

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Cagayan  
TUGUEGARAO CITY

NINTH (9<sup>th</sup>) CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

January 30, 2025

Submitted by:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

PRESENT:

HON. JUDE T. BAYONA	-	Acting Chairman /Member
HON. MARIA ROSARIO B. SORIANO	-	Member
HON. RONALDO S. ORTIZ	-	Member
HON. MARY MARJORIE P. MARTIN- CHAN	-	Member
HON. IMOGEN CLAIRE M. CALLANGAN	-	Member
HON. GILBERT S. LABANG	-	Member
HON. KARINA S. GAUANI-VIERNES	-	Member
HON. TIRSO S. MANGADA	-	Member
HON. MARC ALDOUS C. BACCAY	-	Member
HON. RESTITUTO C. RAMIREZ	-	Member
HON. CERENE PEARL T. QUILANG	-	Member

ABSENT:

HON. BIENVENIDO C. DE GUZMAN II	-	Chairman
HON. MARK ANGELO B. DAYAG	-	Member
HON. GRACE B. ARAGO	-	Member

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

HON. ARNEL T. ARUGAY	-	Member
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RESOURCE PERSONS:

Atty. Roderick S. Iquin	-	City Legal Officer
Atty. Jose Benjamin Q. Kanapi	-	Legal Counsel for Mr. Pobre

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 33-2025

SUBJECT:

LETTER OF MR. JONATHAN ERIC Y. POBRE, FRANCHISE GRANTEE TO OPERATE A COCKPIT, TO THE CITY MAYOR SEEKING WITHDRAWAL AND/OR REVOCATION OF HIS FRANCHISE FOR THE REASON THAT HE IS NOT ABLE TO OPERATE A COCKPIT DUE TO A PENDING CASE FOR INJUNCTION BEFORE RTC, BRANCH 05, TUGUEGARAO CITY.

FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:

The Committee of the Whole met and deliberated on the subject matter.

## **FINDINGS:**

1. City Ordinance No. 41-08-2022 titled “*An Ordinance granting Legislative Franchise to Mr. Jonathan Eric Y. Pobre to establish and operate a cockpit located at Larion Alto, Tuguegarao City*” was approved by the Eighth City Council during its Regular Session held on May 24, 2022.
2. Mr. Pobre forwarded his letter to the City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que, dated January 8, 2025, copy furnished the SP Secretariat, seeking withdrawal and/or revocation of the aforesaid franchise.
3. Atty. Jose Benjamin Q. Kanapi, legal counsel for Mr. Pobre informed the committee of the following:
  - A. Mr. Pobre is seeking withdrawal and/or revocation of his franchise due to the following reasons/circumstances: that it is no longer viable to establish and operate the said cockpit considering that said franchise will already expire on May 2025 and the other necessary permits to operate like building permit, zoning permit and business permit are not yet issued to him and they still need to put up the necessary structure for the cockpit arena. These are aside from the Injunction Case filed by Melvin P. Vargas versus The City Government of Tuguegarao, 8<sup>th</sup> City Council and Mr. Jonathan Eric Y. Pobre, relative to the said franchise to operate cockpit, to which a Temporary Restraining Order has been issued against them and the said case is still pending before the RTC, Branch 05, Tuguegarao City.
  - B. Mr. Buenaventura F. Lagundi, City Treasurer, informed Mr. Pobre in writing about payment of fees and/or taxes, to which the latter has made a reply setting forth therein his arguments, such as not being able to operate the cockpit, for reasons that are not the fault of the franchise grantee. Hence, it their stand that they are not liable to pay any fees to the City.
4. As per information from Atty. Roderick Iquin, City Legal Officer, Mr. Pobre is liable to pay the corresponding franchise fee, including penalties for non-operation.
5. For the City Legal Officer and the City Treasurer to further determine if there are other taxes and/or penalties apart from the franchise fee due to Mr. Pobre and to come up with an assessment.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Considering the above premises, the Committee of Whole recommends the passage of an Ordinance revoking the Legislative Franchise granted to Mr. Jonathan Eric Y. Pobre to establish and operate a cockpit located at Larion Alto, Tuguegarao City.

The Committee further recommends for the City Treasurer to collect the necessary franchise fee, other taxes and/or penalties due to Mr. Pobre.

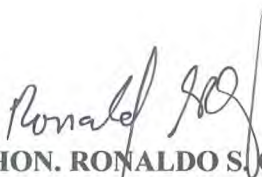
Respectfully submitted:



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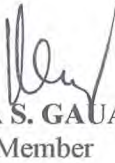
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