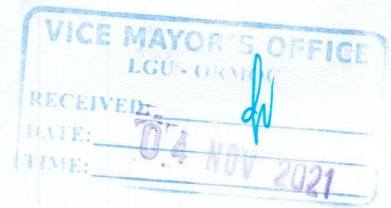
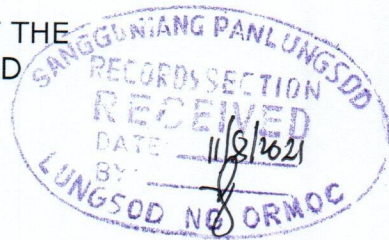


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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD  
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL,  
ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING  
ON NOVEMBER 03, 2021



PRESENT:

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ON LEAVE:

Nolito M. Quilang,

SP Member, 2nd Asst. Majority Floor Leader

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-299**

**A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES (DENR) TO RE-EVALUATE, REASSESS,  
AND REVALIDATE ITS FOREST LAND USE MAP  
CONCERNING THE DELINEATION OF AREAS AS  
TIMBERLAND AT BARANGAYS NAUNGAN AND LAO IN  
THE CITY OF ORMOC, LEYTE.**

WHEREAS, this Fifteenth Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an Indorsement dated October 13, 2021 from the Office of the City Mayor, respectfully requesting joint validation by Provincial Environment And Natural Resources Office (PENRO) – Leyte and the owners of the properties affected by the discrepancy in the Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) between PENRO and LGU-Ormoc. Further requesting that this matter be treated as EXTREMELY URGENT, a copy of the Indorsement is hereto attached as ANNEX "A";

WHEREAS, to recall, a Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) Resolution No. 2021-282 dated October 5, 2021 adopted the 2022-2027 Forest Land Use Plan of the City of Ormoc, a copy of the Resolution is hereto attached as ANNEX "B";

WHEREAS, in a Communication dated October 11, 2021, MEGACITY Corporation, through Engr. Noel Jesus P. Santiago, respectfully requested to reassess, revalidate, and re-evaluate the said recently-approved FLUP as the endorsed map by PENRO made basis by the same covering, particularly, portions of Brgys. Lao and Naungan categorically classified as "Forestland/Timberland" thereon affect the properties purchased by the said Corporation that have been classified as Alienable and Disposable, thus, hindering their plans to develop the area, a copy of the Communication is hereto attached as ANNEX "C";



WHEREAS, Book I, Chapter 2, Section 3 of Republic Act (RA) 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides for the shared responsibility of Local Government Units (LGUs) with the national government, particularly, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in the management of the environment and natural resources of the country, to wit:

*"Local government units shall share with the national government the responsibility in the management and maintenance of ecological balance within their territorial jurisdictions..."*

WHEREAS, Article 41 of Administrative Order No. 270 or the rules and regulations implementing Republic Act (RA) 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the LGUs shall, in conformity with existing laws, continue to prepare their respective Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) which shall be the primary and dominant basis for the future use of land resources, to wit:

*"ARTICLE 41. Comprehensive Land Use Plans. – (a) Subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations, cities and municipalities shall continue to prepare their respective comprehensive land use plans enacted through zoning ordinances...xxx*

*(b) The comprehensive land use plan shall be the primary and dominant basis for future use of local resources and for reclassification of agricultural lands... xxx "*

WHEREAS, the FLUP of Ormoc City CY: 2022-2027 map, indeed, categorically classified a sizeable area covering Barangays Lao and Naungan as "Forest/Timberland", a copy of the map is hereto attached as ANNEX "D";

WHEREAS, such categorical classification will hinder the said Corporation's developmental plans of said affected area which, this Sanggunian finds, is in consonance with the City's developmental plans within the abovementioned areas and such classification is deemed, therefore, to be inconsistent with the overall plans and intents for development and progress by the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP);

