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CITY OF BACOOR
Province of Cavite

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

CITY RESOLUTION NO. CR 2015-062
Series of 2015

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT: (A) THE ONGOING ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION AGAINST MR. FLORENCIO C. MATEO AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE BACOOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT BE EXPEDITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW, (B) PROPER LEGAL ACTIONS BE UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MR. MATEO AND HIS SUBORDINATES IF FOUND GUILTY WHICH MAY INCLUDE HIS TERMINATION FROM SERVICE OR THE FILING OF APPROPRIATE CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST THEM, AND (C) AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE REVISED BACOOR TRAFFIC CODE TO PREVENT ABUSES AGAINST MOTORISTS AND THE RIDING PUBLIC.


WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod received an undated complaint against Mr. Florencio C. Mateo (Head of the Bacoor Traffic Management Department) and other officials of the BTMD signed by officials of various public transportation associations operating in the City of Bacoor on 29 December 2014, a copy of which is attached hereto as Annex “A”.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod conducted an en banc investigation against Mr. Mateo and other officials of the BTMD in aid of legislation considering that one of the allegations leveled against them is their alleged violation of the Revised Bacoor Traffic Code (City Ordinance No. 2013-047).

WHEREAS, after the first hearing on the said matter, the Sangguniang Panlungsod passed City Resolution No. CR 2015-001 recommending to the City Mayor the preventative suspension of Mr. Mateo to prevent him from influencing the ongoing investigation of the Sangguniang Panlungsod in aid of legislation. Attached as Annex “B” is a copy of the said Resolution.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod invited Mr. Mateo to attend two (2) public hearings held on two separate occasions but he refused to receive the summons that was served upon him, copies of the said summons are attached hereto as Annexes “C” and “C-1”.

Approved by:

HON. CATHERINE S. EVARISTO
Acting City Mayor

Approved by:

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor
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said hearings in aid of legislation contained in a letter dated 14 January 2015. Attached as Annex “D” hereof is a copy of the said letter signed by the City Mayor.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod invited several resource persons on different occasions to shed light on the said controversy among which were some BTMD traffic enforcers who alleged that they were specifically and personally instructed by Mr. Mateo to collect bribes from various public transportation groups operating within the City of Bacoor.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod also learned from the said investigations that several provisions of the Revised Bacoor Traffic Code were violated by Mr. Mateo and by several officials of the BTMD necessitating the review and possible revisions thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, upon unanimous motion and concurrence of the members of the Body BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in regular session duly assembled to recommend that: (a) the ongoing administrative investigation against Mr. Florencio C. Mateo and other officials of the Bacoor Traffic Management Department be expedited in accordance with law, (b) proper legal actions be undertaken against Mr. Mateo and his subordinates if found guilty which may include his termination from service or the filing of appropriate criminal cases against them, and (c) amending various provisions of the Revised Bacoor Traffic Code to prevent abuses against motorists and the riding public.

RESOLVED LASTLY, to furnish the Human Resources Development and Management Department (HRDMD), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the City Legal Services Office, and all other government offices concerned with copies of this Resolution.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY this 6th day of April 2015 by the Sangguniang Panlungsod at the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite in regular session assembled.

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| DISSENTING | None |
| ABSTAINED | None |
| **ATTENDANCE RECORD** | |
| PRESENT | 12 |
| ABSENT | Hon. Edwin G. Gawaran |
| ON LEAVE | None |

I hereby certify the truth and correctness of the above-quoted Resolution.

Certified by:

HON. REYNALDO D. PALABRICA
City Councilor, Acting Presiding Officer

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA, JR.
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

Approved by:

HON. CATHERINE S. EVARISTO
Acting City Mayor

City Resolution No. CR 2015-062, 06 April 2015
ANNEX “A”

SA MGA KASAPI NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG BACOOR, CAVITE

Kami po ay mga kasapi at opisyal ng iba’t-ibang transport groups sa Lungsod ng Bacoor na kumakatawan sa daan-daang driver at operators ng jeepney, vans, at tricycles na nag-ooperate sa ating lungsod.

Lumiham po kami upang ipagbigay alam sa inyong tanggapan ang mga kabuktutang ginagawa ni Mr. Florencio Mateo, ang bagong pinuno ng BTMD, katulong ang ilang corrupt na kawani ng BTMD.

Mula po nang siya ay ma-appoint bilang pinuno ng BTMD noong October 2014 – naging sobrang hirap po ng aming buhay dahil po sa tindi ng panghihiingi ng lagay ni Mr. Mateo at nang kanyang kanang kamay (na kilala lamang namin sa bansag na “Kamandag”).

Nagsimula po ang kanyang pangongotong sa amin noong ikatlong linggo ng October 2014 matapos po niyang ipahuli sa BTMD ang maraming sasakyan na diumano ay colorum o out of line. Madaling araw po nang magsimula ang kanilang operasyon laban sa aming mga kasamahan na dumadaan sa Daang Hari sa Molino.

Matapos pong hulihin ang aming mga kasamahan, nagpatawag po siya ng pagpupulong na dinaluhan namin at ng mga pangulo ng iba pang samahan ng transport sa Bacoor. Ginanap po ang meeting sa may Phoenix gas station sa kanto ng Daang Hari at dinaluhan ni Mr. Mateo, ni Kamandag, ilang traffic enforcers ng BTMD, at mga pangulo ng iba’t-ibang transport groups sa Bacoor.

Sa nabanggit na pulong, binanggit po ni Mateo sa amin na sa kanya na daw po magbibigay ng suhol ang lahat ng mga asosasyon kapalit ng hindi pag-gambala sa amin ng BTMD. Binida niya rin po na ang paghihiingi niya daw po ng suhol ay may basbas ni Mayor Strike – na hindi naman po namin pinaniwalaan dahil sa noong si Atty. Yumol ang namamahala ng BTMD ay wala naman pong humihingi sa amin ng suhol.

Noong una po ay ayaw po naming pumayag na magbigay subalit kami po ay binalaan ni Mateo na aaraw-arawan niya daw po ang operation laban sa amin hanggang sa pumayag po kami sa gusto niya. Dahil po sa pananakot sa amin at sa takot na rin namin na mawalan ng pagkakakitaan, napilitan po kaming magbigay ng suhol kay Mateo araw-araw.

Madalas po ay si Kamandag ang kumukuha ng mga suhol mula sa amin. Minsan naman po ay ilang traffic enforcers ng BTMD. Iba-ibang oras po ang pagkuha ng suhol sa amin at bilang kapalit sa mga nabanggit na lagay, ang mga minamanehong sasakyan ng mga kasapi namin ay nilalagyan ng mga sticker sa windshield na pinagawa ni Mateo.

Iba-iba po ang design ng mga nabanggit na sticker. Noong tanungan namin ang isang traffic enforcer kung bakit ganoon ang desenyo ng mga sticker at kung kanino nagmula ang nabanggit, sinabi po niya na si Mateo daw po ang nag-design ng sticker alinsunod sa mga ginagawa niya noon nung siya pa ang in charge ng traffic sa Pasay City.

Noong magpa-Pasko po ay hiningian po kami ng lechon ni Mr. Mateo para daw po sa Christmas Party nila. Pumayag naman po kami. Laking gulat po namin ng malaman namin na sampung lechon ang natanggap ni Mateo mula sa iba’t-ibang transport group sa Bacoor – isang bagay na kahit kailan ay hindi nangyari noong panahon na si Atty. Yumol ang nagpapalakad ng BTMD.

Hirap na hirap na po ang aming mga kasamahan sa araw-araw na panggigipit sa amin ni Mateo. Sana po ay matulungan niyo po kami.

Handa po kaming humarap sa inyong tanggapan upang patotohanan ang mga nabanggit na paratang. Sana po ay maimbestigahan ninyo ang bagay na ito at sana po ay magigilan ninyo ang masamang gawain ni Mr. Florencio Mateo at nang ilang traffic enforcer ng BTMD.

