

Republic of the Philippines
Quezon City
23rd CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 1st SPECIAL SESSION

held on

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025, AT THE SESSION HALL

City Vice Mayor GIAN G. SOTTO - Presiding Officer

The following were present:

1st DISTRICT

Councilor Tany Joe “Tj” L. Calalay, *2nd Asst. Minority Floor Leader*
Councilor Bernard R. Herrera, *President Pro-Tempore*
Councilor Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., *Minority Floor Leader*
Councilor Joseph P. Juico
Councilor Charm M. Ferrer, CPA, MPA, JD, *3rd Asst. Majority Floor Leader*
Councilor Nicole “Nikki” V. Crisologo

2nd DISTRICT

Councilor Mikey F. Belmonte
Councilor Candy A. Medina,
Councilor Atty. Voltaire Godofredo “Bong” Liban III, *2nd Asst. Majority Floor Leader*
Councilor Aly Medalla, *Majority Floor Leader*
Councilor Dave C. Valmocina
Councilor Ranulfo “Tatay Rannie” Z. Ludovica

3rd DISTRICT

Councilor Geleen “Dok G” Lumbad
Councilor Atty. Christoffer Allan “Tope” Liquigan
Councilor Albert Alvin “Chuckie” L. Antonio III, *1st Asst. Majority Floor Leader*
Councilor Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay
Councilor Don S. De Leon, *1st Asst. Minority Floor Leader*
Councilor Luigi D. Pumaren

4th DISTRICT

Councilor Atty. Vicente Belmonte Jr.
Councilor Edgar “Egay” G. Yap
Councilor Nanette Castelo Daza
Councilor Imee Rillo
Councilor Atty. Jesus Miguel Suntay
Councilor Raquel S. Malañgen

5th DISTRICT

Councilor Joseph Joe Visaya
Councilor Aiko Melendez
Councilor Alfred Vargas, MPA
Councilor Karl Edgar Castelo
Councilor Shaira “Shay” L. Liban
Councilor Ram V. Medalla

6th DISTRICT

Councilor Maria Eleanor “Doc Ellie” R. Juan, O.D.
Councilor Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar
Councilor Kristine Alexia Matias, RN
Councilor Victor “Vic” D. Bernardo
Councilor Vito Sotto Generoso
Councilor Erwin Rey “Cocoy” A. Medina

SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES

Councilor Jose Maria “Mari” M. Rodriguez, *President, Liga ng mga Barangay, Quezon City Chapter*
Councilor Jhon Angelli “Sami” C. Neri, *President, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation, Quezon City Chapter*

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I. OPENING PRAYER

Councilor Suntay led the opening prayer.

II. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Community Singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

III. COUNCILORS' CREED

The members of the City Council recited the Philippine Councilors' Creed led by Councilor Castelo (Karl).

IV. CALL TO ORDER

The 1st Special Session was called to order at 2:42 P.M. by the Presiding Officer, Vice Mayor Gian G. Sotto.

V. ROLL CALL

Having called the roll, the Secretary to the Sanggunian, Atty. Alferos, pronounced that all the thirty-nine (39) council members were present, viz: physically present in the session hall: Councilors Juico, Atty. Liban (Bong), Medalla (Aly), Pumaren, Castelo-Daza, Atty. Suntay, Castelo (Karl), Bernardo, and the Presiding Officer, Vice Mayor Sotto; and live via Zoom: Councilors Calalay, Herrera, Delarmente, Ferrer, Crisologo, Belmonte (Mikey), Medina (Candy), Valmocina, Ludovica, Lumbad, Atty. Liquigan, Antonio, Lagumbay, De Leon, Atty. Belmonte (Vicente), Yap, Rillo, Malañgen, Visaya, Melendez, Vargas, Liban (Shay), Medalla (Ram), Juan, Pilar, Matias, Generoso, Medina (Cocoy), Rodriguez, and Neri

There being a quorum, the Presiding Officer declared the session in order.

VI. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

A. BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

1. FOR FIRST READING AND/OR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S:

PR23CC-054 – A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF CALAMITY IN QUEZON CITY DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF SEVERE TROPICAL STORM WIPHA (CRISING) AND THE ENHANCED SOUTHWEST MONSOON (HABAGAT), AUTHORIZING THE UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE CITY AND BARANGAY CALAMITY FUNDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (*Introduced by Councilors ALY MEDALLA and ALFRED VARGAS, MPA*)

The Majority Floor Leader, Councilor Aly Medalla, moved for the approval of PR23CC-054 on its first, second, and third reading.

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Proceeding with the discussion, the Lady Proponent relayed that the City Council received a resolution recommending the declaration of the state of calamity for Quezon City due to severe Tropical Storm "Crising." As mentioned by the QCDRRM Council, led by Mayor Joy Belmonte and Ms. Bianca Perez of the QCDRRMO, there is a need to declare a state of calamity, based on the latest consolidated report of said office. She then reported that, currently, there are a total of 7,790 families with about 27,095 individuals across 51 barangays out of 142 barangays of the city which have been severely affected by the Tropical Storm "Crising"; said numbers are continuing to increase as the search and rescue validation and damage assessment operations are still ongoing; there are about four (4) missing individuals; and one (1) waiting for the declaration of death. She stressed that the declaration of the state of calamity will enable the local government to utilize its Quick Response Fund under the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund and other resources to support the relief, recovery, and rehabilitation efforts of the city.

In addition, the Majority Floor Leader emphasized that the recommendation for the state of calamity is following the parameters set under the NDRRMC Memorandum Order No. 60, S-2025, stating that at least fifteen percent (15%) of the population is affected. She stated that with 51 barangays suffering the impacts of flooding, it is already justified; there is disruption of lifelines, forced and preemptive evacuations across different barangays, ongoing search and rescue, relief, and damage assessment operations. As such, there is indeed a need for the immediate utilization of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund, specifically the Quick Response Fund.

To conclude, the good Councilor expressed her gratitude to the Presiding Officer, Vice Mayor Sotto, for immediately responding to the needs of their constituents as well as for the complete attendance of the city councilors in the day's special session.

Similarly, the Presiding Officer thanked all the members of the 23rd City Council for attending the day's special session. They are working closely with the QCDRRMO and beloved Mayor Joy Belmonte. His Honor again enjoined everyone to continue to pray for the city and the whole country, which was affected by this calamity.

Thereafter, the period of discussions was terminated due to no other manifestation, and the following amendments were adopted:

- To include two (2) additional whereas clauses indicating the numbers of affected individuals and that multiple barangays have been placed under preemptive and forced evacuation due to rising flood waters, with evacuation centers at full capacity and continuous relief operations being conducted; and
- To include all councilors of the 23rd City Council as introducers of the measure.

Finally, on motion, duly seconded, **PR23CC-054** was **APPROVED** on its second and third readings, as amended.

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VII. CLOSING PRAYER

Councilor Pumaren led the closing prayer.

Shortly before the adjournment, Vice Mayor Sotto thanked the City Council members, the staff of the QCDRRMO, OSSP, legislative and councilors, City Mayor's Office, and working individuals, urging continued prayers for families and the nation, and praised the efforts of all involved.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items to be discussed, on motion, duly seconded, the day's special session was adjourned.

SESSION ADJOURNED: 2:52 P.M.

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City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer