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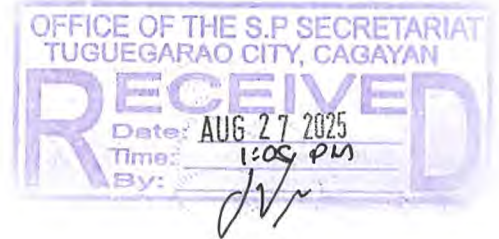
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26 August 2025

THE HONORABLE MEMBERS
Sangguniang Panlungsod
This City





Thru: HON. ROSAURO RODRIGO G. RESUELLO
Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

Dear *Honorable Members of the Sanggunian*:

Herewith is the Legal Opinion No. 21, Series of 2025 of Atty. Roderick S. Iquin, City Legal Officer relative to City Resolution No. 62-10-2025 granting authority to the Vice Mayor to sign contracts on behalf of the City Government, for your information and appropriate action.

Thank you!

In the name of public service,


MAILA ROSARIO S. TING-QUE
City Mayor 

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LEGAL OPINION NO. 21, Series of 2025

FOR: HON. MAILA ROSARIO S. TING-QUE
City Mayor

FROM: RODERICK S. IQUIN
City Legal Officer

DATE: 20 August 2025

OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

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This legal opinion addresses the query of whether the City Vice Mayor legally sign contracts on behalf of the City Government?

Legal Basis

1. Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160)

- Section 455(b)(1)(vi): Empowers the city mayor, not the vice mayor, to “represent the city in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligations” — only with authority from the Sangguniang Panlungsod (city council) or under law or ordinance.

- Section 456(a): Enumerates vice mayor’s powers:

1. Presiding officer of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and signing of warrants for the legislative body.
2. Appointments (subject to civil service law) for positions under the Sanggunian.
3. Assumes the office of the mayor in cases of permanent vacancy.
4. Acts as mayor in temporary vacancy.
5. Can exercise only those additional powers as prescribed by law or ordinance.

2. Other statutes reaffirming the vice mayor’s limited role

- RA No. 9388, section 10(b): Essentially parallels RA 7160 in detailing vice mayor’s functions — notably, it does not include authority to sign contracts

- RA No. 9014, section 8(b)(1)(f): Confirms that only the mayor may contract on behalf of the city — subject to Sanggunian authority.

Jurisprudence

1.. G.R. No. 174567 (2009) – Requirement of Sanggunian Authorization

The Court reaffirmed that contracts entered into by the mayor must be authorized in advance by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, as required by Section 22(c), Book I of RA 7160:

“No contract may be entered into by the local chief executive [mayor] in behalf of the local government unit without prior authorization by the Sanggunian concerned.”



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Despite this being mayor focused, it underscores the legislative executive division of power and the absence of such authority in the vice mayor's statutory functions

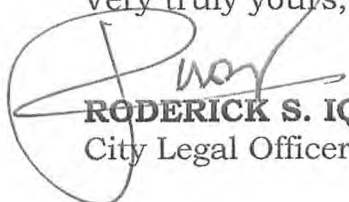
Core Findings

- No inherent authority: **The Vice Mayor cannot sign contracts on behalf of the city unless explicitly authorized by law.** This is not a function granted by RA 7160.
- Mayor's contract powers: Only the City Mayor holds the statutory power to enter and sign contracts, and only with prior Sanggunian authorization.
- Scarcity of precedents: The 2012 G.R. No. 182069 is a key precedent confirming that a vice mayor may only sign contracts if a valid ordinance grants that specific authority—but that such authority does not persist beyond that individual's term.

This Legal Opinion aims to offer guidance by examining the pertinent legal aspects of the matter at hand. Its purpose is to aid the head of office in decision-making by providing relevant insights. However, it should not be construed as a definitive or final ruling on the subject.

Thank you!

Very truly yours,


RODERICK S. IQUIN
City Legal Officer



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TENTH CITY COUNCIL



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 7th REGULAR SESSION OF
THE TENTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN
HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2025 (TUESDAY), 9:00 A.M., AT THE
SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

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| Hon. Rosauro Rodrigo G. Resuello | City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer |
| Hon. Maria Rosario B. Soriano | Sangguniang Panlungsod Member |
| Hon. Ronaldo S. Ortiz | -do- |
| Hon. Jude T. Bayona | -do- |
| Hon. Lope B. Apostol Jr. | -do- |
| Hon. Marc Aldous C. Baccay | -do- |
| Hon. Tirso V. Mangada | -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. Restituto C. Ramirez | Ex Officio Member |

ABSENT:

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| Hon. Mark Angelo B. Dayag | Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (on Official Business) |
| Hon. Cerene Pearl T. Quilang | Ex Officio Member (on Official Time) |

CITY RESOLUTION NO. 62-10-2025

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN AND AMONG THE OFFICE OF THE CITY VICE MAYOR, SANGGUNIAN
PANLUNGSOD AND RBC CABLE MASTER SYSTEM REGARDING THE RENEWAL
AND CONTINUED COVERAGE OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL SESSIONS, AUTHORIZING
THE RETROACTIVE PAYMENT TO ALLOW COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES
RENDERED BEGINNING JULY 2025 AND GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY VICE
MAYOR, HON. ROSAURO RODRIGO G. RESUELLO, TO SIGN THE SAID MOA**

WHEREAS, the referral pertaining to the "*Letter of the Production Manager of RBC Cable Master System, Mr. Rodel Ordillos, regarding on the continued coverage of Regular and Special Sessions of the City Council and for the period July to December 2025*" was included in the Agenda of the Tenth City Council on July 08, 2025 and was referred to the Joint Committee on Rules, Laws and Ethics and Committee on Public Information;

WHEREAS, a weekly television program may be utilized as a means of disseminating information on the various activities, programs and projects of the Office of the City Vice Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City to keep the public in touch and abreast with the said programs and activities and to gather public support and promote the image of the City Government;

WHEREAS, RBC Cable Master System is a popular cable system in the Province and has enough competence, efficiency and technical capacity to reach as far as the remotest Barangays of the City;

WHEREAS, RBC Cable Master System has been a steadfast partner of the Tuguegarao City Government committed to supporting its initiatives through effective and consistent information dissemination;

WHEREAS, its coverage and replay of the City Council's Regular and Special Sessions in its community channel have played a vital role in keeping citizens informed about the important resolutions and ordinances enacted by the Council;

WHEREAS, this initiative for continued coverage of the Regular and Special Sessions will further strengthen public awareness of key legislative matters and ensure that constituents remain engaged and updated on developmental issues and concerns;

WHEREAS, upon the evaluation of the subject referral, the Joint Committee on Rules, Laws and Ethics and Committee on Public Information recommended for the passage of a Resolution approving the Memorandum of Agreement between and among the Office of the City Vice Mayor, the Sangguniang Panlungsod and RBC Cable Master System on the renewal and continued coverage of RBC Cable Master System for the Regular and Special Sessions of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and authorizing the City Vice Mayor, Hon. Rosauro Rodrigo G. Resuello, to sign the said MOA;

WHEREAS, the Tenth City Council, in its 7th Regular Session held on August 12, 2025, deemed it necessary to approve the subject MOA and to authorize the City Vice Mayor to sign for and on behalf of the Tuguegarao City Government.

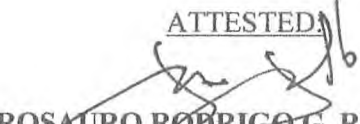
NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVE, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between and among the Office of the City Vice Mayor, the Sangguniang Panlungsod and RBC Cable Master System on the renewal and continued coverage of RBC Cable Master System for the Regular and Special Sessions, authorizing the retroactive payment to allow compensation for services rendered beginning July 2025, and granting authority to the City Vice Mayor, Hon. Rosauro Rodrigo G. Resuello, to sign the said MOA.

On motion of Hon. Baccay, duly seconded by Hon. Apostol and without any objection, **CITY RESOLUTION NO. 62-10-2025** was **APPROVED**.

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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. ROSAURO RODRIGO G. RESUELLO, CPA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Date: AUGUST 13, 2025

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