

Republic of the Philippines
Quezon City
23rd CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 21st REGULAR SESSION

held on

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 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
Councilor Dave C. Valmocina

3rd DISTRICT

Councilor Geleen “Dok G” Lumbad*
Councilor Atty. Christoffer Allan “Tope” Liquigan
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 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 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*

*arrived after the roll call

Absent:

Councilor Ranulfo “Tatay Rannie” Z. Ludovica
Councilor Albert Alvin “Chuckie” L. Antonio III, *1st Asst. Majority Floor Leader*
Councilor Imee Rillo
Councilor Kristine Alexia Matias, RN

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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 Malañgen.

IV. CALL TO ORDER

The 21st Regular Session was called to order at 2:33 P.M. by the Presiding Officer, Vice Mayor Gian G. Sotto.

V. ROLL CALL

The Secretariat, Atty. Duero, called the roll.

The following council members were present during the roll call, namely: Councilors Calalay, Herrera, Delarmente, Juico, Ferrer, Crisologo, Belmonte (Mikey) Medina (Candy), Atty. Liban (Bong), Medalla (Aly), Valmocina, Atty. Liquigan, Lagumbay, Pumaren, Atty. Belmonte (Vicente), Yap, Castelo Daza, Suntay, Malañgen, Visaya, Melendez, Vargas, Castelo (Karl), Liban (Shay), Medalla (Ram), Juan, Pilar, Bernardo, Generoso, Medina (Cocoy), Rodriguez, Neri, and the Presiding Officer, Vice Mayor Sotto.

There being a quorum, the Body proceeded with the order of business.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 19th REGULAR SESSION, HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2025

There being no correction, observation, and modification, on motion, duly seconded, the minutes of the 19th Regular Session, held on October 15, 2025 was **APPROVED**.

VII. INFORMATIONAL MATTER

1. LETTER FROM MR. FRANCIS DINO S. ANTONIO, HEAD, REGULATORY LEGAL CASE MANAGEMENT OFFICE – MERALCO, REQUESTING FOR A CERTIFICATION ON THE ACTUAL POSTING OF THE ORDER AND NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING FOR THEIR APPLICATION, DOCKETED AS ERC CASE NO. 2025-163 RC: FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH FIRST QUEZON BIOGAS CORP., FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY AND/OR INTERIM RELIEF AND MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION.

NOTED.

Meanwhile, Vice Mayor Sotto yielded the Chair to Councilor Herrera.

VIII. PRIVILEGE HOUR

Vice Mayor Gian G. Sotto raised his concern regarding the fire that happened at the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) office in Quezon City at 12:39 P.M., still verifying the alarm status as of the time of his speech. But before proceeding with his Privilege Speech, His Honor requested the Secretariat to read the information he got for the sake of the understanding of everyone and read as *“INCIDENT: Fire; LOCATION: DPWH, NIA Road, Barangay Pinyahan; WHEN: October 22, 2025; INVOLVE: Commercial; SITUATION’S REVIEW: Emergency Operations Center received a report from Quezon City Fire Department regarding a fire incident at DPWH, NIA Road, Barangay Pinyahan at 12:39 P.M.; alarm status: 12:39 P.M. out for verification; 12:50 P.M. first alarm by SFO1 Pulido, Andrew; 12:51 P.M. second alarm by SFO1 Pulido, Andrew, L.; 12:56 P.M. third alarm by SFO1 Pulido, Andrew, L. and 1:34 P.M. fire under control, FSSupt. Rodrigo Reyes; 1:49 P.M. fire out for FSSupt. Rodrigo Reyes. Casualties - none as of the time reported, cost of damage - none as of the time reported, affected population - none as of the time reported. Action taken: Coordinated with Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Team for Medical Assistance at 12:40 P.M., it was acknowledged by the Assistant Deputy Marquez. Rescue Ambulance Angel 1 proceeding on site at 12:57 P.M., arrived at 1:05 P.M., and Rescue 1 proceeding on site at 1:09 P.M. and arrived at 1:15 P.M. Coordinated with Search and Rescue (SAR) Team for appropriate action at 12:40 P.M., it was acknowledged by Deputy Calalay. Rescue Pick-up Victor III proceeding on site at 12:56 P.M. arrived at 1:01 P.M. Spartan I proceeding on site at 1:09 P.M. and arrived at 1:15 P.M. Coordinated with Barangay Pinyahan to verify the incident at 12.41 P.M. and acknowledged by Secretary Joy, three (3) ambulance crew dispatched and three (3) barangay staff. Coordinated with the Traffic and Transport Management Department (TTMD) for traffic assistance and acknowledged by Mr. Joel Cacabelo at 12:40 P.M., and five (5) personnel proceeded on site. Coordinated with the Department of Public Order and Safety Quick Response Team (DPOS-QRT) for appropriate action at 12:55 P.M., it was acknowledged by Mr. Sabado, and two personnel proceeded on site. SAR team dispatched Rescue Pick-Up Victor 7 proceeded on site for additional manpower at 1:43 P.M.”*

After which, Vice Mayor Sotto thanked God for the quick response of the fire team to the DPWH fire incident, which resulted in no casualties based on the initial information received. The fire started at 12:39 P.M. and was declared out at 1:49 P.M. The information on the affected population and the cost of damage from the fire is still being gathered.

His Honor apologized for not providing a written copy of his privilege speech but emphasized the importance of immediate attention to the incident, given recent events involving the national government.

Vice Mayor Sotto stressed that while the Quezon City Local Government Unit continues to work faithfully for God and for the people, he could not remain silent regarding the said fire incident at the DPWH — the main agency currently under investigation by lawmakers and by the entire country, despite having a hoarse voice for the past two weeks. His Honor humbly asked the members of the City Council to look into the incident, emphasizing that remaining silent and simply following a longstanding system may also continue to mislead the public.

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His Honor reflected on his tenure as a Councilor since 2010, and as Vice Mayor since 2019, various sectors that they serve and work with seek honest service. He addressed the City Council, stressing that meaningful change must originate from within the Council itself to enhance the lives of the constituents, who keenly observe their actions. He conveyed a strong desire to seek solutions to the said entrenched system.

Vice Mayor Sotto commended Mayor Joy Belmonte for performing her duties, gathering necessary data to identify problems in the city concerning the DPWH. The Speaker added that the fire incident served as a reminder to strengthen their advocacy for good governance through legislation. Thus, His Honor proposed the activation of the Committee on Blue Ribbon and Ethics to investigate the cause of the fire, especially amid the ongoing investigation of the national government.

His Honor expressed that while he had much to say, so as not to get carried away by his emotion, he chose just to address what is needed. Again, he encouraged the members of the City Council to assist in investigating the cause of the DPWH fire and to determine accountability, if someone was involved.

His Honor expressed confidence that the members of the City Council would continue to stand up for what is right, not only in the eyes of people, but in the eyes of God. He called for the collective effort of the councilors to join in the fight against corruption in Quezon City.

Councilor Juico expressed his full support for Vice Mayor Sotto, stressing that Quezon City is currently “under a microscope” following the DPWH fire incident. Encouraged investigation under the Committee on Blue Ribbon and Ethics, headed by Councilor Herrera, so that the city may be part of the solution rather than the problem.

Councilor Generoso also manifested his full support for Vice Mayor Sotto, leading to the achievement of a transparent Quezon City.

Councilor Melendez likewise expressed her full support for the Vice Mayor’s initiative against corruption. She emphasized the importance of unity among the councilors and their commitment to fighting corruption, noting that Quezon City is recognized as one of the top cities in the country for good governance under Mayor Josefina G. Belmonte and Vice Mayor Gian G. Sotto.

The Majority Floor Leader affirmed the City Council’s commitment to assist in any investigation that seeks to uncover the truth regarding the fire incident.

Councilor Bernardo also expressed his support to the Vice Mayor’s privilege speech and highlighted the ongoing public scrutiny of the DPWH over the past several months. Hence, emphasized the need for an investigation.

Councilor Ferrer also manifested her full support and appealed that all councilors would participate in the investigation in the Committee on Blue Ribbon and Ethics, since the issue concerns the public and the welfare of their constituents.

Councilor Yap likewise expressed full support and stated that his volunteer fire truck was the first to arrive at the fire scene. Hence, their cooperation and willingness to provide statements if needed during the investigation.

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Councilor Liban (Bong) supported the Vice Mayor’s call for transparent governance. He stressed the need for a proper investigation before drawing conclusions. Thus, he suggested to invite the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) to determine if foul play occurred.