WHEREAS, the CLUP containing the different sectoral analysis and special studies will serve as the foremost and central basis of land resource utilization and a guiding tool for the pursuit of growth and progress of the city and its constituents;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the shared responsibility of the LGU and DENR in the management of the environment and natural resources and the power and duty of the LGUs to enact local legislations for the development of the city as reflected in the Local Government Code of 1991, this Body deems it proper to request the Department of Environment – Central Office (DENR-Central Office), in coordination with the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) and other concerned offices, for the re-evaluation, reassessment, and revalidation of the Forest Land Use Map concerning the delineation of areas as "Forest/Timberland" at affected areas in Barangays Naungan and Lao, Ormoc City, after finding the same to be inconsistent with overall development and land use plans of the City;





WHEREFORE, on joint motion of SP Member Lalaine A. Marcos, Chairman, Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Energy Conservation, and SP Member Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr. Chairman, Committee on Zoning, Housing and Land Use, severally seconded by SP Members Tomas R. Serafica, Gregorio G. Yrastorza III and Esteban V. Laurente; be it

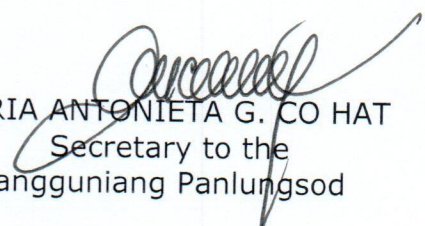
RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES - CENTRAL OFFICE (DENR-CENTRAL OFFICE) TO RE-EVALUATE, REASSESS, AND REVALIDATE ITS FOREST LAND USE MAP CONCERNING THE DELINEATION OF AREAS AS TIMBERLAND AT BARANGAYS NAUNGAN AND LAO IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, LEYTE;

ADOPTED, November 03, 2021.


RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution each to the City Mayor of Ormoc Richard I. Gomez; the City Administrator, Mr. Vincent L. Ennas; the City Legal Officer, Atty. Josephine Mejia-Romero; City Planning and Development Coordinator, Engr. Raoul E. Cam; ENRO; MegaCity Corp.; Forest Management Board (FMB); CENRO; PENRO 8; DENR-Central Office; 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 foregoing resolution.

  
MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

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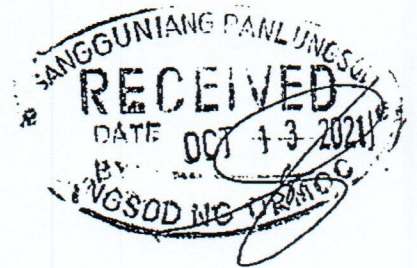
  
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Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR**  
Ormoc City

Res. # 2021-299  
"Annex A"



13 OCT 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Endorsement

October 13, 2021

This is to respectfully endorse to the Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, for issuance of a resolution requesting joint validation by PENRO-Leyte and the owners of the properties affected by the discrepancy in the FLUP between the PENRO and the LGU.

Further requesting that this matter be treated as EXTREMELY URGENT.

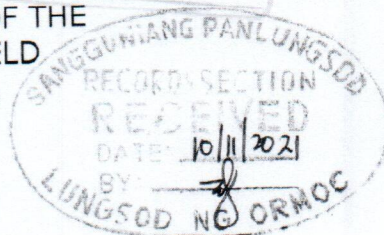
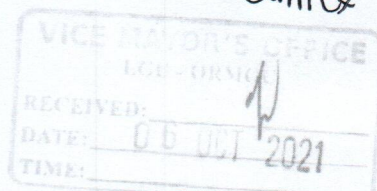
**RICHARD I. GOMEZ, DPA**  
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**RESOLUTION 2021-282**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2022-2027 FOREST  
LAND USE PLAN (FLUP) OF THE CITY OF ORMOC.**

WHEREAS, DENR - DILG (JMC) Joint Memorandum Circular 1998-01 provides that the DENR and the concerned Local Government Unit (LGU) shall jointly undertake forest land use planning the output of which shall become an integral part of the concerned LGU's comprehensive land use plan, which was later strengthened in DENR-DILG-LGU JMC NO. 2003-01, reiterating the mandate of the LGU to share with the national government the responsibility in the management and maintenance of ecological balance within their territorial jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the City of Ormoc recognizes the value of managing its forest and forestlands, especially those considered open access area, which are generally defined as forestlands that are not covered by any form of tenure, government proclamations, or reservations or forestlands that are covered by tenure or government proclamations but without effective on-site management to contribute to the overall sustainable development of the city;

