Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN
Tuguegarao City

TENTH CITY COUNCIL

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 31st REGULAR SESSION OF THE TENTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2026 (TUESDAY), 9:00 A.M., AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Rosauro Rodrigo G. Resuello	City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Maria Rosario B. Soriano	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Ronaldo S. Ortiz	-do-
Hon. Mark Angelo B. Dayag	-do-
Hon. Marc Aldous C. Baccay	-do-
Hon. Dennis Ryan G. Avila	-do-
Hon. Myrna G. Te	-do-
Hon. Mariel Ayna T. Calimag	-do-
Hon. Karina G. Viernes	-do-
Hon. Anthony C. Tuddao	-do-
Hon. Jackson G. Carodan	-do-
Hon. Restituto C. Ramirez	Ex Officio Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Jude T. Bayona	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (on Official Business)
Hon. Tirso V. Mangada	-do-
Hon. Cerene Pearl T. Quilang	Ex Officio Member

CITY RESOLUTION NO. 96-10-2026

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO DECLARE TUGUEGARAO CITY AS A JUSTICE ZONE

WHEREAS, The 1987 Constitution guarantees the right of every person to the speedy disposition of cases and to equal access to justice;

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the Philippines, in pursuit of judicial reforms and improved access to justice, has established the Justice Zone framework to strengthen coordination and cooperation among courts, prosecution, law enforcement, corrections, and other justice sector institutions;

WHEREAS, Tuguegarao City is the regional center of the Cagayan Valley and serves as a major hub for government, legal, and judicial services in the Province of Cagayan and nearby areas;

WHEREAS, Tuguegarao City hosts and/or is served by key justice sector institutions, including the Regional Trial Court, the Municipal Trial Court in Cities, the Office of the City Prosecutor/Department of Justice, the Philippine National Police-Tuguegarao Component City Police Station, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, the Public Attorney's Office, and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and other allied agencies;

WHEREAS, The presence and active operations of these institutions make Tuguegarao City an ideal venue for the establishment of a Justice Zone to institutionalize inter-agency coordination, streamline justice sector processes, and improve case flow management and service delivery;

WHEREAS, By declaring a certain jurisdiction as a justice zone, the justice sector institutions will fortify their communication, coordination, and cooperation in delivering justice in the preliminary stages, such as the use of alternative dispute resolution, initiation of legal proceedings, filing of legal cases, arrest, trial, and post-judgment;

WHEREAS, The declaration of Tuguegarao City as a Justice Zone is expected to contribute to the speedy disposition of cases, reduction of case backlogs, decongestion of detention facilities, and enhancement of public trust and confidence in the justice system;

WHEREAS, The Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tuguegarao City recognizes the vital role of the Supreme Court in advancing judicial reforms and expresses its full support to initiatives that promote an efficient, accessible, and responsive justice system;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVE, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to respectfully request the Supreme Court of the Philippines to declare Tuguegarao City as a Justice Zone, in order to strengthen coordination among the justice sector institutions and further improve the administration of justice in the City.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Supreme Court of the Philippines, the Office of the Court Administrator, the Department of Justice and all concerned justice sector agencies, for information and appropriate action.

On motion of Hon. Baccay, duly seconded and without objection, **CITY RESOLUTION NO. 96-10-2026** was **APPROVED**.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:

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

ATTESTED:

HON. ROSAURO RODRIGO G. RESUELLO
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Date approved: 02-12-2026

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