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## Why CONSEJO?

CONSEJO is from Old Spanish *consejo*, inherited from the Latin *cōnsilium*; compare the borrowed doublet *consilio*. Cognate with English counsel.

Consejo (*n.*) is a set of people who are officially in charge of informing the government about certain matters of public administration before making decisions.

Consejo is the official newsletter of the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Naga. Currently on its second volume, the newsletter takes on the format of a magazine or a tabloid.

Consejo aims to create direct access to relevant news and valuable information about the council. It is also a record of the council's progress and allows for essential transparency and meaningful adjustments that lead to better governance.





Naga City is one of the fastest growing cities in the Philippines, having rapidly transformed into a thriving hub of culture, history, arts, and commerce through the years. It is a vibrant city that has provided better opportunities for employment, education, and tourism to its residents and Filipinos across the country. Naga has become an exemplary city to emulate for its people's faith and integrity. Moreover, it has become a pioneer for good governance as evidenced by countless awards, recognitions, and accolades not only in the Philippines but across the globe. Naga, in fact, has been adjudged by the Department of Trade and Industry along with several major private industry partners as the most competitive component City of the Philippines – for two consecutive years.

The city's success is founded on the empowerment of Nagueños, whose impassioned voices made the city into what it is today. Bringing forth a modern, highly competitive, and prosperous Naga City would not have been possible without the tutelage and hard work of its city council, whose dedication and exemplary work ethics have guided Naga City into becoming a source of pride in Camarines Sur.

I commend all of your commitment to your calling and wish that through your consistent and admirable leadership, Naga City could continue becoming a flourishing seat of innovation, advancement, and good governance.

**Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado**  
Representative, Third District, Camarines Sur



**W**e congratulate the 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga for the publication of this year's issue of Consejo.

As with all past issues of this official newsletter of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga which have largely helped in fostering our transparency and accountability thrusts in the local government, this continued practice all the more reflects and strengthens our commitment to good governance. This newsletter empowers our people with knowledge on our workings and legislations, and allows them to proactively engage in our undertakings for our beloved City of Naga.

We thank you for your steadfast support to the goals and visions of this present administration, that is being mirrored in the city ordinances that are being crafted and passed by you. Without your invaluable assistance, it will not be possible for us to push through and realize our projects and joint aspirations for the Nagueños.

As we slowly transition to the new normal, and amid the pressing issues and crises at hand, we will push forth our endeavors. We will continue to innovate on our systems and programs to responsively address varied needs and concerns. We are most confident that we will be able to do so triumphantly again, as we did in conquering the challenges of the pandemic. With our harmonious partnership that we have cultivated between the executive and the legislative, we will build a self-reliant, progressive, caring and happy city.

Naga Na!

  
**Hon. Nelson S. Legacion**  
City Mayor



On behalf of my colleagues here at the Council, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Honorable Gabriel “Gabby” H. Bordado Jr., and the Honorable Mayor Nelson “Son” S. Legacion for their respective congratulatory messages for this publication. Consejo is just as much your gateway of communication to our shared constituents since we have been partners, and will remain as such, in our pursuit of inclusivity, transparency and accountability.


For quite some time now, the ideal is going paperless; but the reality is accessibility to electronic records and communication is still limited and restricted. There is still a very tangible necessity for printed documents. Both the electronic apps and the print medium have their proper place in record keeping and dissemination.

In this issue, we would like you to be reacquainted with those of us returning for a second or third term, and get to know our freshmen legislators. We also would like to share some of the landmark legislation we have crafted so far through Legislation Notes, a sort of Cliffs Notes to ordinances; as well as the Sanggunian’s extra-curricular activities in the Beyond the Session Hall photo gallery.

Information helps empower us. And only when informed and empowered can we truly make a lasting difference in ourselves and in others.

We hope you enjoy reading Consejo, as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you.



  
**Hon. Cecilia B. Veluz-De Asis**  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer  
14th Sangguniang Panlungsod

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Naga, is shown with a semi-transparent red overlay. The city features a mix of residential houses and larger commercial or institutional buildings. The text is centered on the page, framed by decorative laurel wreaths on the left and right sides.

# PROFILES

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**B**ack for a second term as Vice Mayor of Naga, the Hon. Cecilia Veluz-De Asis received overwhelming support and a massive mandate from the people of Naga at the May 2022 election. Petite in stature with an equally diminutive nickname, Nene commands trust and confidence as the presiding officer of the 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Public service is deeply rooted in her DNA. Her mother Lucy Veluz, besides being elected Mayor of Del Gallego, was also Council President of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, Camarines Sur chapter, who helped cultivate in the young Nene her own leadership potential and service spirit. Mom was also National President of the Rural Improvement Club of the Philippines. This will come full circle for VM Nene as she was also elected to the same position in 2016-2019. Her father, Silverio Veluz was also Mayor of Del Gallego, as well as Provincial Board Member of Camarines Sur. Her brother, Bayani Veluz served both as Mayor and Vice Mayor of Del Gallego. And her late husband, Roberto De Asis served as Naga City Councilor and also City Administrator.

Her public service pedigree is further complimented by her own public service credentials. With 3 years as Vice Mayor and 18 years as City Councilor, and before that as legal researcher and administrative officer of the Sanggunian, VM Nene has definitely paid her dues and earned her stripes.

A very energetic septuagenarian, she can be seen cutting ribbons, welcoming guests, delivering inspirational messages, participating in trainings and workshops, or simply gracing social events at all hours of the day and all days of the week; weekends included. For VM Nene, any invitation to be with her constituents is an opportunity for engagement and a demonstration of her gratitude.

When she is not in the session hall, she can be found at the Bantay Familia Center, a shelter for abused women and children. A staunch supporter of Anti-Violence Against Women and Children, an advocacy she proudly wears on her sleeve, Lola Boss oversees programs and projects for women welfare, including health and nutrition, gender and development, and children's rights and welfare. Or she is just as happy and at ease to be cradling a new born, or kidding around with the playful wards of the center. To advance the center's cause, she partners with other government agencies, non-government organizations, and private corporations who share her vision and purpose.

This year, she introduced the Anti-Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children ordinance in the 14th Sanggunian.

Outside of her public servant persona, VM Nene is a certified plantita, and proud of it. At the start of the week, she hauls some of her prized plants to the office and session hall. Besides being visually refreshing, the plants also provide additional oxygen especially in an enclosed, air conditioned space. She has also opened up her greenhouse to the public to share her love of plants with like-minded plantitos and plantitas.

Also an unabashed Korean drama fan, VM Nene keeps current with the latest trending Korean drama. But with her discerning tastes, she needs to get hooked by the first or second episode or else she will not binge watch the remaining 10 or 12 installments; unless the lead actor is her favorite "*Oppa*." Because of this, constituents find her very relatable and approachable.

Whether busy working as a public servant or just quietly going on with her private life, VM Nene has carved her own space and crafted her own herstory. And the exciting parts are yet to come; the latter chapters yet unwritten.



**Hon. Cecilia B. Veluz-De Asis**  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

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The only Doctor of Dental Medicine in the 13th and 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod, Doc Jess Albeus, as he is popularly known among the Nagueños, is immensely humbled and honored with the overwhelming mandate given him by the Naga City electorate during the May 2022 National and Local Elections. Emerging from the 10th spot in the May 2019 elections, he has garnered the highest number of votes among the local candidates for city councilor bestowing on him the First City Councilor of Naga City for the term 2022-2025.

As Chair of the Committee on Appropriations, Doc Jess guarantees that the budgetary utilization and disbursements are within the prescribed rules and regulations and in consonance with audit requirements. He presides over the budget hearings for the local expenditures of the city government and ensures that the annual budget is deliberated and approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in a timely manner.

Working hand-in-hand with the vibrant and hardworking City Mayor Nelson Legacion, Doc Jess, as Co-Chair of the Naga City Housing and Development Board, filed a resolution declaring a moratorium on the acceptance of new applicants to the housing program mitigating the backlog in the applications in the Socialized Housing Program of the city. As Executive Director of the Naga City Price Coordinating Council, he works with other national government agencies and department offices who have direct regulatory powers over basic commodities in monitoring supply and prices and referring violations to the agencies that hold jurisdiction.

An advocate of oral health, Doc Jess has prescribed necessary measures to address oral health issues in the City of Naga including the institutionalization of fluoridization programs for primary students and the implementation of affordable dental prosthetics services for Nagueños. Another legislative agenda of the top-notch councilor is the enactment of the Naga City Oral Health Council that would focus on formulating oral health programs and projects. All these are borne out of his vision to combat oral health problems and strengthen oral health programs as these affect the over all well-being of Nagueños.

An alumnus of the Naga Parochial School, the Ateneo de Naga University, and the University of the East, as well as a pillar of the Phillipine Dental Association, Doc Jess Albeus is committed in humbly and sincerely serving Nagueños. As his favorite and popular campaign slogan says: “Ubos con ubos, gabos con gabos kaiba si Doc Jess Albeus.”

**Hon. Jessie R. Albeus**  
City Councilor



**H**on. Joselito S.A. Del Rosario, PhD maintains a curriculum vitae founded on degrees in Criminology, Law, Public Administration, and Development Administration that is quite impressive at the same time positively overwhelming.

The list of positions he has held over the years include: Spokesman of Mayor Jesse M. Robredo, Department Head of the Public Safety Office, Information Officer of the Mayor's Office, Executive Officer of Task Force Comet (SWAT Team), Director of CASURECO II. All these backed by trainings and specializations like: Urban and Regional Planning, Strategic Planning and Management Training, National Security, Crisis Management and Security Administration, Incident Command System, Traffic Impact Assessment, Disaster Mitigation and Preparedness Capability, VIP Protection, Urban Counter Revolutionary Warfare.

Councilor Lito brings the same intense diligence and pertinacity to his job in the legislature of Naga City. Quite prolific, he has already authored and co-authored 10 ordinances and a handful of resolutions since the 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod assumed office. Some of these so far include:

- Strengthening disaster resiliency through establishment of underground cabling in Naga
- Expanding the scope of Naga City's Anti-SOGIE Discrimination ordinance and encouraging the establishment of Barangay LGBTQ+ welfare desks
- Mandating the creation of a technical working group to conduct a comprehensive study by reassessing, revising, and upgrading barangay boundaries
- Prescribing fare reduction for public utility vehicles in Naga City
- Amending the Education Code of Naga City to widen the admission threshold of the scholarship program based on gross family income and to increase the number of allocation for students of solo parents, persons with disabilities, and sanggawadan, and to include families from the informal waste sector
- Prohibiting drone operation within a 100-meter radius of jail facilities
- Establishing an educational assistance program under the Education, Sports and Scholarship Office to assist indigent students to complete tertiary education
- Enjoining all business establishments and local transport groups to adopt QR PH digital payments in line with the Paleng-QR PH program

Not one to slow down, he was elected President of the Philippine Councilors League of Naga City, and subsequently, Secretary General for Bikol. He was also re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Philippine Red Cross, Camarines Sur Chapter. Consi Lito seems to be living by the creed that rest is for the weary; surely, there is still more to come.

**Hon. Joselito S.A. Del Rosario, Ph.D.**  
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**H**on. Ghriel “Oying” G. Rosales is a second-term City Councilor of Naga City who started his political career at the age of 21 when he ran for Barangay Kagawad of San Felipe and served for two terms before joining the City Council in 2019 as the youngest elected member of the 13th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga.

During his first term, Oying strongly advocated for the rationalization of the city’s investment planning and budgeting through fiscal discipline and people participation. Together with the active campaign for the prompt submission of barangay budgets, the recurrent delays in the approval of barangay budgets were substantially reduced and mitigated.

He also authored ordinances updating the guidelines in the structure, operation, and organization of the Naga City Cooperatives Development Council and institutionalizing the Naga City Cooperatives Development Office, thereby strengthening the role of cooperatives in contributing to sustainable economic and social development.

As Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, Oying promoted the reinforcement of waste reduction measures during the 2022 Peñafrancia Fiesta in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Caceres, business sector, the academe, and civic society. He also proposed an ordinance establishing mechanisms to promote energy efficiency and conservation effectively localizing the implementation of the “Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act.” Characteristically, during the 13th Sanggunian, Rosales consistently objected to the cutting of 71 century-old trees to give way to road widening projects of the DPWH and advocated for the implementation of more responsive road designs in our national highways.

A champion of the role of the private sector in the city’s legislative process, the young councilor sponsored the “i-Engage Ordinance” which will prompt individual citizens to formally contribute in the policy-making process complementing existing measures on people empowerment and participation.

A newly minted lawyer himself, Atty. Ghriel Rosales comes from a long lineage of law practitioners which includes his father, Prosecutor Fiel Rosales, who himself was once a Naga City Councilor, and his grandfather Atty. Florencio Rosales. He is the eldest of three children born to Dean Gladys Gomez of the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture. A young family man, he is a loving husband to Darlene Joy and a responsible father to Stephen Gael.

