



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



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 138th REGULAR SESSION OF THE NINTH CITY
COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN HELD ON MAY 27, 2025
(TUESDAY), 9:00 A.M., AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Arnel T. Arugay	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. Ronaldo S. Ortiz	-do-
Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin-Chan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Gilbert S. Labang	-do-
Hon. Jude T. Bayona	-do-
Hon. Karina S. Gauani-Viernes	-do-
Hon. Grace B. Arago	-do-
Hon. Tirso V. Mangada	-do-
Hon. Marc Aldous C. Baccay	-do-

ABSENT:

Hon. Maria Rosario B. Soriano	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (On Leave)
Hon. Restituto C. Ramirez	Ex Officio Member (On Official Business)
Hon. Cerene Pearl T. Quilang	Ex Officio Member

CITY RESOLUTION NO. 233-09-2025

A RESOLUTION INFORMING THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE THAT HER REQUEST TO TRANSMIT TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN CITY RESOLUTION NO. 205-09-2025 ADOPTING AND APPROVING CDC RESOLUTION NO. 07-2025 TITLED “RESOLUTION ENDORSING TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD THE HEREIN SUPPLEMENTAL ANNUAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (SAIP) NO. 1 CY 2025 AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 01-09-2025 AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 01 (CY 2025) OF TUGUEGARAO CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINETY-FOUR PESOS IS BEYOND THE SCOPE AND AUTHORITY OF THE NINTH CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Ninth City Council approved during the Special Session held on March 27, 2025 CITY RESOLUTION NO. 205-09-2025 *Adopting and Approving CDC Resolution No. 07-2025 titled “Resolution Endorsing to the Sangguniang Panlungsod the herein Supplemental Annual Investment Program (SAIP) No. 1 CY 2025”* and APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 01-09-2025 *“Authorizing Supplemental Budget No. 01 (CY 2025) of Tuguegarao City in the Amount of Eighty-Three Million Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Ninety-Four Pesos (P83,345,094.00);”*

WHEREAS, the City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que, returned the said resolution and appropriation ordinance unsigned with her veto message on April 15, 2025 opposing the reduction of the fund intended for the purchase of inert soil;

WHEREAS, the veto message was included in the 135th Regular Session held on April 29, 2025 and after a thorough discussion and deliberation, the said matter was put into votation. With eight (8) members voting to override and six (6) members abstaining, the said veto of the Local Chief Executive was not overridden;

WHEREAS, the City Vice Mayor, Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II, wrote a letter to the City Mayor on April 29, 2025 to inform her that her veto was not overridden;

WHEREAS, the Ninth City Council enacted on May 20, 2025 CITY RESOLUTION NO. 225-09-2025 *“Informing the Local Chief Executive that Her Veto Message on City Resolution No. 205-09-2025 and Appropriation Ordinance No. 01-09-2025 was not Overridden and For Her to Take the Appropriate Actions or Measures Consistent with the Local Government Code;”*

WHEREAS, the City Mayor wrote a letter to the Secretary to the Sanggunian on her veto relative to City Resolution No. 205-09-2025 and Appropriation Ordinance No. 01-09-2025 dated May 21, 2025 requesting information on the transmittal to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and if not transmitted yet, to immediately forward to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for review and action City Resolution No. 205-09-2025 and Appropriation Ordinance No. 01-09-2025;

WHEREAS, the said letter was included in the agenda of the 138th Regular Session of the Ninth City Council held on May 27, 2025;

WHEREAS, during the said session, it was discussed that City Resolution No. 205-09-2025 and Appropriation Ordinance No. 01-09-2025 were not signed, hence, it is construed as a whole veto and not line veto as claimed in her letter;

WHEREAS, the Budget Operations Manual of 2023 for Local Government Units¹ on the Veto power of the Local Chief Executive states that ***the Local Chief Executive has to sign the Appropriation Ordinance even if he has vetoed certain items in the Appropriation Ordinance. The vetoed item or items shall not take effect unless the sanggunian overrides the veto; otherwise, the item or items in the Appropriation Ordinance of the previous year corresponding to those vetoed, if any, shall be deemed reenacted. As gleaned from the foregoing, the Local Chief Executive has to sign the Appropriation Ordinance in every page thereof even if he has vetoed an item or items of an AO. He/she should state his reasons in writing for the vetoed items;***

WHEREAS, the Ninth City Council further reminds the Local Chief Executive of the requirement in Section 54 of the Local Government Code that if the local chief executive approves an ordinance, ***he shall affix his signature on each and every page thereof; otherwise, he shall veto it and return the same with his objections to the sanggunian, which may proceed to reconsider the same;***

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the contention of the Local Chief Executive in the letter dated 21 May 2025 that the remainder of the aforementioned resolution and ordinance are unaffected by her item veto, thus deemed approved, the Ninth City Council **emphasizes that with her failure to affix her signature on each and every page of the subject resolution and ordinance as required by the abovementioned provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 and Budget Operations Manual for Local Government Units**, the Ninth City Council is constrained to interpret the said veto as a whole veto, and not an item or line veto;

WHEREAS, considering that the Ninth City Council failed to override the abovementioned veto of the Local Chief Executive, City Resolution No. 205-09-2025 and Appropriation Ordinance No. 01-09-2025 could not be forwarded to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan because they are good as dead, that is, they have no force and effect;

WHEREAS, the council is hereby returning the CDC Resolution No. 07-2025 and the Indorsement requesting for the approval of Supplemental Budget No. 1 CY 2025 through the passage of an Appropriation Ordinance for the implementation of priority plans, projects and activities in the amount of P97,870,000.00 and for the reconvening of the City Development Council and submit the same to the Sanggunian.

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVE, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to inform the Local Chief Executive that her request to transmit to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan City Resolution No. 205-09-2025 *Adopting and Approving CDC Resolution No. 07-2025 Titled Resolution Endorsing to the Sangguniang Panlungsod the Herein Supplemental Annual Investment Program (SAIP) No. 1 CY 2025 and Appropriation Ordinance No. 01-09-2025 Authorizing Supplemental Budget No. 01 (CY 2025) of Tuguegarao City in the Amount of Eighty-Three Million Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Ninety-Four Pesos* is beyond the scope and authority of the Ninth City Council.

¹ Budget Operations Manual for Local Government Units, 2023 Edition, page 106
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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:


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

ATTESTED:


HON. ARNEL T. ARUGAY
Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Temporary Presiding Officer
Date: 053025

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