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COMMITTEE REPORT
January 08 & 22, 2026

Submitted by: COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 35-10-2026

PRESENT:
Committee Members:

JANUARY 08, 2026

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HON. MARIA ROSARIO B. SORIANO	-	Member
HON. RESTITUTO C. RAMIREZ	-	Member

RESOURCE PERSONS:

Engr. Julie Ann Mayette Gavino	-	OIC, PDAO
Mr. Jerry S. Galindon	-	SWA- PWD Focal Person
Engr. Wenceslao Arao Jr.	-	City Engineer
Engr. Amiel Mamauag	-	City Engineering Office Staff

JANUARY 22, 2026

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RESOURCE PERSONS:

Engr. Julie Ann Mayette Gavino	-	OIC, PDAO
Engr. Kim P. Aquebay	-	City Engineering Office Staff
Engr. Victor Jerick Ballad	-	City Engineering Office Staff

SUBJECT:

Request for the passage of a Resolution requesting Sen. Mark Villar for funding for the construction of facilities for Children with Special Needs

FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:

The Members of the Joint-Committee met and deliberated on the *Request for the passage of a Resolution requesting Sen. Mark Villar for funding for the construction of facilities for Children with Special Needs.*

As a result of the two-day deliberation, the Joint-Committee respectfully submits the herein Committee Report consisting of the action taken, findings and recommendations of the Committee.

ACTION TAKEN:

The members of the joint-committee conducted a two-day deliberation (January 8 and 22, 2026) to thoroughly and extensively evaluate the afore-cited matter referred to the Committee for review.

Resource persons were invited to provide necessary information to aid the committee during deliberation.

FINDINGS:

Day 01(January 08, 2026)

1. Hon. Soriano requested for a brief background and rationale for this initiative. She also asked for details and possible data relating to Children with Special Needs for inclusion in the whereas clauses and body of the draft Resolution.

2. Engr. Laoto shared the current situation of children with special needs in the city. Based on the recent PDAO database, the city has duly identified an approximately 1,000 children with special needs. With 10% annual growth rate, the number almost doubled as compared to the number they had before pandemic. Due to the rapid increase, the present facilities operated by the city can no longer effectively sustain and provide the needs of these children. Thus, a bigger facility is really needed.

3. Hon. Soriano asked for the possible determinants for the alarming growth rate in the number of children with special needs in the city. Engr. Laoto shared that the growth rate can be attributable to the unusual environment during pandemic which affected the social/ emotional and cognitive development of children born during the pandemic. Also, parents became more aware and liberal on accepting their own child's situation thru social media awareness which prompted them to seek professional help and assistance through PDAO.

4. The members asked for the status of the city-operated facility specifically the Stimulation and Therapeutic Activity Center (STAC). Engr. Laoto explained that the STAC is currently short-staffed with only 7 staff, rendering service in a rotation basis. Also, each child has their own special need requiring specific intervention. The PDAO and the STAC cannot fully address these needs as they lack manpower and proper equipment. She also shared that while there are few educational institutions in the city which now provide learning facilities to children with special needs, there is still a gap due to insufficient trainings of staff and lack of adequate equipment.

5. Hon. Soriano manifested the need to conduct benchmarking activities to other areas with an established and fully operational facilities catering Children with Special Needs. This will enable the city to identify the kind of learning facility including the proper equipment needed for possible funding request.

6. Engr Laoto shared that the PDAO already visited the learning center in Cabarroguis, Quirino. In fact, they are already preparing the feasibility study for the city.

7. Hon. Dayag reiterated the earlier request made by Hon. Soriano for the specific details of the request for the construction of the facility. He added that details as to the area, location and type of facility should be provided already and must be incorporated in the content of the Resolution. Engr. Laoto and Engr. Arao committed to provide the necessary details.

8. Hon. Ortiz made clarification if the city had already identified a location for the facility being requested. Engr. Laoto shared that based on the initial discussions made with the Local Chief Executive and other stakeholders, they have identified a particular building donated by Security Bank at West Central School as possible location.

9. To make it more comprehensive, the members then recommended that the following shall be attached to the Resolution, to wit:

    i. feasibility study

    ii. historical background

    iii. design perspective for the proposed facilities

    iv. list of equipment needed

10. Discussions were also made on the status of other persons with disabilities. Since the request only covers facility for children with special needs, the members asked if there are available facilities catering those transitioning from children to young adult category. Engr. Laoto shared that there is no available facility catering persons with disabilities for young adults and even those above 30 years of age.

11. Hon. Soriano highlighted the duty of the city to cater all persons with disabilities in the locality. As such, she suggested that the resolution to be drafted should be comprehensive.

12. As agreed, upon, the facility to be requested shall not only be limited to children with special needs but will entirely cover all persons with disabilities. The title of the Resolution shall be corrected to facilities for Persons with Disabilities.

13. The members then recommended for the passage of the requested resolution, subject to the submission of the required Feasibility study, design perspective and other documents as attachments before its transmittal to the Office of Sen. Mark Villar.

Addendum:

14. A day after the termination of the deliberation, resource persons, Engr. Laoto and Engr. Arao brought to the attention of Hon. Soriano, chair of the lead Committee, their inability to comply with the submission of the feasibility study and design perspective. They informed Hon. Soriano that they have already raised their concern to the Local Chief Executive and that a letter shall be forwarded to the Sanggunian, asking for reconsideration.
15. Due to the said intervening event, Hon. Soriano moved for the deferment of the presentation of the committee report based on the January 08, 2026 committee meeting, awaiting for the letter for reconsideration.
16. On January 20,2026, the letter of the City Mayor, forwarding the letter of Engr. Laoto and Engr. Arao was tackled by the council and was again referred to the committee for appropriate action.
17. To discuss the request for reconsideration and to finally settle issues pertaining to the requested resolution, another committee meeting was conducted.

Day 02 (January 22, 2026)

18. Hon. Soriano asked the resource persons to explain the matters they raised in their letter for reconsideration. Engr Laoto explained that they are unable to provide the feasibility study since they had just conducted their benchmarking in Cabarroguis, Quirino. She admitted that they are still on the early stage of preparing the Feasibility study.
19. For the design perspective, Engr. Ballad also manifested that their office needs more time to complete the design since no final talk yet as to the type of facility to be constructed.
20. Hon. Soriano verified from the resource persons whether their request for reconsideration seeks for the omission of the provision in the Resolution, making the Feasibility study and design perspective as attachments or an extension to submit the requested documents. Engr. Laoto clarified that they are only asking for extension of time to submit the documents.
21. To avoid delay in the submission of the resolution, the members suggested that a project brief including budgetary requirements and a building plan shall be prepared and submitted instead of a feasibility study and design perspective.
22. Considering that there is no issue as to the propriety of the request for funding, the members agreed to pass the needed Resolution, without waiting for the submission of the needed documents. However, the Resolution will still include as its attachments the needed documents. As such, the same shall still be prepared and attached to the Resolution before its transmittal to the office of Sen. Mark Villar.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Joint-committee favorably recommends for the passage and approval of the Draft Resolution earnestly requesting Senator Mark A. Villar for funding for the construction of facilities for Persons with Disabilities in Tuguegarao City, subject to the condition that all pertinent documents which were identified during the deliberation shall be attached to the Resolution before its submission.

Attached herewith is the Draft Resolution.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Chair, Comm. on Social Services
Member, Comm. on Infrastructure

HON. RONALDO S. ORTIZ
Chair, Comm. on Infrastructure

HON. JUDE T. BAYONA
Member, Comm. on Social Services

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Member, Comm. on Social Services

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Member, Comm on Infrastructure

C ITY RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION EARNESTLY REQUESTING SENATOR MARK A. VILLAR FOR FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN TUGUEGARAO CITY

Sponsored by:

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WHEREAS, Section 2(a) of Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, recognizes that persons with disabilities (PWDs) are integral members of Philippine society and mandates the State to extend full support to the improvement of their total well-being and to their integration into the mainstream of society; and

WHEREAS, the Magna Carta likewise declares that the rehabilitation of PWDs is a governmental concern essential to enabling them to achieve a more meaningful, productive, and satisfying life; and

WHEREAS, according to the December 2025 databank from the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO), Tuguegarao City records a total of 5,333 PWDs, comprising of 1,389 aged 0–17 years, 770 aged 18–30 years, 2,396 aged 31–59 years, and 778 aged 60 years and above; and

WHEREAS , presently, Tuguegarao City Government operates a health care facility — the Stimulation and Therapeutic Activity Center (STAC) — which, due to scarce resources and manpower, is only able to provide limited services for comprehensive physical therapy primarily to children with disabilities (CWDs) aged 0–14 years; and

WHEREAS, the substantial PWD population within the city, coupled with the inadequacy of facilities that address specific rehabilitation needs, results in many PWDs being deprived of appropriate and timely rehabilitation services; and

WHEREAS, there is a compelling need to establish a dedicated facility that will deliver comprehensive, accessible, and sustainable rehabilitation, therapeutic, and support services for PWDs across all age groups in Tuguegarao City to improve their functional abilities, independence, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the funding support of Senator Mark A. Villar is sought to finance the design, construction, and equipping of the proposed facility, as well as to support program delivery, to ensure long-term viability and impact for the PWD community of Tuguegarao City;

WHEREAS, the project brief, building plan and other documents in support of this request are hereto attached and made an integral part of this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tuguegarao City, in a duly assembled session, earnestly requests and respectfully appeals to Senator Mark A. Villar to allot funding for the construction of a dedicated facility for persons with disabilities within Tuguegarao City, as a tangible expression of the commitment to the welfare, rehabilitation, and empowerment of PWDs; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the said facility shall provide, among others, accessible physical therapy and rehabilitation services, assistive devices and mobility aids, psychosocial support, vocational training, inclusive education outreach, and community-based rehabilitation programs, in coordination with PDAO and other relevant agencies; and

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to Senator Mark A. Villar, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the PDAO, and the appropriate national and local offices, for appropriate action and support.

Adopted this __day of _____, 2026, in Tuguegarao City, Philippines.