Lubos na gumagalang,

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BENJAMIN SAN MIGUEL JR.  MARIETA M. MUNSAYAC

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LUCITA G. BAMBA

May kopya para kay:

Mayor Strike B. Revilla  
Atty. Elmer T. Rabuya – City Administrator
ANNEX "B"

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY RESOLUTION NO. CR 2015-001
Series of 2015

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY MAYOR TO (A) PREVENTIVELY SUSPEND MR. FLORENCIO C. MATEO AND OTHER BTMD PERSONNEL CONCERNED PENDING THE RESULT OF AN INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD ON ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION AND INCOMPETENCE AGAINST THE BACOOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND (B) DIRECT MR. MATEO AND OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR TO COOPERATE IN THE SAID INVESTIGATION.


WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod received various complaints from various quarters against Mr. Florencio M. Mateo (head of the Bacoor Traffic Management Department) and the BTMD regarding the following:

a) vehicular gridlock caused by a traffic re-routing scheme along the Zapote-Longos-Agusalao Highway-Molino Boulevard area allegedly without prior public consultation;

b) Mr. Mateo’s alleged demand for a bribe of P30,000 per month from the mini-bus operators using the SM City Bacoor terminal;

c) Mr. Mateo’s alleged demand for a bribe of P3,000 per month from the members of a transport cooperative operating in the Queensrow area;

d) failure on numerous occasions by BTMD personnel assigned at the Bacoor City Extension Office to issue official receipts in exchange for fines paid by motorists caught violating city traffic ordinances; and

e) the alleged abetting by the BTMD of various violations of the Truck Ban and other traffic laws in exchange for bribes as evidenced by stickers pasted on the windshields of public utility vehicles and privately-owned trucks showing a cobra.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod is legally mandated to uphold all laws and ordinances and investigate if they are being violated by city government employees:
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WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod decided to conduct an investigation of the above-mentioned allegations. However, the Sangguniang Panlungsod also realized that there is a need for the preventive suspension of Mr. Mateo and other BTMD personnel who will be involved in the said investigation so that they will not be able to influence the outcome of the said proceedings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite, in regular session assembled to (a) request the City Mayor, Hon. Strike B. Revilla, to preventively suspend Mr. Florencio C. Mateo and other BTMD personnel who will be involved in the said investigation for a period of sixty (60) days while the said proceedings are ongoing and (b) direct Mr. Mateo and other personnel under the Office of the City Mayor to participate in the said investigation to be conducted by the city council.

RESOLVED LASTLY, that copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Mr. Florencio C. Mateo, the BTMD, all city department heads, and to the Office of the City Mayor.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 5th day of January 2015 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite, Philippines.

VOTING RECORD

IN FAVOR

DISSENTING
None

ABSTAINED
None

ATTENDANCE RECORD

PRESENT
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ON LEAVE
None

ABSENT
Hon. Hernando C. Gutierrez, and Hon. Roberto R. Javier
Republic of the Philippines
CITY OF BACOOR
Province of Cavite

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

Hereby certify the truth and correctness of the
foregoing Resolution.

Certified by:

HON. REYNALDO D. PALABRICA
City Councilor, Acting Presiding Officer

Attested by:

ASTY. KHALID A. ATEGA, JR.
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

Approved by:

HON. CATHERINE SARINO-EVARISTO
Acting City Mayor
Republic of the Philippines
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

January 15, 2015

MR. FLORENCIO C. MATEO
Head, Bacoor Traffic Management Dept.
City Government of Bacoor

Subject: Fact-Finding Investigation on various allegations against
Florencio C. Mateo and the BTMD

Dear Mr. Mateo:

You are hereby formally invited to attend the fact-finding investigation to be conducted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod en banc to be held on January 20, 2015, 2:00 p.m. at the Governor’s Ext. Office, 2nd Floor, RFC Mall, Molino, Bacoor City, Cavite regarding the following allegations stated in Sangguniang Panlungsod Resolution No. SP 2015-001 dated January 5, 2015:

a) vehicular gridlock caused by a traffic re-routing scheme along the Zapote-Longsos-Aguinaldo Highway-Molino Boulevard area allegedly without prior public consultation;
b) your alleged demand for a bribe of P30,000 per month from the mini-bus operators using the SM City Bacoor terminal;
c) your alleged demand for a bribe of P3,000 per month from the members of a transport cooperative operating in the Queensrow area;
d) failure on numerous occasions by BTMD personnel assigned at the Bacoor City Extension Office to issue official receipts in exchange for fines paid by motorists caught violating city traffic ordinances;
e) the alleged abetting by the BTMD of various violations of the Truck Ban and other traffic laws in exchange for bribes as evidenced by stickers pasted on the windshields of public utility vehicles and privately-owned trucks showing a cobra; and
f) other related allegations of grave misconduct and dishonesty.

