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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **2161**, S-2003

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR., TO SUSPEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY'S PAYROLL COMPUTERIZATION PROGRAM AIMED AT WITHDRAWING SALARIES OF CITY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES (ATM) OF THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Introduced by Councilors ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., WILMA AMORANTO-SARINO, VINCENT P. CRISOLOGO, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, RAMON P. MEDALLA, ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO, ERIC Z. MEDINA, MARY ANN L. SUSANO, JORGE L. BANAL, JULIAN M.L. COSETENG, FRANZ S. PUMAREN, DANTE M. DE GUZMAN, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, ALMA F. MONTILLA, JANET M. MALAYA, RICARDO R. DEL ROSARIO, RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN and XYRUS L. LANOT.

WHEREAS, the City Administrator, Atty. Paquito N. Ochoa, Jr., has issued a memorandum dated February 11, 2003, regarding the City's Payroll Computerization Program enjoining all concerned to submit their updated Personnel Data Sheet (PDS) and Employees Information Update Form (EIUF) as requirements for the above-mentioned program;

WHEREAS, payment of City employees' salaries through the ATM is clearly the main objective of the above-stated directive of City Administrator Ochoa, this belief being reinforced by a memorandum of the City Accountant Editha V. Alzona of 11 July 2002, directing all employees to open an account with the Land Bank of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, several City employees headed by Mr. Chris J. S. Cutler have manifested their strong objection of the said proposed computerization program in view of the implications and disadvantages of withdrawal of salaries through the ATM;

WHEREAS, the objections are based on valid and reasonable grounds and it is believed that a public hearing on the issue will clear-up many points;

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WHEREAS, some of these disadvantages if not addressed may arise and may be too late to mend or compromise in the event when the ATM scheme becomes fully operational;

WHEREAS, salaries of employees are their personal property. It is their vested right in where their money should go. Taking them in duress to open an ATM account will only violate the very essence of their freedom to life, liberty and property as guaranteed by the Constitution;


WHEREAS, it is mandated under Article I, Section 455 (b) (vi) and (viii), respectively, of the Local Government Code that the powers and duties of the City Mayor particularly in representing the City in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligations; and determine the time, manner and place of payment of salaries or wages of the officials and employees of the city, upon authority of the sangguniang panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to request, as it does hereby request, the Honorable City Mayor Feliciano R. Belmonte, Jr., to suspend the implementation of the City's Payroll Computerization Program aimed at withdrawing salaries of City government employees through the Automated Teller Machines(ATM) of the Land Bank of the Philippines.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the City Administrator and all heads of departments/offices of the City government.

ADOPTED: August 12, 2003.

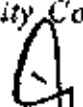

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution which was APPROVED on Second Reading on August 12, 2003, was CONFIRMED by the City Council on August 26, 2003.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary