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**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.** Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod huddle over an artist's rendition of the planned redevelopment of the city's main business district. The Council provides the legislative framework for the Executive's development programs. In photo are VM Nene de Asis, Councilors Buddy del Castillo, Elmer Baldemoro and others.

## Key Legislative Measures of the 13th Sanggunian in 2021

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SA PAGKAKASARARO, HIGOS ASIN PAGTARABANGAN

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ANTI-COVID MEASURES**



**MEASURES FOR YOUTH AND  
OTHER SECTORS**



**AN SAINDONG CONSEJO,  
COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

**S**a paglaog kan panahon nin Kapaskuhan, an Syudad nin Naga nakakamate man nin pag-haluwag kan mga restriksyon sa mga hiro kan tawo. Padagos na hababa an numero nin mga kaso nin Covid 19. Sa pagtuturugan man kan gobyerno asin pribadong sektor, halangkaw naman numero nin mga bakunadong residente urog na ta igwa nang bakuna para sa mga aking edad 12-17. Nin huli kaini, nakakasirip nin paglaom an mga taga-Naga na magigin mas maogma an Pasko asin mga aldaw pang maabot.

Maski pa ngani dae pa masasabing salbado na nanggad kita sa peligrong dara kan COVID-19 virus, naglalaom kita na liwat na mabubuhay an ekonomiya asin nakakahangos na maski pano sa kahandalan.

Sa laog kan taon na ini, dae nag-untok an Sanggunian, bilang katuwang kan ehekutibo kan Syudad asin kan mga namamanwaan, sa paghadoy, pagmangno, asin pagmato bilang parte kan saiyang Oversight function, apw-

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Amidst consistently low number of cases, high vax rates

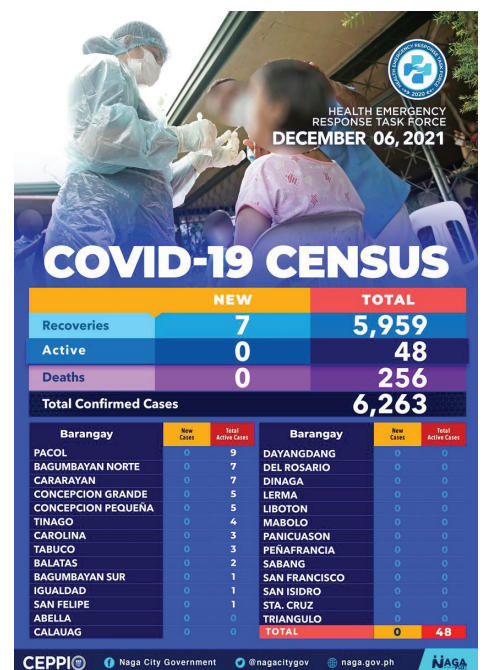
## Naga City Eases Covid Rules

WITH AT LEAST 86 percent of the target population vaccinated (first dose and/or second dose), according to Mayor Nelson Legacion, the City is well on its way to achieving the number of vaccinated individuals required to reach herd immunity. Key indicators likewise remain optimistic as reports from the Health Emergency Response Task Force (HERTF) point to consistently low figures in the past few weeks.

The Naga City Government has expressed gratitude for the extensive help provided by volunteers and the generosity and cooperation of schools and business establishments which have allowed the use of their facilities as vaccine sites.

On Dec. 5, only one (1) case was registered and zero (0) on Dec. 6, according to HERTF chief Dr. Butch Borja. Positivity rate or

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## COVID RESPONSE



**MOLECULAR LAB FORMALLY OPENS.** Nagueños now get faster Covid-19 testing results with the opening of the Naga City RT-PCR Molecular Laboratory, which was declared an institution through SP Resolution 2021-273. With former City Councilor Babet Lavadia representing VP Leni Robredo, 3rd District Cong. Gabby Bordado, Mayor Nelson Legacion and **Vice Mayor Nene de Asis**, along with Chief of Naga City Hospital Dr. Joseph Sanchez, led ribbon-cutting rites at the blessing and inauguration of the lab. Members of the city council were also present. The laboratory, located along Almeda Highway, is partly funded by the Office of the Vice President. The lab scored 100% in the proficiency test for real-time PCR detection of the virus that causes COVID 19. Results are available within 24 hours.

# 13<sup>th</sup> SP: Crafting measures that help, heal and move the city onward

TO PROVIDE A STRONG policy framework for the City Government's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 and its variants, the Sangguniang Panlungsod passed a number of ordinances and resolutions to address the livelihood, health, and safety issues that come with the pandemic. This, while also taking care not to neglect the need to strengthen the economy and protect the environment.

In line with this, the council sought to institute measures that safeguard public health, mitigate the pandemic's effects on the local economy and protect vulnerable sectors. Impact on livelihood and small businesses were mitigated with relief aid while interest-free loans were provided so those who found themselves jobless could start a small businesses. The council also instituted other measures to cushion the pandemic's impact on families, particularly on children who had to continue to endure another year without face-to-face classes. Voicing the concerns of its constituents, the Sanggunian also sought to apply pressure on related national government agencies to hasten the distribution of vaccines in the exercise of its oversight functions.

The following lists some of the more important legislative measures that formed the policy basis for the city's response to the pandemic this year.

### ORDINANCES

#### LIVELIHOOD AND RELIEF AID

**2021-001** Extending the deadline in the payment of business taxes, fees and charges and renewal of business permits and licenses from January 20, 2021 to January 31, 2021 without penalties or surcharges pursuant to Section 167 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, and further extending the Business One Stop Shop (BOSS) To January 31, 2021, to give some breathing space for businesses in the City of Naga whose operations were considerably hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic. The issuance of Mayor's Permit was also extended to February 28, 2021 without penalty and interest (SPONSOR: HON. SALVADOR M. DEL CASTILLO)

**2021-009** Establishing the **Tabang Tugang Program** for displaced workers and families whose livelihood were severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program extended **P5,000** interest-free loans to beneficiaries. (AUTHORS: HON. CECILIA B. VELUZ-DE ASIS, HON. ELMER S. BALDEMORO, HON. GHIEL G. ROSALES AND HON. MARY KYLE FRANCINE B. TRIPULCA)

#### MEASURES TO LIMIT COVID SPREAD

**2021-081** Imposing New Curfew Hours in Naga City. (AUTHOR: HON. JOSELITO S.A. DEL ROSARIO, PH.D.)

**2021-051** Further amending Ordinance No. 2020-046, changing the Curfew Hour. (HON. ANTONIO B. BELTRAN, CITY YOUTH COUNCILOR/S: HON. JOAQUIN MARXX B. GARCIA)

**2021-021** Suspending Ordinance No. 2020-060, Entitled: "An Ordinance Regulating Group Drinking of Alcoholic Beverages, Imposing a Temporary Ban on Group Drinking of Such Beverages throughout the Entire City of Naga, Imposing Penalties For Violations thereof, and for other Purposes" (SPONSOR: HON. GREGORIO RE ABONAL)

#### TESTS

**2021-073** Setting Laboratory Fee of P2,800 on Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) Test conducted at the City's Molecular Laboratory and enumerating exemptions. (AUTHORS: HON. JOSE C. RAÑOLA, M.D.)

**2021-027** Prescribing Fees for the Conduct of COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test. (HON. JOSE C RAÑOLA, M.D. CITY YOUTH COUNCILOR/S: HON. KAYE PAULINE B. SERVIDAD)

**2021-068** Changing the Antigen Fee from P1,000.00 to P800.00 and setting discounted rates (20%) for Senior Citizens, Persons With Disability (PWDs), and Solo Parents. (HON. ELMER S. BALDEMORO)

#### MENTAL HEALTH

**2021-028** Institutionalizing the Mental Health Care Services in the City Government of Naga (HON. JOSELITO S.A. DEL ROSARIO, PH.D., HON. JOSE C. RAÑOLA CITY YOUTH COUNCILOR/S: HON. AVERLY JERRY A. ESCOTO, HON. KAYE PAULINE B. SERVIDAD)

#### OTHERS

**2021-035** Reverting the unappropriated balance of P15,202,000.00 intended for the construction of a fountain and appropriating this to the City Health Office for certain COVID-19 Activities (SPONSORS: HON. GHIEL G. ROSALES, HON. GREGORIO RE ABONAL, HON. ELMER S. BALDEMORO, HON. JOSELITO S.A. DEL ROSARIO AND HON. JESSIE R. ALBEUS)

**2021-036** Reverting to unappropriated balance the amount of P978,000.00 out of the balance of the appropriation for the fountain (P16 million as per Ordinance No. 2019-066), and appropriating the same to other general services of the City Health Office to cover the adjusted rates of their medical technologists from P14,170.00 per month to P25,000.00 per month in recognition of the risks they face in taking swab samples of suspected COVID-19 cases (JOINT AND COLLECTIVE)

#### RESOLUTIONS

**2021-001** Resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Regional Office Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), on

the provision of Emergency Subsidy ("Ayuda") under Republic Act No. 11494 or the "Bayanihan To Recover As One Act" (On joint and collective motion)

**2021-420** Requiring the heads of the Health Emergency Response Task Force (HERTF), the Incident Management Team (IMT), and the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) to render regular reports on COVID-19 response and status.

**2021-412** Urgently requesting the House of Senate, through the Honorable Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay-Angeles; and **2021-413** Urgently requesting the House of Representatives, through Cong. Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr. (3rd District, Camarines Sur) to take steps to enforce the speedy purchase of Anti-COVID-19 Vaccines and effect speedy vaccination of all Filipinos.

**2021-400** Authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a MOA with the Department of Health or its concerned office in the region for the transfer of funds and the payment of the COVID-19 Special Risk Allowance (SRA) to the city's eligible health workers.

**2021-314** Authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a MOA with the Office of the Vice President in connection with their "swab cab" project seek-

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On Legislation

The Mayor's Limited Power Over the Sanggunian

Our country is a republic with a presidential form of government wherein power is equally divided among its three branches: executive, legislative, and judicial. The government seeks to act in the best interest of its citizens through this system of check and balance.

One basic corollary in our presidential system of government is the principle of separation of powers wherein legislation belongs to Congress, execution to the Executive, and settlement of legal controversies to the Judiciary.

In the local governance, the same form and inter-relations of the three branches are also found. Each local government unit is headed by either a governor or mayor (city and municipal) representing the executive branch, while the members of the Sanggunian (provincial and city or municipal) comprise the legislative branch.

While there is no ignoring the power wielded by the mayor as the chief executive who occupies the highest elective position in the city or town and having jurisdiction over all national government agencies in the locality, the Sanggunian as a collegial body is also seen as a powerful branch of local governance. The Sanggunian is in charge of making and passing laws and can override the mayor's decision.

