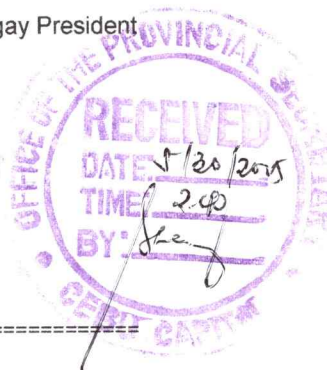




EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 136TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 5TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD (SP) HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, EAST POBLACION, CITY OF NAGA, CEBU ON APRIL 10, 2025.

PRESENT:

HON. VIRGILIO M. CHIONG	- Vice Mayor /Presiding Officer
HON. CLINT ISIDRO A. CHIONG	- Presiding Officer Pro Tempore
HON. CARMELINO N. CRUZ, JR.	- Majority Floor Leader
HON. SCOTT JUVENAL A. CHIONG	- Assistant Majority Floor Leader/Liga ng mga Barangay President
HON. AURELIO B. ALINSONORIN	- Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
HON. CHARMAINE R. NAVARRO	- Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
HON. RAY A. MANABAT	- Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
HON. JUSTINO L. DAKAY	- Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
HON. DOMINADOR A. LIBOR	- Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
HON. LETECIA F. ABANGAN	- Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
HON. ELMER JOHN R. LAPITAN	- Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
HON. AMELITA M. LARA	- Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
HON. FAITH JAMES B. SERVANO	- SK Federation President



ORDINANCE NO. 2025-57

AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF A LEGAL CONSULTANT FOR THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF NAGA, CEBU AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsor: **Hon. Carmelino N. Cruz, Jr.**
Chairperson: *Committee on Laws and Human Rights*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Local Government Unit (LGU) of the City of Naga, as a growing City in Metropolitan Cebu, is faced with a myriad of challenges bordering on matters of law and legislation.

These issues of governance on the subjects of environment, fiscal policy, industrial peace and land use necessitate innovative approaches which may be shared and imparted by a consultant or consultants exposed, experienced or proficient on these matters.

The 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP), under the leadership of the Honorable City Vice Mayor Virgilio M. Chiong and upon consultation with the Local Chief Executive (LCE) deems it necessary for the City to create and engage the appointment of a legal and legislative consultant/s who shall advise the Office of the City Vice Mayor and the different committees of the City Council on issues and matters which the body is duty bound to address.

For this purpose and guided by the prescribed qualification standards set by the rules in the Civil Service Commission and Commission on Audit, the City Council hereby appropriates the needed funds for the engagement of the "City SP Legal Consultant/s."

This Body, after thorough discussions and executive meetings, has decided to strengthen its functioning committees, prioritize its legislative agenda, identify time consuming and resource draining legislative functions which can be streamlined with the engagement of some consultant exposed to both or either legal and legislative matters germane to an LGU.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, as it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, Cebu, in a session duly assembled, by virtue of the powers vested in it by law, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as "AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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SECTION 2. PURPOSE. - The Office of the City SP Consultant shall be the legal and legislative consultant of the Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer of the City Council with the following functions specified below, to wit:

- Act as adviser on the legislative agenda of the SP specifically its committees as well as issues on pending legislative matters;
- Assist in public hearings and compliance for the passage of vital legislative matters with the Province of Cebu; and
- Attend to matters relating to local legislation and review of barangay ordinances.

The City SP Consultant shall be under the supervision of the Office of the City Vice Mayor.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION AND RATIFICATION. - The amount necessary for the engagement of a consultant upon prior consultation with the Office of the LCE shall be set aside, communicated to the City Vice mayor and formally endorsed for confirmation by the City Council in session.

The amount set aside and paid for the previous years consultant as was covered by a duly executed contract and after satisfactory performance by the consultant engaged is hereby ratified.

SECTION 4. CONTRACT. - The Office of the City Legal Attorney shall prepare and consummate the signing of a yearly consultancy contract. The contract to be executed shall include all the pertinent provisions of the consultancy as approved in this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. NATURE OF THE ENGAGEMENT. - The contract shall not create an employee-employer relationship between the procuring City LGU and the consultant. Nor may the consultant demand that it be entitled to any benefits enjoyed by any employee.

SECTION 6. CONFIDENTIALITY. - The consultant shall not disclose any proprietary or confidential information of the City Council, its committees or any matter relating to the performance of his duties unless it is already public or that he or she has secured the oral or written authorization to divulge.

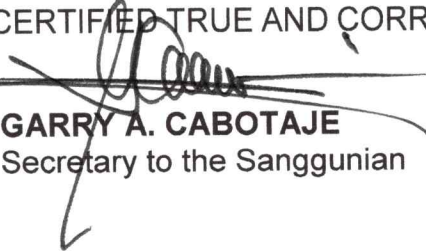
SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - Any part or provision of this contract which is prohibited or held void shall not affect the independent remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and compliance with the requirements set forth by law. It shall also be retroactive to cover previous months where the City enjoyed the services of the consultant and as a form of ratification as should be fairly so.

ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD, CITY OF NAGA, CEBU, on motion of Hon. Carmelino N. Cruz, Jr., seconded by Hon. Clint Isidro A. Chiong, in its 136th regular session held on the 10th day of April 2025.

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


GARRY A. CABOTAJE
Secretary to the Sanggunian


ATTESTED BY:

VIRGILIO M. CHIONG
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY:


VALDEMAR M. CHIONG
City Mayor

4/15/2025