

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 -273

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RESOLUTION EARNESTLY CALLING UPON THE LOCAL WATER UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION TO SUSPEND ITS ACTION ON THE APPLICATION OF THE MNWD FOR ITS PROPOSED SEPTAGE PROJECT UNTIL AFTER THE CONCERNS RAISED BY THE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE JULY 2, 2015 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE MATTER ARE PROPERLY ADDRESSED AND TO CONDUCT ANOTHER CONSULTATION FOR THE PURPOSE:-

Author: Hon. City Councilor Mila Raquid Arroyo

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2015, a public consultation on the proposed septage facility project of the MNWD was conducted at the Naga City People’s Hall, City Hall Compound, Naga City;

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2015, a Joint Report on the results of the said consultation was submitted to the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the Naga by the City Environment and Natural Resources Officer, the City Budget Officer, and the City Planning and Development Officer;

WHEREAS, a contained in the aforementioned Joint Report, the following serious concerns were raised in the said consultation but were not satisfactorily responded to or were left unresolved, to wit:

1. The MNWD failed to present alternative options considered by it in responding to the problem sought to be responded to by the proposed project. A good solution is one chosen from several options using a set of parameters or criteria. No such options or criteria were presented;
2. There is no reasonable basis for the very short (5-year) recovery period for the P12.6 Million outlay for equipment (about 50% of the total). Adopting a longer period for cost recovery will certainly lighten the burden of the consumers;
3. The proposed rate, which is P2.72/cu.m. rate, is much higher than the rate (P1.83/cu.m.) presented by the MNWD when City Ordinance No. 2014-076 was still being deliberated upon. What accounted for the difference?
4. A flat rate for recovering project cost is not to the best interest of the consumers. A more reasonable rate is one that diminishes within the span of the recovery period;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that responding to the urgent need for septage facility is a joint responsibility of local governments and the water districts, Naga City Ordinance No. 2014-076 strongly encourages the partnership between the City Government and the MNWD in undertaking the septage project, however, MNWD’s proposal has totally disregarded this partnership thrust enshrined in the said Ordinance;

WHEREAS, it is to the best interest of the public if the aforementioned concerns are fully responded to before the proposed septage project of the MNWD is acted upon and such response be presented in another public consultation.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable City Councilor Mila S.D. Raquid-Arroyo, seconded by David Casper Nathan A. Sergio,

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, EARNESTLY UPON THE LOCAL WATER UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION TO SUSPEND ITS ACTION ON THE APPLICATION OF THE MNWD FOR ITS PROPOSED SEPTAGE PROJECT UNTIL AFTER THE CONCERNS RAISED BY THE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE JULY 2, 2015 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE MATTER ARE PROPERLY ADDRESSED AND TO CONDUCT ANOTHER CONSULTATION FOR THE PURPOSE:-

LET COPIES of this Resolution be forwarded to the City Mayor for his concurrence, the Local Water District Utilities Administration for its favorable action, the MNWD for its appropriate action, the Honorable Representative of the 3rd Congressional District of Camarines Sur, the Honorable Leonor Gerona Robredo, for her information.

APPROVED:

ADOPTED: July 14, 2015.

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

NELSON S. LEGACION
City Vice Mayor
& Presiding Officer

GIL A. DE LA TORRE
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

CONCURRED:

JOHN G. BONGAT
City Mayor