



**MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
ENVIRONMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES and COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

MARCH 12, 2026

(Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources)

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-007 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE STREAMLINED GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND CLEARANCES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (EIPs) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, CAVITE

The meeting was called to order at 3:21 PM by the Committee Chairperson Glennon I. Pegollo.

The OIC–BPLO Ms. Krizza Paula C. Nazareno, Engr. Rona M. Dela Cruz (Engineering Office), Ms. Christine B. Sierra (MLGOO-DILG), Ms. Aprille Rose Peñarubia (MTO) and SB Member Arnel Milay (Member) was present and participated in the meeting. Councilor

The Committee conducted its **second meeting** relative to Draft Ordinance No. 2026-007 entitled *“An Ordinance Adopting the Streamlined Guidelines for the Issuance of Permits and Clearances for the Implementation of Energy Infrastructure Projects (EIPs) in the Municipality of Naic, Cavite.”*

The Committee recalled that during the previous meeting, the proposed ordinance had already been discussed and several questions were raised regarding certain provisions, particularly **Section 15 – Guidance for the Application for Building Permits and Other Clearances for the Implementation of EIPs**, specifically **Letter (a) – Deferment of Submission of Tax Clearances**.

Upon further deliberation, the Committee noted the provision stating that *“the LGU shall likewise issue a certification in favor of the applicant confirming such exemption.”* It was explained that the LGU is required to issue a certification confirming that the applicant is exempt from the payment of certain fees and local taxes prior to the issuance of the necessary permits and clearances.

The Committee also clarified whether the Municipality will still generate income from this type of project despite the exemption from certain fees and taxes.

It was mentioned that during the previous week, the **MOA between the LGU and Jin Navitas Solaris Inc.** had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture, where it was observed that the Municipality of Naic will still receive benefits through donations and revenue sharing. The MOA provides that **twenty-five percent (25%) of one centavo per kilowatt-hour** shall be allocated

for the **Development and Livelihood Fund (DLF)** and the **Reforestation, Watershed Management, Health and/or Environment Enhancement Fund (RWMHEEF)**, to be distributed as follows:

- Community and People Affected – 5%
- Host Barangay – 20%
- Host Municipality – 35%
- Host Province – 30%
- Host ICC – 5%
- Host Region – 5%

In view thereof, the Committee noted that even if the LGU Naic may not collect certain fees from some EIPs applicants, the Municipality will still receive benefits once the project and the MOA between the LGU and the company are approved.

It was also clarified that the proposed ordinance is based on **Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2025-001 of the DILG**, which provides that if an applicant has a legal franchise or law granting exemption from certain taxes and fees, the LGU must recognize such exemption. As proof, the LGU shall issue a certification confirming the exemption.

During the meeting, the following proposed amendments to the ordinance were discussed:

- **Section 1 (b)** – Include *Certificate of Occupancy* in addition to *Certificate of Use*
- **Section 6 (a)** – Change to *Updated Certified True Copy*
- **Section 6 (e)**
 - - Four (4) copies of cost estimate (labor and materials)
 - - Two (2) copies of structural design and analysis and soil analysis
- **Section 8** – Reduce to one (1) set only of the following:
 - Certificate of Completion
 - Construction Logbook
 - Photocopy of valid license of all professionals
 - Photographs of the structure
 - Yellow card / clearance from electrical service provider
 - Two (2) copies of As-Built Plan

It was also stated that once the **LGU Naic is integrated into the EVOSS System**, applicants shall be required to submit four (4) copies of the required documents.

With respect to the **Business Permit**, the Committee agreed that the existing requirements currently imposed on EIP applicants shall remain.

The Committee also inquired from the DILG whether the LGU may modify the ordinance template provided in the JMC. According to the DILG, the circular serves only as a guideline and the LGU may introduce modifications as necessary, provided that the same remain consistent with the **Building Code** and other existing laws.

The Committee likewise discussed **Section 4 – Implementation of the Energy Virtual One Stop Shop (EVOSS) Act**, and raised the question of whether the EVOSS system must be immediately implemented upon passage of the ordinance. It was clarified that the manual process may continue while EVOSS has not yet been fully implemented, and that the LGU may request assistance from the **Department of Energy** for its implementation.

The creation of an **Energy Officer** position in the LGU was also suggested. However, it was explained that such position may only be created if there is an available plantilla position. The LGU is not required to create such position, provided that an office or personnel is designated to



handle transactions related to energy projects, such as the **Municipal Engineer's Office** and the **BPLO**, which shall monitor the applications.

In summary, the Committee noted that the purpose of the ordinance is to expedite and simplify the process for the issuance of permits and clearances for energy infrastructure projects in accordance with **Republic Act No. 11234**, and to prepare the LGU for integration into the **EVOSS System** with the assistance of the **Department of Energy**.

There being no further matters to discuss, the Committee recommended the adoption and approval of the proposed ordinance.

There being no other matters discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 PM.