## Covid-19, transport, salaries, prices and other topics assessed in Holguin

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The Provincial Council of the People's Power of Holguin meets this February 16 to analyze 10 points of its agenda, with the presence of Ernesto Santiesteban Velazquez - President of the Defense Council-, the leadership of the Governor Julio Cesar Estupiñan Rodriguez, and the Vicegobernadora Yunia Perez Hernandez.

This session of the Provincial Council, through videoconference with the 14 municipalities of Holguin, the presidency interchanged with the Presidents and Vice Presidents of the Municipal Assemblies of People's Power and the Mayor, who are members of this body too.

Among the issues of popular interest are price rates for transportation, which includes charging for long and medium distance trips, a constant request of the voters. It was reminded that no increase in the price of fares was approved, and that a national rate is maintained, as well as the provincial and municipal rates, and the latter is requested to be delivered to the Provincial Directorate so that the inspectors may verify its compliance. Covid-19, transport, salaries, prices and other topics assessed in Holguin
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However, it was informed that as from seven o'clock at night, non state transportation will be on a supply and demand basis, - the same provision will be made for individual motorcycles during the day, but not for tricycles or other means of locomotion.

The investment plan of the state entities was also approved in response to the economic plan, many of which are part of the voters' proposals and which benefit Culture, Sports, Etecsa, Pharmacies, Electric Company, Housing, Hydraulic Resources, among others.

Precisely, a new stage was reported for the hydraulic networks in Holguín and Moa with the construction of pumping stations, as well as sewage and waste treatment in the provincial capital.

Commerce will continue its improvement, which includes structural improvements of its dependencies, as in the dining rooms of the System of Attention to the Family, where the number of diners is updated for their corresponding supply.

In her intervention on the situation of the fight against covid-19, Dr. Katia Ochoa updated the data; she informed that at the moment there are 223 confirmed cases (193 autochthonous and 30 imported).

She informed that Holguín, Moa, Mayarí are the most complicated municipalities due to the number of cases, and Antilla due to the proportion according to its population.

She explained that soon there will be changes of phases in some municipalities, some of them are regressing and others are improving due to the good work carried out with the timely isolation of cases and their contacts and thus achieving the rapid control of the situation, as is the case of Frank País.

In this regard, the First Secretary of the Party in the Province, Ernesto Santiesteban Velázquez, emphasized that there is still more that can be done in the face of covid-19, it is good to update the statistics, to act opportunely as it was also done in the municipality Calixto García with the suspects and contacts, the preventive but also punitive work relying on decree 30, especially in places prone to overcrowding.

Santiesteban Velázquez also demanded the speedy collection of suspects or contacts to the isolation centers, the quality of the investigations, the work at the entry and exit control points of each territory - and much more if the place is declared in autochthonous transmission. The Ordering Task was another point of wide debate in this session of the Provincial Council of People's Power of Holguín, Julio César Estupiñán Rodríguez emphasized the need to analyze prices and salaries.

In the specific case of prices, the Governor pointed out that they are classified as national, provincial and municipal, and that many of them are reviewed, especially the local ones where not the average, but the maximum rate was sought.

He reasoned that if up to now more than five thousand people have requested employment, it is necessary to place them in direct production; he also indicated that the salary of the workers and the price of the workers' dining rooms should not exceed 18 pesos per day should be reviewed.

He also indicated the monitoring of the internal finances of the entities to avoid the increase of accounts receivable, as well as the rational use of monetary, material and human resources.

He also emphasized that everything analyzed as Task Ordering and its impact on the population must be socialized through the media, and the entities' communicators must play their role in this.