In relation thereto, you are requested to bring all official records in relation to the said charges in your possession and to turn over the same to the Sangguniang Panlungsod. Your failure to attend the said hearing shall be considered as a waiver of your right to be heard.

For your information and strict compliance.

[Signature]

HON. CATHERINE SARINO-EVARISTO
City Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer
Republic of the Philippines
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

February 5, 2015

MR. FLORENCIO C. MATEO
Head- Bacoor Traffic Management Dept.
City Government of Bacoor

Subject: Fact-Finding Investigation on various allegations against Florencio C. Mateo and the BTMD

Dear Mr. Mateo:

In view of your failure to heed the invitation sent to you on 15 January 2015, you are again hereby formally invited -- FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL TIME --to attend the fact-finding investigation being conducted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod en banc to be held on February 9, 2015, 11:00 a.m. at the Governor's Ext. Office, 2nd floor, RFC Mall, Molino, Bacoor, City, Cavite regarding the following allegations stated in Sangguniang Panlungsod Resolution No. SP 2015-001 dated January 5, 2015:

a) Vehicular gridlock caused by the traffic re-routing scheme along the Zapote-Longos-Aguinaldo Highway-Molino Boulevard area allegedly without prior public consultation;
b) Your alleged demand for a bribe of P30,000 per month from the mini-bus operators using the SM City Bacoor terminal;
c) Your alleged demand for a bribe of P3,000 per month from the members of a transport cooperative operating in the Queensrow area;
d) Failure on numerous occasions by BTMD personnel assigned at the Bacoor City Extension Office to use official receipts in exchange for fines paid by motorist caught violating city traffic ordinances;
e) The alleged abetting by the BTMD of various violations of the Truck Ban and other traffic law in exchange for bribes as evidenced by stickers pasted on the windshields of public utility vehicles and privately-owned trucks showing a cobra; and
f) Other related allegations of grave misconduct and dishonesty.

In relation thereto, you are requested to bring all official records in relation to the said charges in your possession and to turn over the same to the Sangguniang Panlungsod. Your failure to attend the said hearing shall be considered as a waiver of your right to be heard.

For your guidance and strict compliance.

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary
MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 1, S-2015
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

TO : MR. FLORENCIO C. MATEO
     Head, BTMD

FROM : OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

RE : 60-day preventive suspension in relation to SP Resolution No. CR 2015-001 dated 5 January 2015

DATE : 14 January 2015

You are hereby formally informed that various charges have been filed against you related to alleged acts of dishonesty and grave misconduct allegedly committed by you in relation to the discharge of your duties as Head of the Bacoor Traffic Management Department (BTMD) as enumerated in Sangguniang Panlungsod Resolution No. SP 2015-001 dated 5 January 2015, a copy of which is attached hereto for your reference.

In view of the filing of the said charges, you are hereby directed to attend a formal investigation to be conducted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod to be held on 20 January 2015, 2:00 pm at the Governor's Extension Office, 2nd Floor, RFC Mall-Molino, Bacoor City, Cavite. In relation thereto, you are directed to bring all official records in relation to the said charges in your possession and to turn over the same to the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Lastly, you are hereby **preventively suspended for sixty (60) days beginning today (12 January 2015)** while the said investigation is ongoing. In view hereof, you are directed to turnover to Atty. Dolores L. Yumol all your duties and responsibilities as well as all records and equipment under your custody effective immediately.

For your information and strict compliance.

For the City Mayor:

ATTY. ELMER T. RABUYA
City Administrator