

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD**

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Excerpt from the journal of the 69<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the 11<sup>th</sup> Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, October 24, 2023 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 Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor	

**OFFICIAL LEAVE:**

Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen  
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor

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**RESOLUTION NO. 913  
Series of 2023**

**RESOLUTION EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT TO REVIEW THEIR POLICY CONCERNING INTELLIGENCE FUNDS AND CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS IN LIGHT OF THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MANDATE.**

Upon motion of Councilor Renecito S. Novero, jointly seconded by Floor Leader Al Victor A. Espino, Councilors Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella and Vladimir S. Gonzalez, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

**RESOLVED to pass the following Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, there are currently brewing issues involving intelligence funds and confidential funds of certain government agencies and offices;

**WHEREAS**, the sovereign Filipino people are entitled to know how their money is used by these offices and agencies that are duty bound to serve them;

**WHEREAS**, if not properly checked these moneys could be "unintelligently" spent and "confidentially" wasted to the incalculable detriment of the Filipino people at large;



**WHEREAS**, Article IX-D, Section 2 (1) of the Philippine Constitution states that: the Commission on Audit shall have the power, authority, and duty to examine, audit, and settle all accounts pertaining to the revenue and receipts of, and expenditures or uses of funds and property, owned or held in trust by, or pertaining to, the Government, or any of its subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, including government-owned or controlled corporations with original charters, and on a post- audit basis:

- a) constitutional bodies, commissions and offices that have been granted fiscal autonomy under this Constitution;
- b) autonomous state colleges and universities;
- c) other government-owned or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries; and
- a) such non-governmental entities receiving subsidy or equity, directly or indirectly, from or through the Government, which are required by law or the granting institution, to submit to such audit as a condition of subsidy or equity.

However, where the internal control system of the audited agencies is inadequate, the Commission may adopt such measures, including temporary or special pre-audit, as are necessary and appropriate to correct the deficiencies. It shall keep the general accounts of the Government and, for such period as may be provided by law, preserve the vouchers and other supporting papers pertaining thereto".

**WHEREAS**, Article IX-D, Section 2 (2) of the Philippine Constitution states: " ... The Commission shall have exclusive authority, subject to the limitations in this Article, to define the scope of its audit and examination, establish the techniques and methods required therefor, and promulgate accounting and auditing rules and regulations, including those for the prevention and disallowance of irregular, unnecessary, excessive, extravagant, or unconscionable (IUUEU) expenditures or uses of government funds and properties";

**WHEREAS**, Article IX-D, Section 3 of the Philippine Constitution states that "No law shall be passed exempting any entity of the Government or its subsidiaries in any guise whatever, or any investment of public funds, from the jurisdiction of the Commission on Audit;

**WHEREAS**, Article IX-D, Section 4 of the Philippine Constitution requires that " The Commission shall submit to the President and the Congress, within the time fixed by law, an annual report covering the financial condition and operation of the Government, its subdivisions, agencies, and instrumentalities, including government-owned or controlled corporations, and non-governmental entities subject to its audit, and recommend measures necessary to improve their effectiveness and efficiency. It shall submit such other reports as may be required by law";

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of RA 6713 mandates that:

"Public officials and employees shall at all times be accountable to the people and shall discharge their duties with utmost responsibility, integrity, competence, and loyalty, act with patriotism and justice, lead modest lives, and uphold public interest over personal interest."

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**WHEREAS**, Section 27, Article II of the Philippine Constitution mandate that:

"SECTION 27. The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption."

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City to review their policy concerning intelligence funds and confidential funds in light of their Constitutional and legal mandate as above quoted and to recommend to Congress appropriate measures that will ensure the responsible use of intelligence and confidential funds to the end that they shall be beneficial to the Filipino people at large and thus avoid the abuse of the funds by the select group of users thereof;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to furnish copies of this Resolution to the Local, Regional and Central Offices of the Commission on Audit, the Office of the Ombudsman, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives with dispatch.

**CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:**

Affirmative:

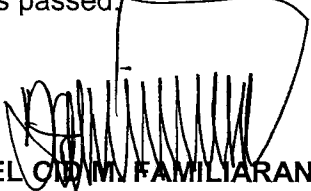
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Negative : N o n e .

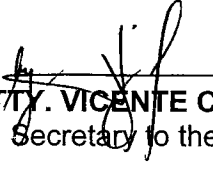
Comments : P a s s e d .

Councilors Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson and Israel P. Salanga were not around when this Resolution was passed.

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ELPIDIO M. FAMILIARAN  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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