



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN
Tuguegarao City
NINTH CITY COUNCIL



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 121st REGULAR SESSION OF THE NINTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2025 (TUESDAY), 9:00 A.M., AT THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Jude T. Bayona	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member, Temporary Presiding Officer
Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II	City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Mark Angelo B. Dayag	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Maria Rosario B. Soriano	-do-
Hon. Ronaldo S. Ortiz	-do-
Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin-Chan	-do-
Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan	-do-
Hon. Gilbert S. Labang	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Karina S. Gauani-Viernes	-do-
Hon. Arnel T. Arugay	-do-
Hon. Grace B. Arago	-do-
Hon. Tirso V. Mangada	-do-
Hon. Marc Aldous C. Baccay	-do-
Hon. Restituto C. Ramirez	Ex Officio Member
Hon. Cerene Pearl T. Quilang	-do- (via Teleconferencing)

CITY RESOLUTION NO. 52-09-2025

RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO ATTY. GINNIE T. VILLACORTE, LOCAL LEGISLATIVE STAFF OFFICER V, AND/OR ATTY. JAH AMIHIBO M. MORENO, LOCAL LEGISLATIVE STAFF OFFICER III, TO REPRESENT THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD OF TUGUEGARAO IN SPECIAL CIVIL ACTION NO. 136 TITLED “*MELVIN P. VARGAS, SR., PLAINTIFF VERSUS THE TUGUEGARAO CITY GOVERNMENT, REPRESENTED BY ITS MAYOR, HON. ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO, HON. VICE MAYOR BIENVENIDO C. DE GUZMAN II, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL ET AL.*”

WHEREAS, Section 458, paragraph 1 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the Sangguniang Panlungsod to approve and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective city government;

WHEREAS, Mr. Melvin P. Vargas, Sr. instituted/filed a Special Civil Action for Declaratory Relief and Injunction With Urgent Ex Parte Application for the Issuance of Temporary Restraining Order and/or Writ of Preliminary Injunction against public defendants/respondents Tuguegarao City Government, represented by then City Mayor, Atty. Jefferson P. Soriano, City Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer, Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II, and the Honorable Members of the Eighth City Council of Tuguegarao docketed as Special Civil Action No. 136 pending trial before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 05, Tuguegarao City;

WHEREAS, there is a necessity for the public defendants/respondents to be represented by legal counsel/attorney to pursue their defense, prosecution of counter-claim and for the protection of their rights and interests as public officials charged in the performance of their official functions as members of the local legislative body of Tuguegarao City Government;

WHEREAS, the Ninth City Council hereby grants authority to Atty. Ginnie T. Villacorte, Local Legislative Staff Officer V, and/or Atty. Jah Amihibo M. Moreno, Local Legislative Staff Officer III, to represent the Members of the Eighth City Council in the litigation of said special civil action in court in coordination with the City Legal Office;

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WHEREAS, the authority granted to said lawyers of the Local Legislative Branch of Tuguegarao City to represent the Eighth City Council shall include, but not limited to, to appear in all stages of the proceedings, to enter into mediation, preliminary conference and pre-trial to discuss the matters stated in Section 2, Rule 18 of the Rules on Civil Procedure, present evidence for and in behalves of the Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tuguegarao City, to attend court trials and proceedings and to perform such other appropriate legal actions necessary for the prosecution and defense of the interests of the impleaded defendant officials of the Tuguegarao City Government.

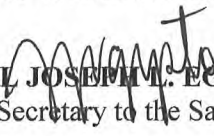
NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVE, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to grant authority to Atty. Ginnie T. Villacorte, Local Legislative Staff Officer V, and/or Atty. Jah Amihibo M. Moreno, Local Legislative Staff Officer III, to represent the public defendants/respondents City Officials of Tuguegarao City Government in coordination with the City Legal Office in the Special Civil Action for Declaratory Relief and Injunction With Urgent Ex Parte Application for the Issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order and/or Writ of Preliminary Injunction, docketed as Special Civil Action No. 136, titled “*Melvin P. Vargas, Sr. versus The City Government of Tuguegarao, represented by its Mayor, Hon. Atty. Jefferson P. Soriano and the Eighth City Council of Tuguegarao, headed by its Vice Mayor, Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II and the Honorable Members of the Eighth City Council of Tuguegarao.*”


RESOLVED LIKEWISE, that the authority thus granted to Atty. Ginnie T. Villacorte and/or Atty. Jah Amihibo M. Moreno shall be in addition to their duties and functions as employees of the Local Legislative Office of the Tuguegarao City Government.

RESOLVED FURTHER, let copies of this Resolution be furnished to the City Legal Office for information.

On motion of Hon. Chan and without any objection, **CITY RESOLUTION NO. 52-09-2025** was **APPROVED** under suspended rules.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:


JOEL JOSEPH M. EGIPTO, Ph.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

HON. JUDE T. BAYONA
Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Temporary Presiding Officer
Date: Jan. 14, 2025

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