Presiding Officer (Councilor Bernard Herrera) commended the Vice Mayor’s courage and affirmed his support. As Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Committee, he assured the investigation would begin in aid of legislation and encouraged all councilors to participate.

Again, Vice Mayor Gian Sotto stated that he does not judge others, but is just trying to work to make things right in his own life and to serve God by serving others. He emphasized the importance of conducting a thorough investigation to determine if there was any foul play. He stressed that any act of putting silence to end corruption is unacceptable to him and to the people of Quezon City.

Meanwhile, **the Acting Presiding Officer (Councilor Bernard Herrera) relinquished the Chair to Vice Mayor Gian Sotto.**

After which, as moved by the Majority Floor Leader, the foregoing speech was **REFERRED to the Committee on Blue Ribbon and Ethics.**

IX. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

A. FOR THIRD & FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AND CONFIRMATION OF A RESOLUTION (APPROVED ON SECOND READING DURING THE 20TH REGULAR SESSION, HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2025):

a. FOR THIRD & FINAL READING

1. PO23CC-070 – AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OFFICE FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA) AS AN ATTACHED OFFICE UNDER THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND CREATING FIFTY-ONE (51) PLANTILLA POSITIONS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (*Introduced by Councilors JOSEPH JOE VISAYA and GELEEN “Dok G” LUMBAD*)

(Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe “TJ” L. Calalay, Bernard R. Herrera, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Charm Ferrer, CPA, MPA, JD, Nicole “Nikki” V. Crisologo, Mikey F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Atty. Voltaire Godofredo “Bong” Liban III, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Ranulfo “Tatay Rannie” Z. Ludovica, Atty. Christoffer Allan “Tope” Liquigan, Albert Alvin “Chuckie” L. Antonio III, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Don S. De Leon, Luigi D. Pumaren, Atty. Vicente Belmonte Jr., Edgar “Egay” G. Yap, Nanette Castelo Daza, Imee Rillo, Atty. Jesus Miguel Suntay, Aiko Melendez, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Karl Edgar Castelo, Shaira “Shay” L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Maria Eleanor “Doc Ellie” R. Juan, O.D., Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Victor “Vic” D. Bernardo, Vito Sotto Generoso, Erwin Rey “Cocoy” A. Medina, Jose Maria “Mari” M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli “Sami” C. Neri)

APPROVED/PASSED on third/final reading.

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1. PR23CC-192 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (AIP) OF THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT (QCG) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY-SIX BILLION NINE HUNDRED TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP56,902,941,000.00) COVERING THE VARIOUS EXPENDITURES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE, SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS (*Introduced by Councilors SHAIRA “Shay” L. LIBAN, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D. and ALY MEDALLA*)

(Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe “TJ” L. Calalay, Bernard R. Herrera, Joseph P. Juico, Charm Ferrer, CPA, MPA, JD, Nicole “Nikki” V. Crisologo, Mikey F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Atty. Voltaire Godofredo “Bong” Liban III, Dave C. Valmocina, Ranulfo “Tatay Rannie” Z. Ludovica, Geleen “Dok G” Lumbad, Atty. Christoffer Allan “Tope” Liquigan, Albert Alvin “Chuckie” L. Antonio III, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Don S. De Leon, Luigi D. Pumaren, Atty. Vicente Belmonte Jr., Edgar “Egay” G. Yap, Nanette Castelo Daza, Imee Rillo, Atty. Jesus Miguel Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Aiko Melendez, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Karl Edgar Castelo, Ram V. Medalla, Maria Eleanor “Doc Ellie” R. Juan, O.D., Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Victor “Vic” D. Bernardo, Vito Sotto Generoso, Erwin Rey “Cocoy” A. Medina, Jose Maria “Mari” M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli “Sami” C. Neri)

CONFIRMED.**B. BUSINESS FOR THE DAY**1. FIRST READING:a. PROPOSED ORDINANCES

1. PO23CC-103 – ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. SP-2007, S-2010, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC AND DESIGNATING CERTAIN STREETS AS ONE-WAY, ONE SIDE PARKING AREA, NO PARKING AREA AND OTHER TRAFFIC REGULATIONS WITHIN BARANGAY WHITE PLAINS, QUEZON CITY” (Introduced by Councilor WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY)

REFERRED to the Committees on Transportation (main committee), Public Order & Security, and on Laws, Rules & Internal Government.

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2. PO23CC-104 – ORDINANCE GRANTING A ONE-TIME LENGTH OF SERVICE INCENTIVE TO BARANGAY ELECTED OFFICIALS IN QUEZON CITY WHO HAVE COMPLETED THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF OFFICE, PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS AND MECHANISM FOR THE GRANT THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES *(Introduced by Councilors JOSE MARIA “Mari” M. RODRIGUEZ and RAQUEL S. MALAÑGEN)*

REFERRED to the Committees on Appropriations and on Laws, Rules & Internal Government.

3. PO23CC-105 – ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ROLE OF BARANGAYS IN THE MONITORING OF REAL PROPERTIES, IMPROVEMENTS, AND LIABILITIES TO STRENGTHEN THE ADMINISTRATION, ASSESSMENT, AND COLLECTION OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN QUEZON CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR *(Introduced by Councilor EDGAR “Egay” G. YAP)*

REFERRED to the Committees on Ways & Means (main committee), Barangay Affairs, Appropriations, and on Laws, Rules & Internal Government.

4. PO23CC-106 – ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY-SIX BILLION NINE HUNDRED TWO MILLION AND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND PESOS (₱56,902,941,000.00), COVERING THE VARIOUS EXPENDITURES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE *(Introduced by Councilors SHAIRA “Shay” L. LIBAN, ALY MEDALLA, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D., and JOSEPH P. JUICO)*

REFERRED to the Committees on Appropriations (main committee) and on Laws, Rules & Internal Government.

5. PO23CC-110 – ORDINANCE ACCREDITING THE THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE (363) NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, PEOPLES ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS, IN RELATION TO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2025-060 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG) *(Introduced by Councilor KARL EDGAR CASTELO)*

REFERRED to the Committees on Public Affairs, Mass Media, Information & People’s Participation and on Laws, Rules & Internal Government.

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b. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

1. PR23CC-211 – RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OF BARANGAY NORTH FAIRVIEW, QUEZON CITY, FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS A NATIONAL FINALIST IN THE “OUTSTANDING SK AWARD – COUNCIL CATEGORY (BARANGAY LEVEL)” UNDER THE PHILIPPINE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN AWARDS 2025 (*Introduced by Councilor AIKO MELENDEZ*)

REFERRED to the Committee on Laws, Rules & Internal Government.

2. PR23CC-213 – RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISED QUEZON CITY COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 2026-2031 (*Introduced by Councilors ALY MEDALLA, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D., and MIKEY F. BELMONTE*)

REFERRED to the Committees on City Planning, Building & Zoning and on Laws, Rules & Internal Government.

3. PR23CC-214 – RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISED QUEZON CITY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN (CLUP) FOR THE PERIOD 2026–2045 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (*Introduced by Councilors ALY MEDALLA, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D., and MIKEY F. BELMONTE*)

REFERRED to the Committees on City Planning, Building & Zoning (main committee) and on Laws, Rules & Internal Government.

4. PR23CC-218 – RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HON. MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE AND THE BUSINESS PERMITS AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING OFFICIAL, CITY ASSESSOR DEPARTMENT, SMALL BUSINESS AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, CITY TREASURER’S OFFICE, LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS OFFICE FOR BEING A HALL OF FAMER AS THE MOST BUSINESS FRIENDLY CITY AMONGST HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (*Introduced by Councilors ATTY. VICENTE BELMONTE JR., ALY MEDALLA, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D. and MIKEY F. BELMONTE*)

REFERRED to the Committee on Laws, Rules & Internal Government.

2. SECOND READING:

PO23CC-048 – ORDINANCE MANDATING ALL FOOD RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY THAT SELL HALAL FOOD TO PROVIDE A SEPARATE SHELF OR SECTION EXCLUSIVELY FOR HALAL FOOD, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF (*Introduced by Councilor VICTOR “Vic” D. BERNARDO*)

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- The amended version is attached on pages 17 to 21 of the order of business.

