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and obligations of the municipality, pursuant to a resolution of the council, in each instance, unless otherwise herein provided.

- (f) *Appointments.* — He shall appoint, by and with the consent of the majority of all the members of the council, the municipal secretary, all nonelective municipal officers and employees that may be provided for by law or by ordinance with the exception of school-teachers, the municipal treasurer, and his subordinates; but the appointment of municipal secretary and chief of police shall be subject to the approval of the provincial governor.
- (g) *Nominations.* — He shall make all nominations at the first meeting of the council after assuming the duties of his office except for those offices and employments in which a vacancy may occur during his term. In case the council shall reject any of the nominations made by him, he shall be entitled to appeal to the provincial board whose decision shall be final. In case a vacancy occurs in any of the above named offices during the term of office of the president, he shall submit a nomination to the council at the first regular meeting after the occurrence of the vacancy.
- (h) *Judicial proceedings.* — He shall cause to be instituted judicial proceedings to recover property and funds of the municipality wherever found or otherwise to protect the interests of the municipality, and shall cause to be defended all suits against the municipality, subject to the approval of the municipal council.
- (i) *Public order, calamities, and so forth.* — He shall issue orders relating to the police or to public safety, and orders for the purpose of avoiding conflagrations, floods, and the effects of storms or other public calamities.
- (j) *Collection of taxes.* — He shall assist the provincial treasurer and his deputies in the collection of taxes.
- (k) *Judicial powers.* — He shall act as *ex officio* justice of the peace for the municipality in the absence of the justice and auxiliary justice of the peace therein, subject to the provisions and limitations of general law. Fees collected by him while acting as justice of the peace shall be covered into the municipal treasury.
- (l) *Inspection of barrios.* — He shall at least once every three months visit every barrio within the municipality.