 the **Provincial Governor Carlos Jericho L. Petilla** endorsing to the
1058 **SP a complaint transmitted through the 8888 Citizen's Complaint**
1059 **Hotline** regarding alleged irregularities in the distribution of the
1060 **Ayuda para sa Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP)** by officials of the
1061 Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte.
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1063 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1064 Mr. Chair, I move that we refer this to the Blue Ribbon Committee and the Committee
1065 on Social Services. I so move.

1066 HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1067 Second.

1068 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1069 It's been seconded.

1070 Objections? Hearing none.

1071 Motion is approved.

1072 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-548

1073 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1074 Mr. Chair, for other matters, today is the Birthday of the Former Board Member,
1075 Congresswoman Janette Loreto Garin. I move that we pass a resolution greeting her, Mr.
1076 Chair. I so move.

1077 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1078 Second.

1079 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1080 It's been seconded.

1081 Motion is approved.

1082 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-548-A

1083 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1084 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1085 I would like also to move for a passage of another resolution greeting the former
1086 Congresswoman, Mayor Lucy Torres-Gomez on her birthday today. I so move.

1087 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1088 Second.

1089 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1090 It's been seconded.

1091 Motion is approved.

1092 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-548-B

1093 HON. MJ LUIINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

1094 Mr. Chair, if I may?

1095 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/ VICE GOVERNOR

1096 Yes, Honorable MJ, go ahead.

1097 HON. MJ LUILLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

1098 Mr. Chair and Mr. Floor Leader, if there are no Other Matters, I move to adjourn.

1099 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1100 Second.

1101 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1102 There's a motion to adjourn.

1103 Any objections?

1104 Hearing none, this session is adjourned.

1105 (The session is adjourned at 11:50 o'clock in the morning)

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