The Committee on Laws, Rules & Internal Government recommended approval, with amendments/remarks:

- in Section 6, instead of Quezon City Muslim Consultative Council, update it to Quezon City Bangsamoro Affairs Service (QCBAS) as the office responsible for the implementation of the said Ordinance;
- in Section 6, revise the sequence in which the departments are mentioned by placing QCBAS before the Business Permits and Licensing Department;
- in Sections 7.1 and 7.2, amend the compliance period from 30 days to 15 days from receipt of the order as prescribed during the public consultation;
- in Section 7.4, include closure of business as an additional penalty;
- to include Councilors Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D. and Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar as Main Introducers of the measure; and
- to include all Councilors present as Co-Introducers of the measure

The Committee on Trade, Commerce & Industry recommended approval, with amendments/remarks:

- to submit the amended version in the succeeding committee hearing, particularly on Committee on Laws, Rules & Internal Government;
- the proponent mentioned that some amendments during the public consultation were adopted; and
- to include all Councilors present as Co-Introducers of the measure

The Committee on Cultural Communities & Religious Affairs recommended approval, with amendments/remarks:

- will submit an amended version;
- to include Councilor Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D. as Main Co-Author; and
- to include all Councilors present as Co-Introducers

The Committee on Markets & Slaughterhouses recommended approval, with amendments/remarks:

- in Section 6: instead of “Quezon City Muslim Consultative Council,” update it to “Quezon City Bangsamoro Affairs Service” (QCBAS) as one of the designated departments responsible for the implementation of the Ordinance;

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- also in Section 6: revise the sequence in which the departments are listed by placing Quezon City Bangsamoro Affairs Service (QCBAS) before Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD);
- in Section 7: 7.1. First Offense and 7.2. Second Offense, amend the compliance period from “within thirty (30) days” to “within fifteen (15) days” from receipt of the order;
- in 7.4, remove the word “succeeding” so the title reads simply as “Fourth Offenses”;
- to include Councilor Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D. as one of the Main Introducers of the Ordinance; and
- to include all Councilors present as Co-Introducers of the Ordinance

Before proceeding, the Presiding Officer acknowledged the presence of very special guests, the Global Navigator International Business Section, Tokyo Metropolitan Small and Medium Enterprise Support Center President Yamaguchi Yoshihiro, along with Geng Cong, President and CEO of MedVigilance, Ms. Margarita Santos-Mejia, head of the BPLD, Mr. Jay Gatmaitan, head Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions Office (LEDIPO) and Giana Barata of the Tourism Department.

A recess was declared for a quick photo op.

When the session resumed, Councilor Bernardo moved for the approval of PO23CC-048.

Moving on with the discussion, the Proponent emphasized the provisions of the ordinance, viz:

- Through the ordinance, the city government promotes the rights of Muslims in the city to easily choose and buy food in accordance with their beliefs or religion.
- The measure also preserves the integrity of the Halal foods by avoiding cross-contamination.
- The food retail establishments covered by the ordinance are those selling Halal products, open to public, with fixed address and business permit from the Quezon City Government including groceries, supermarkets, hypermarkets, and convenience stores; and excludes itinerant vendors, temporary or seasonal stalls, exclusive online sellers, wholesale-only warehouses, and food service establishments such as restaurants, cafes, canteen, and sari-sari stores.
- The ordinance mandates the establishment operators to ensure that the designated separate shelf or section bears clear signage of halal food products; the shelf or section shall only contain halal food with certification issued by a Halal-certifying body accredited by the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos; the products should be arranged to prevent cross contamination with non-halal food; and should be placed in a section that is readily accessible to consumers and with clear distinction of halal food.

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- The Quezon City Government shall issue a Certificate of Recognition to a food retail establishment in full compliance with the proposed ordinance.
- The Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD), in coordination with the Quezon City Muslim Consultative Council, is hereby tasked with the monitoring and implementation of the ordinance.
- With the growing demand for Halal-certified food products in Quezon City, it is clear to have this ordinance to ensure that the Halal food for Muslims is truly safe, right, and upholds their faith.
- The proposed ordinance also shows the city government's concern and recognition of all sectors of society and commitment to an inclusive city providing and protecting the needs of every QCitizen regardless of religion.
- The ordinance was deliberated by the different committees, and two (2) public consultations were conducted for the purpose of inviting stakeholders like groceries and supermarkets, who are all supportive of the ordinance.

The Majority Floor Leader concurred that this very comprehensive ordinance had passed through the committees. She inquired about the number of representatives of retail establishments attending the mentioned public consultations, to which the Proponent answered that representatives of all the supermarkets in Araneta (Cubao area) and along Commonwealth were present during the hearing. As to her query whether the said number of representatives for the stakeholders is significant, the Proponent answered in the affirmative. With that, Councilor Medalla (Aly) expressed the Council's full support for the passage of the ordinance, showing the inclusivity of the city to different religious denominations and a way of supporting their beliefs, as it is their right.

Meanwhile, upon the request of Councilor Bernardo, the Body acknowledged the presence of their Muslim brothers and sisters, showing support for the ordinance at hand.

Going back, the Presiding Officer also conveys support to the ordinance because a very inclusive form of government is also one of the aspirations of the beloved City Mayor.

There being no other manifestations, the period of amendment was opened, and the following revisions were adopted:

- Under **Section 6**:
 - o To change "Quezon City Muslim Consultative Council" to "**Quezon City Bangsamoro Affairs Service (QCBAS)**", as one of the designated departments responsible for the implementation of the ordinance.
 - o To revise the sequence in which the departments are listed by placing the **Quezon City Bangsamoro Affairs Service (QCBAS)** before the Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD).
- Under **Section 7**:
 - o In 7.1. First Offense and 7.2. Second Offense, to amend the compliance period from "within thirty (30) days" to "**within fifteen (15) days**" from receipt of the order.

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- In 7.4, to remove the word “succeeding,” hence, the title simply reads as Fourth Offenses; Also, Fourth Offenses are closure of business as an additional penalty.
- In the title and certain parts of the ordinance where the phrase “separate shelf or section” appears, the term “section” will be changed to “**storage.**”
- To include Councilors Delarmente and Pilar as main introducers, while all the other councilors as co-introducers of the ordinance.

Finally, on motion, duly seconded, **PO23CC-048** was **APPROVED** on its second reading, as amended.

PO23CC-058 – ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR THE RECOVERY OF FORFEITED PROPERTIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE NAME OF THE CITY (*Introduced by Councilor JOSEPH P. JUICO*)

- The amended version is attached on pages 25 to 27 of the order of business.

The Committee on Laws, Rules & Internal Government recommended approval, with amendments/remarks:

- in Section 2 (Exclusions), the addition of item “d. Those properties for which the tax assessments have already been paid.”;
- in Section 4, announcement and publication of the Ordinance to be headed by the Public Affairs and Information Services Department and the Barangay and Community Relations Department; and
- to include all Councilors present as Co-Introducers of the measure.

The Committee on Ways & Means recommended approval, with amendment:

- to include all Councilors present as Co-Introducers, namely: Councilors Shaira “Shay” L. Liban, Bernard R. Herrera, Albert Alvin “Chuckie” L. Antonio, and Raquel S. Malañgen.

The Committee on Appropriations recommended approval, with amendment:

- to include all Councilors present as Co-Introducers of the measure.

On motion of Councilor Juico, duly seconded, **PO23CC-058** was **APPROVED** on its second reading, with the following manifestations and adoption of the proposed amendments:

- Ordinance No. SP-3264, S-2023, allowing the recovery of forfeited properties not yet transferred to the name of the city, was enacted by the 22nd Quezon City Council last December 4, 2023.
- Said measure grants a one (1) year period from publication for qualified owners to redeem their properties.

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- Unfortunately, due to limited public awareness, only nineteen (19) out of the estimated 1,400 properties were recovered, yielding only PhP1.76 Million in collection against a potential PhP200 Million in principal amount and PhP14 Million in annual real property taxes.
- Allowing more owners to avail of the privilege as well as increase city revenue, the proposed ordinance seeks to extend the recovery period for two (2) years until June 1, 2027, under the same terms and conditions mentioned in SP-3264, S-2023.
- The Presiding Officer expressed full support for the foregoing ordinance.
- **Amendments:**
 - o In Section 2. Exclusions, to add letter “**d.) Those properties of which the tax assessment has already been paid.**”
 - o To add Section 4 for announcements and publications.
 - o To include Councilors Lagumbay and Yap as principal authors and all the other councilors as co-introducers of the measure.

PR23CC-072 – RESOLUTION URGING ALL INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND ORGANIZATIONS DONATING FOOD AND WATER TO EVACUATION CENTERS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY TO UTILIZE RECYCLABLE, REUSABLE, OR BIODEGRADABLE CONTAINERS AND TO REFRAIN FROM USING SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AND STYROFOAM (*Introduced by DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D.*)

The Committees on Laws, Rules & Internal Government; and Environment & Climate Change Adaptation recommended approval, with amendment:

- to include all Councilors present as Co-Introducers of the measure.

The Committee on Social Services recommended approval, with remark:

- the amendments will be discussed in the Committee on Laws, Rules & Internal Government.

On motion of Councilor Delarmente, duly seconded, **PR23CC-072** was **APPROVED** on its second reading, with the following manifestations and amendments:

- The proposed resolution seeks to encourage all donors and humanitarian organizations to be mindful of the environmental impact of the relief efforts by using recyclable, reusable, and biodegradable containers and avoiding single-use plastics and styrofoam whenever they give food or other donations to QCitizens who are affected by calamities.

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- The proposed measure is anchored with the city’s existing environmental laws, such as Ordinance No. SP-2140, S-2012, Ordinance No. SP-2350, S-2014, and Ordinance No. SP-2868 and S-2019, as well as Executive Order No. 03, Series of 2025, prescribing the guidelines for reducing the plastic waste within the city government premises and facilities.
- Through the proposed resolution, the Quezon City Council affirms the Quezon City Government’s firm and proactive stance in promoting sustainability, environmental responsibility, and climate resilience.
- By integrating eco-friendly practices in relief operations, the city ensures the act of kindness at present will not contribute to the suffering of tomorrow. This is how they built Quezon City, which is both compassionate and sustainable, a city that cares for its people and the environment.
- The Presiding Officer expressed his full support for the foregoing measure.
- **Amendments:**
 - To adopt all amendments made during committee hearings.
 - To include all councilors present as co-introducers of the said measure.

PR23CC-190 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE TO DONATE/TRANSFER WITHOUT COST, TWO (2) UNITS OF PRISONER VANS TO THE QUEZON CITY BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY AND TO TURN OVER DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THEIR OWNERSHIP
(Introduced by Councilor EDGAR “Egay” G. YAP)

The Committees on Laws, Rules & Internal Government; and General Services and Patrimonial & Proprietary Property recommended approval, with amendment:

- to include all Councilors present as Co-Introducers of the measure.

Including all councilors present as co-introducers of the measure, on motion of Councilor Yap, duly seconded, **PR23CC-190** was **APPROVED** on its second reading, with the following manifestations:

- The Quezon City Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (QC-BJMP), being the principal government agency responsible for the administration and safekeeping of detainees and inmates, stands to directly benefit from the use of additional vehicles to ensure the secure and efficient transport of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL).
- The said prisoner vans are essential for the transport and safekeeping of PDLs and will assist the QC-BJMP in effectively discharging its mandate of ensuring a secure, safe, and humane management of jail facilities.
- Upon donation, the QC-BJMP shall assume full responsibility for all expenses related to the insurance, registration, maintenance, and other incidental fees with the transfer of ownership of the aforesaid vehicles.

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PR23CC-196 – RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS AND COMMENDATION OF THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE CITY MAYOR MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, THE CITY VICE MAYOR GIAN G. SOTTO, AND THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE 23RD QUEZON CITY COUNCIL, TO BARANGAY BAGONG PAG-ASA, DISTRICT I, QUEZON CITY, HEADED BY PUNONG BARANGAY FRANZE RUSSELE A. BILAOS, FOR RECEIVING THE “MARK OF EXCELLENCE” UNDER THE 2025 METRO MANILA SUBAYBAYANI AWARDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT – NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (DILG-NCR) *(Introduced by Councilor DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D.)*

The Committee on Laws, Rules & Internal Government recommended approval, with amendment:

- to include all Councilors present as Co-Introducers of the measure.

Councilor Delarmente moved for the approval of the foregoing measure.

In the period of discussion, the Lady Proponent manifested that the proposed resolution merely intends to congratulate Barangay Bagong Pag-asa for receiving the “Mark of Excellence” under the 2025 Metro Manila Subaybayani Awards of the Department of the Interior and Local Government-National Capital Region.

There being no other discussions, on motion, duly seconded, **PR23CC-196** was **APPROVED** on its second reading, with amendments:

- To adopt all amendments during the committee hearings.
- To include all councilors present as co-introducers, prioritizing the names of District I councilors after the Proponent.

