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Province of Cagayan
TUGUEGARAO CITY

TENTH CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 52 -10-2025

October 02, 2025

Submitted by: COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS, AND ETHICS

PRESENT:

HON. MARC ALDOUS C. BACCAY	- Chairman, Rules
HON. JUDE T. BAYONA	- Vice Chair, Rules
HON. RONALD S. ORTIZ	- Member
HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA	- Member

RESOURCE PERSON:

ATTY. RODERICK S. IQUIN	- City Legal Officer
MR. RODEL "BONG" D. ORDILLOS	- Production Manager, RBC Cable

SUBJECT:

Endorsement of Legal Opinion No. 21, Series of 2025, by City Mayor Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que.

FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:

The Committee convened to deliberate on **Legal Opinion No. 21, Series of 2025**, issued by **Atty. Roderick S. Iquin**, City Legal Officer, and subsequently endorsed by **City Mayor Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que**. The Opinion addresses the **grant of authority to the City Vice Mayor to sign contracts on behalf of the City Government**.

The Committee respectfully submits this report to this distinguished body, detailing its **Actions Taken, Findings, and Recommendations**.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

The Committee conducted a thorough evaluation of the City Mayor's endorsement of **Legal Opinion No. 21, Series of 2025**, issued by **Atty. Roderick S. Iquin**, City Legal Officer. The evaluation focused on the legal authority to grant the City Vice Mayor power to sign contracts on behalf of the City Government.

FINDINGS:

1. During its Regular Session on **August 12, 2025**, the Tenth City Council Approved **City Resolution No. 62-10-2025**. This Resolution approved the **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)** with **RBC Cable Master System** for the renewal and continued coverage of regular and special sessions. It also authorized the retroactive payment for services rendered beginning July 2025 and granted authority to the City Vice Mayor, **Hon. Rosauro Rodrigo G. Resuello**, to sign the MOA.


2. On **August 26, 2025**, the City Mayor, **Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que**, forwarded **Legal Opinion No. 21, Series of 2025**, from Atty. Roderick S. Iquin, City Legal Officer, to the City Council (through the City Vice Mayor). The Legal Opinion relates to the authority granted in City Resolution No. 62-10-2025.
3. The Committee underscores that **City Resolution No. 62-10-2025** granted the Vice Mayor authority to sign the MOA with RBC Cable Master System **only on behalf of the Office of the Vice Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod**, **NOT** on behalf of the Tuguegarao City Government.
4. The Committee notes that the City Vice Mayor is generally empowered to represent the City Government and sign contracts on its behalf, provided there is **approval from the City Council**.
5. The City Legal Officer holds the opinion that a mere **resolution is procedurally insufficient** because the MOA has a budgetary implication and entails financial obligations on the part of the City Government for media coverage. Therefore, the authority and appropriation must be clearly established **by way of an ordinance**.
6. The Legal Opinion cites jurisprudence authorizing the City Vice Mayor to enter into a MOA only **by virtue of an Ordinance** passed by the City Council.


RECOMMENDATIONS:

Following a thorough discussion of the subject matter, the Committee **adheres** to the recommendation of the City Legal Officer: that contracts entered into by the City Vice Mayor must be authorized **by way of an ordinance, not a mere resolution**.

Therefore, the Committee recommends the passage of an Ordinance to formalize the **Memorandum of Agreement** between the Office of the Vice Mayor, Sangguniang Panlungsod, and **RBC Cable Master System** concerning the renewal and continued coverage of regular and special sessions, and to properly authorize the **retroactive payment for services**.

Respectfully submitted:


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