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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRTY - SIXTH (36TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

Present : OIC- Vice Mayor Miko C. Pelegrina, Temporary Presiding Officer
S.B. Member Janos S. Lapiz
S.B. Member Geronimo A. Ciceron
S.B. Member Marlo PJ A. Alipon
S.B. Member Mike Dexter A. Concio
S.B. Member Mark Lester B. Dizon
S.B. Member Cris Dayril B. Bagnes
S.B. Member Rodora P. Loares
S.B. Member Jozylyn N. Manansala, SK Federation President
Secretary Dona T. Alborida
Ms. Felomina I. Lincallo, LLSO I

Absent : S.B Member Arlene P. delos Santos, Liga President, (O.B.)

Visitors : LTC. Rommel Agpaoa, Task Force Ugnay - Camp Sakay
MSG. Noel Borromeo, Task Force Ugnay - Camp Sakay
SSG. Alpha Jackson Catubig, Task Force Ugnay - Camp Sakay
Mr. Randy P. Banzuela, COMELEC Officer
Mr. Donato P. Catipon, KOSARIKA
Mr. Elmer Lapis, KOSARIKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-207

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN OXYGEN REFILLING STATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY, TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF LOS BAÑOS.

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Mark Lester B. Dizon, Cris Dayril B. Bagnes, Rodora P. Loares,
Jozylyn N. Manansala

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Furthermore, the State is mandated to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at an affordable cost;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte has issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the country due to the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. It has enjoined all government agencies and local government units (LGUs) to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake appropriate response and measures to eliminate the threat of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a global pandemic;

WHEREAS, Oxygen is an essential medicine used to care for patients at all levels of the health care system. According to Dr. Rabindra Abeya Singhe, World Health Organization (WHO) Representative to the Philippines, "*Oxygen is an essential medicine and early access to oxygen therapy can make all the difference to patients with severe COVID-19*";

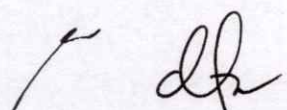
WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated global demand for Medical Oxygen and made the delivery of Oxygen more urgent. In a television interview on May 12, 2021, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) said that although the country can still meet the requirement for medical oxygen amid the rising COVID-19 cases, it is crucial to ensure it has enough supply if there will be a surge in demand in the future. He also said that some 470 tons of medical oxygen are being consumed on a daily basis;

WHEREAS, in June 2021, a series of consultative meetings was conducted under the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Health with regard to the procurement of medical oxygen tanks both in the barangays and Municipal Government of Los Baños. As agreed upon during the consultative meetings, an inventory of medical oxygen tanks owned by the municipal government and barangays was conducted. As of June 2021, it was found out that the Municipal Government owned a total of ten (10) medical oxygen tanks. Meanwhile, most barangays in the municipality owned only two (2) oxygen tanks;

WHEREAS, with the continued rise of COVID-19 cases, the august body has encouraged all barangay units to appropriate funds for the procurement of additional medical oxygen tanks in line with COVID-19 Mitigation Program through the passage of Resolution No. 2021-118 on June 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, the presence of B.1.617 (Delta) variant in the country was confirmed by the Department of Health, the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC) and the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) in July 2021;

WHEREAS, in a virtual meeting on August 12, 2021, the Food and Drug Administration said that the country will not have a problem with the supply of medical oxygen amid the COVID-19 pandemic;



WHEREAS, a series of consultative meeting for the purpose of discussing the supply of medical oxygen in the municipality and the proposal for all barangays to designate medical oxygen tank in their respective ambulances was conducted by the Sangguniang Bayan;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan, after a series of consultations, recommends for the installation of an oxygen refilling station in the municipality, to be owned and operated by the Local Government Unit of Los Baños. This can be part of the LGU's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the rising demand for oxygen as infections continue to rise. Refill of medical oxygen will also be cheaper as the project will provide additional oxygen supply for the municipality that has been relying on just one supplier;

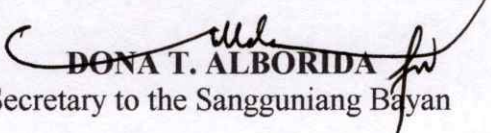
WHEREAS, there are a total of Four Hundred Fourteen (414) active COVID-19 cases in the municipality as of September 27, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE, on the motion of Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon which was duly seconded by Councilor Geronimo A. Ciceron and concurred by all councilors present;

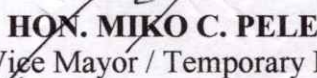
RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Los Baños, to recommend to the Local Chief Executive for the installation of an oxygen refilling station in the municipality, to be owned and operated by the Local Government of Los Baños.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED : September 27, 2021

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Resolution.


DONA T. ALBORIDA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ADOPTED:


HON. MIKO C. PELEGRINA
OIC- Vice Mayor / Temporary Presiding Officer