PR23CC-197 – RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS AND COMMENDATION OF THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE CITY MAYOR MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, THE CITY VICE MAYOR GIAN G. SOTTO, AND THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE 23RD QUEZON CITY COUNCIL, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT – QUEZON CITY FIELD OFFICE, HEADED BY CITY DIRECTOR EMMANUEL D. BORROMEO, CESO V, FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TOP THREE DILG FIELD OFFICES IN METRO MANILA, DURING THE 2025 SUBAYBAYANI AWARDS *(Introduced by Councilor DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D.)*

The Committee on Laws, Rules & Internal Government recommended approval, with amendment:

- to include all Councilors present as Co-Introducers of the measure.

Likewise, Councilor Delarmente moved for the approval of the foregoing measure.

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In the period of discussion, the Lady Proponent manifested that the proposed resolution intends to express commendation to the Department of the Interior and Local Government, headed by Director Emmanuel D. Borromeo, for being recognized as one of the top three (3) DILG Field Offices in Metro Manila during the 2025 Subaybayani Awards.

The Presiding Officer expressed his support for the foregoing measure, for he was a witness to the ability and capacity of Director Borromeo.

There being no other discussions, on motion of Councilor Delarmente, duly seconded, **PR23CC-197** was **APPROVED** on its second reading, with the following amendments:

- To adopt all amendments during the committee hearings.
- To include all councilors present as co-introducers.

Meanwhile, the Presiding Officer congratulated the District 1 councilors for a complete attendance in the day's session and the members who were still in the session hall.

With that, Councilor Delarmente stated that they (District 1 councilors) will try their best to maintain perfect attendance for the next sessions.

C. *REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF BARANGAY MATTERS*

a. *BARANGAY ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:*

1. BARANGAY ORDINANCE NO. 001, S-2025 OF RAMON MAGSAYSAY: "AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SCHEME FOR BARANGAY RAMON MAGSAYSAY, BAGO BANTAY, DISTRICT I, QUEZON CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF"
2. RESOLUTION NO. 42, S-2025 OF BARANGAY BATASAN HILLS: "A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ADMIRATION AND SUPPORT TO THE INITIATIVE OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA OF BATASAN HILLS, DISTRICT II, QUEZON CITY DUBBED AS "LUPON FUN GAMES 2025"
3. RESOLUTION NO. 46, S-2025 OF BARANGAY BATASAN HILLS: "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE PROJECT "PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (PREP) KABATASAN," AND PROVIDING INTENSIVE TRAINING FOR THE FIRE AND RESCUE TEAM OF BARANGAY BATASAN HILLS, DISTRICT II, QUEZON CITY"
4. RESOLUTION NO. 67, S-2025 OF BARANGAY BATASAN HILLS: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONDUCT OF THE 'STRONG FAMILY PROGRAM' UNDER THE BARANGAY ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COMMITTEE (BADAC) OF BATASAN HILLS, DISTRICT II, QUEZON CITY.

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5. ORDINANCE NO. 02, S-2025 OF BARANGAY AMIHAN: “AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION AND STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF QUEZON CITY ORDINANCE NO. SP-2301, S-2014, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE SETTING FOR A DISCIPLINARY HOURS IN QUEZON CITY FOR MINORS FROM 10:00 P.M. TO 5:00 A.M., PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS, FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF BARANGAY AMIHAN ENSURING A SAFER COMMUNITY FOR ALL RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY MINORS AND VULNERABLE SECTORS”

6. RESOLUTION NO. 88, S-2025 OF BARANGAY AMIHAN: “BARANGAY RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMIHAN FOR THE FREE USE OF THE FACILITY OF THE BARANGAY RELATED TO THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY”

Items **1 to 6** were **REFERRED** to the Special Review Committee on Barangay Ordinances.

b. APPROVAL AND/OR CONFIRMATION OF THE COMMITTEE/S' REPORT/S:

1. COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ON BARANGAY ORDINANCES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

CONFIRMED.

D. *OTHER MATTERS*

No other matters are included in the day's order of business.

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X. CLOSING PRAYER

Councilor Visaya led the closing prayer.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

SESSION ADJOURNED: 3:39 P.M.

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