

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL
CITY OF BAYAWAN
Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BAYAWAN, NEGROS ORIENTAL ON JUNE 18, 2013 AT 2 O'CLOCK P.M AT THE SP SESSION HALL.

RECORDS OF ATTENDANCE

Hon. Ismael P. Martinez	(Presiding Officer)	Present
Hon. Victoriano D. Alabastro		On Leave
Hon. Ernesto T. Tijing		Present
Hon. Mark Anthony A. Duque		Present
Hon. Francis Floyd B. Araula		Present
Hon. Peter Paul F. Renacia		Present
Hon. Alex D. Tizon		Present
Hon. Danilo G. Lamis		Present
Hon. Mark Fidencio L. Aurelia		Present
Hon. Sharlou F. Jamin		Present
Hon. Luis J. Sumalpong		On-Leave
Hon. Jonas M. Trias	(Vice Pres, LNMB)	Present
Hon. Alsheiba T. Ceniza	(SK Federated Pres.)	Present

RESOLUTION NO. 444

"WHEREAS, Resolution No. 407 dated August 14, 2003 facilitated the declaration of Bayawan City as a Character City, the creation of the Character City Coalition and thereby sustained its Character First! Bayawanihan Program as an innovative approach to the mandate of RA 6713 – The Code of Conduct & Ethical Standards of Government Officials and Employees, which strictly defines ethics and moral conduct in relation to the notion of "Public Office is a Public Trust!", and locally translates Proclamation No. 62 dated September 30, 1992 declaring a Moral Recovery Program to strengthen the moral resources of the Filipino people rooted in Filipino culture, values and ideals that are pro God, pro people, pro country and pro nature;

"WHEREAS, the said program supports RA 8425 – The Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Act empowering every poor Filipino family to meet its minimum basic needs, participation in governance, and family care and psycho-social integrity; institutionalizing Social Reform Agenda, that shall address the fight against poverty through a multi-dimensional and cross-sectoral approach which recognizes and respects the core values, cultural integrity, and spiritual diversity of target sectors and communities, and the Presidential Proclamation No. 828, Declaring a Decade (2005-2015) of Good Governance and Good Citizenship to Fight Corruption and to Eradicate Poverty;

"WHEREAS, the Character First! Program that has evolved to the City's Character First! Bayawanihan Program dubbed as the "Mother of all Programs" shall facilitate an integrative sustainable development initiatives thru the promotion of the city's core values – SECURES, in response to Philippine Agenda 21 that, "*The existence and recognition of the three key actors in multi-stakeholder or counterparting processes, in turn, point to an equally significant reality: the functional differentiation (not division) of modern society into three realms, interacting with but independent from each other. These three essential societal dimensions - economy, polity, and culture, are the realms where the key sectors are active and from which the actors derive the substance for their dialogue and interaction with each other.... Business is the key actor in the realm of the economy; Government is the key actor in the realm of polity; and Civil society is the key actor in realm of culture... The three key actors in sustainable development can simply be viewed as the most organized and significant representatives of the prevailing social processes in each of the three essential dimensions of society.*", encompassing all the sectors of the constituency for the enhancement of local government competencies in governance in the advent of Performance Governance System (PGS), and people's participation in making governance a shared responsibility through responsible citizenship promotion;

"WHEREAS, the creation of a Character First! Bayawanihan Council will provide an avenue for mutual consultation between the local government and the different sectors, a venue for dialogue to arrive at a consensus with the sectors on development issues;

"WHEREAS, the creation of the Character First! Bayawanihan Coordinating Office is imperative to ensure the effective implementation of the Character First! Bayawanihan Ordinance;

“WHEREAS, during the Character First! Bayawanihan Coalition Assembly held on August 7, 2007 at the Annex Function Hall, City Hall Compound, the sectors as represented by their officers had the opportunity for the reporting the sectoral milestones after which the salient provisions of this Ordinance was presented having gone through various consultations and revisions; and was duly approved by the body for endorsement to the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

“WHEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Councilor Renacia and duly seconded by Honorable Councilor Aurelia, the Council

“RESOLVED, To enact, as it hereby enacts the following ordinance, to wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 28

AN ORDINANCE INTITUTIONALIZING THE CHARACTER FIRST! BAYAWANIHAN

Be it ordained that:

SECTION 1. TITLE: This ordinance shall likewise be known as “The Institutionalization of the Character First! Bayawanihan Program as well as the Creation of the Character First! Bayawanihan Council and Coordinating Office Ordinance”.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS: As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Civil Society – any non-government organization, people’s organization, a cooperative, labor union, or any aggrupation belonging to the same sector or sharing a common interest, whose primary concern is the advocacy of sectoral issues; and/or the realization of specific development objectives for sector or the promotion of their common interest; provided the organizations of government employees shall not qualify as a civil society under this ordinance.
- b. Partnership shall mean collaboration in the conception/formulation of the City Government plans and evaluation of activities and functions.
- c. Partisan politics for purposes of this ordinance shall refer to any activity statement or manifestation which solely or primarily serves to campaign for or against any particular political party or any candidate for any elective public office.
- d. “Bayawanihan” – a word coined from the word “Bayawan” and “Bayanihan” which refers to the spirit of communal unity or effort to achieve a particular objective. It is understood as being heroes for one another.
- e. Public Governance System (PGS) – expounds governance as a shared responsibility founded on transparency, accountability, fairness and participation of the citizenry.
- f. Core values – the fundamental moral values of Bayawanons, aptly branded as the “Bayawanihan” way of life represented by the acronym: “S-E-C-U-R-E-S” – Spirituality, Excellence, Creativity, Unity, Responsible-Citizenship, Environment-Friendly & Self-Reliance.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES: The City Government of Bayawan, a component city of the province of Negros Oriental, in implementation of this ordinance shall at all times adhere to the following principles:

- a. The will of the people shall always reign supreme, expressed through effective consultative and feedback mechanism, where governance is a shared responsibility with the civil society working harmoniously in the spirit of unity and purpose, for the general welfare and for a progressive Bayawan City.
- b. The basic tenets of good governance of Transparency, Accountability and Participatory processes shall be upheld for all purposes in governance.
- c. Adherence and promotion of City’s core values of Spirituality, Excellence, Creativity, Unity, Responsible Citizenship, Environment Friendly and Self-sufficiency (S_E_C_U_R_E_S) shall be our strong foundation towards the attainment of the city vision to become “A major Agro-industrial Center in Central Visayas and a Learning Site for Environmental Best Practices, where a resilient and secure community of God-loving, self-reliant and empowered Bayawanons live in a clean, safe and

balanced environment, with a competitive, diversified and environment-friendly agricultural economy, under a dynamic, decent and well-governed local government.”.

- d. Foster the Character First! Bayawanihan culture for the development of responsible citizenship and adherence to good governance principles where the Bayawanihan spirit flourish emanating from the government service sector and empower as it cascade to other sectors of the community to be responsible and productive.

SECTION 4. CREATION OF THE CF! BAYAWANIHAN COUNCIL: There is hereby created the Character First! Bayawanihan Council, to be composed of the government, business and civil society:

a. Government

- i. Chairperson: The Honorable City Mayor
- ii. 1st Co-chairperson (for the Government): The Honorable City Vice Mayor
- iii. SP Chairperson of the Committee on Education
- iv. SP Chairperson of the Committee on Tourism
- v. The City Administrator
- vi. The DILG CLGOO
- vii. The President of the Association of Barangay Captains (ABC)
- viii. The Office of the Strategy Management Head
- ix. The Schools Division Superintendent
- x. NORSU Administrator

b. Business

- i. Five membership slots shall be reserved to be filled-up by representatives from the business sector, who would elect among themselves the 2nd Co-Chairperson for the Business Sector/Society.

c. Civil Society

- i. Five other membership slots shall be reserved to be filled-up by representatives from the Bayawanihan Coalition/Federation, with whom the coalition/federation chairperson will serve as the 3rd Co-Chairperson for the Civil Society.

SECTION 5. FUNCTIONS OF CHARACTER FIRST! BAYAWANIHAN COUNCIL:

- a. Formulate policies and programs for endorsement to the Sangguniang Panlungsod to promote productivity, public service, advance the core values of the city and enhance responsible citizenship in accordance with the Declaration of Principles under Section 3 of this Ordinance;
- b. Provide the framework for cooperation between the City Government and the Character First! Bayawanihan sectors, a venue for dialogue and synergy to precipitate in the realization of the City vision to become “A major Agro-industrial Center in Central Visayas and a Learning Site for Environmental Best Practices, where a resilient and secure community of God-loving, self-reliant and empowered Bayawanons live in a clean, safe and balanced environment, with a competitive, diversified and environment-friendly agricultural economy, under a dynamic, decent and well-governed local government.”
- c. Review and propose amendments to the Character First! Bayawanihan Ordinance for relevance and applicability to further strengthen and support the Character First! Bayawanihan program;
- d. Support coordinative policies with the Performance Governance System (PGS) to facilitate sectoral commitment for the PGS targets;
- e. Regularly meet to discuss and treat current issues and concerns relating to the Character First! Bayawanihan Program and its advocacies;
- f. Review and propose strategies for the effective implementation and management of the Character First! Bayawanihan Program.

SECTION 6. NON-PARTISAN NATURE OF THE CHARACTER FIRST! BAYAWANIHAN COUNCIL: The Character First! Bayawanihan Council shall not engage in, or allow itself or its organizations to be used for purposes of partisan politics and shall adopt such measures so as to ensure that it is adequately shielded from any political partisanship or influence.

SECTION 7. THE ROLE OF THE CHARACTER FIRST! BAYAWANIHAN SECTORS: The Character First! Bayawanihan Sectors shall, in partnership with the city government through the Character First! Bayawanihan program promote and advance the general development agenda of their respective sector through coordinative efforts and cooperation to promote productivity, community service, patriotism and self-esteem.

SECTION 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARACTER FIRST! BAYAWANIHAN COORDINATING OFFICE: The Character First! Bayawanihan Coordinating Office shall be created under the office of the City Mayor to provide technical assistance to the Character First! Bayawanihan Council and the sectors on all matters relevant to the Character First! Bayawanihan and to implement the Character First! Bayawanihan Program. Personnel from other department/offices shall be designated to augment the needed staff complement of the Character First! Bayawanihan Office to serve as the Secretariat for all Character First! Bayawanihan programs and activities.

SECTION 9. FUNDING: An annual budget of Php2,000,000.00 shall be appropriated to sustain the operation of the Character First! Bayawanihan Coordinating Office and for the implementation of the Character First! Bayawanihan programs in support of its advocacy, community organizing, institutional capability-building, consensus building and other activities; which may be increased thereafter.

SECTION 10. CF! BAYAWANIHAN MONTH: The Character First! Bayawanihan Month shall be celebrated in the month of September each year and henceforth thereafter.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE: All resolutions, ordinances and executive issuances, or provisions thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions hereof are hereby accordingly repealed, amended and /or modified.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE: Should any provision of this Ordinance be subsequently declared unconstitutional or *ultra vires*, the rest of the provisions not so declared shall remain to be in full force and effect.


SECTION 13. This ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the provisions of R. A. 7160, the LGC of 1991.

“Enacted.”

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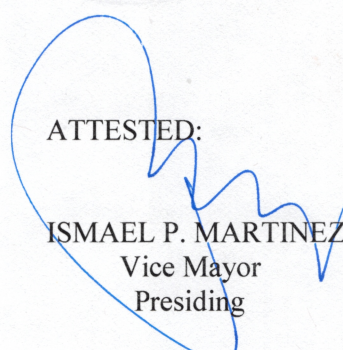
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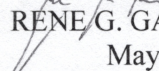
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JULIUS T. ESPARTERO
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

APPROVED: JUN 28 2013

ATTESTED:


ISMAEL P. MARTINEZ
Vice Mayor
Presiding


RENE G. GAUDIEL
Mayor

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- The Honorable Provincial Board, Dumaguete City