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Excerpt from the journal of the 17th Regular Session of the 11th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor El Cid M. Familiaran	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	
Councilor Israel P. Salanga	
Councilor Cindy T. Rojas	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Vladimir S. Gonzalez	
Councilor Renecito S. Novero	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	
Councilor Simplicia Z. Distrito	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	
Councilor Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor	

RESOLUTION NO. 971
Series of 2022

RESOLUTION MOST RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES OR AGENCIES TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE ALL EVICTION AND DEMOLITION ORDERS AND PROCEEDINGS WITHOUT FIRST REFERRING THESE MATTERS TO THE BACOLOD CITY HOUSING BOARD, HAVING BEEN VESTED WITH POWERS AND AUTHORITY AS THE OFFICIAL CLEARING HOUSE OF ALL EVICTION AND DEMOLITION CASES AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 28 OF R.A. 7279, EXECUTIVE ORDER 708, SERIES OF 2008 AND DILG MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 2008-143, AS AMENDED, AND MORE PARTICULARLY CITY ORDINANCE 593, SERIES OF 2012, WHICH CREATED THE BACOLOD CITY HOUSING BOARD.

Upon motion of Councilor Vladimir S. Gonzalez, jointly seconded by Councilors Renecito S. Novero and Celia Matea R. Flor, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the rapid rise and development of Bacolod City had opened vast opportunities not only for economic growth, livelihood and employment, but for an unprecedented rush in urban migration from the impoverished countryside population, seeking their luck in the city. Most of these migrants found their way into urban slums due to lack of financial capacity to acquire some form of legal tenurial right over a small piece of land to build a modest home;



WHEREAS, Bacolod City urban development had also paved the way for urban land values to increase, speculations over future land development to rise, rapid government infrastructure projects, and thereby creating in stiff competition over limited land resources for commercial, industrial, private subdivisions and other land uses and housing for the Informal Settler Families (ISFs);

WHEREAS, this situation had created misery and immeasurable economic, political, social, cultural, and environmental problems in Bacolod City, such as, illegal squatting and the continuous growth informal settler communities on public and private lands, easements and danger zones, and consequently, poverty, crimes, flooding and other environmental hazards, among others;

WHEREAS, the new City Government, in line with vision of the new Administration of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., that no Filipino shall be homeless in their own Country, the Administration of Mayor Alfredo Abelardo B. Benetiz, true to its campaign promise, had committed itself to an ISF free Bacolod by 2028;

WHEREAS, when the New Administration took over the reign of the government in Bacolod City, a population of 50,000 Informal Settler Families (ISFs), and still growing, is looking forward for a solution to the decades old challenges of illegal squatting in private and public lands, public easements and even water ways and danger zones. On almost weekly basis, the City government is being confronted by complaints and requests for assistances from ISFs facing notices and orders for evictions;

WHEREAS, in the face of this Herculean challenges, the City Government had almost exhausted all available City lands for ISF settlements, and is now in an urgent responsibility and obligation to find and acquire available lands for urban resettlements, and, as an important requisite, it is now in the process of availing a loan for this program/project from the Land Bank of the Philippines for land acquisition, site and housing development, which of course can not be done overnight;

WHEREAS, while the City Government most sincerely and respectfully recognize and respect the inherent and legal rights of private and public land owners, as well as, the powers and authority of government administrative bodies or agencies, such as but not limited to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), they are most respectfully requested to grant the City Government an ample time to acquire and develop new resettlement sites;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to most respectfully request the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and other government administrative bodies or agencies to hold in abeyance all eviction and demolition orders and proceedings without first referring these matters to the Bacolod City Housing Board, having been vested with powers and authority as the official clearing house of all eviction and demolition cases as provided for in Section 28 of R.A. 7279, Executive Order 708, Series of 2008 and DILG Memorandum Circular 2008-143, as amended, and more particularly City Ordinance 593, Series of 2012, which created the Bacolod City Housing Board.

Two handwritten signatures in black ink, one on the left and one on the right, positioned at the bottom right of the page.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be immediately furnished to all identified government bodies or agencies, and particularly, the DPWH.


CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

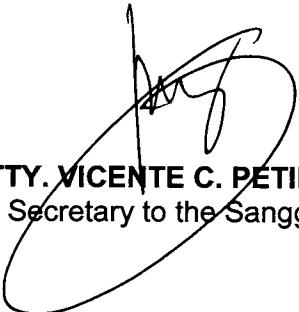
Councilors : Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Israel P. Salanga, Cindy T. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Al Victor A. Espino, Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Renecito S. Novero, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Celia Matea R. Flor, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.

Negative : N o n e .

Comments : P a s s e d .


EL CID M. FAMINARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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