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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. **8219**

Introduced by Representative Victor A. Yap

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Municipality of Capas into a component city of the Province of Tarlac. The Municipality of Capas is a first class urban municipality consisting of twenty (20) barangays with a total land area of 376.39 square kilometres and a population of no less than 140,000 Tarlaqueños.

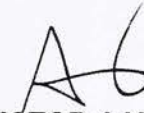
Situated in the Municipality of Capas is the New Clark City (NCC), an area of approximately 94.5 square kilometres currently being developed by the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA). It is seen as the country's first smart, disaster-resilient and world-class sustainable city. It will have a mixed use of residential, commercial, agro-industrial, and educational institutions utilizing state-of-the-art information technologies.

In addition, since it is situated inside the Clark Special Economic Zone, the Municipality of Capas is capacitated to house and cultivate diverse multinational industries and development projects promising economic growth for both the national and local government. As late as 2017, the gross domestic product (GDP) of Central Luzon has reached as high as nine point three percent (9.3%), almost three percent (3%) higher than the country's GDP of six point seven percent (6.7%) for the same year. This resulting growth has been attributed to the high-impact projects under the Build Build Build infrastructure programs especially of those in the NCC.

Furthermore, it is in the NCC where the planned establishment of the National Government Administration Center is expected to rise. As such, the NCC located in the Municipality of Capas has been deemed as the next seat of government by the year 2030.

Therefore, considering the necessary authorities, funds, manpower and government services needed for the massive expected economic and social growth of the region, it is essential to convert the Municipality of Capas into a component city in anticipation of the limitless opportunities that can be seized not only for the local citizens of Tarlac but to the whole Filipino nation.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPAS IN THE PROVINCE OF TARLAC
INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF CAPAS

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** — This Act shall be known as the "Charter of the City of
2 Capas".

3 **Sec. 2. The City of Capas.** — The Municipality of Capas shall be converted into a
4 component city to be known as the City of Capas, hereinafter referred to as the City,
5 which shall comprise the present territory of the Municipality of Capas, Province of
6 Tarlac.

7 The territorial jurisdiction of the City shall be within the present metes and
8 bounds of the Municipality of Capas.

9 The foregoing provision shall be without prejudice to the resolution by the
10 appropriate agency or forum of any boundary dispute or case involving questions of
11 territorial jurisdiction between the City of Capas and the adjoining local government
12 units: *Provided*, That the territorial jurisdiction of the disputed area or areas shall remain
13 with the local government unit which has existing administrative supervision over said
14 area or areas until the final resolution of the case.

15 **Sec. 3. Corporate Powers of the City.** — The City constitutes a political body
16 corporate and as such is endowed with the attributes of perpetual succession and
17 possessed of the powers which pertain to a municipal corporation to be exercised in
18 conformity with the provision of this Charter. The City shall have the following corporate
19 powers:

20 (a) To have a continuous succession in its corporate name;

1 (b) To sue and be sued;

2 (c) To have and use a corporate seal;

3 (d) To acquire, hold and convey real or personal property;

4 (e) To enter into any contract and/or agreement; and

5 (f) To exercise such other powers, prerogatives or authority subject to the
6 limitations provided under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local
7 Government Code of 1991, as amended", this Act or laws.

8 **Sec. 4. General Powers.** – The City shall have a common seal and may alter the
9 same at pleasure: *Provided*, That any change of corporate seal shall be registered with
10 the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

11 It shall exercise the powers to levy taxes, fees and charges; to close and open
12 roads, streets, alleys, parks or squares; to take, purchase, receive, hold, lease, convey
13 and dispose of real and personal property for the general interests of the City; to
14 expropriate or condemn private property for public use; to contract and to be contracted
15 with; to sue and be sued; to prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution suits
16 wherein the City is involved or interested in; and to exercise all the powers as are
17 granted to corporations or as hereinafter conferred.

18 **Sec. 5. Liability for Damages.** – The City and its officials shall not be exempt from
19 liability for death or injury to persons or damage to property.

20 **Sec. 6. Jurisdiction of the City.** – The jurisdiction of the City, for police purposes
21 only, shall be coextensive with its territorial jurisdiction and, for the purpose of protecting
22 and ensuring the purity of the water supply of the City, such police jurisdiction shall also
23 extend over all the territory within the drainage area of such water supply, or within one
24 hundred meters (100m.) of any reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct or pumping station
25 used in connection with the city water service.

26 ~~The city court of the City of Capas and the city or municipal courts of the~~
27 ~~adjoining cities and municipalities shall have concurrent jurisdiction to try crimes and~~
28 ~~misdemeanors committed within said drainage area or areas within said spaces of one~~
29 ~~hundred meters (100m.) of any reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct or pumping station~~
30 ~~used in connection with the city water service delivery.~~

31 The court first taking cognizance of such an offense shall have jurisdiction to try
32 cases to the exclusion of others. The police forces of the municipalities and cities
33 concerned shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the police forces of the City for the
34 maintenance of good order and the enforcement of ordinances throughout said zone,
35 area or space shall be granted by the proper authorities of the city or municipality
36 concerned, and the fees arising therefrom shall accrue to the treasury of the said city or
37 municipality concerned and not to the City.

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39 **ARTICLE II**
40 **CITY OFFICIALS IN GENERAL**

Sec. 7. The Officials of the City of Capas. – (a) There shall be in the City of Capas: a City Mayor, a City Vice Mayor, *Sangguniang Panlungsod* members, a secretary to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, a city treasurer, a city assessor, a city accountant, a city budget officer, a city planning and development officer, a city engineer, a city health officer, a city civil registrar, a city administrator, a city legal officer, a city social welfare and development officer, a city veterinarian and a city general services officer.

(b) In addition thereto, the City Mayor may appoint a city environment and natural resources officer, a city architect, a city information officer, a city cooperatives officer, ~~a city population officer and a city agriculturist.~~

(c) There shall be established in the City a city fire station to be headed by a city fire marshal, a city jail to be headed by a city jail warden, a city schools division to be headed by a city schools division superintendent and a city prosecution service to be headed by a city prosecutor.

(d) The *Sangguniang Panlungsod* may:

(1) Maintain existing offices not mentioned in subsections (a) and (b) hereof;

~~(2). Create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the City; or~~

(3) Consolidate the functions of any office with those of another in the interest of efficiency and economy.

(e) Unless otherwise provided herein, heads of departments and offices shall be appointed by the City Mayor with the concurrence of the majority of all the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* members, subject to civil service laws, rules and regulations. The *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall act on the appointment within fifteen (15) days from the date of its submission, otherwise the same shall be deemed confirmed.

(f) Elective and appointive city officials shall receive compensation, allowances and other emoluments as may be determined by law or ordinance, subject to the budgetary limitations on personal services prescribed under Title Five, Book II of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended: *Provided*, That no increase in the compensation of the City Mayor, City Vice Mayor and *Sangguniang Panlungsod* member shall take effect until after the expiration of the full term of the local officials approving the increase.

~~ARTICLE III~~
THE CITY MAYOR AND CITY VICE MAYOR

Sec. 8. The City Mayor. – (a) The City Mayor shall be the chief executive of the City and shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the City. No person shall be eligible for the position of City Mayor unless, at the time of the election, that person is a citizen of the Philippines, at least twenty-one (21) years of age, a resident of the City for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the day of the election and a qualified

1 registered voter therein, and is able to read and write Filipino or any other local
2 language or dialect. The City Mayor shall hold office for three (3) years, unless sooner
3 removed, but shall serve for not more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same
4 position. The City Mayor shall receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding
5 to Salary Grade Thirty (30) as prescribed under Republic Act No. 6758, as amended,
6 otherwise known as the "Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989", and
7 the implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

8 The City Mayor, as the Chief Executive of the City Government, shall exercise
9 such powers and perform such duties and functions as provided under the Local
10 Government Code of 1991, as amended, this Act, and other laws.

11 (b) For efficient, is effective and economical governance, the purpose of which is
12 the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants, the City Mayor shall:

13 (1) Exercise general supervision and control over all programs, projects,
14 services, and activities of the city government and, in this connection,
15 shall:

16 (i) Determine the guidelines of city policies and be responsible to
17 the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* for the program of government;

18 (ii) Direct the formulation of the city development plan, with the
19 assistance of the city development council and, upon approval
20 thereof by the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, implement the same; (iii)
21 Present the program of government and propose policies and
22 projects for the consideration of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* at
23 the opening of the regular session of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*
24 every calendar year and as often as may be deemed necessary as
25 the general welfare of the inhabitants and the needs of the city
26 government may require;;

27 (iv) Initiate and propose legislative measures to the *Sangguniang*
28 *Panlungsod* and, as often as may be deemed necessary, provide
29 such information and data needed or requested by said
30 *Sanggunian* in the performance of its legislative functions;

31 (v) Appoint all officials and employees whose salaries and wages
32 are wholly or mainly paid out of city funds and whose appointments
33 are not otherwise provided for under the Local Government Code of
34 1991, as amended, and in this Act, and those whose appointment
35 he or she may be authorized by laws to appoint;

36 (vi) Represent the City in all its business transactions and sign on
37 its behalf all bonds, contracts and obligations, and other documents
38 upon the authority of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* or pursuant to
39 law or ordinance;

40 (vii) Carry out emergency measures as may be necessary during
41 and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and
42 calamities;

(viii) Determine the time, manner and place of payment of salaries or wages of the officials and employees of the City, in accordance with law or ordinance;

(ix) Allocate and assign office space to the City and other officials and employees who, by law or ordinance, are entitled to space in the city hall and other buildings owned or leased by the city government;

(x) Ensure that all executive officials and employees of the City ~~faithfully discharge their duties and functions as provided for by law~~ and the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and cause to be instituted administrative or judicial proceedings against any official or employee of the City who may have committed an offense in the performance of official duties;

(xi) Examine the books, records and other documents of all offices, officials, agents or employees of the City and, in aid of executive powers and authority, require all national officials and employees stationed in or assigned to the City to make available books, records and other documents in their custody, except those ~~classified by law as confidential~~;

(xii) Furnish copies of executive orders issued to the provincial governor within seventy-two (72) hours after their issuance;

(xiii) Visit component barangays of the City at least once every six (6) months to deepen understanding of the problems and conditions, listen and give appropriate counsel to local officials and inhabitants, inform the component barangay officials and inhabitants of general laws and ordinances which especially concern them, and otherwise conduct visits and inspections to ensure that the governance of the City will improve the quality of life of the inhabitants;

(xiv) Act on leave applications of officials and employees appointed by him or her and on the communication of the monetary value of their leave credits in accordance with law;

(xv) Authorize official trips of city officials and employees outside of the City for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days: *Provided*, That trips abroad for a longer period may be authorized in accordance with the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

(xvi) Call upon any national official or employee stationed in or ~~assigned to the City for advice on matters affecting the City and to make recommendations thereon~~; coordinate with the officials and employees in the formulation and the implementation of plans, programs and projects; and, when appropriate, initiate an administrative or judicial action against a national government official or employee who may have committed an offense in the performance of official duties while stationed in or assigned to the City;

(xvii) Authorize payment for medical care, necessary transportation, subsistence, hospital or medical fees of city officials and employees who are injured while in the performance of their official duties and functions, subject to the availability of funds;

(xviii) Solemnize marriages, any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding;

(xix) Conduct an annual palamong panlungsod which shall feature traditional sports and disciplines included in national international games, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd); and

(xx) Submit to the provincial governor the following reports: an annual report containing a summary of all matters pertinent to the management, administration and development of the City and all information and data relative to its political, social and economic conditions; and supplemental reports when unexpected events and situations arise at any time during the year, particularly when man-made and natural disasters or calamities affect the general welfare of the City;

(2) Enforce all laws and ordinances relative to the governance of the City and in the exercise of its appropriate corporate powers, as well as implement all approved policies, programs, projects, services and activities of the City; and, in addition, shall:

(i) Ensure that the acts of the City's component barangays and of its officials and employees are within the scope of their prescribed powers, duties and functions;

(ii) Call conventions, conferences, seminars or meetings of elective and appointive officials of the City, including national and provincial officials and employees stationed in or assigned to the City, at such time and place and on subjects as may be deemed important for the promotion of the general welfare of the local government unit and its inhabitants;

(iii) Issue executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;

(iv) Be entitled to carry the necessary firearms within his or her territorial jurisdiction;

(v) Act as the deputized representative of the National Police Commission, formulate the peace and order plan of the City and, upon its approval, implement the same, and as such, exercise general and operational control and supervision over local police forces in the City in accordance with Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the "Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990"; and

1 (vi) Call upon the law enforcement agencies to suppress disorder,
2 riot, lawless violence, rebellion, sedition, or apprehend violators of
3 the law when public interest so requires and the city police forces
4 are inadequate to cope with the situation or the violators;

5 (3) Initiate and maximize the generation of resources and revenues, and
6 apply the same to the implementation of development plans, program
7 objectives and priorities, particularly those resources and revenues
8 programmed for agro-industrial development and countryside growth and
9 progress and, relative thereto, shall:

10 (i) Require each head of an office or department to prepare and
11 submit an estimate of appropriations for the ensuing calendar year,
12 in accordance with the budget preparation process enshrined under
13 Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the
14 "Local Government Code of 1991";

15 (ii) Prepare and submit to the *Sanggunian* for approval the executive
16 and supplemental budgets of the City for the ensuing calendar year
17 in the manner provided for under the Local Government Code of
18 1991, as amended;

19 (iii) Ensure that all taxes and other revenues of the City are
20 collected, and that city funds are applied to the payment of
21 expenses and the settlement of obligations of the City, in
22 accordance with law or ordinance;

23 ~~(iv) Issue licenses and permits and suspend or revoke the same for~~
24 ~~any violation of the conditions upon which the licenses or permits~~
25 ~~had been issued, pursuant to law or ordinance;~~

26 (v) Issue permits, without need of approval from any national
27 agency, for the holding of activities for any charitable or welfare
28 purpose, excluding prohibited games of chance or shows contrary
29 to law, public policy and public morals;

30 (vi) Require owners of illegally constructed houses, buildings or
31 other structures to obtain the necessary permits, subjects to fines
32 ~~and penalties as may be imposed by law or ordinance, or to make~~
33 ~~necessary changes in their construction when violative of any law~~
34 ~~or ordinance, or to order the demolition or removal of house,~~
35 ~~building or structure within the period prescribed by law or~~
36 ~~ordinance;~~

37 (vii) Adopt adequate measures to safeguard and conserve land,
38 mineral, marine, forest and other resources of the City;

39 (viii) Provide efficient and effective property and supply
40 management in the City and protect the funds, credits, rights and
41 ~~other properties of the City; and~~

42 (ix) Institute or cause to be instituted administrative or judicial
43 proceedings for violation of ordinances in the collection of taxes,

1 fees, charges, and for the recovery of funds and property; and
2 cause the City to be defended against all suits to ensure that its
3 interests, resources and rights shall be adequately protected;

4 (4) Ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate
5 facilities and, in addition thereto, shall:

6 (i) Ensure that the construction and repair of roads and highways
7 funded by the national government shall be, as far as practicable,
8 carried out, in a spatially contiguous manner and in coordination
9 with the construction and repair of the roads and bridges of the City
10 and of the Province; and

11 (ii) Coordinate the implementation of technical services, including
12 public works and infrastructure programs, rendered by national
13 offices; and

14 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
15 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as
16 amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

17 (c) During the incumbency of the City Mayor, he or she shall hold office in the city
18 hall.

19 **Sec. 9. The City Vice Mayor.** – (a) There shall be a City Vice Mayor who shall be
20 elected in the same manner as the City Mayor and shall, at the time of the election,
21 possess the same qualifications as the City Mayor. The City Vice Mayor shall hold office
22 for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, and shall receive a monthly compensation
23 corresponding to Salary Grade Twenty-six (26) as prescribed under the "Compensation
24 and Position Classification Act of 1989", as amended, and the implementing guidelines
25 issued pursuant thereto.

26 (b) The City Vice Mayor shall:

27 (1) Be the presiding officer of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and shall sign
28 all warrants drawn on the City Treasury for all expenditures appropriated
29 for the operation of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*;

30 (2) Subject to civil service law, rules and regulations, appoint all officials
31 and employees of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, except those whose
32 manner of appointment is specifically provided for under the Local
33 Government Code of 1991, as amended;

34 (3) Assume the office of the City Mayor for the unexpired term of the latter
35 in the event of permanent vacancy as provided for under the Local
36 Government Code of 1991, as amended;

37 (4) Exercise the powers and perform the duties and functions of the City
38 Mayor in case of temporary vacancy as provided for under the Local
39 Government Code of 1991, as amended; and

(5) Perform other duties and functions and exercise other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

ARTICLE IV THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD

Sec. 10. Composition. – (a) *The Sangguniang Panlungsod*, the legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the City Vice Mayor as the presiding officer, the ten (10) regular *Sanggunian* members, the President of the City Chapter of the Liga ng mga Barangay, the President of the City Chapter of the Liga ng mga Barangay, the President of the Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan and the three (3) sectoral representatives, who shall come from the following sectors, as members: one (1) from the women sector; and, as shall be determined by the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* within ninety (90) days prior to the holding of the local elections; one (1) from the agricultural or industrial workers sector; and one (1) from the other sectors, including urban poor, indigenous cultural communities or persons with disabilities (PWDs).

(b) The regular members of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and sectoral representatives shall be elected in the manner as may be provided by law.

(c) The members of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade Twenty-five (25) as prescribed under the "Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989", as amended, and implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

Sec. 11. Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation. – The *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, as the legislative body of the City, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the City as provided for under Section 22 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and shall:

(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective city government and, in this connection, shall:

(i) Review all ordinances approved by the *Sangguniang Barangay* and executive orders issued by the *Punong Barangay* to determine whether these are within the scope of the prescribed powers of the *Sangguniang Barangay* and of the *Punong Barangay*;

(ii) Maintain peace and order by enacting measures to prevent and suppress lawlessness, disorder, riot, violence, rebellion or sedition and impose penalties for the violation of ordinances;

(iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or both, at the discretion of the court, for violation of a city ordinance;

1 (iv) Adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the City from the harmful
2 effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities, and to provide
3 relief services and assistance to victims during and in the aftermath of said
4 disasters or calamities and in their return to productive livelihood following
5 said events;

6 (v) Enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose
7 appropriate penalties for habitual drunkenness in public places, vagrancy,
8 mendicancy, prostitution, the establishment and maintenance of house of
9 ill-repute, illegal gambling and other prohibited games of chance, drug
10 addiction, maintenance of drug dens, drug pushing, juvenile delinquency,
11 the printing, distribution or exhibition of obscene or pornographic materials
12 to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the City;

13 (vi) Protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts
14 which endanger the environment, such as dynamite fishing and other
15 forms of destructive fishing, illegal logging, smuggling of logs, smuggling
16 of natural resources products and of endangered species of flora and
17 fauna, slash-and-burn farming and such other activities which result in
18 pollution, acceleration of siltation of rivers and lakes or of ecological
19 imbalance;

20 (vii) Subject to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, as
21 amended, and other pertinent laws, determine the powers and duties of
22 officials and employees of the City;

23 (viii) Determine the positions and the salaries, wages, allowances and
24 other emoluments and benefits of officials and employees paid wholly or
25 mainly from the city funds and provide for expenditures necessary for the
26 proper conduct of programs, projects, services and activities of the city
27 government;

28 (ix) Authorize the payment of compensation to a qualified person not in the
29 government service who fills in a temporary vacancy or grant honoraria to
30 any qualified official or employee designated to fill in a temporary vacancy
31 in a concurrent capacity at the rate authorized by law;

32 (x) Provide a mechanism and the appropriate funds therefor for the safety
33 and protection of all city government properties, public documents or
34 records such as those relating to property inventory, land ownership,
35 records of births, marriages, deaths, assessments, taxation, accounts,
36 business permits and such other records and documents of public interest
37 in the offices and departments of the city government;

38 (xi) When the finances of the city government allow, provide for additional
39 allowances and other benefits to judges, prosecutors, public elementary
40 and high school teachers, and other national government employees
41 stationed in or assigned to the City;

42 (xii) Provide legal assistance to barangay officials who, in the performance
43 of their official duties or on the occasion thereof, have to initiate judicial
44 proceedings or defend themselves against legal action; and

(xiii) Provide for group insurance or additional insurance coverage for all barangay officials, including members of *barangay tanod* brigades and service units, with public or private insurance companies, when the finances of the city government allow coverage;

(2) Generate and maximize the use of resources and revenues for the development plans, program objectives and priorities of the City, as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, with particular attention to agro-industrial development and citywide growth and progress and, relative thereto, shall:

(i) Approve the annual and supplemental budgets of the city government and appropriate funds for specific programs, projects, services and activities of the City, or for other purposes not contrary to law, in order to promote the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants;

(ii) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and applicable laws and, upon the majority vote of all the members of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, enact ordinances levying taxes, fees and charges, prescribing the rates thereof for general and specific purposes and granting tax exemptions, incentives or reliefs;

(iii) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and upon the majority vote of all the members of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, authorize the City Mayor to negotiate and contract loans and other forms of indebtedness;

(iv) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and applicable laws and, upon the majority vote of all the members of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, enact ordinances authorizing the floating of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness, for the purpose of raising funds to finance development projects;

(v) Appropriate funds for the construction and maintenance or the rental of buildings for the use of the City and, upon the majority vote of all the members of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, authorize the City Mayo to lease to private parties such public buildings held in a proprietary capacity, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations;

(vi) Prescribe reasonable limits and restraints on the use of property within the jurisdiction of the City;

(vii) Adopt a comprehensive land-use plan for the City and ensure that the formulation, adoption or modification of said plan shall be in coordination with the approved provincial comprehensive land-use plan;

(viii) Reclassify lands within the jurisdiction of the City, subject to the pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

(ix) Enact integrated zoning ordinances in consonance with the approved comprehensive land-use plan, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations; establish fire limits or zones, particularly in populous centers;

and regulate the construction, repair or modification with the provisions of the Fire Code of the Philippines;

(x) Subject to national law, process and approve subdivision plans for residential, commercial or industrial purposes and other development purposes, and to collect processing fees and other charges, the proceeds of which shall accrue entirely to the City: *Provided, however,* That where approval of a national agency or office is required, said approval shall not be withheld for more than thirty (30) days from receipt of the application. Failure to act on the application within the period stated above shall be deemed as approval thereof;

(xi) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, grant exclusive privilege of constructing fish corrals or fish pens, or taking or catching of bangus fry, prawn fry or *kawag-kawag*, or fry of any specied or fish within the city waters;

(xii) With the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, grant tax exemptions, incentives or reliefs to entities engaged in community growth-inducing industries, subject to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 19914, as amended;

(xiii) Grant loans or provide grants to other local government units or to national, provincial and city charitable, benevolent or educational institutions: *Provided,* That the institutions are operated and maintained within the City;

(xiv) Regulate the numbering of residential, commercial and other buildings; and

(xv) Regulate the inspection, weighing and measuring of articles of commerce;

(3) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, enact ordinances granting franchises and authorizing the issuance of permits or licenses, upon the conditions and for purposes intended to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and, pursuant to this legislative authority, shall:

(i) Fix and impose reasonable fees and charges for all services rendered by the city government to private persons or entities;

(ii) Regulate or fix license fees for any business or practice of profession within the City and the conditions under which the license for the business or practice of profession may be revoked, and enact ordinances levying taxes thereon;

(iii) Provide for and set the terms and conditions under which public utilities owned by the City shall be operated by the city government and prescribe the conditions under which the same may be leased to private persons or entities, preferably cooperatives;

1 (iv) Regulate the display of and fix the license fees for signs, signboards or
2 billboards at the place or places where the profession or business
3 advertised thereby is, in whole or in part, conducted;

4 (v) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, authorize and license the
5 establishment, operation and maintenance of cockpits, and regulate
6 cockfighting and commercial breeding of gamecocks: *Provided*, That
7 existing rights should not be prejudiced;

8 (vi) Subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Department of
9 Transportation (DOTr), regulate the operation of tricycles and grant
10 franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of the
11 City; and

12 (vii) Upon approval by a majority vote of all the members of the
13 *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, grant a franchise to any person, partnership,
14 corporation or cooperative to do business within the City; establish,
15 construct, operate and maintain ferries, wharves, markets or
16 slaughterhouses; or undertake other activities within the City as may be
17 allowed by existing laws: *Provided*, That cooperatives shall be given
18 preference in the grant of franchise;

19 (4) Regulate activities relative to the use of land, buildings and structures within
20 the City in order to promote the general welfare and, for the said purpose, shall:

21 (i) Declare, prevent or abate any nuisance;

22 (ii) Require that buildings and the premises thereof and any land within the
23 City be kept and maintained in a sanitary condition; impose penalties for
24 any violation thereof; or upon failure to comply with the said requirement,
25 have the work done at the expense of the owner, administrator or tenant
26 concerned; and require the filling up of any land or premises to a grade
27 necessary for proper sanitation;

28 (iii) Regulate the disposal of clinical and other wastes from hospitals,
29 clinics and other similar establishments;

30 (iv) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of
31 restaurants, beerhouses, hotels, motels, inns, pension houses, lodging
32 houses and other similar establishments, including tourist guides and
33 transports;

34 (v) Regulate the sale, giving away or dispensing of any intoxicating malt,
35 *vino*, mixed or fermented liquors at any retail outlet;

36 (vi) Regulate the establishment and provide for the inspection of steam
37 boilers or any heating device in buildings and the storage of inflammable
38 and highly combustible materials within the City;

39 (vii) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of any
40 entertainment or amusement facility, including the theatrical
41 performances, circuses, billiard halls, public dancing schools, public dance
42 halls, sauna baths, massage parlors, and other places for entertainment or

1 amusement; regulate such other events or activities for amusement or
2 entertainment, particularly those which tend to disturb the community or
3 annoy the inhabitants, or require the suspension or suppression of the
4 same; or prohibit certain forms of amusement or entertainment in order to
5 protect the social and moral welfare of the community;

6 (viii) Provide for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping of
7 animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or
8 disposition of the same; and adopt measures to prevent and penalize
9 cruelty to animals; and

10 (ix) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of funeral
11 parlors and the burial or cremation of the dead, subject to existing laws,
12 rules and regulations;

13 (5) Approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective delivery of
14 ~~basic services and facilities as provided for under the Local Government Code of~~
15 1991, as amended, and, in addition to said services and facilities, shall:

16 (i) Provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection and
17 conservation of communal forests and watersheds, tree parks and
18 greenbelts, mangroves, and other similar forest development projects;

19 (ii) Establish markets, slaughterhouses or animal corrals and authorize the
20 operation thereof by the city government; and regulate the construction
21 and operation of private markets, talipapas or other similar buildings and
22 structures;

23 (iii) Authorize the establishment, maintenance and operation by the city
24 government of ferries, wharves, and/or other structures intended to
25 accelerate productivity related to marine life and seashore or offshore
26 activities in the preservation thereof;

27 ~~(iv) Regulate the preparation and sale of meat, poultry, fish, vegetables,~~
28 ~~fruits, fresh dairy products, and other foodstuffs for public consumption;~~

29 (v) Regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, parks
30 and other public places and approve the construction, improvement, repair
31 and maintenance of the same; establish bus and vehicle stops and
32 terminals or regulate the use of the same by privately-owned vehicles
33 which serve the public; regulate garages and the operation of
34 conveyances for hire; designate stands to be occupied by public vehicles
35 when not in use; regulate the putting up of signs, signposts, awnings and
36 awning posts on the streets; and provide for the lighting, cleaning and
37 sprinkling of streets and public places;

38 (vi) Regulate traffic on all streets and bridges, prohibit encroachments or
39 obstacles thereon and, when necessary in the interest of public welfare,
40 authorize the removal of encroachments and illegal constructions in public
41 places;

42 (vii) Subject to existing laws, establish and provide for the maintenance,
43 repair and operation of an efficient waterworks system to supply water for

1 the City's inhabitants and to purify the source of the water supply; regulate
2 the construction, maintenance, repair and use of hydrants, pumps,
3 cisterns and reservoirs; protect the purity and the quantity of the water
4 supply of the City and, for this purpose, extend the coverage of
5 appropriate ordinances over all territories within the drainage area of said
6 water supply within one hundred meters (100 m.) of the reservoir, canal,
7 conduit, aqueduct, pumping station or watershed used in connection with
8 the water service; and regulate the consumption, use or wastage of water
9 and fix and collect charges thereof;

10 ~~(viii) Regulate the drilling and excavation of the ground for the laying of~~
11 ~~water, gas, sewer and other pipes and the construction, repair and~~
12 ~~maintenance of public drains, sewers, cesspools, tunnels and similar~~
13 ~~structures; regulate the placing of poles and the use of crosswalks, curbs~~
14 ~~and gutters; adopt measures to ensure public safety against open canals,~~
15 ~~manholes, live wires and other similar hazards to life and property; and~~
16 ~~regulate the construction and use of private water closets, privies and~~
17 ~~other similar structures in buildings and homes;~~

18 (ix) Regulate the placing, stringing, attaching, installing, repair and
19 construction of all gas mains, electric telegraph and telephone wires,
20 ~~conduits, meters and other apparatus; and provide for the correction,~~
21 ~~condemnation or removal of the same when found to be dangerous to the~~
22 ~~welfare of the City's inhabitants;~~

23 (x) Subject to the availability of funds and to existing laws, rules and
24 regulations, establish and provide for the operation of vocational and
25 technical schools and similar post-secondary institutions and, with the
26 approval of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
27 (TESDA), and subject to existing laws on tuition fees, fix and collect
28 reasonable tuition fees and other school charges in educational
29 institutions supported by the city government;

30 (xi) Establish a scholarship fund for poor but deserving students in schools
31 located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the City;

32 (xii) Provide for an efficient and effective system of solid waste and
33 garbage collection and disposal and prohibit littering and the placing or
34 throwing of garbage, refuse and other filth and wastes;

35 (xiv) Provide for the care of PWDs, paupers, the elderly, the sick, persons
36 of unsound mind, abandoned minors, juvenile delinquents, drug
37 dependents, abused children and the youth below eighteen (18) years of
38 age and, ~~subject to the availability of funds, establish and provide for the~~
39 ~~operation of centers and facilities for the needy and disadvantaged~~
40 ~~persons;~~

41 (xv) Establish and provide for the maintenance and improvement of jails
42 and detention centers, institute a sound jail management program and
43 appropriate funds for the subsistence of detainees and convicted
44 prisoners in the City;

(xvi) Establish a city council whose purpose is the promotion of culture and the arts, coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental organizations and, subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds for the support and development of the same; and

(xvii) Establish a city council for the elderly and senior citizens which shall formulate policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly and to the community; provide incentives for nongovernmental entities and, subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds to support programs and projects for the benefit of the elderly; and

(6) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

ARTICLE V PROCESS OF LEGISLATION

Sec. 12. Internal Rules of Procedure. – (a) On the first regular session following the election of its members and within ninety (90) days thereafter, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall adopt or update its existing rules of procedure.

(b) The rules of procedure shall provide for the following:

(1) The organization of the *Sanggunian* and the election of its officers as well as the creation of standing committees which shall include the committees on appropriations, revenues, engineering and public works, education and health, women and family, human rights, youth and sports development, environmental protection, peace and order and traffic, and cooperatives; the general jurisdiction of each committee; and the election of the chairperson and members of each committee;

(2) The order and calendar of business for each session;

(3) The legislative process;

(4) The parliamentary procedures which include the conduct of members during sessions;

(5) The discipline of members for disorderly behavior and absences without justifiable cause for four (4) consecutive sessions for which they may be censured, reprimanded or excluded from the session, suspended for not more than sixty(60) days or expelled: *Provided*, That the penalty of suspension or expulsion shall require the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the *Sanggunian* members: *Provided, further*, That the member convicted by final judgment to imprisonment of at least one (1) year for any crime involving moral turpitude shall be automatically expelled from the *Sanggunian*; and

(6) Such other rules as the *Sanggunian* may adopt.

1 **Sec. 13. Full Disclosure of Financial and Business Interests of Sangguniang**
2 *Panlungsod Members.*- (a) Every *Sangguniang Panlungsod* member shall, upon
3 assumption to office, make a full disclosure of business and financial interests. Such
4 disclosure shall also include professional relationship or any relation by affinity or
5 consanguinity within the fourth civil degree with any person, firm or entity affected by
6 any ordinance or resolution under consideration *Sanggunian* of which he or she is a
7 member, which relationship may result in conflict of interests. Such relationship shall
8 include:

9 (1) Ownership of stock or capital, or investment in the entity or firm to
10 which ordinance or resolution may apply; and

11 (2) Contracts or agreements with any person or entity which ordinance or
12 resolution may affect.

13 In the absence of a specific constitutional or statutory provision applicable to this
14 situation, "conflict of interest" refers, in general, to one where it may be
15 reasonably deduced that a member of a *Sanggunian* may not act in the public
16 interest due to some private, pecuniary or other personal consideration that may
17 tend to affect the exercise of judgment to the prejudice of the service or the
18 public.

19 ~~(b) The disclosure required under this Act shall be made in writing and shall be~~
20 ~~submitted to the secretary of the Sanggunian or the secretary of the committee of~~
21 ~~which he or she is a member. The disclosure shall, in all cases, form part of the~~
22 ~~record of the proceedings and shall be made in the following manner:~~

23 (1) The disclosure shall be made before the member participates in
24 deliberations on the ordinance or resolution under consideration:
25 *Provided, That if the member did not participate during the deliberations,*
26 *the disclosure shall be made before voting on the ordinance or resolution*
27 *on second and third readings; and*

28 ~~(2) The disclosure shall be made when a member takes a position or~~
29 ~~makes a privilege speech on a matter that may affect the business~~
30 ~~interest, financial connection or professional relationship described herein.~~

31 **Sec. 14. Sessions.** – (a) On the first day of the session immediately following the
32 election of its members, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall, by resolution, fix the day,
33 time and place of its sessions. The minimum number of regular sessions shall be once
34 a week for the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and twice a month for the *Sangguniang*
35 *Barangay*.

36 (b) When the public interest so demands, special sessions may be called by the
37 City Mayor or by a majority of the members of the *Sanggunian*.

38 (c) All *Sanggunian* sessions shall be open to the public unless a closed-door
39 session is ordered by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members present,
40 there being a *quorum*, in the public interest or for reasons of security, decency or
41 morality. No two (2) sessions, regular or special, may be held in a single day.

1 (d) In the case of special sessions of the *Sanggunian*, a written notice to the
2 members shall be served personally at the members' usual place of residence at
3 least twenty-four (24) hours before the special session is held.

4 Unless otherwise concurred in by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the *Sanggunian*
5 members present, there being a *quorum*, no other matter may be considered at a
6 special except those stated in the notice.

7 (e) The *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall keep a journal and a record of its
8 proceedings, which may be published upon resolution of the majority of its
9 members.

10 **Sec. 15. Quorum.** – (a) A majority of all the members of the *Sanggunian* who
11 have been elected and qualified shall constitute a *quorum* to transact official business.
12 Should a question of quorum be raised during a session, the presiding officer shall
13 immediately proceed to call the roll of the members and thereafter announce the result.

14 (b) Where there is no quorum, the presiding officer may declare a recess until
15 such time a *quorum* is constituted, or a majority of the members present may
16 adjourn from day to day and may compel the immediate attendance of any
17 member absent without justifiable cause by designating a member of the
18 *Sanggunian*, to be assisted by a member or members of the police force
19 assigned in the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Capas, to arrest the absent
20 member and present him or her at the session.

21 (c) If there is still no quorum despite the enforcement of the immediately
22 preceding subsection, no business shall be transacted. The presiding officer,
23 upon proper motion duly approved by the members present, shall then declare
24 the session adjourned for lack of quorum.

25 **Sec. 16. Approval of Ordinances.** – (a) Every ordinance enacted by the
26 *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall be presented to the City Mayor. If the City Mayor
27 approves the same, his or her signature shall be affixed on each and every page
28 thereof; otherwise, the ordinance shall be vetoed and return the same with his or her
29 statement on the objections to the *Sanggunian*, which any proceed to reconsider the
30 same. The *Sanggunian* may override the veto of the City Mayor by two-thirds (2/3) vote
31 of all its members, thereby making the ordinance or resolution effective for all legal
32 intents and purposes.

33 (b) The veto shall be communicated by the City Mayor to the *Sanggunian* within
34 ten (10) days; otherwise, the ordinance shall be deemed approved as if it had
35 been signed.

36 **Sec. 17. Veto Power of the City Mayor.** – (a) The City Mayor may veto any
37 ordinance of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* on the ground that it is *ultra vires* or
38 prejudicial to the public welfare, stating the reasons thereof in writing.

39 (b) The City Mayor shall have the power to veto any particular item or items of an
40 appropriations ordinance, an ordinance or resolution adopting a local
41 development plan, any public investment program or an ordinance directing the
42 payment of money or creating liability. In such case, the vetoed item or items
43 shall not affect the item or items which are not objected to. The vetoed item or
44 items shall not take effect unless the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* overrides the

veto in the manner herein provided; otherwise, the item or items in the appropriations ordinance of the previous year corresponding to those vetoed, if any, shall be deemed re-enacted.

(c) The City Mayor may veto an ordinance or resolution only once. The *Sanggunian* may override the veto of the City Mayor by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members, thereby making the ordinance effective even without the approval of the City Mayor. *1awp++i1*

Sec. 18. Review of City Ordinances by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. – (a) Within three (3) days after approval, the secretary to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall forward to the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* for review, copies of approved ordinances and the resolutions approving the local development plans and the public investment programs formulated by the local development councils.

(b) Within thirty (30) days after receipt of copies of such ordinances and resolutions, the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* shall examine the documents or transmit them to the provincial attorney or the provincial prosecutor for prompt examination. The provincial attorney or the provincial prosecutor shall, within a period of ten (10) days from receipt of the documents, inform the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* in writing of his or her comments or recommendations which may be considered by the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* in making its decision.

(c) If the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* finds that such an ordinance or resolution is beyond the power conferred upon the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, it shall declare such ordinance or resolution invalid in whole or in part. The *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* shall enter its action in the minutes and shall advise the corresponding city authorities of the action it has taken.

(d) If no action is taken by the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* within thirty (30) days after submission of such an ordinance or resolution, the same shall be presumed to be consistent with law and therefore valid.

Sec. 19. Review of Barangay Ordinances by the Sangguniang Panlungsod. – (a) Within ten (10) days after its enactment, the *Sangguniang Barangay* shall furnish copies of all barangay ordinances to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* for review as to whether the ordinances are consistent with law and city ordinances.

(b) If the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* fails to take action on barangay ordinances within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, the same shall be deemed approved.

(c) If the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* finds a barangay ordinance inconsistent with law or city ordinances, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall, within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, return the same with its comments and recommendations to the *Sangguniang Barangay* concerned for adjustment, amendment or modification; in which case, the effectivity of the barangay ordinance is suspended until such time as the revision called for is effected.

Sec. 20. Enforcement of Disapproved Ordinances or Resolutions. – Any attempt to enforce any ordinance or any resolution approving the local development plan and the public investment program after disapproval thereof shall be sufficient ground for the suspension or dismissal of the official or employee concerned.

1 *Sanggunian* members according to their ranking as defined under the Local
2 Government Code of 1991, as amended.

3 (b) If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the *Punong Barangay*, the
4 highest ranking *Sangguniang Barangay* member or, in case of his or her
5 permanent incapacity, the second highest ranking *Sanggunian* member shall
6 become the *Punong Barangay*.

7 (c) A tie between or among the highest ranking *Sangguniang Panlungsod*
8 members shall be resolved by drawing of lots.

9 (d) The successors as defined herein shall serve only the unexpired terms of
10 their predecessors.

11 (e) For purposes of this Act, a permanent vacancy arises when an elective local
12 official fills in a higher vacant office, refuses to assume office, fails to qualify,
13 dies, is removed from office, voluntarily resigns or is otherwise permanently
14 incapacitated to discharge the functions of his or her office.

15 (f) For purposes of succession as provided for in this Act, ranking in the
16 *Sanggunian* shall be determined on the basis of the proportion of votes obtained
17 by each winning candidate to the total number of registered voters in the City in
18 the immediately preceding local election.

19 **Sec. 24. Permanent Vacancies in the Sangguniang Panlungsod.** – Permanent
20 vacancies in the Sangguniang Panlungsod where automatic succession as provided
21 above does not apply shall be filled in by appointments in the following manner:

22 (a) The provincial governor shall make the aforesaid appointments;

23 (b) Only the nominee of the political party under which the *Sanggunian* member
24 concerned had been elected and whose elevation to the position next higher in
25 rank created the last vacancy in the *Sanggunian* shall be appointed in the
26 manner herein provided. The appointee shall come from the same political party
27 as that of the *Sanggunian* member who caused the vacancy and shall serve the
28 unexpired term of the vacant office.

29 In the appointment herein mentioned, a nomination and a certificate of
30 membership of the appointee from the highest official of the political party
31 concerned are conditions *sine qua non*, and any appointment without such
32 nomination and certification shall be null and void *ab initio* and shall be a ground
33 for administrative action against the official responsible therefor;

34 (c) In case the permanent vacancy is caused by a *Sanggunian* member who
35 does not belong to any political party, the City Mayor shall, upon the
36 recommendation of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, appoint a qualified person to
37 fill in the vacancy; and

38 (d) In case of vacancy in the representation of the youth and the barangay in the
39 *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, said vacancy shall be filled in automatically by the
40 official next-in-rank of the *Sangguniang Kabataan* or barangay concerned.

(2) Keep the seal of the City and affix it with his or her signature to all ordinances, resolutions and other official acts of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, and present these for the signature of the presiding officer;

(3) Forward to the City Mayor for approval, copies of ordinances enacted by the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, duly certified by the presiding officer in the manner provided in Section 54 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

(4) Forward to the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* copies of duly approved ordinances in the manner as provided for in Sections 56 and 57 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

(5) Furnish, upon the request of any interested party, certified copies of records of public character in one's custody, upon payment to the City Treasurer of such fees as may be prescribed by ordinance;

(6) Record in a book kept for the purpose, all ordinances and resolutions enacted or adopted by the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, with the dates of passage and publication thereof;

(7) Keep the office and all nonconfidential records therein open to the public during usual business hours;

(8) Translate into the dialect used by the majority of the inhabitants, all ordinances and resolutions immediately after their approval, and cause their publication together with the original version in the manner provided under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

(9) Take custody of the local archives and, where applicable, the local library and annually account for the same; and

(10) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

Sec. 27. The City Treasurer. – (a) The City Treasurer shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Finance (DOF) from a list of at least three (3) ranking eligible recommendees of the City Mayor, subject to civil service law, rules and regulations.

(b) The City Treasurer shall be under the administrative supervision of the City Mayor, to whom one shall report regularly on the tax collection efforts in the City.

(c) No person shall be appointed City Treasurer unless one is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in commerce, public administration or law obtained from a recognized college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and must have acquired experience in treasury or accounting service for at least five (5) years.

(d) The City Treasurer shall receive compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(e) The City Treasurer shall take charge of the City Finance Department, and shall:

(1) Advise the City Mayor, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and other local government and national officials concerned regarding the disposition of local government funds and on other matters relative to public finance;

(2) Take custody of and exercise proper management of the funds of the City;

~~(3) Take charge of the disbursement of all funds of the City and other funds, the custody of which has been entrusted to him or her by law or other competent authority;~~

(4) Inspect private commercial and industrial establishments within the jurisdiction of the City in relation to the implementation of tax ordinances, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

(5) Maintain and update the tax information system of the City; and

(6) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

Sec. 28. The Assistant City Treasurer. –(a) The assistant city treasurer may be appointed by the Secretary of Finance from a list of at least three (3) ranking eligible recommendees of the city mayor, subject to Civil Service Law, rules and regulations.

(b) No person shall be appointed assistant city treasurer unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in commerce, public administration, or law from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in treasury or accounting for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

(c) The assistant city treasurer shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(d) The assistant city treasurer shall assist the city treasurer and perform such other duties as the latter may assign him. He shall have authority to administer oaths concerning notices and notifications to those delinquent in the payment of the real property tax and concerning official matters relating to the accounts of the city treasurer or otherwise arising from the offices of the city treasurer and the city assessor.

Sec. 29. The City Assessor. – (a) The City Assessor must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical engineering, commerce or any other related course obtained from a recognized college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and must have acquired experience in real property assessment work or in any related field for at least five (5) years.

1 (b) The City Assessor shall receive compensation, emoluments and allowances
2 as may be determined by law.

3 (c) The City Assessor shall take charge of the City Assessor's Department, and
4 shall:

5 (1) Ensure that all laws and policies governing the appraisal and
6 assessment of real properties for taxation purposes are properly executed;

7 (2) Initiate, review and recommend changes in policies and objectives,
8 plans and programs, techniques, procedures and practices in the
9 valuation and assessment of real properties for taxation purposes;

10 (3) Establish a systematic method of real property assessment;

11 (4) Install and maintain real property identification and accounting
12 systems;

13 (5) Prepare, install, and maintain a system of tax mapping, showing
14 graphically all properties subject to assessment and gather all data
15 concerning the same;

16 (6) Conduct frequent physical surveys to verify and determine whether all
17 real properties within the City are properly listed in the assessment rolls;

18 (7) Exercise the functions of appraisal and assessment primarily for
19 taxation purposes of all real properties in the City;

20 ~~(8) Prepare a schedule of the fair market value of the different classes of~~
21 ~~real properties in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government~~
22 ~~Code of 1991, as amended;~~

23 (9) Issue, upon request of any interested party, certified copies of
24 assessment records of real properties and all other records relative to its
25 assessment, upon payment of a service charge or fee to the City
26 Treasurer;

27 (10) Submit every semester a report of all assessments, as well as
28 cancellations and modifications of assessments to the City Mayor and the
29 Sangguniang Panlungsod;

30 (11) Attend personally or through an authorized representative all
31 sessions of the Local Board of Assessment Appeals whenever his or her
32 assessment is subject of the appeal, and present or submit any
33 information or record in his or her possession as may be required by the
34 Board; and

35 (12) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers
36 as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
37 "Local Government Code of 1991", as amended, and those that are
38 prescribed by law or ordinance.

39 **Sec. 30. The Assistant City Assessor.** – (a) The assistant city assessor must be a
40 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a

holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical engineering, commerce or any related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in real property assessment work or in any related field for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the day of his appointment;

(b) The assistant city assessor shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law; and

(c) The assistant city assessor shall assist the city assessor and perform such other duties as the latter may assign to him. He shall have the authority to administer oaths on all declarations of real property for purposes of assessment.

Sec. 31. The City Accountant. - (a) The City Accountant must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a certified public accountant and must have acquired experience in the treasury or accounting service for at least five (5) years.

(b) The City Accountant shall receive compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The City Accountant shall take charge of both the Office of the Accounting and Internal Audit Services, and shall:

(1) Install and maintain an internal audit system in the City;

(2) Prepare and submit financial statements to the City Mayor and to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*;

(3) Apprise the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and other officials on the financial condition and operations of the City;

(4) Certify to the availability of budgetary allotment from which expenditures and obligations may be properly charged;

(5) Review supporting documents before the preparation of vouchers to determine completeness of requirements;

(6) Prepare statement of cash advances, liquidations, salaries, allowances, reimbursements and remittances pertaining to the City;

(7) Prepare statements of journal vouchers, their liquidations, and other adjustments related thereto;

(8) Post individual disbursements to subsidiary ledgers and index cards;

(9) Maintain individual ledgers for officials and employees of the City pertaining to payrolls and deductions;

(10) Record and post in index cards details of purchased furnitures, fixtures and equipment, including disposal thereof, if any;

(11) Account for all issued requests for obligations and maintain and keep all records and reports related thereto;

(12) Prepare journals and the analysis of obligations and maintain and keep all records and reports related thereto; and

(13) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

(d) The incumbent Chief Accountant in the office of the Treasurer shall be given preference in the appointment to the position of Accountant.

Sec. 32. The City Budget Officer. – (a) The City Budget Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in accounting, economics, public administration or any related course obtained from a recognized college or university a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and must have acquired experience in government budgeting or in any related field for at least five (5) years.

(b) The City Budget Officer shall take charge of the City Budget Department, and shall:

(1) Prepare forms, orders and circulars embodying instructions on budgetary and appropriation matters for the signature of the City Mayor;

(2) Review and consolidate the budget proposals of different departments and offices of the City;

(3) Assist the City Mayor in the preparation of the budget and during and after the budget hearings;

(4) Study and evaluate budgetary implications of proposed legislations and submit comments and recommendations thereon;

(5) Submit periodic budgetary reports to the DBM;

(6) Coordinate with the City Treasurer, the City Accountant and the City Planning and Development officer for the purpose of budgeting;

(7) Assist the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* in reviewing the approved budgets of the component barangays;

(8) Coordinate with the City Planning and Development Office in the formulation of the development plan of the City; and

(9) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

Sec. 33. The City Planning and Development Officer. – (a) The City Planning and Development Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in urban planning, development studies, economics, public administration, or in any related course obtained from a recognized college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and must have acquired experience in development planning or in any related field for at least five (5) years.

1 (b) The City Planning and Development Officer shall receive compensation,
2 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

3 (c) The City Planning and Development Officer shall take charge of the City
4 Planning and Development Coordinating Office, and shall:

5 (1) Formulate integrated economic, social, physical and other
6 development plans and policies for the consideration of the City;

7 (2) Conduct continuing studies, researchers and training programs
8 necessary to evolve plans and programs for implementation;

9 (3) Integrate and coordinate all sectoral plans and studies undertaken by
10 the different functional groups or agencies;

11 (4) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the different development
12 programs, projects and activities in the City in accordance with the
13 approved development plan;

14 (5) Prepare comprehensive plans and other development planning
15 documents for the consideration of the Local Development Council;

16 ~~(6) Analyze the income and expenditure patterns, and formulate and~~
17 ~~recommend fiscal plans and policies for the consideration of the finance~~
18 ~~committee of the Sangguniang Panlungsod;~~

19 (7) Promote people's participation in development planning within the City;

20 (8) Exercise supervision and control over the secretariat of the Local
21 Development Council; and

22 (9) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as
23 provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and
24 those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

25 **Sec. 34. The City Engineer.** – (a) The City Engineer must be a citizen of the
26 Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a licensed civil
27 engineer and must have acquired experience in the practice of profession for at least
28 five (5) years.

29 (b) The City Engineer shall receive compensation, emoluments and allowances
30 as may be determined by law.

31 (c) The City Engineer shall take charge of the City Engineering Office, and shall:

32 ~~(1) Initiate, review and recommend changes in policies and objectives,~~
33 ~~plans and programs, techniques, procedures and practices in~~
34 ~~infrastructure development and public works in general of the City;~~

35 (2) Advise the City Mayor on infrastructure, public works and other
36 engineering matters;

(3) Administer, coordinate, supervise and control the construction, maintenance, improvement and repair of roads, bridges, other engineering and public works projects of the City;

(4) Provide engineering services to the City, including investigations and surveys, engineering designs, feasibility studies and project management; and

(5) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

Sec. 35. The City Health Officer. – (a) The City Health Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a licensed medical practitioner and must have acquired experience in the practice of the profession for at least five (5) years.

(b) The City Health Officer shall receive compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The City Health Officer shall take charge of the Office of the City Health Services, and shall:

(1) Supervise the personnel and staff of the said office, formulate program implementation guidelines and rules and regulations for the operation of the said office for the approval of the City mayor in order to assist the latter in the efficient, effective and economical implementation of health service programs geared to implement health-related projects and activities;

(2) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in carrying out activities to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate facilities relative to health services as provided for under Section 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

(3) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City Mayor, implement these with the health programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

(4) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the City Health officer shall:

(i) Formulate and implement policies, plans and projects to promote the health of the people in the City;

(ii) Advise the City Mayor and the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* on matters pertaining to health;

(iii) Execute and enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations relating to public health;

(iv) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* through the local health board, the passage of ordinance as may be deemed necessary for the preservation of public health;

(v) Recommend the prosecution of any violation of sanitary laws, ordinances or regulations;

(vi) Direct the sanitary inspection of all business establishments, stores selling food items or providing accommodations such as hotels, motels, lodging houses, pension houses and the like, in accordance with the Sanitation Code of the Philippines;

(vii) Conduct health information campaigns and render health intelligence services;

(viii) Coordinate with other government agencies and nongovernment organizations involved in the promotion and delivery of health services; and

(ix) Be in the frontline of the delivery of health services, particularly during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities; and

(5) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

Sec. 36. The City Civil Registrar. – (a) The City Civil Registrar must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree obtained from a recognized college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and must have acquired experience in civil registry work for at least five (5) years.

~~(b) The City Civil Registrar shall receive compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.~~

(c) The City Civil Registrar shall be responsible for the civil registration program in the City of Capas, pursuant to the Civil Registry Law, the Civil Code and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations issued to implement them.

(d) The City Civil Registrar shall take charge of the Office of the City Civil Registry, and shall:

(1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the civil registry programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

(2) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the City Civil Registrar shall:

(i) Accept all registrable documents and judicial decrees affecting the civil status of persons;

(ii) File, keep and preserve in a secure place the books required by law;

(iii) Transcribe and enter immediately upon receipt all registrable documents and judicial decrees affecting the civil status of persons in the appropriate civil registry books;

(iv) Transmit to the Office of the Civil Registrar-General, within the prescribed period, duplicate copies of registered documents required by law;

(v) Issue certified transcripts or copies of any certificate or registered document upon payment of the required fees to the City Treasurer;

(vi) Receive application for the issuance of a marriage license and, after determining that the requirements and supporting certificates and publication thereof for the prescribed period have been complied with, issue the license upon payment of the authorized fee to the City Treasurer; and

(vii) Coordinate with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in conducting educational campaigns for vital registration and assist in the preparation of demographic and other statistics for the City of Capas; and

(3) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

Sec. 37. The City Administrator. – (a) The City Administrator must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in public administration, law or in any other related course from a recognized college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and must have acquired experience in management and administrative work for at least five (5) years.

(b) The term of the City Administrator shall be coterminous with that of the appointing authority.

(c) The City Administrator shall receive compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(d) The City Administrator shall take charge of the City Administrator's Office, and shall:

(1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the management and administration-related programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

(2) Assist in the coordination of the work of all the officials of the City, under the supervision, direction and control of the City Mayor and, for this purpose, he or she may convene the chiefs of offices and other officials of the local government unit;

(3) Establish and maintain a sound personnel program for the local government unit designed to promote career development and uphold the merit principle in the local government service;

(4) Conduct a continuing organizational development of the local government unit ~~with the end in view of instituting effective administrative reforms;~~

(5) Be in the frontline of the delivery of administrative support services, particularly those related to the situations during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

(6) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City Mayor on all matters relative to the management and administration of the City; and

(7) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

Sec. 38. The City Legal Officer. – (a) The City Legal Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a member of the Philippine bar and must have practiced the profession for at least five (5) years.

The term of the City Legal Officer shall be coterminous with that of the appointing authority.

(b) The City Legal Officer shall receive compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The City Legal Officer, the chief legal counsel of the City, shall take charge of the Office of the City Legal Service, and shall:

(1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and provide legal assistance and support to the City Mayor in carrying out the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate facilities;

(2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the programs and projects related to legal services which the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

(3) Represent the City in all civil actions and special proceedings wherein the local government unit or any official thereof, in his or her official capacity, is a party: *Provided*, That in actions or proceedings where the City of Capas is a party adverse to the provincial government or to another component city, a special legal officer may be employed to represent the adverse party;

1 (4) When required by the City Mayor or *Sanggunian*, draft ordinances,
2 contracts, bonds, leases and other instruments, involving any interest of
3 the local government unit; and provide comments and recommendations
4 on any instruments already drawn;

5 (5) Render an opinion in writing on any question of law when requested to
6 do so by the City Mayor or *Sanggunian*;

7 (6) Investigate or cause to be investigated any local official or employee
8 for administrative neglect or misconduct in office, and recommend
9 appropriate action to the City Mayor or *Sanggunian*, as the case may be;

10 (7) Investigate or cause to be investigated any person, firm or corporation
11 holding any franchise or exercising any public privilege for failure to
12 comply with any term or condition in the grant of such franchise or
13 privilege, and recommend appropriate action to the City Mayor or
14 *Sanggunian*, as the case may be;

15 (8) When directed by the City Mayor or *Sanggunian*, initiate and prosecute
16 in the interest of the local government unit concerned any civil action on
17 any bond, lease or other contract upon any breach or violation thereof;

18 (9) Review and submit recommendations on ordinances approved and
19 executive orders issued by component units;

20 (10) Recommend measures to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise
21 the City Mayor on all matters related to upholding the rule of law;

22 ~~(11) Be in the frontline of protecting human rights and prosecuting any~~
23 ~~violation thereof, particularly those which occur during and in the aftermath~~
24 ~~of man-made and natural disasters or calamities; and~~

25 (12) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers
26 as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended,
27 and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

28 **Sec. 39. The City Social Welfare and Development Officer.** – (a) The City Social
29 Welfare and Development Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the
30 City of Capas, of good moral character, a licensed social worker or a holder of a college
31 ~~degree preferably in social work, sociology or in any other related course obtained from~~
32 ~~a recognized college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and~~
33 ~~must have acquired experience in the practice of social work for at least five (5) years~~
34 ~~immediately preceding the date of appointment.~~

35 (b) The City Social Welfare and Development Officer shall receive compensation,
36 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

37 (c) The City Social Welfare and Development Officer shall take charge of the
38 Office of the Social Welfare and Development, and shall:

39 (1) Formulate measures for the approval of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*
40 and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in carrying

1 out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of
2 adequate facilities relative to social welfare and development services;

3 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City
4 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
5 social welfare programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered
6 to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to
7 provide;

8 (3) Identify the basic needs of the needy, the disadvantaged and
9 impoverished and develop and implement appropriate measures to
10 alleviate their problems and improve their living conditions;

11 (4) Provide relief and appropriate crisis intervention for victims of abuse
12 and exploitation and recommend appropriate measures to deter further
13 abuse and exploitations;

14 (5) Assist the City Mayor in implementing the barangay level program for
15 the total development and protection of children up to six (6) years of age;

16 (6) Facilitate the implementation of welfare programs for the disabled,
17 elderly and victims of drug addiction, the rehabilitation of prisoners and
18 parolees, the prevention of juvenile delinquency and such other activities
19 which would eliminate and minimize the ill-effects of poverty;

20 (7) Initiate and support youth welfare programs that will enhance the role
21 of the youth in nation building;

22 (8) Coordinate with the government agencies and nongovernmental
23 organizations which have for their purpose the promotion and the
24 protection of all the needy, disadvantaged, underprivileged or
25 impoverished groups or individuals, particularly those identified to be
26 vulnerable and high risk to exploitation, abuse and neglect;

27 (9) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services particularly those which
28 have to do with the immediate relief and assistance during and in the
29 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

30 (10) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City
31 Mayor on all other matters related to social welfare and development
32 services which will improve the livelihood and the living conditions of the
33 City's inhabitants; and

34 (11) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers
35 as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended,
36 and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

37 **Sec. 40. The City Veterinarian.** – (a) The City Veterinarian must be a citizen of
38 the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a licensed
39 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and must have practiced the profession for at least three
40 (3) years.

1 (b) The City Veterinarian shall receive compensation, emoluments and
2 allowances as may be determined by law.

3 (c) The City Veterinarian shall take charge of the Office of the Veterinary
4 Services, and shall:

5 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
6 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City
7 Mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services
8 and the provision of adequate facilities;

9 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City
10 Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
11 veterinary-related activities which the City Mayor is empowered to
12 implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to
13 provide;

14 (3) Advise the City Mayor on all matters pertaining to the slaughter of
15 animals for human consumption and the regulation of slaughterhouses;

16 (4) Regulate the keeping of domestic animals;

17 (5) Regulate and inspect poultry, milk and dairy products for public
18 consumption;

19 (6) Enforce all laws for the prevention of cruelty to animals;

20 (7) Take the necessary measures to eradicate, prevent or cure all forms of
21 animal diseases;

22 (8) Be in the frontline of veterinary-related activities, including the outbreak
23 of highly contagious and deadly diseases, and in situations resulting in the
24 depletion of animals for work and for human consumption, particularly
25 those arising from and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters
26 or calamities;

27 (9) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City
28 Mayor on all other matters relative to the veterinary services which will
29 increase the number and improve the quality of livestock, poultry and
30 other domestic animals used for work or for human consumption; and

31 (10) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers
32 as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended,
33 and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

34 **Sec. 41. The City General Services Officer.** – (a) The City General Services
35 Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good
36 moral character, a holder of a college degree in public administration, business
37 administration or management obtained from a recognized college or university, a first
38 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and must have acquired experience in
39 general services, including the management of supply, property, solid waste disposal
40 and general sanitation for at least five (5) years.

1 (b) The City General Services Officer shall receive compensation, emoluments
2 and allowances as may be determined by law.

3 (c) The City General Services Officer shall take charge of the Office of the
4 General Services, and shall:

5 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
6 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City
7 Mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services
8 and the provision of adequate facilities which require general services
9 expertise in technical support services;

10 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City
11 Mayor, implement these with general services that are supportive of the
12 welfare of the inhabitants of the City which the City Mayor is empowered
13 to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to
14 provide;

15 (3) Take custody of and be accountable for all properties, real or personal,
16 owned by the City and those granted to it in the form of donation,
17 reparation, assistance and counterpart of joint projects;

18 (4) With the approval of the City Mayor, assign building or land space to
19 local officials or other public officials, who by law are entitled to the space;

20 (5) Recommend to the City Mayor reasonable rental rates for local
21 government properties, whether real or personal, which will be leased to
22 public or private entities by the local government;

23 (6) Maintain and supervise janitorial, security, landscaping and other
24 related services in all local government public buildings and other real
25 property, whether owned or leased by the local government unit;

26 (7) Collate and disseminate information regarding prices, shipping and
27 other costs of supplies and other items commonly used by the local
28 government unit;

29 (8) Perform archival and record management with respect to records of
30 offices and departments of the local government unit;

31 (9) Perform all other functions pertaining to supply and property
32 management heretofore performed by the local government treasurer and
33 enforce policies on records creation, maintenance and disposal;

34 (10) Be in the frontline of general services-related activities, including the
35 possible and imminent destruction or damage to records, supplies,
36 properties and structure and the orderly and sanitary clearing up of waste
37 materials or debris, particularly during and in the aftermath of man-made
38 and natural disasters or calamities;

39 (11) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City
40 Mayor on all matters relative to general services; and

(12) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

Sec. 42. The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer. – (a) The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in environment, forestry, agriculture or in any other related course obtained from a recognized college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and must have acquired experience in environment and natural resources management, conservation and utilization work for at least five (5) years.

(b) The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer shall receive compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer shall take charge of the City Environment Service Department, and shall:

(1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and provide assistance and support to the City Mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate facilities relative to environment and natural resources services as provided for under Section 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

(2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City Mayor, implement these with the environment and natural resources programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

(3) Establish, maintain, protect and preserve communal forests, watersheds, tree parks, mangroves, greenbelts and similar forest projects and commercial forests, like industrial tree farms and agro-forestry projects;

(4) Provide extension services to beneficiaries of forest development projects and technical, financial and infrastructure assistance;

(5) Manage and maintain seed banks and produce seedlings for forest and tree parks;

(6) Provide extension services to beneficiaries of forest development projects and render assistance for natural resources-related conservation and utilization activities consistent with ecological balance;

(7) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental organizations in the implementation of measures to prevent and control land, air and water pollution with the assistance of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);

(8) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services concerning the environment and natural resources, particularly in the renewal and

rehabilitation of the environment during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

(9) Recommend measures to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City Mayor on all matters relative to the protection, conservation, maximum utilization, application of appropriate technology and other matters related to the environment and natural resources; and

(10) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

Sec. 43. The City Architect. – (a) The City Architect must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a duly licensed architect and must have practiced the profession for at least five (5) years.

(b) The City Architect shall receive compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The City Architect shall take charge of the office of the Architectural Planning and Design, and shall:

(1). Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate facilities relative to architectural planning and design;

(2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City Mayor, implement these with architectural planning and design programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

(3). Prepare and recommend for consideration of the *Sanggunian* the architectural plan and design for the local government unit or a part thereof, including the renewal of slums and blighted areas, land reclamation activities, the greening of land and appropriate planning of marine and foreshore areas;

(4) Review and recommend for appropriate action of the *Sanggunian* or the City Mayor, as the case may be, the architectural plans and designs submitted by governmental and nongovernmental entities or individuals, particularly those for undeveloped and poorly designed areas;

(5). Coordinate with government and nongovernment entities and individuals involved in the aesthetics and maximum utilization of the land and water within the jurisdiction of the local government unit to implement plans and programs that shall preserve environmental integrity and ecological balance;

(6) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services involving architectural planning and design, particularly those related to the redesigning of spatial

1 distribution of basic facilities and physical structures during and in the
2 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

3 (7) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City
4 Mayor on all other matters relative to architectural planning and design as
5 it relates to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and

6 (8) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as
7 provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and
8 those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

9 **Sec. 44. The City Information Officer.** – (a) The City Information Officer must be
10 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a
11 holder of a college degree preferably in journalism, mass communication or in any
12 related course obtained from a recognized college or university, a first grade civil
13 service eligible or its equivalent and must have experience in writing articles and
14 research papers, or writing for print, television or broadcast media for at least three (3)
15 years.

16 (b) The City Information Officer shall receive compensation, emoluments and
17 allowances as may be determined by law.

18 (c) The term of the City Information Officer is coterminous with that of his or her
19 appointing authority.

20 (d) The City Information Officer shall take charge of the City Information and
21 Community Relations Department, and shall:

22 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
23 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City
24 Mayor in providing the information and research data required for the
25 delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate facilities so that
26 the public becomes aware of said services and may fully avail of the
27 same;

28 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City
29 Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
30 public information and research data to support programs and projects
31 which the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the
32 *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

33 (3) Provide relevant, adequate and timely information to the local
34 government unit and its residents;

35 (4) Furnish information and data on local government agencies or offices
36 as may be required by law or ordinance; and nongovernmental
37 organization to be furnished by said agencies and organizations;

38 (5) Maintain effective liaison with the various sectors of the community on
39 matters and issues that affect the livelihood and the quality of life of the
40 City's inhabitants and encourage support for programs of the local and
41 national government;

(6) Be in the frontline in providing information during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities, with special attention to the victims thereof, to help minimize injuries and casualties during and after the emergency, and to accelerate relief and rehabilitation;

~~(7) Recommend to the Sangguniang Panlungsod and advise the City Mayor on all other matters relative to public information and research data as it related to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and~~

(8) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

Sec. 45. The City Cooperatives Officer. – (a) The City Cooperatives Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in business administration with special training ~~on cooperatives or in any related course obtained from a recognized college or~~ university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and must have acquired experience in cooperatives organization and management for at least five (5) years.

(b) The City Cooperatives Officer shall receive compensation, emoluments and allowances ~~as may be determined by law.~~

(c) The City Cooperatives Officer shall take charge of the Office for the Development of Cooperatives, and shall:

(1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of facilities through the development of cooperatives and in providing access to such services and facilities;

(2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City Mayor, implement these with the integration of cooperatives principles and methods in programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

(3) Assist in the organization of cooperatives;

(4) Provide technical and other forms of assistance to existing cooperatives to enhance their viability as an economic enterprise and social organization;

(5) Assist cooperatives in establishing linkages with government agencies and nongovernmental organizations involved in the promotion and integration of the concept of cooperatives in the livelihood of the people and other community activities;

(6) Be in the frontline of cooperatives organization, rehabilitation or viability enhancement, particularly during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities, to aid in their survival and, if necessary, subsequent rehabilitation;

(7) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City Mayor on all other matters relative to cooperatives development and viability enhancement which will improve the livelihood and the quality of life of the inhabitants; and

(8) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

Sec. 46. The City Population Officer. – (a) The City Population Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably with specialized training in population development obtained from a recognized college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and must have acquired experience in the implementation of programs on population development or responsible parenthood for at least five (5) years.

(b) The City Population Officer shall receive compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The City Population Officer shall take charge of the Office of the Population Development, and shall:

(1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate facilities relative to the integration of the population development principles and in providing access to said services and facilities;

(2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City Mayor, implement these with the integration of population development principles and methods in programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

(3) Assist the City Mayor in the implementation of the constitutional provisions relative to population development and the promotion of responsible parenthood;

(4) Establish and maintain an updated data bank for program operations, development planning and an educational program to ensure the people's participation in, and understanding of, population development;

(5) Implement appropriate training programs responsive to the cultural heritage of the inhabitants; and

(6) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

Sec. 47. The City Agriculturist. – (a) The City Agriculturist must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Capas, of good moral character, a holder of a

college degree preferably in agriculture or in any other related course obtained from a recognized college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and must have practiced the profession in agriculture or acquired experience in a related field for at least five (5) years.

(b) The City Agriculturist shall receive compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law. *1avvphi1*

(c) The City Agriculturist shall take charge of the Office of the Agriculture Services, and shall:

(1) Formulate measures for the approval of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate facilities relative to agricultural services;

(2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the agricultural programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the City Agriculturist shall:

(i) Ensure that maximum assistance and access to resources in the production, processing and marketing of agricultural, aquacultural and marine products are extended to farmers, fishermen and local entrepreneurs;

(ii) Conduct or cause to be conducted location-specific agricultural researches and assist in making available the appropriate technology arising out of and disseminating information on basic research on crops, prevention and control of plant diseases and pests, and other agricultural matters which will maximize productivity;

(iii) Assist the City Mayor in the establishment and extension services of demonstration farms on aquaculture and marine products;

(iv) Enforce rules and regulations relating to agriculture and aquaculture; and

(v) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental organizations in the promotion of agricultural productivity through applied technology compatible with environment integrity;

(4) Be in the frontline of the delivery of basic agricultural services, particularly those needed for the survival of the City's inhabitants during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

(5) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City Mayor on all other matters related to agriculture and aquaculture which will improve the livelihood and the living conditions of the inhabitants; and

(6) Perform other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

ARTICLE VIII

THE CITY FIRE STATION SERVICE, THE CITY JAIL SERVICE, THE CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION AND THE CITY PROSECUTION SERVICE

Sec. 48. *The City Fire Station Service.* – (a) There shall be established in the City at least one (1) fire station with adequate personnel, firefighting facilities and equipment, subject to the standards, rules and regulations that may be promulgated by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). The City shall provide the necessary land or site of the station.

(b) The city fire station shall be headed by a City Fire Marshal whose qualifications shall be as those provided for under Republic Act No. 9263, as amended; otherwise known as the "Bureau of Fire Protection and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Professionalization Act of 2004".

(c) The city fire station shall be responsible for providing emergency services, including the rescue and evacuation of injured people related to incidents and, in general, all fire prevention and suppression measures to secure the safety of life and property of the citizenry.

Sec. 49. *The City Jail Service.* – (a) There shall be established and maintained in the City a secure, clean, adequately equipped and sanitary jail for the custody and safekeeping of prisoners, any fugitive from justice, or person detained awaiting investigation or transfer to the National Penitentiary, and/or trial and/or violent mentally ill person who endangers oneself or the safety of others, duly certified as such by the proper medical health officer, pending the transfer to a mental institution.

(b) The city jail service shall be headed by a City Jail Warden whose qualifications shall be as those provided for under the Bureau of Fire Protection and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Professionalization Act of 2004. One shall assist in the immediate rehabilitation of individuals or detention prisoners. The City Jail Warden shall ensure that great care is exercised at all times so that the human rights of prisoners are respected and protected, and their spiritual and physical well-being are properly and promptly attended to.

Sec. 50. *The City Schools Division.* – (a) There shall be established and maintained by the Department of Education (DepEd), a city schools division of the City of Capas whose area of jurisdiction will cover all the school districts within the City.

(b) The city schools division shall be headed by a City Schools Division Superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required by the DepEd.

1 provincial vice governor, *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* members and other elective
2 officials for the Province of Tarlac.

3 **Sec. 57. Jurisdiction of the Province of Tarlac.** - The City of Capas shall, unless
4 otherwise provided by law, continue to be under the jurisdiction of the Province of
5 Tarlac.

6 **Sec. 58. Suspension of Increase in Rates of Local Taxes.** - No increase in the
7 rates of local taxes shall be imposed by the City within the period of five (5) years from
8 its acquisition of corporate existence.

9 **Sec. 59. Legislative District.** - Until otherwise provided by law, the City of Capas
10 shall continue to be a part of the Third Legislative District of the Province of Tarlac.

11 **Sec. 60. Applicability of Laws.** - The provisions of the Local Government Code of
12 1991, as amended, and other laws pertaining to the Province of Tarlac and such laws
13 as are applicable shall govern the City of Capas insofar as they are not inconsistent with
14 the provisions of this Act.

15 **Sec. 61. Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision
16 of this Charter shall be held unconstitutional, invalid or inconsistent with the Local
17 Government Code of 1991, as amended, the other parts or provisions hereof which are
18 not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

19 **Sec. 62. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
20 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved: