



Republic of the Philippines
 PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN
 Tuguegarao City



NINTH CITY COUNCIL

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 93rd REGULAR SESSION OF THE NINTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN HELD ON MAY 28, 2024, (TUESDAY), 09:00 A.M., AT THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Jude T. Bayona	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member/Temporary Presiding Officer
Hon. Ronaldo S. Ortiz	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin-Chan	-do-
Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Gilbert S. Labang	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Karina S. Gauani-Viernes	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Arnel T. Arugay	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Grace B. Arago	-do-
Hon. Tirso V. Mangada	-do-
Hon. Marc Aldous C. Baccay	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Restituto C. Ramirez	Ex Officio Member
Hon. Cerene Pearl T. Quilang	-do-

ABSENT:

Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II	City Vice Mayor (Acting City Mayor)
Hon. Maria Rosario B. Soriano	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (on Official Business)
Hon. Mark Angelo B. Dayag	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (on Vacation Leave)

CITY RESOLUTION NOS. 295-09-2024

RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MAYOR AND/OR CITY LEGAL OFFICER TO REPRESENT THE TUGUEGARAO CITY GOVERNMENT TO ENTER INTO A PLEA-BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH ACCUSED JAMESON A. PASCUAL IN CRIMINAL CASE NOS. 21345 AND 21346.

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Legal Officer, Atty. Vanessa T. Herrero-Verbo, received a Motion to Enter into Plea Bargain submitted by Jameson Pascual y Aglugub through his counsel, Atty. Roderick C. Tagaruma of the Public Attorney’s Office. Mr. Jameson Pascual is one of the accused in Criminal Case Nos. 21345 & 21346 currently pending before Regional Trial Court-Branch 3, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan;

WHEREAS, Atty. Roderick C. Tagaruma of the Public Attorney’s Office informed the members of the committee that the accused, Jameson A. Pascual, has voluntarily expressed his willingness to plead guilty to a lesser offense from 2 counts of ESTAFA through falsification of public documents to 2 counts of simple Estafa and undertake full restitution of the total amount defrauded from the funds of Philhealth, which were entrusted to the City Government;

WHEREAS, Atty. Gerome Pagalilauan mentioned during the meeting that the accused will be imposed to pay the damages and return the benefits or claims they obtained before, and the same will be returned to the trust fund given by Philhealth provided that the Tuguegarao City Government will pursue criminal cases against the persons who are directly involved in the fraud;

WHEREAS, the City Legal Officer, Atty. Vanessa T. Herrero-Verbo, explained that there is no cost of suit in a criminal case and the services provided by them were compensated through their regular salaries which means that there are no unnecessary expense coming from the government. She also mentioned that they are very selective with the witnesses because not all of the accused who entered into a plea-bargaining agreement knows the whole scheme.

WHEREAS, to commence the plea-bargaining process, there is a need for the approval of the plea-bargaining agreement by the Tuguegarao City Government through a Sangguniang Panlungsod Resolution;

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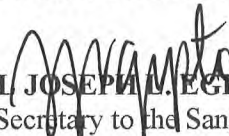
WHEREAS, there is also a need for the passage of a resolution granting authority to the Honorable City Mayor and/or City Legal Officer to represent the Tuguegarao City Government to enter into a plea-bargaining agreement with the accused, Jameson A. Pascual, in Criminal Case Nos. 21345 and 21346;

NOW, THEREFORE RESOLVE, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to grant authority to the City Mayor and/or City Legal Officer to represent the Tuguegarao City Government to enter into a Plea-Bargaining Agreement with the accused, Jameson A. Pascual, in Criminal Case Nos. 21345 and 21346.


On motion of Hon. Baccay and without objection, **CITY RESOLUTION NOS. 295-09-2024** was **APPROVED**.

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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: Aug 29, 2024

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