

CITY RESOLUTION NO.

DRAFT RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO ATTY. GINNIE T. VILLACORTE, LOCAL LEGISLATIVE STAFF OFFICER V, AND/OR ATTY. JAH AMIHIPO M. MORENO, LOCAL LEGISLATIVE STAFF OFFICER III, TO REPRESENT THE SANGGUNANG PANLUNGSOD OF TUGUEGARAO IN SPECIAL CIVIL ACTION NO. 136 ENTITLED “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;

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 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, entitled Melvin P. Vargas Sr. versus The City Government of Tuguegarao, represented by its Mayor Hon. Atty. Jefferson P. Soriano and the 8th City Council of Tuguegarao, headed by its Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer 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 Tuguegarao City Government.

RESOLVED FURTHER, let copies of this Resolution be furnished to the City Mayor's Office and the City Legal Office for their information.