



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

JULY 8, 2026

CHAIRPERSON: Hon. Glennon I. Pegollo
VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Hon. Raymond P. Senia
MEMBERS: Hon. Arnel G. Milay
Hon. Darlaine Mae A. Benesen

GUEST: Ms. Ann Galore Ayson,
Municipal Budget Officer

Dr. Kristine D. Roraldo
Municipal Veterinarian

SUBMITTED BY: Irene A. Arviola

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-027 AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING THE NAIC MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTER,
MANDATING RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP,
PROVIDING SYSTEMATIC CONTROL OF STRAY
ANIMALS, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS
THEREOF, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.

The meeting was called to order at 4:51 PM by the Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, chaired by Hon. Glennon I. Pegollo, and convened to deliberate on Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-027, entitled: An Ordinance Establishing the Naic Municipal Animal Shelter, Mandating Responsible Pet Ownership, Providing Systematic Control of Stray Animals, Imposing Penalties for Violations Thereof, and Appropriating Funds for its Operations and Maintenance.

Present during the meeting were SB Member Arnel G. Milay, SB Member Cesar Ryan Nazareno, SK Federation President Darlaine M. Benesen, Ms. Ann Galore Ayson, Municipal Budget Officer, and Dr. Kristine D. Roraldo, Municipal Veterinarian.

The Committee noted that several provisions of the proposed ordinance are already covered by existing laws, including Republic Act No. 9482 (Anti-Rabies Act of 2007), Republic Act No. 8485, as amended (Animal Welfare Act), and the Municipality's existing Anti-Rabies Ordinance.

Dr. Kristine D. Roraldo informed the Committee that the Municipality already maintains an operational Municipal Animal Pound located at Purok Mansanas, Barangay Sabang, Naic, Cavite. However, the facility is not yet fully operational pending the release of supplemental funds for the procurement of euthanasia drugs. Despite this, the Municipal Veterinary Office continues to conduct impounding operations involving stray dogs reported for biting incidents, aggressive behavior, and other threats to public safety.

The Committee was informed that the establishment and maintenance of an Animal Pound is mandated under Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9482, requiring all Local Government Units to operate an Animal Pound as part of their rabies prevention and responsible pet ownership program.



Dr. Roraldo recommended strengthening the existing Municipal Animal Pound instead of establishing a separate Animal Shelter. She emphasized enhancing anti-rabies programs, responsible pet ownership campaigns, mandatory pet registration, and regular spay and neuter activities.

The Committee noted that the Municipality implements an Anti-Rabies Registration Program with a registration fee of ₱50.00 per pet, which includes the issuance of an Anti-Rabies Vaccination Certificate.

The Committee further noted that the Animal Pound currently houses approximately twenty (20) stray dogs. Each cage can accommodate five (5) to six (6) dogs without overcrowding. Dr. Roraldo recommended the rehabilitation and expansion of the existing cages due to damaged structures and inadequate roofing. The Animal Pound is currently maintained by ten (10) Job Order personnel responsible for its daily operations and maintenance.

Ms. Ann Ann Galore Ayson reported that the Office of the Municipal Veterinarian already has an approved annual budget. She further informed the Committee that ₱200,000.00 has been proposed for the improvement of the Animal Pound and that the total budget of the Veterinary Office for Fiscal Year 2026 exceeds ₱3.6 million. Additional rehabilitation or construction projects not included in the approved budget shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Dr. Roraldo explained the distinction between an Animal Pound and an Animal Shelter. She emphasized that the Animal Pound is a facility mandated by law for impounding, quarantine, rabies prevention and control, responsible pet ownership, and animal welfare implementation, while an Animal Shelter primarily serves as a temporary shelter and adoption facility. She expressed the view that strengthening the existing Animal Pound is more practical, legally compliant, and cost-effective than constructing a separate Animal Shelter.

The Committee was informed that impounded stray animals are not immediately subjected to euthanasia. Owners are given the prescribed claiming period, while unclaimed animals may be made available for adoption. Animals involved in biting incidents undergo a 14-day quarantine and observation. If a suspected rabid animal dies during observation, appropriate specimens are submitted to an accredited laboratory for confirmatory rabies testing before any diagnosis is made.

The Committee likewise noted that irresponsible pet ownership remains the primary cause of the increasing stray animal population and rabies risk. The Municipal Veterinarian recommended stricter enforcement of the leash law, mandatory pet registration, stronger public information campaigns, and the imposition of higher penalties for violations.

On the spay and neuter program, the Committee was informed that the current Municipal Ordinance still requires payment for the procedure. The Veterinary Office recommended amending the ordinance to provide the service free of charge. At present, spay and neuter activities are conducted during the World Dog Celebration in March and September in coordination with anti-rabies vaccination activities.

The Committee also noted that the Animal Pound has trained dog catchers, an available service vehicle, and coordination with barangays during impounding operations. Regular operations are conducted twice weekly using catching nets. Once euthanasia drugs become available, the Animal Pound is expected to become fully operational. Each



operation may result in the capture of approximately 20 to 30 stray dogs, highlighting the need for additional cages.

The importance of pet registration was likewise emphasized to facilitate the identification of pet owners. The Committee discussed the possible allocation of funds for dog identification tags and the establishment of an official social media page of the Municipal Veterinary Office to disseminate information on impounded animals, adoption activities, vaccination schedules, and other veterinary services, including the proposed Veterinary Medical Mission.

After extensive discussion, the Municipal Veterinarian recommended revising the proposed ordinance to ensure consistency with existing laws and the current operational needs of the Municipality. The Committee concurred with the recommendation and agreed to review the existing Municipal Ordinance, incorporate the necessary amendments, strengthen the existing Municipal Animal Pound, consider increasing the budget of the Veterinary Office, and support the proposed rehabilitation of the Municipal Animal Pound and the Municipal Slaughterhouse for the continued improvement of the Municipality's animal health and public safety programs.

There being no other matters discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.