WHEREAS, the enactment of the subject resolutions by the City Development Council is in accordance with the needs of the City and the Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) serves to "build consensus and develop recommendations on the best uses of forest lands including the important step of identifying open access areas and determining appropriate management and best resource managers for these open access area" and are not contrary to any comprehensive land use plan that the city has adopted;

WHEREAS, upon thorough review, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Ormoc in the exercise of its review powers, finds the FLUP to be in conformity with existing laws and ordinances and interposes no objection to its adoption for the purposes of guiding the future actions of the city and presenting a vision for the future long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect the city government, a copy of which is hereto attached and made an integral part hereof;



WHEREFORE, on joint motion of SP Member Lalaine A. Marcos, Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Energy Conservation and SP Member Roiland H. Villasencio, Vice-Chairman, Committee on Zoning, Housing and Land Use, severally seconded by SP Members Nolito M. Quilang, Joan Marbie C. Simbajon, Tomas R. Serafica, Gregorio G. Yrastorza III, Peter M. Rodriguez and Esteban V. Laurente; be it

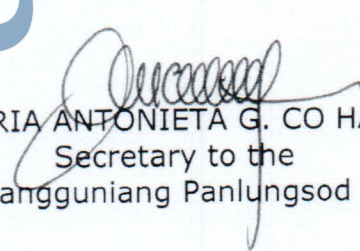
RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2022-2027 FOREST LAND USE PLAN (FLUP) OF THE CITY OF ORMOC;

ADOPTED, October 05, 2021.


RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution each to the City Mayor of Ormoc Richard I. Gomez; the City Administrator, Vincent L. Emnas; the City Legal Officer, Atty. Josephine Mejia-Romero; the Environment and Natural Resources Office; the City Planning & Development Office; the City Local Government Operations Officer-DILG; and other offices for their information and guidance;

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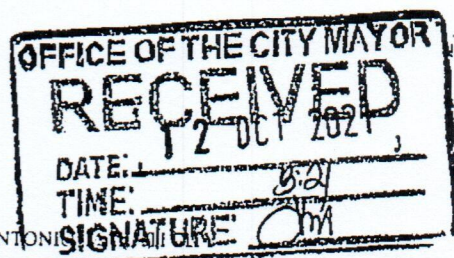
  
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11 October 2021

HON. RICHARD I. GOMEZ, DPA  
Mayor, Ormoc City  
2nd/F City Hall Bldg. Aunubing Street,  
Brgy. Cogon Ormoc City, Philippines 6541



Dear Mayor Gomez:

On behalf of MegaCity Corp., we are seeking for the kind assistance of your office together with the Honorable Council to reassess, revalidate, and re-evaluate the existing Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) approved by the Sanggunian last 5 October 2021.

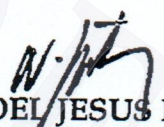
Based on the recently endorsed map by the DENR- Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) and as subsequently approved by the Sanggunian, the same reflects that the area covering Barangays Lao and Naungan are categorically classified as "Forestland/Timberland".

The discrepancy in this classification will directly affect the properties (purchased as Alienable and Disposable) which are now owned and consolidated by the company. Accordingly, such classification will likewise hinder our plans to develop the area into a masterplan development.

We hope that the Honorable Sanggunian can review and clarify the adopted FLUP map through a joint-validation by the PENRO-Leyte together with affected lot owners and with the close participation of the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Ormoc.

We look forward to your expeditious reconciliation and response regarding our request and we look forward to a productive partnership with the LGU.

Sincerely,

  
ENGR. NOEL JESUS P. SANTIAGO  
MEGACITY CORP.

CC:

HON. BENJAMIN "BENNET" S. PONGOS, JR.  
Head, Committee on Zoning, Housing and Land Use  
Sangguniang Panlungsod of Ormoc  
PENRO-LEYTE



Figure 5: The Land Classification map of Ormoc City, Leyte