**Hon. Ghriel G. Rosales**  
City Councilor



**B**orn and raised in Naga City, Melvin Ramon “Omar” Garrido Buenafe grew up exposed to a life of public service courtesy of his parents, Dr. Crispiniano and Fanny Buenafe, who both served at the Bicol Medical Center. After graduating from the Philippine Military Academy as a government scholar, he served as an officer of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and eventually, the Philippine National Police. He rose to the rank of PNP Brigadier General and handled various command positions, until he retired in his last assignment as PNP Regional Director of Bicol Region. He later served as Deputy Director General of the Bureau of Corrections in Bilibid, Muntinlupa City.

After retiring the badge, the general’s advocacies continued to expose him to the strife and struggles of the people in the community. These strongly affected and strengthened his resolve against illegal drugs, his commitment to public safety, crime prevention, livelihood for all, and food sufficiency. As founder of the group Bicol Region Against Drugs (BRAD), he enjoined the community in the crusade against illegal drugs and criminality maintaining close relationships with law enforcement and public safety agencies.

A freshman councilor of the 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod, Gen. Omar seeks to advance his advocacies and to address related challenges and issues through his chairmanship of the committees on Peace and Order, Public Safety, and Disaster Management; Transportation; and Agriculture.

With his Road Clearing for Public Safety and Convenience Ordinance, Councilor Buenafe seeks to significantly improve the traffic situation and public safety by removing road and sidewalk obstructions, encroachments, and illegal and authorized use of spaces that are part of public thoroughfares. He also sponsored an ordinance granting a non-interest-bearing loan to the Independent Component City Agricultural and Fishery Council (ICCAFC). Among these achievements, he likewise chaired the successfully revived 2022 Peñafrancia Fiesta Military Parade.

There are more anticipated accomplishments as Councilor Buenafe endeavors revising the CCTV Ordinance for greater practical use in crime deterrence, monitoring, and investigative purposes as well as his sponsorship of the African Swine Flu Ordinance that will greatly prevent the spread of ASF.

He continues to pursue his ideal, a Naga City that is the best place to enjoy living, studying, working, visiting, and doing business in.

**Hon. Melvin Ramon G. Buenafe**  
City Councilor

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**Hon. Gilda Gayle R. Abonal-Gomez, Ph.D., RPsy**  
City Councilor

**G**ayle Abonal-Gomez is a licensed Psychologist and Psychometrician by profession. She graduated with a degree in BS Psychology and went on to pursue a Master's degree in Psychology at the Ateneo de Naga University. She later obtained a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the Ateneo de Manila University. As part of the Psychological Association of the Philippines, she held multiple national level positions, as head of the Special Interest Group in Mental Health Psychosocial Support Services and the Substance Use Prevention and Recovery.

While teaching at the Ateneo de Naga University, she volunteered to be the resident Psychologist of the Naga City Bantay Familia, a position she held for almost two decades. Even before the Anti-VAWC Law and the Mental Health Law was passed, she gave free psychological counseling to abused women and children. She brought mental health and psychosocial services to the grassroots community level by providing direct services and giving trainings and seminars for volunteers, equipping them with the right skills that they could bring to their respective barangays. She also started the Psychosocial Interventions for Families in the Barangay, a program hoping to promote harmonious family and community relationships.

To further the services of the Naga City Bantay Familia she helped form the Bantay Familia Peer Volunteers, giving assistance to youth who experienced abuse in their own families. Likewise, she helped conceptualize the Lalaki Laban sa Karahasan, a sub-group of the Bantay Familia Office composed of male volunteers who offer psychosocial assistance to fellow males who are also abused or inflict the abuse themselves.

At the height of the pandemic, Gayle led a group of volunteers who provided online Covid Psychosocial Response assistance to those quarantined and affected by the stress brought about by the pandemic. She was an active member of the Naga City Council for the Welfare and Protection of Children and a board member of the Naga City Dangerous Drugs Board, where she proposed a community-based drug recovery program, the Katatagan Kontra Droga sa Komunidad.

As a City Councilor, she now heads the Committees on Children and Family, People Empowerment, and Women and Gender. She is also the Co-Chair of the Naga City Council for the Welfare and Protection of Children, the Naga City Council for Women, and the Naga City Nutrition Committee.



**W**ith more than 25 years in public service, Vidal P. Castillo started as Barangay Kagawad before becoming Barangay Captain for four uninterrupted terms. An additional fifth term saw him being elected President of the Liga ng mga Barangay which ushered his entry to the Sangguniang Panlungsod. He is currently on his third term as a full fledged elected councilor.

His extensive experience in construction and engineering gives Councilor Vidal a solid foundation as Chair of the Committee on Infrastructure. Among his accomplishments are resolutions earnestly requesting the Department of Public Works and Highways for funding for the road widening project of MT Villanueva Avenue and the construction of storm drainage at the Pacol-San Felipe road. He also sponsored another resolution directed towards the National Irrigation Administration for the rehabilitation of the irrigation canal connecting Naga at Barangay Calauag to the municipality of Canaman.

When Naga City was adjudged Over-all Most Competitive Component City two years running, the city ranked first in Infrastructure in 2020 and second in 2021. Councilor Vidal believes that this is in part due to the legislative agenda, particularly of the Committee on Infrastructure, in close cooperation with City Mayor Son Legacion.

Priding himself in being hands on when responding to distress calls caused by natural disasters, Councilor Vidal is quick to inspect the affected areas and just as swift to request concerned offices for assistance and provisions until more permanent solutions can be implemented such as in the cases this year of flooding in Barangay Triangulo and the devastation of farm lands in Barangay Carolina.

His other committee chairmanships are: Market Affairs where he envisions conducting programs of research and development in market operations and supporting the construction of satellite markets; and the Blue Ribbon Committee where hearings of administrative complaints against LGU officials are aired and recommendations are made to impact local good governance and responsive public service.

After all, he considers the late Naga City Mayor and DILG Secretary Jesse Robredo as a key influence on him; and what better way to pay tribute to one's hero than by living up to his visions and values.

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**Hon. Vidal P. Castillo**  
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“I endorsed the passing and approval of this measure after our city mayor and my colleagues in the council led by Vice Mayor Nene De Asis saw the need for a more modern and bigger hospital to ensure better access to a wide range of healthcare services for the Nagueño families, especially those who belong to the underprivileged sectors,” the veteran city councilor was quoted saying in reference to his latest landmark ordinance 2022-019, which mandates the relocation, expansion, and upgrading of the Naga City Hospital to its new location in the 33,199 sq. meter city-owned lot in Barangay Balatas.

The Honorable Jose C. Rañola, M.D., or more fondly referred to as Doc Sonny, began his public life in 1988, the year he started his career as city councilor, which has allowed him to serve for 7 terms earning him the moniker as the longest-serving elected public servant in the city government to date. Twice becoming top-notch city councilor in previous years, Doc Sonny has assembled a substantial line-up of sponsored and authored ordinances that contributes to the actualization of healthy and productive Nagueños dynamically performing their roles as participatory governance co-workers.

Among these are: the granting of free basic medical executive check-up once a year to the Barangay Health Workers, Nutrition Scholars, Service Point Officers, and Community Based Rehabilitation Specialists; the establishment of the Naga City Dialysis Center at the New Modern Naga City Hospital II; the prohibition of the sale or disposition of cigarettes and other tobacco products of any quantity to a minor; the prohibition of tobacco, cigar, and cigarette smoking in public places; the creation of the Naga City Multi-Sectoral STD/HIV Council for the prevention and control of STD and HIV; and the establishment of the physical therapy and rehabilitation center.

Guided by the principle advocating people empowerment, he believes that no one is more undeniably empowered than an individual who possesses a clean bill of health. He also declared that behind the gains and triumphs that the LGU has been achieving are the government workers who are in good health delightfully laboring for the welfare of their constituents. Stressing the importance of keeping a healthy community and a healthy corps of public servants, Doc Sonny deduced, “It can always be expected that both groups will harmoniously work together and energetically give feedback to each other, allowing both parties to better life further in our Maogmang Lugar.”

**Hon. Jose C. Rañola, M.D.**  
City Councilor



**N**ow on his second term, Councilor Jose “Joe” Perez is banking on a more focused advocacy and a dynamic response to the challenges of making better the lives of his constituents.

Before his entry into politics, Perez was editor-in-chief of Bicol Mail, a regional newspaper in Bicolandia. He was also the editor-in-chief of the first daily newspaper in the region, Bikol Daily (now defunct), an ambitious and pioneering venture in local print journalism. Before he entered politics, Perez had been a vice president and secretary general, consecutively, of the Metro Naga Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

With rich experience in legislative work having worked in the office of then Sen. Raul S. Roco and as chief of staff of former Congressman James S. Jacob before being recruited to work at city hall under the mentorship of then multi-awarded City Mayor Jesse M. Robredo, Councilor Joe felt comfortable in taking his seat at the city council and yet anxious at getting the task more directly to the people in order to be called a true servant of the people.

For his second term, he has chosen to be the chairman of three important committees closest to his heart: Committee on Investment, Trade and Economic Enterprises; Committee on Culture and the Arts; and Committee on Tourism.

Among the major legislations he had crafted so far are: Ordinance No. 2020-074 that established the Naga City Business Stimulus Program which provides zero-interest loans to the small entrepreneurs of the city whose businesses had been severely affected by Covid-19; the other is Ordinance No. 2021-057 which established the Naga City Innovation and Startup Development Program, providing incentives and benefits to startups or young business innovators of the city. Another Ordinance that he has authored, principally as chairman of the committee on culture and the arts, is Ordinance No. 2022-096 which mandates the erection of a monument, which is long overdue, to honor the memory of Nagueño brothers Tomas and Ludovico Arejola and publicly recognize their heroism that helped the cause that gave birth to the Filipino nation.

As legislator, he believes that he has the full responsibility to enact laws and innovate on ideas by giving flesh and bone to the principles of good governance and efficient and responsive public service. His only reason why he is in politics, which he always wants to reiterate, is public service.

**Hon. Jose B. Perez**  
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A fiscal-legal hyphenate, Hon. Salvador M. Del Castillo is an active member of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (since 1986) and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (since 1998.)

This quest for knowledge stemmed from his humble beginnings and burning desire to finish college in spite of the lack of resources. He started working in government to help finance his education as well as those of his siblings. Even after earning his degrees, Councilor Buddy opted to remain in government instead of going into private practice.

Already more than half a century in government and public service, he started his career in government in 1971. Besides his double full term stints in the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the first in 2004 and then again in 2016, he also held the positions of Chief Accountant at the City Treasurer's Office, City Accountant, and City Administrator, all for the City Government of Naga. He also became the Executive Director of the Bureau of Local Government Finance under the main office of the Department of Finance in Manila.

His public service life is also well-decorated with recognitions including the Dangal ng Bayan from the Civil Service Commission (1995), the Outstanding Employee (1989) and the Model Employee (1985) awards from the City Government of Naga.

His long engagement with government and public service is crucial in informing the formulation of his legislative agenda and committee participation. He was quoted saying, "I believe that the resources of government must be used judiciously for the benefit of the people. Hence it should be properly budgeted based on priorities." He demonstrates this doctrine by going through financials with a fine-toothed comb. He is also the one to bravely point out when the budget is lacking or nil.

Having been self-sufficient through his formative years and thriving in spite of the trials he was faced with, Councilor Buddy subscribes to and echoes these famous words of the late John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." And this has been his guiding philosophy in his lengthy government career and public service.

A proud family man, Sir Buddy married the former E. Merly Collantes, and together they are the proud parents of Maria Francia, Neil, Nelvin Rey, and Geoffrey.

**Hon. Salvador M. Del Castillo**  
City Councilor



A humble yet involved resident of Barangay Bagumbayan Norte, Antonio B. Beltran started his public service tenure by being elected topnotcher kagawad in his beloved barangay in 2002 until 2007. Due to his outstanding pro-active performance and receptive nature, he was elected Barangay Captain from 2007 to 2010 and 2013 to 2021 which gave birth to the appellation “Kap Dodit” by which he is still known today.

A charismatic and committed leader of the masses, Kap Dodit was unanimously elected as President of the Association of Barangay Captains which gained him a seat as an ex-officio member in the 13th Sangguniang Panlungsod and paved his inclusion as an official candidate of Team Naga in the Local Election in May 2022. He currently sits as an elected regular council member of the 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Kap Dodit’s stint as ABC president coincided with the onset and peak of the Covid-19 pandemic prompting the councilor to submit and pass resolutions effectively implementing lockdowns in the 27 barangays of the city. Currently sitting as Chair of the Committee on Persons With Disabilities, as well as the Committee on Solo Parents, Kap Dodit promises more incentives and assistance from the local government of Naga through responsive resolutions and ordinances. Aside from amplifying these sectors’ rights and causes through legislation, Kap Dodit makes it a must to personally attend meetings and dealings of the the Federation of PWD and Solo Parents making sure that no one is left behind.

Aside from chairing the committees for Persons with Disabilities and Solo Parents, Kap Dodit is Co-Chair of the Committee on Barangay Affairs and Boundary Disputes, which he headed in the 13th Sanggunian, as well as the Blue Ribbon Committee and the Committee on City Properties.

Despite his busy schedule as a regular member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Kap Dodit is also active in various civic-socio groups like Naga City Eagles Club, Naga City Lions Club 101 Oragon, Eagle Society of Bicolandia, and Epsilon Sigma Beta.

The Honorable Antonio Beltran is married to Catherine Elizabeth C. Beltran, a senior high school teacher in one of the city’s public schools. They are the proud parents of two sons, Niño Anthony and Marco Antonio Beltran, who are currently both matriculating as a grade 10 student and a grade 3 pupil respectively. One of the family’s bonding activities is attending holy mass on Sundays and spending quality time together.

**Hon. Antonio B. Beltran**  
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Solo Parents  
Tourism



The story of Hon. Ma. Corazon M. Peñaflor is an account of a solo mother who persevered to raise six children while juggling work and family. Simply Azon to her friends, she rose from the ranks — starting from being a barangay volunteer to barangay captain and now, president of the Liga ng mga Barangay.

Azon began her career in the barangay government as a Barangay Nutrition Scholar and then proceeded to serve as a Barangay Service Point Officer. She garnered recognition for both positions having been awarded Most Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar in both the local and regional levels; as well as Outstanding Barangay Service Point Officer in the 2002 Maogmang Nagueño Awards.

Emboldened by the clamor of the residents of Barangay Calauag for her to aspire for public office, Peñaflor ran for barangay kagawad and won. Having common aspirations and shared goals with her constituents, she would be elevated to Punong Barangay in 2018.

Call it twist of fate, or the universe conspiring, Kapitana Azon ascended to president of the Liga ng mga Barangay after Kap Dodit Beltran won as City Councilor in the May 2022 Election. As Liga president, she now sits in the 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod as an ex officio member.

Barely five months in the Sanggunian, Azon co-authored with Hon. Lito Del Rosario a bold legislation creating a technical working group to reassess, revise, and update the barangay boundaries in Naga City. This is seen as a decisive move to finally put an end to decades of disputes among barangays in the city.

She also initiated the conduct of synchronized rabuz in the 27 barangays of Naga in keeping with her earnest motto that “cleanliness is next to Godliness.”

The Hon. Azon Peñaflor continues to make strides in her public service in spite of her hectic schedule as a solo parent. She has demonstrated to other women that gender and single parenthood are not barriers to effective leadership and public service. She has also proven to all that anybody, no matter their social or economic status, can rise above life’s hurdles and win their own race through honest work, passion, and sheer grit.

While from the outside her direction seemed destined, her close supporters and avid constituents know that with her characteristic dedication, humility, and determination, Azon was directly responsible for carving out her own path.

**Hon. Ma. Corazon M. Peñaflor**  
President, Liga ng mga Barangay  
Ex Officio Member



**B**orn to Mr. Joshua and Mrs. Vilma Tripulca, Mary Kyle Francine B. Tripulca is the eldest child and only daughter among four siblings: John Joshua, Mark Latrell, and Vijshuan Matthew.

Prior to her undertaking in public service, she was an active student leader at the Ateneo de Naga University, taking up a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, majoring in Financial Management and Accounting. Notable achievements in her undergraduate years include being the Executive Secretary of the Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants, serving as a university Comelec Commissioner, being an active member of the Remontados Debate Society, and having been bestowed the Achievement Award in Debate and Adjudication for her numerous awards received in regional and national competitions.

Kylie, as she is more popularly known, started her pursuit of public service as a trainee at the Land Transportation Office. Shortly after graduating, she was elected to the position of Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson of Barangay San Felipe, and later, as the President of the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation. This paved the way to her becoming an Ex Officio Member of the 13th Sangguniang Panlungsod. Through her Ex Officio membership and Chairmanship of the Youth and Sports Development Committee, she has been indefatigable in legislating ordinances and promoting resolutions that would forward the interest of Nagueños, particularly the youth sector.

Her primary advocacies include gender equality, institutional development and reform, sports development, combatting unemployment, and educational equity. Her advocacies turned into reality through legislation with programs such as Scholarships, Government Internships, Summer Employment Opportunities, and the successful conduct of various Sports Leagues and Tournaments held throughout the year.

The young legislator is also a proud Angat Bayi Fellow of the UP Center for Women and Gender Studies. She is also affiliated with the Philippine Councilors League, and National Movement of Young Legislators.

Without reneging on her duties as a public servant, she is currently pursuing graduate studies and is also a 4th year student of the University of Nueva Caceres School of Law.

An avid advocate for animal welfare and protection, she is a champion of pet adoption and is currently a fur mom to three lovely dogs.

**Hon. Mary Kyle Francine B. Tripulca**  
President, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation  
Ex Officio Member

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# ORDINANCES

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THE 14<sup>th</sup>  
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# LEGISLATION NOTES

The end of the year usually prompts us to look back and take stock of what we have accomplished. It has only been six months since the 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod took their oath of office; however, they have already been hard at work, on track to log in 24 regular sessions, and over a hundred committee hearings before 2022 comes to a close.

Some of the landmark ordinances sponsored and passed by the 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod include, among others:

## ORDINANCE NO. 2022-064

AN ORDINANCE FURTHER STRENGTHENING DISASTER RESILIENCY BY PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK ON ESTABLISHMENT OF UNDERGROUND CABLING IN NAGA CITY, PROMULGATING GUIDELINES THEREON, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:-

This ordinance is also known as the “Underground Cabling Ordinance of Naga City” and was authored by Hon. Joselito S.A. Del Rosario, Ph.D.

The foremost purpose of the ordinance is to make public utilities in Naga City adoptive and responsive to the challenges brought about by calamities frequenting the city; hopefully minimizing disruptions and damages that could befall the city’s inhabitants and the local economy.

This ordinance was enacted on August 16, 2022.

## ORDINANCE NO. 2022-064-A

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE ROAD CLEARING OF ALL ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS, STRUCTURES, AND OBSTRUCTIONS FROM

PUBLIC ROADS, ROAD SIDES, STREETSIDES, AND OTHER PUBLIC PASSAGEWAYS, AND INCORPORATING RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 93-049 OF THE CITY OF NAGA, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR:-

It is the intention of principal author Hon. Melvin Ramon G. Buenafe and co-author Hon. Antonio Beltran to regulate the use and maintenance of roads, streets, and sidewalks, including bridges and other passageways, by reclaiming and ridding them of private obstructions and illegal encroachments, thus making it safe and convenient for the general public.

Otherwise known as the “Road Clearing for Public Safety and Convenience Ordinance,” this legislation was enacted on August 16, 2022.

## ORDINANCE NO. 2022-068

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE REASSESSMENT, REVISION, AND UPGRADING OF SOME BARANGAY BOUNDARIES IN THE CITY OF NAGA, CREATING A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE:-

This ordinance provides for the creation of a technical working group with the following functions: to review the existing barangay boundaries of barangays in Naga City, in coordination with concerned local and national agencies; gather and compile data, and conduct actual cadastral survey including the existing metes-and-bounds of barangays; formulate and execute public consultations including public opinion; recommend revisions and upgrading of boundaries based on data gathered; codify guidelines for house numbering taking into consideration existing ordinances and guidelines; and articulating to the Office of the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod recommendations in aid of legislation.

Co-authored by Liga ng mga Barangay President and Ex Officio member Hon. Ma. Corazon M. Peñaflor, and Hon. Joselito S.A. Del Rosario, Ph.D., this ordinance was enacted on August 23, 2022.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-070**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FREE BASIC MEDICAL EXECUTIVE CHECK-UP ONCE A YEAR, A WEEK BEFORE OR AFTER A WEEK OF THEIR BIRTHDAY AT THE NAGA CITY HOSPITAL FOR ACTIVE AND IN-SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHW), BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS (BNS), BARANGAY SERVICE POINT OFFICERS (BSPO), AND COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION SPECIALISTS (CBRS) IN THE 27 BARANGAYS OF THE CITY OF NAGA:-

The proponent of the ordinance believes that ensuring the health and protecting the well-being of barangay volunteer workers is a vital policy of the State. The free basic medical executive check-up includes: Physical Examination; CBC; Urinalysis; Fecalalysis; Fasting Blood Sugar; BUN; Cholesterol; Uric Acid; Creatinine; ECG; and Chest X-ray.

Also known as the “Ordinance granting free

Basic Medical Executive Check-up for active and in-service Barangay Volunteer Workers in the City of Naga,” this ordinance was authored by Hon. Jose C. Rañola, M.D., and was enacted on September 6, 2022.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-071**

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING FOR THE REDUCTION OF FARES FOR PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES IN NAGA CITY, REVISING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-031, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:-

This ordinance came about as a reaction to the normalization of business, the easing of social distancing protocols, and the resumption of face-to-face classes in all levels. The proponent, Hon. Joselito S.A. Del Rosario, Ph.D., felt the need to review and recalibrate public utility fares to be more responsive to the developing situation.

The ordinance was enacted on September 6, 2022.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-076**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-012, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS EDUCATION CODE OF NAGA CITY, BY INCREASING THE GROSS INCOME OF THE FAMILY AS REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSION TO THE CITY’S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AS WELL AS INCREASING THE NUMBER OF ALLOCATION FOR STUDENTS OF SOLO PARENTS, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND SANGGAWADAN, AND BY EXPANDING THE SAME TO INCLUDE CHILDREN OF THE FAMILIES UNDER THE INFORMAL WASTE SECTOR (IWS) OF NAGA:-

The main purpose of the ordinance was to widen the coverage of the scholarship by increasing the threshold of admission requirement based on gross income, in effect allowing more low income families to qualify for the city’s scholarship program. Also by increasing the number of allocation for students of certain sectors, and the inclusion of the Informal Waste Sector in the said



list of sectors, the number of qualifiers is even increased further.

This amendment, enacted on September 27, 2022, was authored by Hon. Joselito S.A. Del Rosario, Ph.D., who also sits as the Chair of the Education Committee.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-077**

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DRONE OPERATION WITHIN ONE HUNDRED (100) METERS FROM JAIL FACILITIES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:-

The intent of the ordinance was to ensure the security of jail facilities. Drones can be used for surveillance purposes and may subsequently compromise the security of the jail and the inmates housed within the facility, as well as the officers in-charge. With compromised security, the safety of the general public can also be at risk.

This ordinance was authored by Hon. Joselito S.A. Del Rosario, Ph.D. and was enacted on September 27, 2022.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-096**

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE ERECTION OF A MONUMENT TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF BROTHERS TOMAS AND LUDOVICO AREJOLA OF NAGA CITY AND PUBLICLY RECOGNIZE THEIR HEROISM WHICH HELPED THE CAUSE THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THE FILIPINO NATION, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR:-

This ordinance, to be referred to as the “Tomas and Ludovico Arejola Ordinance of Naga City,”

hopes to achieve an important task of erecting a monument to correct a grievous historical anomaly, and to recognize the exceptional heroism of these true sons of Naga. It is an anomaly that Naga’s very own sons have continuously been denied recognition while others like Elias Angeles (a Tagalog from Pasig) and Felix Plazo (a native of Tigaon, Camarines Sur), both colonels under Ludovico, have been recognized with main streets in Naga named after them. The subordinates were amply remembered and honored while their superior was not when he is as deserving of such honor. Public recognition is long overdue for these brothers, one with a sword and the other with a pen, who helped the cause that gave birth to the Filipino nation.

Authored by Hon. Jose B. Perez, who also sits as Chair of the Committee on Culture and the Arts, this ordinance was enacted on November 22, 2022.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-094**

AN ORDINANCE NAMING THE UNNAMED STREET FROM THE CORNER OF JESSE M. ROBREDO COLISEUM-NINOY AND CORY AVENUE UP TO CORNER KAYANGA STREET, NAGA CITY SUBDIVISION AS CRESCENCIANA ANCIANO STREET, A FORMER WW II WOMAN GUERRILLA LEADER AND PEACE TIME LOCAL PRODUCTS ENTREPRENEUR:-

The ordinance clearly intends to honor Crescenciana Anciano’s patriotic zeal as well as her entrepreneurial zest. It is also a teaching moment for those of us who do not know of her sacrifices and victories; and a constant reminder of the bravery and tenacity of an exemplary Bikolana. The author of this ordinance is Hon. Jose B. Perez, who also Chairs the Culture and the Arts Committee.

This was enacted on November 22, 2022.

These are but a sampling of the legislations that the 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod have so far crafted, deliberated and debated on, and voted and approved. More fruits of their labor are forthcoming.

# Kaizen

## A WAY OF LIFE

**W**ith the return of face-to-face classes and the easing of social distancing protocols, the 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod, forged by the trials of a lingering pandemic and fortified by a fresh mandate from Nagueños, responded expeditiously with an ordinance reverting fares of public utility vehicles, particularly tricycles, to pre-pandemic rates. That is the kind of responsive and pro-people legislation we have come to expect from our Sanggunian.

Still under the stewardship of dedicated Vice Mayor Cecilia Veluz-De Asis, this 13-person council is committed to continue working conjointly with dynamic City Mayor Nelson Legacion in the advancement of a legislative-executive

partnership agenda that is aimed at propelling the city government to even greater heights of openness, responsiveness, dependability, and responsibility.

Afterall, under Section 48 of the Local Government Code of the Philippines, the local legislative power shall be exercised by the Sangguniang Panlungsod; while under Section 54, the approval of ordinances is vested in the Office of the City Mayor. However, on the rare occasion that the City Mayor vetoes an ordinance submitted by the Sanggunian, a vote of two-thirds of all its members overrides the executive veto and makes the ordinance legally effective. So, while the legislative and executive offices act as a check and balance mechanism, it is rather judicious and rational to have these two offices see eye-to-eye and work hand-in-hand.

The legislative is also vested with the power of the purse in the local government level. As outlined in the Local Taxation and Fiscal Matters of the Local Government Code, under Section 132 or the Local Taxing Authority, the power to impose taxes, fees,





or charges or to generate revenue under this Code shall be exercised by the Sanggunian through appropriate ordinances. Further, it is the council that exercises the power to grant franchises and approve the issuance of licenses and permits.

As per the Internal Rules of Procedure, the Sanggunian Panlungsod of Naga meets every Tuesday of the week; with a maximum of four sessions a month. In case of a fifth Tuesday within the same month, regular session is suspended, unless a special session is called and scheduled. A majority of the city councilors may call for a special session when public interest or a pressing matter arises.

Committee hearings are spread out during the rest of the days of the week. These committee hearings are presided by the committee chair and attended by councillor-members as well as civic society representatives from the Naga City People's Council, the Naga City Council for Women, and the Liga ng mga Barangay.

The 14th Sanggunian Panlungsod stands on the shoulders of the good men and women of previous councils who have set the gold standard not only locally, but nationally and internationally as evidenced by the city government continually being lauded with awards and accolades. Other councils look to Naga City to learn from and replicate the local government's best practices.

*Kaizen* is a Japanese developmental philosophy term that translates to "good change" or "continuous improvement." Already a model legislative assembly emulated by others in the nation, Vice Mayor Nene De Asis in her message during the sisterhood city agreement signing with Calamba City, affirmed the council's commitment to "making the best better."

This early, the 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod has exhibited an inclination not to rest on its laurels, and confirms its zeal to do even better. For these fine men and women, *kaizen* is not just a philosophy; it is a way of life.

## *The 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod*







Blessing and Inauguration of the Modular Field Hospital of Bicol Medical Center



Overall Most Competitive Component City Award from the Department of Trade and Industry



Assistance Distribution to Bedridden PWD



100 Days Report of Mayor Nelson Legacion at the New Balatas Development Area



Opening of Exhibit for Family Week



MOA Signing with LTO Region V



Paskohan sa Barangay



Oath taking of Newly Elected Officers of Sanggawadan





Send Off of Police Augmentation for the Peace and Order Operation during the Peñafrancia Fiesta 2022



10th Death Anniversary Commemoration of JMR



Opening of LCC Naga at CBD2

# BEYOND THE SESSION HALL



Rice Distribution of Sanggawadan



Peñafrancia Festival Military Parade



Local Election of Officers of the Philippine Councilors League



Chapter Visitation of REBAP National Board and Officers



Orientation for the Solo Parents Code



Blessing and Turn-over of New Building of the City College of Naga



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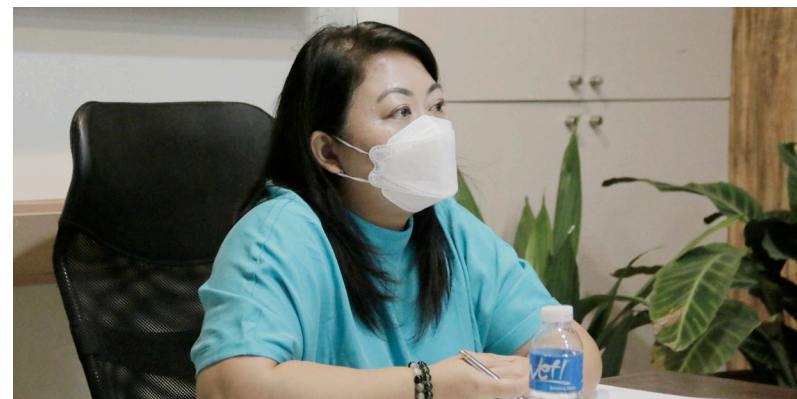
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# KNOW HOW YOUR VICE MAYOR AS PRESIDING OFFICER AND THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD WORK

## Powers and Duties of Vice Mayor as Sanggunian Presiding Officer

### A presiding officer has the following powers and duties:

- Preside over the session of the Sanggunian
- Preserve order and decorum during sessions and in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the session hall or within the premises, take measures as she may deem advisable or as the Sanggunian may direct
- Decide all questions of order, subject to appeal of any Sanggunian member in accordance with the internal rules of procedure
- Sign all acts, ordinances, resolutions, memorials, writs issued by or upon order of the Sanggunian
- Exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be provided by law, ordinance or regulation

### Other powers of the Presiding officer are:

1. Vote but only to break a tie
2. Can be elected as chairperson of any special committee but not of any standing committee
3. Relinquish the chair to participate in the deliberation of the body
4. Implement the internal rules of procedure of the Sanggunian
5. Use parliamentary procedure well to ensure orderly and productive conduct of business during session
6. Provide leadership during deliberations and guide members towards decision-making
7. Steer the members to engage in productive discussion and debate
8. Exercise objectivity, fairness and justice
9. Ensure that all members get information necessary for them to make legislative decisions
10. Provide opportunities for staff to enhance their knowledge and skills to provide efficient legislative support

### Inability of regular Presiding Officer to Preside

In the event of the inability of the regular presiding officer to preside at a Sanggunian session, the members present and constituting a quorum shall elect from among themselves a temporary presiding officer. He/She shall certify within ten (10) days from the passage of ordinances enacted and resolutions adopted by the Sanggunian in the session over which he temporarily presided.

## SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSIONS

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#### Sanggunian Regular Session

A Sanggunian Panlungsod regular session is held once in a week or four times a month and is open to the public unless a closed door session is ordered by an affirmative vote of majority of the members present.

#### Special Session

Section 52 (b) of RA 7160 mandates that when public interest so demands, special sessions may be called either by the local chief executive (Mayor) or majority of the members of the Sanggunian. Its entire composition should be reckoned with and that includes the Vice Mayor as the presiding officer since he/she is included in the enumeration as to who composes the legislative body.

#### Closed Door Session

Under Sec. 50 of RA 7160, all Sanggunian sessions shall be open to the public unless a closed-door session is ordered by an affirmative vote of majority of the members present, there being a quorum, in the public interest or for reasons of security, decency, or morality.



# Two lands of heroes are now sister cities

**L**ast October 24 this year, in a historic moment, Naga City Mayor Nelson S. Legacion and Calamba City Mayor Roseller H. Rizal signed the Memorandum of Agreement binding the two local government units as sister cities.

The signing was conducted in a joint session of both the Sangguniang Panglungsod of the cities jointly chaired and presided over by their respective vice mayors – the Honorables Totie S. Lazaro of Calamba City and Cecilia Veluz-De Asis of Naga City – and duly witnessed by the respective city councilors jointly assembled, and the people of Calamba City who were present at the session hall.

Both Mayors Rizal (who is a direct descendant of our national hero) and Legacion wholeheartedly welcomed the formal establishment of a relationship between each other's cities to pave the way for the opening of opportunities to exchange ideas and skills, as well as foster friendship and goodwill and allow their people to interact in the areas of culture, education, commerce, tourism, agriculture, ecology, and local governance, among others. Section 33, Article III of Republic Act 7160 provides that local government units may, through appropriate ordinances consolidate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them.

Calamba City is a major economic, transportation and tourism hub in the Calabarzon Region. Where Naga City was declared as the Over-all Most Competitive Component City throughout the country for the last two years, Calamba City, too, was hailed as this year's 2nd Most Economically Dynamic Component City in the country.

In his sponsorship speech, Naga City Councilor Jose B. Perez, who chairs the Sanggunian Committee on Culture and the Arts, said that like Calamba, which is the birthplace of the great martyr, Dr. Jose Rizal, Naga, then known as Ciudad de Nueva Caceres, is also home of heroes, like the 15 Bicol Martyrs where a plaza and monument were built in their honor. Perez said that eleven of the 15 Bicol martyrs were also executed in Bagumbayan Field (now called Luneta) on January 4, 1897, or about 5 days after Dr. Jose Rizal was publicly shot before a firing squad in that field facing Manila Bay on December 30, 1896. The Naga City councilor made mention that Naga's local essayist Tomas Arejola was a member of the propaganda movement in Spain, along with Rizal, the brothers Juan and Antonio Luna, and fellow Bicolano Jose Maria Panganiban who espoused for the liberation of Islas Pilipinas from Spain.





In the Office of the City Mayor of Calamba.



The two LGUs meet as one.



In the home of our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, in Calamba, Laguna.

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Known as the Center of Good Governance, the Naga City Government, with its participatory mechanisms, makes sure that in addressing its goals, the entire community becomes stakeholders and that transparency and accountability are promoted to ensure a clean and innovating local governance.”

Excerpt from the Sponsorship speech of Councilor Jose B. Perez





# Calamba

When the Spaniards came, the whole village of Calamba and its outlying areas were converted into a hacienda. In 1639, Calamba was the site of rebellion by Chinese farmers who had been forcibly resettled there by Governor Hurtado de Corcuera. The rebellion spread north of the Pasig River that eventually culminated in the deaths of thousands of Chinese rebels in the whole region surrounding Manila. Calamba became an independent pueblo in 1742 and became the town of Calamba in 1770.







## Sisterhood Agreement

Under the sisterhood agreement signed by both parties, the cities of Calamba and Naga agreed to promote development initiatives that are mutually beneficial to them.

They also agree to maintain an open line of communication and to meet once more to evaluate the aspects derived from the present agreement and propose new guidelines for the development of projects of mutual interest.

Already, the Naga City People's Council has put into motion an exchange program to help Calamba City's own people's organizations learn from Naga's best practices, particularly in the areas of participatory mechanisms in promoting and strengthening good governance.





## BTS: BEHIND THE SANGGUNIAN

It is said that Success is No Accident. We mostly see the destination, not the journey. No one likes to talk about the hard work and the obstacles, only the triumphs and the accolades.

Behind the well-oiled machine that is the Sanggunian, there is a corps of hardworking men and women who makes sure that legislative work runs as well as it should; they are collectively known as The Secretariat.

One of the most essential functions of the secretariat is record keeping. An efficient and methodical record keeping operation is vital for the effective conduct of legislative work.

Minutes of each session or meeting are carefully and judiciously transcribed and drafted by the committee secretary and finalized by their corresponding Chair prior to submission. The minutes are a clear and concise account of the business transacted and actions taken.

A full record of the proceedings and all documents are collated and filed as part of the public records of the city. Also kept in the record books are all ordinances, resolutions, and motions adopted with their dates of approval and publication.

The secretariat is also responsible for encoding and emailing the agenda and pertinent attachments

prior to the session or meetings; likewise for records of questions and decisions after the close of session or meetings for the use of members.

All ordinances and resolutions passed and adopted are also properly indexed and each member are furnished with their copy by the secretariat.

Finally, two copies of all documents are filed and retained in the Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Also part of record keeping is the attendance logbook where all persons attending the sessions and meetings are registered. The secretariat also takes charge of correspondences to and from the Sanggunian.

The 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretariat is captained by Council Secretary Gil De La Torre and composed of Jossell Abiog, Aleth Abustan, Jessan Angeles, Christine Apin, Hubert Benito, Rowena Caringal, Albert Gregorio, Pinky Inocencio, Juanito Wilson Lanuzga, Suzette Martinez, John Paul Nantes, Marilou Palmaria, Lilian Pascual, Wenchie Presentacion, Adam Niño Ruivivar, Ferdinand Salamat, Laramae San Joaquin, and Ma. Victoria Ubalde.

We thank and laud you for your dedication and diligence.



DRAFT SCHEDULE: RESERVATION FOR COMMITTEE HEARINGS

	8:00 am	10:00 am	1:00 pm	3:00 pm
MONDAY	FLAG CEREMONY PRESS CONFERENCE	APPROPRIATIONS SENIOR CITIZENS	LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REORGANIZATION INFRASTRUCTURE	CULTURE AND THE ARTS BARANGAY AFFAIRS/ BOUNDARY DISPUTES
TUESDAY	REGULAR SESSION	REGULAR SESSION	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS  INVESTMENT, TRADE, AND ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES
WEDNESDAY	TRANSPORT  YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT	EDUCATION  HOUSING AND SETTLEMENTS	LAND USE  BLUE RIBBON AND ADMINISTRATIVE CASES	HEALTH AND NUTRITION  INTER-AGENCY RELATIONSHIP
THURSDAY	MARKET AFFAIRS  PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	WAYS AND MEANS  CONSUMER PROTECTION	AGRICULTURE  PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT	PEACE AND ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT  HUMAN RIGHTS  MANPOWER, LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT, AND COOPERATIVES
FRIDAY	ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY  SOLO PARENT	CITY PROPERTIES  TOURISM	RULES AND PRIVILEGES  FAMILY AND CHILDREN	WOMEN AND GENDER DEVELOPMENT





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