But despite being referred to as the local "boss" who supervises and controls the directions and work targets at city hall in the delivery of services that the people need, the mayor has limited power and authority over the nature of work of the Sanggunian. In fact, under the Local Government Code, here are some of the things that the mayor cannot do without having earned the nod or concurring act of the Sanggunian:

- Exercise the power of eminent domain in the absence of an ordinance and without a valid and definite offer previously made to, and accepted by, the owner of the property.
- Enter into contracts without prior authorization by the Sanggunian.
- Authorize a local official to assume the powers, duties and functions of the mayor's office other than the vice-mayor or the highest-ranking Sanggunian member.
- Veto an ordinance or resolution more than once.
- Appoint heads of offices and departments of the city government without the concurrence of the majority of the Sanggunian members.

Further, the mayor's development priorities and thrusts, which are translated into city development plans by the city development council, can only be funded and implemented upon approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. jbp ❖



HOUSING PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES, URBAN POOR. Officials present artist's perspectives showing the Carolina New Area Development for employees and teachers. Mayor Nelson Legacion and VM Nene de Asis led the unveiling witnessed by members of the council and City Hall employees. Other similar projects are the Liberty Village in Bgy. Carayayan and the St. Isidore Village in Bgy. San Isidro.

Sa Pagkasararo, Higos asin Pagtarabangan

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era kan padagos na pagpanday nin mga polisiya tanging siguruhon na an syudad epektibong inaatubang ang mga humana na dara kan pandemya.

Regular na hinagad kan SP an pinakahuring datos manungod sa Covid tanging sigurohon na magkakanigo ang mga lakdang na ginigibo kan mga nanunungdan. Siring man padagos an satuyang pakikipag-ulay sa manlalaen na sektor kan satong komunidad, sa mga people's organizations, asin sa mga pribadong grupo, sa tinutugutan na mga pagtiripon asin sa paagi kan teknolohiya asin social media.

Siring na sana si pagsadol kan saindong mga katuod sa Sanggunian sa mga magkakanigong opisina asin ahensya kan gobyerno na magsagibo nin magkakanigong mga lakdang tanging epektibo asin marikas na malabanan kan syudad an mga seryosong angkat sa salud asin buhay kan mga Nagueño. Halimbawa kaini an mga resolusyon na nag-aapod kan atensyon kan Kongreso sa mga isyu nin availability asin access sa mga bakuna.

Nagin makolor nanggad an taon 2021. Natanyog an satong mga daghan sa mga pagyugyog kan daga. Napurisaw sa mga kasakitan kan nagpapadagos na pandemya. Sa tahaw kaini, inuumaw ta asin pinasasalamatan an mga Nagueño, na iyo na puso kan Puso kan Bikol. An mga indibidwal, grupo asin sektore, patin na an mga people's organization asin civil society. An Nagueño nanggad an pwera sa likod kan padagos na paghingowa ta gabos na danay na magin Maogmang Lugar man nanggad an Naga.

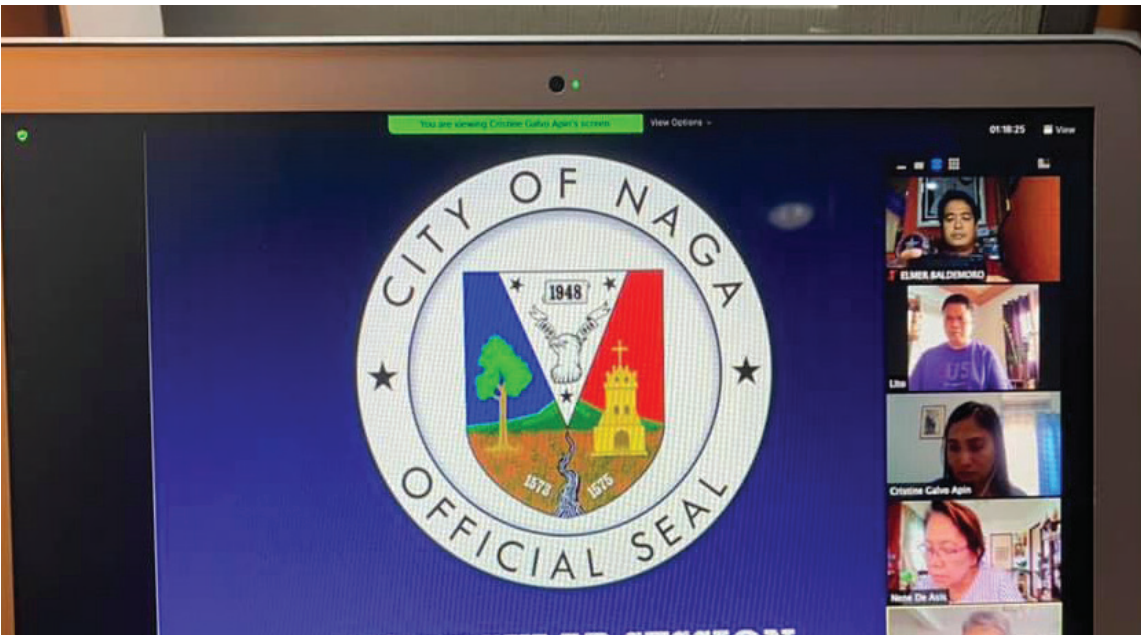
Sa maabuton na taon, panibagong laban an satong aatubangon, pwera na kan nagpapadagos tang inaatubang na mga angkat nin huli sa pandemya. May mga importante kitang bagay na dapat pagdesisyonan. Mga pagpiling dapat gibuhon. An saindong pag-iriba sa Sanggunian, pati na siyempre an bilog na liderato kan Syudad sa pamamayo ni **Alkalde Nelson Legacion** asin **Bise Alcalde Nene de Asis**, naglalaom na kita padagos pang magkakasararo sa pag-atubang sa anuman na dadarahun kan masurunod pang panahon. Satuyang liwat na napatotoohan, sa padagos na pag-urulay, pagtuturawangan; sa higos asin kusog buot na gibuhon an magkakanigo para sa ikakarahay kan kapwa, kitang mga Nagueño magdadadanay na iribanan, ligtas asin maogma. Liwat, an satuyang pangadyon na ngapit tunay na magin Maogma ang Pasko asin Magayagaya an maabot na Bagong Taon. ❖

Naga City Eases Covid Rules

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the percentage of individuals testing positive for the COVID virus was pegged at 8%.

Starting Nov. 17, 2021, Naga City was placed under Alert Level 2 Status with relatively less stringent protocols in place. Under guidelines issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emergency Infectious Diseases (IATF), certain establishments or activities are allowed to operate, or to be undertaken at a maximum of 50% indoor venue capacity for fully vaccinated individuals and those below 18 years old, even if unvaccinated, and 70% outdoor venue capacity, Minimum Public Health Standards, including wearing of face masks, washing or disinfecting of hands, and observing physical distances will continue to be implemented. The City Government appeals to everyone to continue observing basic health protocols as COVID response managers hope to see the numbers continue to improve and the city's status moved to Alert Level 1. ❖



VIRTUAL SESSION. The 13th Sangguniang Panlungsod was not spared from the impact of COVID-19's surge in the early part of the year. It held a virtual 76th Regular Session after its Office was declared on lock-down. Rooms used by the Office of the Vice Mayor and the Councilors as well as the session hall and other spaces used by the city council were disinfected as a precaution. Following this development, the council made more extensive use of technology to allow virtual participation in the council's proceedings in consideration of limitations imposed by health task forces. (PHOTO FROM HON. BALDEMORO'S FB)



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ing aggressive antigen testing among the suspect population.

**2021-312** Authorizing the City Mayor to proceed with the initial procurement of Covaxin (COVID-19 Vaccine) in order for the City Government to immediately start its vaccination program.

**2021-323** Authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a MOA with Food Panda Philippines regarding the implementation of Bike for Livelihood Project and Pandabizikleta.

**2021-295** Earnestly requesting the City Mayor to immediately convene the Health Emergency Response Task Force (HERTF) and the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) to review and evaluate the city's health protocols and initiatives towards COVID-19 containment and the procurement of vaccines for the city's vaccination program.

**2021-277** Requesting the Department of Education (DepEd) Naga City to implement a One (1) Week Academic Break Every School Year.

**2021-273** Declaring the institution of Naga City Hospital RT-PCR Molecular Laboratory located along Almeda Highway, Barangay Concepcion Grande, Naga City.

**2021-032** Resolution authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memoranda of Agreement with the Department of Health (DOH) and with doctors who recently completed their residency in a DOH training Hospital in connection with their deployment at the Naga City Hospital under the DOH's Post Residency Program.

**2021-156** and **2021-157** Authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a MOA with Rhumba, Inc. in connection with equipment and reagent tie-up agreement with the Naga City Hospital for urinalysis

and hematology analyzer equipment and reagents.

**2021-155** Authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a MOA with Biocare Health Resources, Inc. in connection with equipment and reagent tie-up agreement with the Naga City Hospital for urinalysis and hematology analyzer equipment and reagents.

**2021-152** Authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Reagent Tie-up Agreement with Med-lane Enterprises regarding the installation of a fully automated clinical chemistry system and accessories at the latter's laboratory.

**2021-036** Appropriating from balance to cover the adjusted rates of medical technologists from P14,170.00/mo to P25,000.00/mo. in recognition of the risks they face in taking swab samples of suspected COVID-19 Cases (On joint and collective motion) ♦

## Tabang Tugang, May Darang Ginhawa sa Kasaraditan

SARO SA PINAKAMAGABAT na epekto kan pandemya sa mga ordinaryong namamanwaan iyo an pagkawara nin hanap-buhay. Nin huli kaini, pinagmarhay kan Sangguniang Panlungsod na magmukna nin programa na direktang mataong asistensya sa mga buot magpuon nin sadit na negosyo tanging madagdagan an saindang pagkukuanan nin kabuhayan.

An **Ordinance No. 2021-009**, na nagtugdas kan **Tabang Tugang Program**, nagtatao nin pagkakataon sa mga nawaran nin trabaho na makapagpundar nin sadit na negosyo. An mga kalipikadong taga-Naga pwedeng mag-utang nin P5,000 bilang start-up capital. Sarong milyon (P1million) an inisyal na pinagtagamang fundo kan Syudad para sa programa.

An programa na pinag-pasar kan consejo asin pinag-aprubahan man tulos ni Alkalde Nelson Legacion sa amay na parte kan taon, pinagturuwangan na pandayon ninda **Bise Alkalde Nene de Asis, asin consehales Elmer Baldemoro, Ghriel Rosales, asin Mary Kyle Francie Tripulca**. Laen pa an programang ini sa **Business Stimulus Program** na pinunan kan September 2020, na direktang nagtatatabang sa mga negosyong apektado kan pandemya.

An pantang sa lindong kan programang Tabang Tugang mayo nin interest asin babayaran sa laog nin anom na bulan. Kun dae makabayad, sisingilon an benepisyaryo nin 1% na interes sa kada bulan nin pagpalya. Kun an nag-utang makabayad sa tamang oras, pwedeng pautangon siya nin mas halangkaw na kantidad na maabot sa P15,000.

