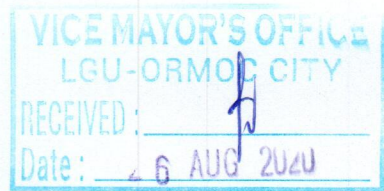
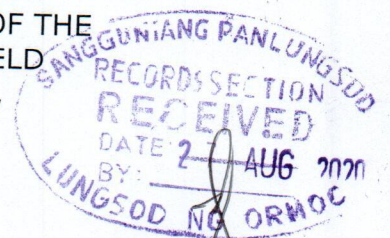


REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD  
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL,  
ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING  
ON AUGUST 25, 2020



PRESENT:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr.  
Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,  
Roiland H. Villasencio,  
Tomas R. Serafica,  
Nolito M. Quilang,  
Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga,  
Jasper M. Lucero,  
Peter M. Rodriguez,  
Vincent L. Rama,  
Gregorio G. Yrastorza III,  
Lalaine A. Marcos,  
Esteban V. Laurente,

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer  
SP Member, Majority Floor Leader  
SP Member, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Majority Floor Leader  
SP Member, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore"  
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Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc  
Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President,  
Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan ng Ormoc

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-263**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MAYOR  
RICHARD I. GOMEZ OR THE ACTING CITY MAYOR TO  
ENTER INTO AND SIGN THE PARTNERSHIP COMMITMENT  
(PC) WITH ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC)  
RELATIVE TO THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BINHI  
PROJECT IN THE ARBORETUM OF ORMOC OR THE  
ORMOC'S TREE HAVEN AND ECO-PARK LOCATED IN BRGY.  
DOLORES, ORMOC CITY.**

WHEREAS, this Fifteenth Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an Indorsement dated July 10, 2020 from the Office of the City Mayor, endorsing a request for the issuance of a Resolution granting the City Mayor or the Acting City Mayor the authority to enter into and sign the Partnership Commitment (PC) with Energy Development Corporation (EDC) relative to the joint implementation of the BINHI Project in Arboretum Of Ormoc Or The Ormoc's Tree Haven and Eco-Park in Brgy. Dolores, Ormoc City, a copy of the PC is hereto attached as "ANNEX A" and made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, in an Opinion dated June 19, 2020, the City Legal Office finds the provisions of the PC as not contrary to law, public policy, morals, or order, a copy of the Opinion is hereto attached as "ANNEX B" and made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, in a Letter dated July 2, 2020, the Environmental and Natural Resources Office (ENRO) informed the Office of the City Mayor thru the City Administrator an update on the Arboretum regarding the site preparation and documentary requirements, a copy of the Letter is hereto attached as "ANNEX C" and made an integral part hereof;



WHEREAS, in a Letter dated July 6, 2020, the Environmental and Natural Resources Office (ENRO) submitted the Partnership Commitment document to the Office of the City Mayor respectfully asking for the approval of the lot to be used for Arboretum purposes and granting the authority to sign the PC in behalf of LGU-Ormoc being the City Mayor, a copy of the Letter is hereto attached as "ANNEX D" and made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, EDC, a company engaged in the exploration and development of geothermal and other renewable energy resources for power generation, is spearheading a nationwide reforestation and biodiversity preservation project called "BINHI", which aims to arrest forest degradation, contribute to climate change mitigation and biodiversity preservation, and provide sustainable livelihood for forest communities, among others;

WHEREAS, EDC's "BINHI" project focuses on biodiversity preservation at the species level and aims to rescue and secure endangered premium Philippine timber tree species by planting their seedlings in school grounds, public parks, and other areas that provide a safe haven for the long-term survival of these future mother trees, thus, ensuring continuous seed production of these vanishing species;

WHEREAS, cognizant of the need for collaborative effort in this endeavour, EDC, in partnership with the LGU of Ormoc City, shall undertake the planting, growing, and protecting of these tree species within the Arboretum of Ormoc or the Ormoc's Tree Haven and Eco-Park located in Brgy. Dolores, Ormoc City, through a joint implementation of a BINHI Project;

WHEREAS, the Arboretum aims to display, protect, and promote the conservation of highly economically and ecologically valued trees in the country. This serves as a laboratory, a research area, and an avenue for ex-situ conservation of the ninety-six (96) priority tree species of the BINHI Project;

WHEREAS, trees grown in the Arboretum shall be nurtured as they grow to become mother trees to provide seedlings for future propagation until these vulnerable species become abundant again;

WHEREAS, to guarantee sustained seed production, the management of LGU-Ormoc City, have agreed to turn over to EDC at least 50% of the seeds that will be harvested from the mother trees every fruiting season for the latter's seed bank or nursery;

WHEREAS, EDC came up with a project proposal for an Arboretum Project for three (3) years;

WHEREAS, the City General Services Office (CGSO) has forwarded a copy of the Sketch Plan of the perspective location of the proposed Tree Haven Park of Ormoc City, a copy of the Sketch Plan is hereto attached as "ANNEX E" and made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, the subject PC clearly and plainly encapsulates the terms and conditions of the agreement of the parties thereto, including their specific roles and obligations towards the attainment of the lofty ends of the same, and this Sanggunian, upon thorough review, finds that the same is entered into for the best interests of the City and its constituents through a well-balanced and healthful ecology for the benefit of present and future generations of Ormocanons, and therefore, is most deserving of this august Body's prompt and favorable consideration;



WHEREFORE, on joint motion of SP Member Lalaine A. Marcos, Chairperson, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, and SP Member Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr. Chairperson, Committee on Laws and Ordinances, severally seconded by SP Members Nolito M. Quilang, Roiland H. Villasencio, Vincent L. Rama, Joan Marbie C. Simbajon, Peter M. Rodriguez, Gregorio G. Yrastorza III, Tomas R. Serafica and Esteban V. Laurente; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MAYOR RICHARD I. GOMEZ OR THE ACTING CITY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN THE PARTNERSHIP COMMITMENT (PC) WITH ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC) RELATIVE TO THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BINHI PROJECT IN THE ARBORETUM OF ORMOC OR THE ORMOC'S TREE HAVEN AND ECO-PARK LOCATED IN BRGY. DOLORES, ORMOC CITY;

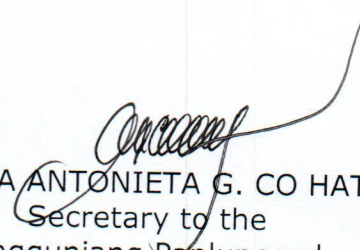
ADOPTED, August 25, 2020.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of the final notarized Partnership Commitment (PC) be submitted to this Sanggunian for its information and files;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, to furnish copies of this resolution each to the City Mayor of Ormoc Richard I. Gomez; the City Administrator, Mr. Vincent L. Emnas; the City Legal Officer, Atty. Josephine Mejia-Romero; CPDO; CGSO; ENRO; the City Tourism Office; the Sangguniang Barangay of Dolores; the Energy Development Corporation thru CSR Head, Forester Erwin Magallanes; the City Local Government Operations Officer-DILG; and other offices concerned for their information and guidance;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above resolution.

  
MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

  
LEO CARMELO L. LOCSIN, JR.  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer