

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Cagayan  
TUGUEGARAO CITY

COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AND ECOLOGY

Present:

HON. MARIA ROSARIO B. SORIANO	- Chairperson
HON. IMOGEN CLAIRE M. CALLANGAN	- Vice Chair ( <i>via Zoom</i> )
HON. JUDE T. BAYONA	- Member
HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA	- Member ( <i>via Zoom</i> )
HON. CERENE PEARL T. QUILANG	- Member ( <i>via Zoom</i> )

Resource Person:

ATTY. ELWINA S. AQUINO	-DENR/Attorney II
MS. MARY ANN LUCENA	- DENR/Development Management Officer III
DR. PASTOR C. TUMALIUAN	- City Veterinarian

FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:

The committee met and deliberated on the referral on March 12, 2024:

COMMITTEE REPORT NO.:107-2024

SUBJECT:

Indorsement of the City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que, requesting for an authority to sign for and on behalf of the Tuguegarao City Government the Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

FINDINGS:

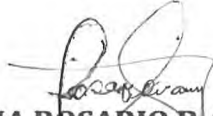
1. Pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-022, The Rogelio B. Baggayan Nature Park and Wildlife Center (RBBNPWC) was conceived and established as a sanctuary to promote the welfare and conservation of confiscated, abandoned, rescued, and philanthropically bestowed wildlife.
2. Situated adjacent to the PENRO sub-office within the Regional Government Center, Carig Sur, the RBBNPWC provide refuge to a collection of eighteen (18) wildlife, representing nine (9) different species. Of these, six (6) of which are classified as endangered based on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species. These wildlife are Philippine Monkey, Deer, Wild Cat, Raptors like the Philippine Serpent Eagle, Rufous Hornbill, Tortoise, Bearded Dragon and Iguana.
3. Representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources regional office acknowledged the absence of an official Veterinarian position within their organizational structure. Despite the proposition for such a post being submitted for fiscal consideration under the General Appropriations Act (GAA), endorsement has yet to materialize.

4. At present, currently three (3) staff members are assigned at the RBBNPWC with the primary responsibility of feeding the resident wildlife.
5. The City Veterinary Office supports the provision of veterinary care and medical support to the wildlife species at the RBBNPWC. However, it was also noted that this support excludes engagement in the apprehension and capture of these animals.
6. The City Veterinary Office also supports the registration of the Rogelio B. Baggayan Nature Park and Wildlife Center (RBBNPWC) with the Bureau of Animal Industry for a License to Operate.
7. There is a benefit for the City Veterinary Office and its personnel to be capacitated with wildlife healthcare.
8. An undertaking by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is in place to extend an invitation to the Committee and the City Veterinary Office for an upcoming workshop on Wildlife Diseases and Surveillance.
9. The Committee proposes several revisions to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), as deliberated with the cognizant resource speakers from the DENR Regional Office and the City Veterinary Office:
  - a. Omit the Sixth (6th) Whereas Clause pertaining to the Integrated Laboratory Division, which is non-existent within the City Veterinary Office;
  - b. Omit the specific mention of a Licensed Veterinarian, substituting it with "City Veterinary Office" in the Seventh (7th) Whereas Clause;
  - c. Augment Article II, detailing the responsibilities of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, with a clause stating that the DENR shall underwrite comprehensive training and professional development for three to five personnel from the City Veterinary Office, on an annual basis. This clause shall encompass all pertinent expenditures, including but not limited to, tuition, registration, transportation, and accommodation, which shall be fully covered by the DENR;
  - d. Within the stipulations concerning the City Government's obligations, a provision shall be incorporated necessitating the submission of the three-five personnel roster by the LGU, enumerating the personnel designated for participation in the aforementioned training and seminars; and
  - e. Omit the stipulation of providing services "once every week" from Article II Section 2.3, pertaining to the City Government's commitments, to allow for greater flexibility and responsiveness to the exigencies of wildlife care.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Finding the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement to be in order and beneficial to the conservation of our wildlife animals, the Committee favorably recommends the passage of a Resolution for the approval of the Memorandum of Agreement and granting authority to the City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que to sign for and on behalf of the Tuguegarao City Government the Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Respectfully submitted:



**MARIA ROSARIO B. SORIANO**

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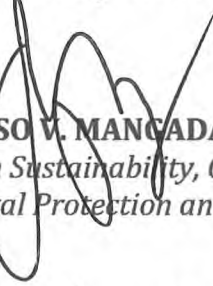
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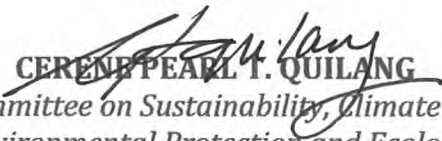
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