An programa pigmamanehar kan Naga City Metro Public Employment Service Of-

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ABOVE PHOTO: The first batch of beneficiaries of the **Tabang Tugang Program** receive their checks from the city government during Flag Raising rites. Standing in the back row, from left: Councilors Joe Perez and Sonny Rañola, Mayor Legacion, VM Nene de Asis, Mr. Jun Mongoso of MetroPESO, Councilors Elmer Baldemoro, Greg Abonal, and Oying Rosales (bottom) Mayor Legacion signs the Tabang Tugang ordinance into law with VM de Asis and Hon. Baldemoro, one of the authors. The Development Academy of the Philippines cited the ordinance as "innovative" in its Education, Training and Capability Building Program.

RIGHT: Recipients of assistance under the **Business Stimulus Program** pose with Mayor Nelson Legacion. Also in photo are **Vice Mayor Nene de Asis**, Councilors Elmer Baldemoro, Sonny Rañola, Greg Abonal, Joe Perez and Jessie Albeus. The program, started last year, targets small business owners in the city who have been adversely affected by the pandemic, which has also endangered the livelihood of their employees.



# BARETANG HOBENES

## 'Contact Sports' Balik Na



TRIPULCA

Sa resolusyon na pinagtulod ni **Hon. Kylie Tripulca**, pinagtugot na liwat an pagconducir nin contact sports, bilang parte kan pinatugak na mga panundon sa pagpahupa kan paglakop kan Covid 19 virus.

An Resolution 2021-531 nagsasabing aadaptaron kan Sangguniang Panlungsod ang mga guidelines kan Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) manungod sa pagsagibo kan contact sports sa lugar. Kaipuhan an pagtugot kan lokal na gobyerno o barangay asin dapat magsusog giraray sa mga magkakanigong health protocols sa mga events na ini.

Sa irarom kan guidelines kan IATF para sa maga lugar na nasa Alert Level 2 status pinagtutugutan an pagsagibo nin mga kawat na konsideradong contact sports (basketball, volleyball, boxing asin iba pa) basta nasa maximum na 50% kan indoor venue capacity para sa mga fully vaccinated individuals pati na sa mga mas hoben sa 18 anyos, maski dae bakunado, asin 70% kan kapasidad kun ini sa outdoor venue. ❖

## Juvenile Intervention

Pinagpasar na kan Sangguniang Panlungsod an Resolution 2021-259, na pinagmukna ni Hon. Elmer Baldemoro. An resolusyon nag-aaprubar kan **Naga City Local Juvenile Intervention Program** bilang comprehensibong giya sa pag-atubang sa mga sitwasyon na katakod kan kamugtakan kan mga kaakian, mga children-at-risk, asin children-in-conflict-with-the-law. Si Consjehal Baldemoro an pamayo kan Komitiba sa mga Kaakian sa Sanggunian. ❖



BALDEMORO

## Espesyal na mga aldaw

An ikaapat na semana kan taunan na City Youth Month, na pinagsiselebrar kada Abril 15 abot Mayo 31, pinagdeklarang **Nagueño Young Entrepreneurs Week**.

Pinagtatawan duon sa Ordinance 2021-046 (**Authored by Ezra M. Baylon and Mariano Niño T. Oliva; Sponsored by Hon. Joe Perez**) an pag-asenso kan mga hoben na mga entrepreneurs, urog na sa tahaw kan pandemya asin an saindang importanteng papel sa ekonomiya kan Syudad nin Naga, na pinagmimirar bilang sentro kan komersyo sa rehiyon. Pinaglalauman na sa paagi kan sarong semanang okasyon na ini na matatawan nin maray na oportunidad asin lugar an mga mahihigos na mga kahobenan sa syudad na maipahiling an saindang mga produkto, serbisyo asin tibay.

Dagdag pa kaini, an pantolong semana man kan bulan na Mayo pinagtalaan na **Naga City Youth Artists Week** tanganing mapaburak pa an talento kan mga artists sa syudad. An ordinansa pinagpadribuhan ninda **City Youth Councilors Kay Pauline B. Servidad, Bryan Kenneth Alferes, asin Earl Christian** asin sa paagi man kan espwersos ninda **Hon. Kylie Tripulca, Hon. Sonny Rañola, Hon. Greg Abonal and Hon. Lito Del Rosario**.

An mga City Youth Officials an mapadalagan kan mga naunambitan na aktibidades katakod kan mga okasyon na ini. ❖

## DAGDAG NA BENEPISYO SA MGA SOLO PARENT, PWD, STUDENT ASIN SENIOR CITIZEN



**20% DISCOUNT PARA SA ANTIGEN TESTS**

P800 an regular na presyo para sa mga makua kan test na daeng pagsugo kan Syudad | **ORDINANCE 2021-068 NI HON. ELMER BALDEMORO**



**20% DISCOUNT sa PAMASAHE**

**para sa solo parents**, na dati itinatao sana sa mga senior citizens, PWDs and students | **ORDINANCE 2001-005 NI HON. LITO DEL ROSARIO**



**OVERSIGHT.** The 13th Sanggunian convenes as the Oversight Committee with the Vice Mayor as Chair as it reviews the implementation of existing ordinances, resolutions and the Annual Investment Program (AIP). Here, the council looks over the iGovernance program of the city government.

Peace and Order, Public Safety, Traffic Volunteers

## MAY GIYA NA SA OPERASYON

**TANGANING MA-REGULATE, MAPAKUSOG** asin padagos na mapakarhay an dae matatawaran na pagserbisyo kan mga manlaenlaen na volunteers kan Syudad, pinagtugdas kan Sangguniang Panglungsod an Ordinance No. 2021-038 (Mga awtor: City Councilor **Lito del Rosario** asin City Youth Councilor **Averly Jeryl Escoto**).

An Ordinansa nagbubugtak kan mga qualifications para sa mga volunteer; accreditation nin volunteer groups; deputation; mga giya sa deployment kan volunteers; responsabilidad kan PSO/CDRRMO sa saindang deployment; decorum o maray na gawi; asin duties, functions and responsibilities.

Higot man na pinangangalad sa mga volunteers an magin imbwelto sa ilegal na droga asin nagsasadol na sinda magsaagi sa mandatory drug test. An mga volunteers tatawan man nin nagpapadagos na training sa lado kan fire suppression, traffic management, public safety, asin nagkakapirang iba pa.

Sa irarom kan ordinansang nabanggit, nakalista an mga ipinagbabawal na mga hiro o kagibuhan arog kan grave abuse of discretion, whimsical, arbitrary or capricious exercise of power, grave misconduct, abuse of authority, extortion, dishonesty asin iba pa.

Sa paagi kan ordinansa, linalauman na lalo pang mapapakusog an kontribusyon kan mga volunteers sa komunidad. Natatawan man nin magkakanigong atensyon an saindang tabang sa pagmantenir nin paz y orden, sa paglaban sa kriminalidad, sa pagresponde sa mga emerhensiya, urog na sa paglaban sa inaautubang na pandemya. ❖



DEL ROSARIO

## Tabang Tugang, May Darang Ginhawa

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fice (Metro PESO).

Segun ki **Bise Alkalde Cecilia "Nene" de Asis**, an programa magigin dakulang tabang urog na sa mga Nagueñoong nagkatarangkas sa trabaho, kaibahan na itong nagpuruli sa syudad nin huli kan pandemya, na magkaigwang pagkakataon na makapagpundar nin sadit na negosyo. An programa, segun pa saiya, makakatabang man na mabawasan an pagigiging dependent kan iba, asin imbes, magin pa ngani sindang katuwang kan syudad sa pagpabangon kan lokal na ekonomiya. ❖

## Building a Robust Ecosystem

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tives and benefits in order to attract investments; and nurture an environment conducive for the development of startups—be they local or foreign—and other businesses crucial to their growth.

This ordinance also complements existing Ordinance No. 2020-016 known as “The Naga City Digital Innovation Hub Ordinance.” The **Digital Innovation Hub** is a special project of the City Government of Naga that is managed by the Naga City Investment Board/Investment and Trade Promotion office (NCIB/ITPO). It provides facilities and services to digital or tech startups and freelance on-line workers. It is one of the City’s approaches to building and promoting a digital innovation ecosystem. An early version of the digital hub was the Naga City Creative Media Center, a program of the NCIB, which incubated several startups, including an animation studio and software development companies like Nueca, developer of the apps Hungrily, Tindahang Tapat and Community Mart.

The ordinance is authored by **Hon. Jose B. Perez, Hon. Jose C. Rañola, Hon. Mila S.D. Raquid-Arroyo, and Hon. Joselito S.A. Del Rosario**. ❖

# EVENTS Highlights 2021


**ST. ISIDORE VILLAGE DISTRIBUTION OF LOTS**

**STATE OF THE CHILDREN REPORT**

**DON MANUEL ABELLA CENTRAL SCHOOL GROUNDBREAKING**

**BLESSING & INAUGURATION OF NAGA CITY HEALTH OFFICE 2**

**CONSUMER PROTECTION**

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## ST. ISIDORE VILLAGE CERTIFICATE OF LOT ALLOCATION DISTRIBUTION.

A resident expresses her sentiments during the distribution of certificates of lot allocation. Beneficiaries include displaced residents who have been looking forward to having a place they can call their own. (SEATED FROM L-R: **Hon. Lito del Rosario, Hon. Oying Rosales, Engr. Rolly Campillos** of the Housing and Settlements Development Office (HSDO), **Hon. Oying Rosales, City Mayor Son Legacion, Hon. Elmer Baldemoro, Hon. Sonny Rañola, and Hon. Joe Perez**).

**REPORT ON THE STATE OF CHILDREN.** To mark the culmination of the Children's Month Celebration, **Mayor Nelson Legacion** delivered his State of the Children's Report before the City Council. **Hon. Elmer Baldemoro**, Naga City Council for the Welfare and Protection of Children (NCCWPC) Co-Chair, opened the occasion citing the efforts of the NCCWPC and related agencies. Baldemoro is also chair of the SP Committee on Children. **VM Nene de Asis**, a staunch family welfare advocate, placed emphasis on the innovative spirit that prevails in the current leadership and city council. In his report, Mayor Legacion listed the numerous programs carried out by his administration in furtherance of children's rights and welfare. The building of new classrooms and school buildings, the **New Naga City Hospital** and **People's Park and Recreation Center** caps his list.

**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY** for a two-story four-classroom building at **Don Manuel Abella Central School, Barangay Cararayan**. Present were **Mayor Nelson Legacion, Vice Mayor Nene De Asis and Councilors Ghriel Rosales, Greg Abonal, Buddy Del Castillo, Sonny Rañola, Joe Perez, Jess Albeus, Lito Del Rosario and Dodit Beltran**. Also present were George Bordado, representing **Congressman Gabby Bordado**; City DepEd officials, Barangay officials, the schools teaching and non-teaching personnel, and PTA officials.

(ABOVE PHOTO) **BLESSING and INAUGURATION OF NAGA CITY HEALTH OFFICE 2 and OPENING OF STA. CRUZ COVID-19 ISOLATION and TREATMENT FACILITY** The NCHO 2 is expected to serve 8 barangays: Sta. Cruz, Abella, Mabulo, Tabuco, Igualdad, Dinaga, Bagumbayan Sur and Bagumbayan Norte. Present were **Mayor Nelson Legacion, Councilors Ghriel Rosales, Elmer Baldemoro, Vidal Castillo, Buddy Del Castillo, Sonny Rañola, Joe Perez, Jess Albeus and Liga President Dodit Beltran**. Also present were a number of Punong Barangays from said barangays. City Health Officer Dr. Vito Borja and his team assisted in the inaugural rites. Fr. Roy Arvin Raña led the blessing rites.

(LEFT) **CONSUMER PROTECTION.** Teams led by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) conduct regular inspections of malls and stores in Naga City to make sure they comply with pricing and quality standards. Illegal products are disposed of according to defined procedures. **Hon. Joe Perez** is head of the SP Committee on Consumer Protection and Executive Director of the Naga City Price Control Council (NCPCC) with the DTI as lead agency.

# Highlights 2021



FIRST SESSION FOR 2021



COMMUNITY LEARNING HUB



PNP NAGA RECEIVES COMMENDATIONS



LIGA WELCOMES UK EMBASSY OFFICIAL

FIRST REGULAR SESSION FOR 2021 **Vice Mayor Nene de Asis** presides over the first regular session for the year. **Hon. Oying Rosales** is at the rostrum.

COMMUNITY LEARNING HUB ORIENTATION and distribution of learning kits from the office of the Vice President Leni Robredo at Tabuco Elementary School. **Vice Mayor Nene de Asis** delivers an inspirational message.

HOLY MASS ON NAGA CITY'S 73RD CHARTER ANNIVERSARY at the Peñafrancia Basilica. Photo: **Hon. Kylie Tripulca** stands with fellow Councilors **Mila Raquid-Arroyo**, **Mayor Son Legacion**, Congressman **Gabriel H. Bordado** (3rd Dist., Cam. Sur). Behind them are Councilors **Lito del Rosario**, **Elmer Baldomero**, **Jessie Albeus**, and **Oying Rosales**.

JESSE ROBREDO DAY. Wreaths were laid at the Eternal Garden Memorial Park where rest the remains of the late **Mayor and Interior Secretary Jesse M. Robredo** as the city paid tribute to the much-loved son of Naga City.

TEAM ROBREDO-PANGILINAN PROCLAMATION MOTORCADE. Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and fellow supporters pose for posterity at the start of a nationwide **People's Proclamation Motorcade** for the tandem of VP **Leni Robredo** and **Kiko Pangilinan**.



JMR DAY COMMEMORATION



HOLY MASS FOR 73RD NAGA CHARTER DAY



SP GOES PINKFOR KIKO - LENI TANDEM

(ABOVE) FIST BUMPS. Councilor Vidal Castillo exchanges fist bumps with an officer of the Philippine National Police - Naga City Office at the flag-raising rites where the council awarded a resolution of commendation for recent arrests of drug suspects.

LIGA RECEIVES UK POLITICAL COUNSELOR Iain Cox, seen here chatting with Liga ng mga Barangay's President Dodit Beltran, who is also a member of the City Council. Mr. Cox and his party were visiting Naga City and the province as part of an initiative to, among others, explore areas of common interests. The visit is also part of the Embassy's efforts to advance bilateral cooperation between the United Kingdom and the Philippines, and to strengthen links between the embassy and LGUs.

**T**he Sangguniang Panlungsod, in the course of its work as the city's legislative body, conducts hearings on the committee level, as part of a process of crafting a measure, on a proposed ordinance or resolution. Concerned individuals, groups or sectors (or their representatives) are invited to such hearings or meetings. A committee may call for a public hearing if necessary. The committee then submits its report to the council in a regular session for further discussions on its merits (or lack of it). A majority vote of the members of council in session with quorum is necessary for the measure to be approved. The ordinance or resolution is then submitted to the City Mayor for signing, or sent back to the Sanggunian for further study.

Here are some of the important committee hearings conducted by the 13th Sangguniang Panlungsod this year.



**JOINT APPROPRIATIONS AND TRADE & INVESTMENTS.** The SP committees on trade and investments and economic enterprises and on appropriations chaired by Councilors Joe Perez and Oying Rosales, respectively, conduct a joint hearing to tackle matters relating to the Bicol Business Month and related activities. Other members of the committee are Councilors Sonny Rañola, Greg Abonal, and Miles Raquid Arroyo.



**INFRASTRUCTURE.** The SP Committee on Infrastructure chaired by Councilor Vidal Castillo convened to consider the offer of the heirs of the Gimenez family to donate portions of their land to lead to a construction of road that will connect Balatas Road directly to the Concepcion Grande section of the Maharlika highway. Others in the committee are Councilors Lito del Rosario (co-chair), Buddy del Castillo, Jess Albeus, and Joe Perez.



**LAWS & ORDINANCES/FAMILY, WOMEN, GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT.** Joint Committee meeting presided over by Hon. Buddy Del Castillo, Chair for Laws and Ordinances, and Hon. Miles Raquid-Arroyo, Chair for Family, Women, Gender and Development. Also present were Members/Councilors Greg Abonal, Ghriel Rosales and Kylie Tripulca. With them are CY Councilors Broso, Escoto, Faurillo, Chica, Ando, Oliva and Alferez. Agenda: proposed ordinance on comprehensive safe spaces code of Naga.



**CITY PROPERTIES.** Hon. Jose Perez, chair, and Hon. Buddy del Castillo (co-chair) treat, among others, a request from the Mayor for authority to enter into a contract in relation to a May 2015 donation to the DepEd. Together with member-councilors Greg Abonal and Miles Raquid-Arroyo, the body also tackled proposals on the utilization of an open/commercial space at Villa Karangahan Subdivision, Bgy. San Felipe.

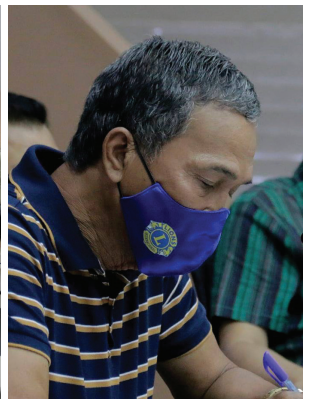
## Committee HEARINGS



**HOUSING AND SETTLEMENTS.** Hon. Atty. Miles Arroyo (Chair) presiding with Hon. Vidal Castillo (Co-chair) and Member-Councilors Joe Perez and Lito Del Rosario. Tackled in the hearing were status report on some awarded lots to City residents, functional changes in the housing settlements and development office of the City; among others.



**EDUCATION.** Presided over by Councilor Greg Abonal (Chair) with Hon. Mila Raquid-Arroyo (Co-chair) and Members Councilors Lito Del Rosario and Kylie Tripulca, along with their CYO Counterpart-Councilors Ando, Oliva, Escoto Chica and Alferez. On the agenda is the proposed CYO Ordinance providing a Magna Carta for Tertiary Students' Rights and Welfare in Naga City. Also present were Councilor Ghriel Rosales and CYO Councilors Faurillo and Berlon.



**JOINT HEARING OF COMMITTEES ON WAYS AND MEANS/MARKET AFFAIRS.** Addressing concerns on market affairs especially for tenants affected by the pandemic, like on lease and rentals; and on amendments of tax and revenue ordinances due to government mandate. Present were Hon. Greg Abonal and Vidal Castillo as chairs for ways and means, and market affairs, respectively; Councilors Rañola, Perez, Del Castillo, Albeus, and Del Rosario; as members of the joint committees.



**ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY.** Committee hearing presided over by Councilor Buddy Del Castillo (Chairman) with Co-chair Hon. Atty. Miles Arroyo and Councilor Ghriel Rosales as member. Discussed were issues and concerns on waste-to-energy proposal, and rainwater collection facilities proposed ordinance.



**AGRICULTURE.** Committee hearing presided over by Hon. Buddy Del Castillo (Chair) with Co-chair Councilor Miles Raquid-Arroyo and Members/Councilors Joe Perez, Jess Albeus and Lito Del Rosario. Agenda: First Endorsement of the City Mayor on the Proposed Implementing Guidelines for the operation of the Rice Processing Center at the City Nursery, and NACINDRA Resolution No. 5 seeking assistance to help them acquire thru a soft loan package the SABIDO property at Brgy. Carolina.



PEACE AND ORDER/PUBLIC SAFETY. Chair/Councilor Lito Del Rosario with Member-Councilors Greg Abonal and Sonny Rañola. Tackled in the meeting was the proposed ordinance setting the guidelines for the activation, deputation and operation of peace and order and traffic volunteers in Naga City and for other purposes.



GAMES AND AMUSEMENT. Hon. Sonny Rañola chairs the hearing on a request for a resolution interposing no objection for a company to operate a gaming site, and another for seeking for a permit to hold offline sabong at a sports bar. Councilors Greg Abonal, co-chair, Elmer Baldemoro, and Dodit Beltran are also joined by other members of the committee.



CHILDREN. Committee hearing presided over by Chair/Councilor Elmer Baldemoro with Co-chair/Councilor Ghriel Rosales and CYO-SP Counterpart Councilors Marinell Mae Chica, Dane Francian Faurillo, Averyl Herryll Escoto, Mariano Niño Oliva and Pauline Servidad. Tackled in the meeting was the Ordinance establishing the Children's Code of Barangay Tabuco.



LAND USE. Chair/Councilor Atty. Miles Arroyo presides over the hearing with Co-chair/Councilor Sonny Rañola and Member-Councilors Lito Del Rosario and Buddy Del Castillo. Tackled in the hearing were the Development Permit of Haciendas De Naga Cyber Park, Deed of Donation of Open Lots at Cokeville subdivision, among others.



BLUE RIBBON. The SP Blue Ribbon committee chaired by Councilor Jess Albeus, with Councilor-members Vidal Castillo and Dodit Beltran tackles complaints against city local government employees in aid of legislation.

# PASKOHAN Sanggawadan 2021




**HON. CECILIA "NENE" B. VELUZ-DE ASIS**

Ran unopposed, third female VM; 18 years as councilor, 2 full terms of 9 years each; Bantay Familia Center; Naga City Council on Women. Facebook: @VMNeneDeAsis

**Vice Mayor and SP Presiding Officer**
**Chairman**

- ❑ Oversight Committee

**HON. GHIEL "OYING" G. ROSALES**

Formerly 2-term Barangay Kagawad of San Felipe before becoming part of the 13th Sanggunian; Studied law while working in the private sector. Facebook: @ghielr

**Chairman**

- ❑ Appropriations
- ❑ People Empowerment
- ❑ Manpower, Livelihood Development, & Cooperatives

**Co-Chairman**

- ❑ Children
- ❑ Youth & Sports Development

**HON. JOSELITO "LITO" S.A. DEL ROSARIO, Ph.D.**

Former head of the Public Safety Office & spokesman of late Mayor Jesse Robredo, and head of Task Force Comet; Master in Public Administration & Doctor of Philosophy; Teaches at the Graduate School of Ateneo de Naga University. Facebook: @lito.delrosarionaga.7

**Chairman:**

- ❑ Peace & Order, Public Safety & Disaster Management
- ❑ Public Utilities
- ❑ Transport
- ❑ Infrastructure

**Co-chair**

- ❑ Laws, Ordinances, & Reorganization

**HON. GREGORIO "GREG" R. ABONAL**

Younger brother of Councilor Esteban Abonal; Former Advisory Committee of the Naga City School Board, teacher and Ateneo de Naga High School principal (26 years). Facebook: @spnagacity

**Chairman:**

- ❑ Education
- ❑ Senior Citizens
- ❑ Ways & Means

**Co-Chairman**

- ❑ Games & Amusement
- ❑ Appropriations

**HON. MILA "MILES" S.D. RAQUID-ARROYO**

20 years plus in public service; former HUDCC Director, SALIGAN Branch Coordinator, Representative to Philippine Council For Sustainable Development; Lawyer, IBP member. Environmentalist.

**Chairman**

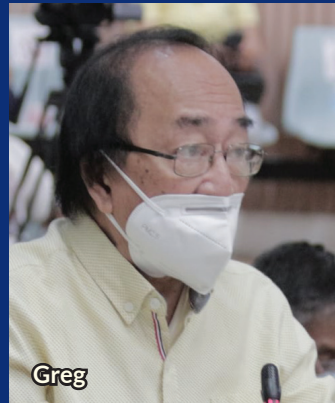
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- ❑ Housing & Settlements
- ❑ Land Use



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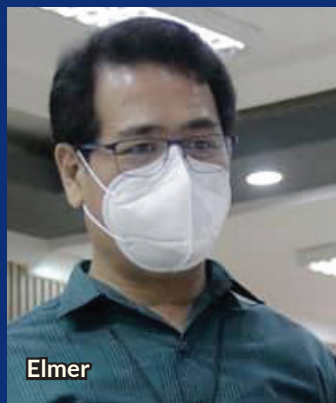
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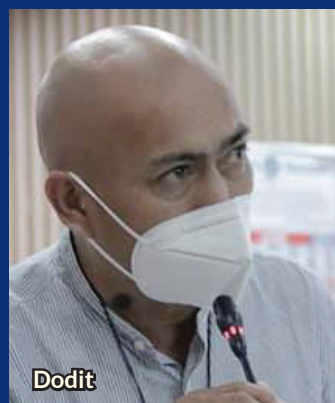
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## THE MEMBERS OF THE 13TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

**Co-Chair**

- ❑ Agriculture
- ❑ Education
- ❑ Human rights

**HON. ELMER S. BALDEMORO**

Started as SK Kagawad, Barangay Secretary, Punong Barangay; Over 27 years in public service. Served as Secretary of the Philippine Councilors League since 2016. Facebook: @Elmer S. Baldemoro

**Chairman**

- ❑ Children
- ❑ PWD
- ❑ Rules & Privileges

**Co-chair**

- ❑ People Empowerment
- ❑ Barangay Affairs/Boundary Disputes
- ❑ Family, Women & Gender Development
- ❑ Health & Nutrition

**HON. VIDAL P. CASTILLO**

43 years of experience in construction and engineering works; 25 years in government and public service, started as barangay kagawad, Barangay Captain for 4 terms; former president of Liga ng mga Barangay. Facebook: @TeamVidalCastillo

**Chairman**

- ❑ Infrastructure
- ❑ Market Affairs

**Co-chair**

- ❑ Blue Ribbon/Administrative Cases
- ❑ Housing & Settlements
- ❑ Peace & order, Public Safety and Disaster Management

**HON. SALVADOR "BUDDY" M. DEL CASTILLO**

CPA/Lawyer. Former Chief Accountant

and City Accountant at the City Treasurer's Office, then City Administrator. Former Executive Director of the Bureau of Local Finance, Dept. of Finance. Twice elected into the SP (2004 and 2016). Lawyer, IBP member. Facebook: @salvador.delcastillo.52

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- ❑ Environment & Energy
- ❑ Laws, Ordinance & Reorganization

**Co-Chair**

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- ❑ Market Affairs
- ❑ Rules & Privileges
- ❑ Ways & Means
- ❑ Transport

**HON. JOSE "SONNY" C. RAÑOLA**

Famous for Salamat Po Doktor, Medical Director at St. John Hospital, NICC Doctors Hospital. Served 13 years as councilor. Facebook: @Sonny Rañola

**Chairman**

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- ❑ Games & Amusement,
- ❑ Culture, Arts/Tourism

**Co-chair**

- ❑ Investment, Trade, Industry & Economic Enterprise
- ❑ Land Use
- ❑ PWDs
- ❑ Senior Citizens

**HON. JOSE "JOE" B. PEREZ**

First Term; former editor-in-chief of Bicol Mail, Bicol Daily; Legislative Officer (Sen. Raul Roco's Office), Chief of Staff (Cong. James Jacob), then joined Mayor Robredo's tourism and press office. Former MNCCI Secretary General. Facebook: @Jose Perez

**Chairman**

- ❑ Consumer Protection
- ❑ City Properties

- ❑ Investment Trade, Industry & Economic Enterprise

**Co-Chair**

- ❑ Culture & the Arts/Tourism
- ❑ Manpower, Livelihood Development & Cooperatives

**HON. JESSIE R. ALBEUS**

Public service began in 2004 as appointed Bgy. Kagawad of Tabuco replacing Bgy. Kagawad Gloria Albeus, then elected as Punong Barangay in 2007-2010. Past Speaker Of The House Of Delegates (2018-2019) and Incumbent Board of Trustee of the Philippine Dental Association (2019-2022) Facebook: @jessie.albeus

**Chairman**

- ❑ Blue Ribbon & Administrative Cases
- ❑ Human Rights

**Co-chairman**

- ❑ Consumer Protection
- ❑ Public Utilities

**HON. ANTONIO "DODIT" B. BELTRAN**

23 years in public service. Bagumbayan Norte Barangay Captain and ABC President; regional Treasurer of the Liga ng Mga Barangay. Facebook: @dodit.beltran

**Chairman**

- ❑ Barangay Affairs/Boundary Disputes

**HON. MARY KYLE "KYLIE" FRANCINE B. TRIPULCA**

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**Chair**

- ❑ Youth & Sports Development

13th SP: Dynamic Partner

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main over a parcel of land, measuring 62,478 Sq Meters registered to the Mercado Family situated in Barangay Pacol, Naga City, for the City Government's Proposed Road Network (SPONSOR: HON. MILA S.D. RAQUID-ARROYO)

ENVIRONMENT

2021-032 Rainwater Collection and Harvesting Ordinance (AUTHORS: HON. JOSELITO S.A. DEL ROSARIO, PH.D. AND CYO AVERLY JERRYL A. ESCOTO; CO-AUTHORS: HON. JOSE B. PEREZ AND CYO EZRA M. BAYLON)

2021-010 Regulating the land filling/back filling activities in Naga City, providing penalties for violations (HON. SALVADOR M. DEL CASTILLO)

GOVERNMENT

2021-016 Establishing the Naga City Internal Audit Services Office (NCIASO) (AUTHOR: HON. JOSELITO S.A. DEL ROSARIO. CO-AUTHORS: HON. GHIEL G. ROSALES, HON. GREGORIO R. ABONAL, HON. SALVADOR M. DEL CASTILLO, AND HON. ELMER S. BALDEMORO)

AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY

2021-057 Establishing the Naga City Digital Innovation and Startup Development Program (AUTHORS: HON. JOSE B. PEREZ, HON. JOSE C. RANOLA, MILA S.D. RAQUID-ARROYO, JOSELITO S.A. DEL ROSARIO, PH. D.)

2021-045 Institutionalizing the Naga City Cooperatives Development Office (NCCDO) (HON. GHIEL G. ROSALES, CYO HON. DANE FRANCIAN D. FAURILLO)

2021-067 Setting the rental rate for the city-owned rice transplanter, and for other purposes (AUTHOR: HON. SALVADOR M. DEL CASTILLO)

2021-083 Amending Ordinance No. 2021-079, also known as the "Naga City Community Employment Program," to allow an expanded range of workers into the program (SPONSOR: HON. JOSELITO S.A. DEL ROSARIO, PH.D.)

PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT/PEOPLE PARTICIPATION

2021-088 Further Strengthening the People Participation in the Barangay. (AUTHOR: HON. ELMER S. BALDEMORO; CO- AUTHORS: HON. VIDAL P. CASTILLO, HON. ANTONIO B. BELTRAN, HON. GHIEL G. ROSALES, HON. MARY KYLE FRANCINE B. TRIPULCA, HON. JESSIE R. ALBEUS)

2021-013 Formally recognizing the Organization of Barangay Electricians in Naga City (OBEN) (AUTHOR: HON. JOSELITO SA DEL ROSARIO)

2021-086 Establishing the Code Of Good Governance for Non-Government and People's Organizations (AUTHOR: HON. MILA S.D. RAQUID-ARROYO)

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

2021-014 Operationalizing Freedom of Information in the City Government of Naga (AUTHOR: HON. JESSIE R. ALBEUS)

TRANSPORT

2021-089 Prescribing new fares and seating capacities for Public Utility Vehicles in Naga City.

2021-005 Amending Ordinance 2020-113, adding solo parents to the 20% fare discount (AUTHOR: HON. JOSELITO S.A. DEL ROSARIO, PH.D.)

2021-087 Granting a 3-year franchise to the Metroland-LCC Group of Companies to operate the Integrated Southbound Terminal in Bgy. Sabang (Hon. Lito del Rosario)

2021-031 Bike Ordinance (AUTHORS: HON. JOSELITO S.A. DEL ROSARIO, PH.D. AND CYO AVERLY JERRYL A. ESCOTO)

PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

2021-032 Setting the guidelines for the activation, deputation, and operations of peace and order, public safety, and traffic volunteers in Naga City (HON. LITO DEL ROSARIO, PH.D./HON. AVERLY JERRYL A. ESCOTO)

2021-033 Barangay Tanod Code of the City of Naga (AUTHORS: HON. JOSELITO S.A. DEL ROSARIO, PH.D. AND CYO AVERLY JERRYL A. ESCOTO)

2021-034 Anti-Vandalism Ordinance (AUTHOR: HON. JOSE PEREZ)

2021-038 Governing the operations of Peace and Order, Public Safety and Traffic Volunteers In Naga City (AUTHORS: HON. JOSELITO S.A. DEL ROSARIO AND CYO AVERLY JERRYL A. ESCOTO)

YOUTH, ARTS/CULTURE, EDUCATION AND SPORTS

2021-046 Declaring the fourth week of the Naga City Youth Month celebration as "Nagueño Young Entrepreneurs Week" (CYO HON. EZRA M. BAYLON / HON. MARIANO NIÑO T. OLIVA/COUNCILOR HON. JOSE B. PEREZ)

2021-020 Amending Section 1, 2 and 3 of Ordinance No. 2017-037, entitled: "An Ordinance Institutionalizing The Naga City Council For Youth Development (NCCYD), creating The Naga City Youth Development Office" (AUTHOR: HON. GHIEL G. ROSALES CO-AUTHOR: HON. MARY KYLE FRANCINE B. TRIPULCA)

2021-030 Declaring the 3rd Week of May this year and every year thereafter as "Naga City Local Youth Artists Week" (AUTHOR: HON. KAYE PAULINE B. SERVIDAD, CO-AUTHOR: HON. BRYAN KENNETH A. ALFEREZ, HON. EARL CHRISTIAN M. ANDO, CITY YOUTH COUNCILORS; SPONSOR: HON. JOSELITO S.A. DEL ROSARIO, PH.D.)

2021-070 Establishing a petty cash fund of ₱1,107,120.00 for the 14-day Supplemental Feeding Program of the City Social Welfare And Development Office (CSWDO) for 2,636 Educare children (SPONSOR: HON. ELMER S. BALDEMORO)

TELCOS AND OTHER UTILITIES

2021-047 Telco Ordinance (HON. JOSELITO S.A. DEL ROSARIO, PH. D./ HON. AVERLY JERRYL A. ESCOTO)

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RAQUID-ARROYO

Good Governance Code Sets Touchstones for NGOs/POs

"THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE shall always reign supreme and it is the prime responsibility of any government to ensure that such will is at all times manifested and enforced."

Councilor Myles Raquid-Arroyo, author of Ordinance No. 2021-86 or The Code of Good Governance of Non-Government and People's Organizations in Naga City recalls the spirit that energizes the Empowerment Ordinance, a trailblazing initiative by the City Government of Naga under the leadership of the late City Mayor Jesse Robredo, who later became Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government.

It has been 25 years since the implementation of the Empowerment Ordinance that also created the Naga City People's Council (NCPC) as the main mechanism that allows the citizenry to directly participate in governance. Its owes its success, for the most part, to the existence of vibrant civil society organizations.

To make sure that the principle of good governance continues to permeate the affairs of the local government, it becomes necessary that Non-Government Organizations and People's Organizations that wish to participate in the governance of the city, either through the NCPC or by themselves, do adhere to the principles of good governance. This, briefly, describes the rationale behind the Code of Good Governance as contained in the ordinance's Explanatory Notes.

The measure sets out the principles and indicators of good governance with NGOs and POs in Naga City which shall be the basis in approving/disapproving applications for NGO/PO accreditation.

The core principles are Responsive Governance, Transparent Governance, Participatory Governance, and Accountable Governance.

The Code also enumerates specific indicators of good Organizational Governance which shall be used in determining whether an organization may be accredited or not. This is in addition to any requirements that are sought for by existing ordinances in the city.

The NCPC is tasked with taking the leadership role in ensuring compliance with the provisions of the ordinance and shall submit regular reports on its implementation. The City government may then use these reports as an input in its decisions related to the ordinance.

As stated in the ordinance, organizations that are applying for accreditation shall present themselves for interview/assessment of compliance with the indicators of good organization governance. The NCPC shall submit its comment/recommendation to the Sanggunian in relation to the organization applying for accreditation 30 days before any application is acted on.

The organization's compliance or adherence to the standards set in the code's provisions will be reviewed by the Sanggunian every three (3) years. ♦

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**YOUTH.** SK Federation President **Hon. Kylie Tripulca** represents the youth sector in the council. She is co-author of Ordinance 2021-020 creating **The Naga City Youth Development Office** with Hon. Rosales as main author.



**HUMAN RIGHTS.** As chair of the Committee of Human Rights, Councilor **Jessie Albeus** visited a political detainee at the Naga City Jail to make sure her rights are protected.



**LAND USE.** The SP Committee on Land Use, chaired by Hon. **Myles Raquid-Arroyo** tackles issues brought before it in committee hearings. Also in photo are Hon. **Buddy Del Castillo** and Hon. **Sonny Ranola**.

## Barangay People Empowerment



Pinagpirmahan ni Mayor Nelson Legacion asin Vice Mayor Nene de Asis an "Revised Barangay People Empowerment Ordinance" sa sarong seremonya kasunod kan tradisyunal na Flag Raising kada Lunes. Presente sa aktibidad sinda BPC Federation President Allan Matos, kaibahan sinda Gladys Belmin na iyo an Naga City People's Council (NCPC) Program Director, asin man si NCPC Chairman David A. Abogado, Jr. Kaibanan sa ritrato sinda Consehales **Greg Abonal** (wala, nakatindog) asin **Oying Rosales** (nakatindog sa too). Si Consehal **Elmer Baldemoro** kataid ni VM de Asis sa lamesa.

## Sa Revised Barangay People Empowerment Ordinance BPCs pinasigurong may pondo hale sa barangay

**SARO SA MGA PUSOG NA PUNDASYON KAN GOOD GOVERNANCE** an people's participation, bilang sarong mga legasiya kan depuntong Alkalde Jesse Robredo. Sa **Ordinansa 2021-088**, o ang "**Revised Barangay People Empowerment Ordinance of Naga City**", ini urog pang pinapusog sa lebelo kan mga barangay, an pinakasadit na yunit nin gobyerno local sa nasyon.

Si **Hon. Elmer Baldemoro** an main author kaini kaibahan sinda **Hons. Vidal Castillo, Antonio Beltran, Ghriel Rosales, Mary Kyle Francine Tripulca** asin **Jessie Albeus** bilang mga katuwang sa pagpanday kan ordinansa.

Segun sa ordinansa, an Barangay People's Council komponido nin mga Non-government organizations asin People's organizations sa barangay. Tinugdas man sa ordinansa an mga giya sa pag-accredit asin paghali kan accreditation. Sarong espesyal na komitiba an mamamahala sa accreditation kan mga miyembro kan BPC. Siring man, nakalista digdi an mga opisyal kan BPC asin an saindang mga katungdan asin responsabilidad.

Sa lindong kan Ordinansa 2021-088, hinahadoy an gabos na gobyernong pambarangay na maglaag nin kisiera sarong porsyento kan saindang annual budget para sa operasyon kan BPC.

Ipinagbabawal sa mga BPCs na gamiton an saindang organisasyon o grupo para sa par-

tisan politics o sa mga katuyuhan na relihiyoso.

Sarong Oversight Committee man pinagmando kan ordinansa na maitugdas ta nganing siguruhon na mautob sa 27 barangay sa syudad an mga probisyon kaini. 📌

## ARAM DAW NINDO?

Sa **Ordinansa Num. 2021-058**, pwede kang **mag-donar nin dugo** bilang pagkomple sa penalidad dara kan pagbalga sa mga ordinansang may relasyon sa COVID 19. Saro lang na Covid-related violation na may katampad na 500cc nin dugo an aakuon. Kun may multiple violations, pwede man an sarong partidaryo mag-donate nin dugo para sa saiya.

## Waste to Energy

**SPECIAL AUDIENCE (via Zoom) OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATION** with **AGRI-POWER INC.**, a US-based company in negotiation with the City of Naga to run the Waste-To-Energy Facility, set to be located at Bgy. San Isidro. Aside from electricity, the facility is expected to produce by-products like hydrogen and methanol. Present during the activity in the early part of the year were Mayor Nelson Legacion, Vice Mayor Cecilia "Nene" Veluz De Asis, Councilors Ghriel Rosales, Lito Del Rosario, Myles Raquid-arroyo, Elmer Baldemoro, Sonny Rañola and Kylie Tripulca along with the members of the Technical Working Group. Also present were the City Youth Officials both from the executive offices and the Sanggunian.



# The Naga City FOI Ordinance



ALBEUS

IN CASE YOU WERE UNAWARE OF THIS, citizens of Naga may access any public information from the local government, subject to rules outlining relevant procedures and exceptions. This is made possible by Ordinance No. 2021-014, an ordinance that operationalizes the Freedom of Information program in the City Government of Naga, integrates a complaints mechanism unit, and provides guidelines for its implementation.

Also known as The Freedom of Information Ordinance, the measure adds weight to Naga City’s claim as a model for Good Governance.

First-term councilor **Hon. Jessie R. Albeus**, the measure’s author, recalls that the city is a pioneer in creating the Citizen’s Charter as a tool for transparency and accountability. This, along with the city’s partnership with the Naga City People’s Council (NCPC) as a mechanism for participative governance, provides the foundations for legacies that the late Mayor and former Interior and Local Government Secretary Jesse M. Robredo is known for.

Ordinance 2021-0014 complies with a joint memorandum circular from the Presidential Communications Office (PCOO) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) encouraging local government units to enact an ordinance in support of the FOI, a program created through Executive Order No. 2 issued in 2016. It is also consistent with Mission-Vision of the City, for the City Government to be recognized

## Good Governance

by 2030 as a model of good governance and responsible citizenry.

Highlights:

- The ordinance grants every Filipino resident of Naga City access to information, official records, and documents and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions, or decisions, as well as to government research data used as a basis for policy development.
- All public officials are obliged to file, provide and make available to the public their Statements of Assets Liabilities and Networth (SALN).
- Designates the Office of the City Administrator as FOI Coordinating and integrating Complaints Unit Mechanism in the City of Naga. For the Legislative Branch, the Office of the Vice Mayor shall be the coordinating office.
- Provides procedures for the filing and processing of requests for access to information or to simply gain insight into all or portion of information and records. An illiterate person or person with a disability may avail of his right to information by making an oral request. The public official receiving the request will then reduce it to writing.
- No fees will be charged for filing a request or obtaining information in digital format; fees will be imposed for printing said documents.
- FOI will be denied when the information “falls under any of the exceptions enshrined in the Constitution, existing law, or jurisprudence.” The ordinance also cites the seven-point Inventory of Exceptions outlined in a memorandum issued by the Office of the Executive Secretary. ©

# Telco Ordinance passed for the safety of motorists and the public

AS VARIOUS ROAD PROJECTS are implemented, utility poles that are left standing on parts of the road which used to be road-sides pose hindrances to traffic and may even cause vehicular accidents. In the interest of public safety, the Sanggunian has enacted **Ordinance No. 2021-047**, which mandates the “relocation of distribution poles and lines of various utilities in Naga City, including the removal of redundant lines.”

Ordinance 2021-047, otherwise known as the **Telco Ordinance of Naga City**, is authored by **City Councilor Lito del Rosario** and **City Youth Councilor Averly Jerryl Escoto**.

The Ordinance creates an Inter-Agency Task Force, headed by the City Engineer, that will

coordinate activities toward the relocation of utility poles affected by projects which are being conducted by the national or local government.

Under the measure, the task force is charged with formulating guidelines covering the process where poles are to be taken down or toppled due to the inaction of an erring utility company. It shall also extend assistance to a public utility which lacks the manpower or resources needed to pursue relocation and/or relocation of their lines.

Among others, the ordinance sets penalties, including the use of appropriate legal recourse, for companies that fail to comply with its provisions. ©

# 13th SP: Dynamic Partner

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GOVERNMENT REVENUES, FEES AND TAXES

**2021-001** Extending the deadline of payment of business taxes, fees and charges and renewal of business permits and licenses from Jan. 20, 2021 to Jan. 31, 2021 without penalties of surcharges, and further extending the Business One Stop Shop (BOSS) to January 31, 2021, to give respite for businesses in the city (HON. SALVADOR M. DEL CASTILLO)

PUBLIC HEALTH

**2021-048** Further amending the “Revised Sanitary Code of Naga City” (AUTHORS: HON. KAYE PAULINE B. SERVIDAD, HON. JOSE C. RAÑOLA, M.D.)

**2021-004** Updating the **Anti-Smoking Ordinance** (SPONSOR: HON. JOSE C. RAÑOLA)

RESOLUTIONS

GOVERNANCE

**2021-140** Creating a Task Force to spearhead the **review and assessment of the City Government’s Partnership with the Naga City People’s Council (NCPC)** and other governance programs of Naga

PUBLIC HEALTH

**2021-032** Authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a **MOA with the Department of Health (DOH)** and with doctors who recently completed their residency in a DOH Training Hospital in connection with their deployment at the Naga City Hospital Under the DOH’S Post Residency Program.

EDUCATION

**2021-332** Ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City Government and Ateneo de Naga University on the implementation of “OJT2Startup” (**On-the-Job-Training to Startup**) Program

**2021-291 AND 2021-292** Supporting the establishment of **Yabu Elementary School** in Bgy. Carolina and the establishment of **Balatas High School** in Bgy. Balatas

INFRASTRUCTURE

**2021-191** Requesting the National Government through the DBM to appropriate **₱540 million** for the rehabilitation of the Naga City People’s Mall and Construction of a 5-storey Public Market.

AGRICULTURE

**2021-310** Applying for Grant Assistance under the DA-Marketing Logistics for Inclusive Food Supply Chain Program, a **Refrigerated Van worth ₱1,998,000.00**

**2021-161** Authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a MOA with the DA – Regional Field Office No. 5, for the **purchase of mushroom house and other inputs**

**2021-160** Authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a MOA with the DA – Regional Field Office No. 5, for the establishment of **Modernized Urban Agriculture Facility-Greenhouse**

**2021-159** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a MOA with the DA – Regional Field Office No. 5, for the implementation of **Urban Community Gardens Project**

SOCIAL WELFARE

**2021-207** Authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the DSWD-Field Office No. V, on the Implementation of the **Pantawid Pamilyang Filipino Program** (4Ps)

**2021-153** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a MOU with the DSWD Field Office, on the Implementation of the **Supplementary Feeding Program in Day Care Centers** in Naga for SY 2021-2022

**2021-143** Authorizing the charging of **₱70,000.00** against the 2021 Budget of PDAO to **pay for 20 units of wheelchairs**

**2021-048** Ratifying the MOA between the Naga City Government and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Regional Office No. V, on the **Implementation of “Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa ating Displaced/Disadvantaged (TUPAD) Workers”**

ENVIRONMENT

**2021-145** Ratifying the MOA between the Naga City Government and Ocean Bound Plastic-Recycling Philippines, Inc. regarding the **proposed Naga City-Wide Plastic Bank Ecosystem Project**.

**2021-022** Ratifying the MOA between the Naga City Government and the DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau-Region V, regarding the **Conduct of Geohazard Identification Survey** of Mabolo Homes Subdivision, a Socialized Housing Project in Bgy. Mabolo, Naga City

**2021-119** Ratifying the MOA between the Naga City Government and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) for the roll-out of the **Philippine National Identification System (PHILSYS)** Registration in the City of Naga. ❖



RICE DISTRIBUTION FOR bed-ridden persons with disabilities (PWDs). BELOW: Officials of the Little People Association in Naga get congratulatory fist bumps from the Mayor shortly after they took their oaths.



**TOWARDS CONSENSUS IN TRANSPORT PUBLIC HEARING.** Councilors Dodit Beltran and Joe Perez as members of the SP Transport Committee assist Committee Chair, Councilor Lito del Rosario, in the conduct of the series of public hearings to reach a consensus on the proposed fare rates and passenger seating capacity for all trimobiles, e-trikes, and padyak following the lowering of Covid 19 risk classification for the City of Naga.

## Cooperatives Development

# NCCDO: Key to Coops' revival in Naga City



ROSALLES

A REVIEW OF EXISTING programs on cooperative development has revealed that only 44 of 97 registered Cooperatives in Naga City are "compliant", meaning more than half of them are either dissolved or non-compliant with current requirements.

**Ordinance No. 2021-045** seeks to address some weaknesses in existing measures, such as Ordinance 2003-11, which established the Cooperative Development Center. According to the authors of the legislation, the old ordinance needs to be updated to respond to the present conditions and achieve a more purposeful institution to initiate programs for the development and promotion of cooperatives in the city.

The ordinance, authored by **Hon. Ghriel G. Rosales** and **CYO Hon. Sofia D. Broso**, creates the **Naga City Cooperative Development Office (NCCDO)** as a division of the Metro Naga Public Employment Service Office (Metro PESO).

The NCCDO shall take the lead in identifying groups, sectors, or communities that can be organized into cooperatives as vehicles for poverty reduction, job creation, and socio-economic development in the city.

Among its functions are to assist prospective cooperatives in the conduct of the required pre-registration seminar and pre-membership education seminar and the preparation of required documents for registration.

It is also charged with assisting cooperatives in the development and implementation of risk management plans and business continuity plans.

Identify cooperatives-related best practices for possible replication by the City Government of Naga.

Recommend to the Sanggunian and advise the City Mayor on all matters relative to cooperatives development and viability enhancement which will improve the livelihood and quality of life of Nagueños.

The Cooperatives Development Officer will be responsible for carrying out the functions and taking charge of the Naga City Cooperative Development Office. ©



## Traffic and Transpo

# BISCAST, LGU sign MOU on Public Transport Plan

AS A BURGEONING METROPOLIS, Naga City is faced with challenges common to growing urban centers, among them, managing the complexities of modern traffic. It is in this background that the City government has tapped the capacities of the academe to deal with the problem.

To help address issues of public transport, Mayor Nelson Legacion, representing the City Government of Naga (CGN), and the Bicol State College of Applied Science and Technology (BISCAST), represented by its President Alex H. Navarroza, PhD have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with regard to the crafting of the **Local Public Transport Plan (LPTRP)** for Naga City.

Under the Memorandum, BISCAST will assist, guide, and help the City Government of Naga in the assessment of the current transportation system of the city; the rationalization of existing and proposed routes through the conduct of proper research and other available methods; and Developing potential methods of improving the transportation of the city. It shall also work with CGN and other project partners in the conduct of research and other related studies with regard to transportation; and, to participate in the crafting and revision of the Local Public Transport Plan of the City.

The CGN, for its part, will take the lead in crafting and revision of the Local Public Transport Plan; coordinate with the academe and other stakeholders in the assessment of the current transportation system of the city; the rationalization of existing and proposed route(s); and Developing potential methods of improving the transportation of the city, among others. ©



## Bike Ordinance may darang proteksyon sa mga siklista

SA TAHAW KAN MGA restriksyon sa transportasyon katakod kan pandemya, naging popular na alternatibo an paggamit nin bisikleta. Tipid na sa gasolina o pamasaha, saro pa ining porma nin ehersisyo na kaipuhan kan mga tawo tanganing mapabaskog an salud. Digdi nahiling an pangangaipo na magkaigwa nin mga magkakanigong mga pasilidad asin mga panundon tanganing masiguro an kaligtasan kan mga siklista, pati na mga motorista o nag gagamit nin mga awto asin iba pang lunadan. Kaya man pinagmarhay kan Sanggunian na pakarayon an sarong dati nang ordinansa manungod sa pagbibisikleta tanganing magin mas angay ini sa presenteng sitwasyon.

Sa **Ordinance No. 2021-031**, na pinaghaman ninda **Konsehal Hon. Lito del Rosario** asin ni **City Youth Councilor Averly Jerry Escoto** dangan ipinasar kan Consejo, nakalaag an nagkakapirang mga pagbabago sa probisyones kan Ordinance No. 2017-030 o an **"Naga Bicycle Ordinance."**

Binibisto sa irarom kan ordinansang ini an derecho kan mga siklista, siring kan iba pang gagamit kan tinampo, sa ligtas asin kumportableng kamugtakan. Kun kaya, minamanduhan kaini an Syudad na maglaag nin mga pasilidad arog na sana kan paradahan nin bisikleta asin mga bike lanes na pwedeng gamiton eksklusibo ka mga siklista sa mga talaan na oras.

Sa bagong ordinansa hinahagad man na magkaigwa nin mga iskema o mga lakdang tanganing paluyahon an bulos kan trapiko sa mga tinampong hayapit asin dae pwedeng mabug-takan nin one-way bike lanes. Ini tanganing malikayan an aksidente o ano man na remalaso sa mga nagagamit nin bisikleta pati na sa ibang mga motorista.

Sa mga tinampong inaapod na slow streets, lilimataran man an speed limit sa 20 kph para sa gabos na trapiko asin 15 kph para sa mga bisikleta.

Bawal, sa irarom kan ordinansa, ang magsakay sa bisikleta na dae nakasulot nin magkakani-gong helmet. Nakalista man digdi an nagkakapira pang mga ipinagbabawal na gawi laen pa kaini. May darang penalidad an pagbalga, kabali an pagtanum nin kisyerang sampulong (10) puon nin kahoy, pagdonar nin dugo sa lindong kan Blood Donation Program kan Syudad, o kaya pagsagibo nin iba pang porma nin community service. ©

## Water Treatment Facility

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT BRIEFING and INSPECTION.** Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, in the exercise of the council's oversight function, visit the Metro Naga Water District's (MNWD) modern wastewater and septage treatment facility at Sitio Caromatig, Bgy. Carolina. Leading the group was Hon. Buddy del Castillo (Chairman, SP Committee on Environment), with fellow councilors Miles Raquid-Arroyo, Lito Del Rosario, and Joe Perez. MNWD Chairman Boy Aman and his fellow board members Nene Claveria, Mike Pauig, Gilbert Albero and Gen. Manager Jojo Luansing were hosts and presentors. The facility, to be run by a private management contractor, will be operational by the first month of 2022.

# Naga is Most Competitive Component City Nationwide

NAGA CITY WAS NAMED Most Competitive Component City overall in the 9th Regional Competitiveness Summit of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) recently. It also bagged high rankings in the so-called four pillars of the competitiveness index: 2nd in Economic Dynamism, 3rd in Government Efficiency, 1st in the Infrastructure and 3rd in Resiliency.

The City achieved this feat despite being hit by a series of typhoons and the onslaught of a global pandemic. Mayor Nelson Legacion attributed the success of the city to the industry and quick action of the current administration in response to various challenges, and to the efforts and contributions of heads of office in the local government, as well as strong support from the citizens of Naga.

The annual ranking of cities and municipalities maps out and tracks local competitiveness in the four pillars of economic development and competitiveness. Naga improved its rankings in all the four pillars from its previous position in the past year.

## Naga Strengthens Mental Health Services

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES have come to prominence recently, particularly in the face of the intensified sense of isolation, anxiety and others as people contend with various restrictions on their movements and lifestyles due to the pandemic.

In response, Councilor **Lito del Rosario** and CY Councilor **Averly Jerryl A. Escoto**, along with co-authors **Hon. Sonny Rañola** and **Kaye Pauline Servidad**, drafted the what is now referred to as the **Mental Health Ordinance of Naga City**, which has been approved by the council and signed by the Mayor. It aims to, among others, institutionalize mental health care services in Naga City by establishing and integrating a psychiatric, psycho-social, and neurological services unit in the Naga City Hospital.

This unit shall provide the following: Out-patient hospital care for patients exhibiting psychiatric or neurological symptoms; Linkage and possible supervision of home care services for those with special needs; Coordination with drug rehabilitation centers; Referral system with other health and social welfare programs, for the prevention of mental illness; Management of those at risk for mental health and psychosocial problems, and mental illness or disability.

The ordinance also seeks to promote mental health awareness among the public, and to correct the stigma and discrimination associated with mental health conditions.

Furthermore, **Ordinance No. 2021-028** also mandates the City Government, with technical assistance from the Department of Health (DOH), to provide training for barangay front-line workers and for other stakeholders in mental health facilities, academic institutions and service providers.

Sa Ordinansa Num. 2021-034

### Vandalism may penalidad

SA MGA MAHILIG SA graffiti o magkuritkurit sa mga lanob pampubliko man o pribado, may magabat pong penalidad an arog kaining gawi.

Pirmado na ni **Alkalde Son Legacion** an **Ordinansa Numerado 2021-034** o mas bistado bilang **Anti-Vandalism Ordinance** kan Syudad nin Naga.

An lokal na ley pinagpadrinuhan ni **Consejal Joe Perez** asin aprubado kan Sangguniang Panlungsod sa liderato ni **Bise Alcalde Nene de Asis**. Ipinapangalad kaini an ano man na drawing, kurit o painting, spray painting, marking, poster, advertisement, decals asin iba pang porma nin graffiti, urog na kun mayong permiso an kagsadiri kan propeiedad o building.

Kantidad cinco mil de pesos (**P5,000**) asin/o pagkakulong nin 21 sagkod 30 dias an penalidad sa mga indibidwal na mabayolar kan ley, mantang kantidad tres mil de pesos (**P3,000**) para sa mga mabayolar na mga menor de edad asin community service kaibahan an saindang mga magurang o guardian.



ARTS/TOURISM COMMITTEE HEARING. Councilors Sonny Rañola and Greg Abonal discuss a point during a hearing of the SP Committee on Arts/Tourism. Aside from matters related to the promotion of Culture and the Arts, the committee deals with programs and projects that encourages the development of natural resources, such as waterfalls and springs, into tourist attractions.



## People Participation

# PANO MAGPA-ACCREDIT NIN NGO/ORG?

Uni po an mga kaipuhan na mga rekisitos tanganing ma-accredit an saindong orgnisasyon. For inquiries regarding the full registration and accreditaiton process, please visit the Naga City Civil Society Organization (CSO) Desk Help Online at <https://nagacitycsodesk.wordpress.com>. An pagpakaray sa Civil Society organizations parte kan programa kan Syudad na pakusugon an partisipasyon kan mga namamanwaan sa pagpapadalagan kan gubyrerno.

### Mga REKISITOS para sa ACCREDITATION :

- ☐ Board Resolution/Letter manifesting the intent of the organization to be accredited with the City Government;
- ☐ List of current officers and members in good standing;
- ☐ Copy of Constitution, by-laws and/or articles of incorporation;
- ☐ Program of Activities planned for the year following the date of application;
- ☐ Report of Activities held for at least one (1) year prior to the date of application;
- ☐ Financial Statement and Declaration of Assets and Liabilities
- ☐ Certificate of Recognition/Accreditation from National Government Agencies (SEC, CDA, DOLE, DSWD, DOH, DA, DAR, DILG, NYC, etc.) (DILG MC 2019-072, 4.2.4.4)

### PROCESO:

- Mapuon an proseso sa pagparehistro kan saindong organisasyon sa CSO Directory kan Ciudad;
- Pakatapos magrehistro, ipreparar an mga pighahagad na dokumento su-sog sa City Ordinance 1995-092 asin DILG MC 2019-072 (\*Available asin pwedeng ma-download an mga Template Forms na ini sa satuyang Naga City CSO Desk Online Page;
- I-sumite an mga rekisitos sa paagi nin pag-upload kaini mismo sa Naga City CSO Desk Online Page;
- Pakatapos mag-submit asin ma-kumpleto an gabos na pighahagad na dokumento, ini i-evaluate kan satuyang CSO Desk Officer asin i-eendorso an saindong aplikasyon sa Sangguniang Panlungsod kan Naga (1 day);
- An SP-Naga an ma-eendorso kaini sa Committee on People Empowerment kung sain rerepasohon an saindong aplikasyon asin ire-rekomendar para ma-accredit an saimong organisasyon sa paagi nin pagpasar nin sarong resolusyon (14 days);
- Mapaluwas nin Certificate of Accreditation an SP Secretariat na pirmado kan SP Presiding Officer (7 days).

# Rainwater Collection Mandated in Ordinance

HARVESTING RAINWATER can be a viable alternative to relying on household faucets for non-potable uses such as general cleaning, car washing, and laundry. If properly collected and stored in sufficient quantities, water collected from rain can be used in urban gardens, landscapes, for irrigation and other agricultural needs, thus easing the demand on potable water supply.

**Ordinance No. 2021-032** mandates the construction of rainwater collection facilities in existing and new city and barangay-owned facilities. The measure aims to promote the utilization of rainwater as a viable alternative source of water supply. It also aims to encourage city residents to actively participate in government programs and undertakings to address environment issues, including preservation of water sources.



Councilor **Lito del Rosario** and City Youth Councilor **Averly Jerryl A. Escoto** are authors while Councilor **Jose Perez** and City Youth Councilor **Ezra Baylon** are co-authors.

In particular, the ordinance mandates the construction and installation of Rainwater Collection Facilities (RWCFs) in the following city government-owned facilities:

Naga City People's Mall; Naga City Abattoir; Naga city Hospital; Naga City Infirmary Hospital (Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital) Carolina; City Agriculture Office (Pacol annex); City Hall Main Building; Solid Waste Management and Motor Pool Building; City College of Naga annex (Almeda Highway); Barangay Halls and other facilities as may be identified by the Rainwater Management Board.

The Board which shall be headed by the City Mayor, shall among others, develop the corresponding Implementing Rules and Regulations for the residential, institutional, Industrial and Commercial RWCFs within 90 days from the effectivity of the Ordinance.

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## 13<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD Dynamic Partner for Sustainable Progress



**A**s 2021 closes, the 13th Sangguniang Panlungsod takes stock of the work it has done as it responded to the unique and demanding challenges of serving the constituents of Naga City at a time of a global pandemic.

As the executive branch's partner, the City Council passed resolutions and ordinances backing the city's development thrusts, which included construction of new facilities and buildings such as the New Naga City Hospital, the development of new growth areas and construction of new school buildings and classrooms. On the other hand, the council also worked to strengthen institutions associated with good governance and people participation, well-loved and strongly-held legacies of the late Mayor Jesse Robredo. Recognizing initiatives in the private sector that are exploring opportunities in the digital economy, the council has firmed up measures to encourage their growth. Among others, the council also dealt with environmental issues in the face of the national government's aggressive road network building, the city's water and waste water treatment needs, and the need to preserve Maogmang Lugar's environment amid the damaging effects of climate change.

It also wielded the legislative gavel in wide-ranging areas of concern, including livelihood, public utilities, health, public safety, peace and order, public administration, youth and sports, and many others.

As the branch of government that holds the 'power of the purse' it sought efficient use of resources even as demands of the pandemic continued to require that funds from some areas be realigned for pandemic response.

**Vice Mayor Nene de Asis**, a veteran in public service, puts it clearly when she says: "Pandemic or not, the interests of the people will always dominate our legislative agenda."

Apart from measures addressing COVID 19, Here are some of the key legislative measures enacted by the 13th Sangguniang Panlungsod (as of November 16, 2021).

### ORDINANCES

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

**2021-041** Authorizing the proposed borrowing of the City of Naga amounting to **P700 million** to fund the road construction from Magsaysay (NCSHS) to Balatas, Urban Redevelopment Project, construction of New Naga City Hospital with complete laboratory and diagnostic equipment, and others; lots acquisition for socialized housing project and for other priority development projects. (HON. SALVADOR M. DEL CASTILLO, CYO HON. SOFIA D. BROSO)

#### LAND USE

**2021-065** Exercising the Power of Eminent Domain  
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## P50M Multi-Purpose Building Pinagpunan nang Itugdok

**OPISYAL NANG PINAGPUNAN** an partrabaho kan Multi-Purpose Building (MPB) asin Evacuation Center na mamumugtak sa bagong muknang Balatas New Area Development Site.

Segun ki Alkalde Nelson Legacion, an itugdok na edificio gagamiton man na Evacuation Building sa panahon nin mga emerhensiya asin kalamidad, asin pwede man gamiton sa iba pang mga tiripon, social activities, asin sports events, na nangangaiuhan nin darakulang venue.

An ipapatindog na (MPB) igwa nin sukol o

floor area na 2,000 square meters. Ini nagkakantidad P50 million na pigfundohan kan Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR). Presente sa ginibong Groundbreaking Ceremony kan fasilidad sinda Mayor Son Legacion kaibahan an bilog na Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Naga sa pangengenot ni Bise-Alkalde Cecilia Veluz De Asis, an PAGCOR Chief Operating Officer (COO) na si Mr. Alfredo C. Lim, kaibahan an Acting Vice-President kan Corporate Social Responsibility Group na si Ramon Stephen R. Villaflores. (CEPPIO) ©

**TURN-OVER KAN P50M NA TSEKE HALE SA PAGCOR.** Kasabay kan groundbreaking ceremonies para sa bagong Multi-Purpose Building sa Balatas, ginibo man an simbolikong pagtao kan tseke hale sa mga opisyal kan PAGCOR sa pangengenot ni COO Alfredo Lim sa Syudad, na pinagrepresentar ni Alkalde Nelson Legacion asin Bise Alkalde Nene de Asis sa seremonya. (SA IBABA) **KAMUNDAGAN FESTIVAL 2021.** Pinagbukasan liwat sa publiko an bago pa sanang pakarayon asin pagayunon na Plaza Rizal katakod kan pagselebrar kan Kamundadagan Festival 2021 kan Miyerkules na banggi (Disyembre 8).

## DIGITAL INNOVATION

### Building a Robust Ecosystem for Innovative Startups

WITH A HIGHLY EDUCATED and trainable human resource pool, Naga City is easily a rich breeding ground for digital innovation where startups grow and flourish. Ordinance No. 2021-057 or the **The Naga City Digital Innovation and Startup Ordinance** manifests the local government's commitment to build on this resource to develop a dynamic startup ecosystem that will become a cornerstone for economic growth and productivity.

Startups are businesses that are in their initial stages of operation. Typically, they have a single product that they want to bring to the market and are looking for venture capitalists. In today's technology driven world, startups are strongly associated with digital innovation.

Through this ordinance, the city government shall initiate programs; provide incen-

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