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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **8320**, S-2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH MANILA WATER COMPANY, INC., REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, JOSE RENE GREGORY D. ALMENDRAS, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADOPT-AN-ESTERO/WATER BODY PROGRAM (AEWBP) OF DENR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH VARIOUS NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WATER BODIES IN METRO MANILA.

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Introduced by Councilors FRANZ S. PUMAREN and DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

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WHEREAS, it has been the policy of the Quezon City Government to extend partnership and cooperation with government agencies, private corporations, and local government units in addressing environmental, social, and health issues concerning its constituents;

WHEREAS, most of the water bodies in Metro Manila, particularly the Maytunas Creek, Buhangin Creek, Ermitanyo Creek, and Buayang Bato Creek (Adopted Water Bodies), which are tributaries of San Juan River, have reached a deteriorated condition wherein most of the rivers have become stagnant because of huge volume of silt, wastes and other debris, and have become a continuing threat to the health and safety of the riverside communities;

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WHEREAS, the DENR developed the Adopt-an-Estero/Water Body Program (AEWBP), a collaborative undertaking between the estero community, private and non-government sectors, local government units (LGUs), and other government agencies to clean esteros and water bodies, in response to the continuing mandamus by the Supreme Court for agencies led by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to clean up Manila Bay, particularly through the esteros and waterways that empty into it;

WHEREAS, Manila Water Company, Inc. (Manila Water) is the agent and contractor of Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) tasked to provide water delivery as well as sewerage and sanitation services in the East Service Area of the MWSS franchise area, which has the sole right to manage, operate, and maintain all fixed and movable assets of MWSS that may be required to provide the water delivery, as well as sewerage and sanitation services;

WHEREAS, Manila Water, in support of its service obligations, desires to partner with and assist the DENR and various government agencies and LGUs in the AEWBP, including Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), and the local governments of San Juan, Mandaluyong, and Quezon Cities;

WHEREAS, recognizing the value of working together and uniting to provide a healthy clean and safe environment through this partnership, the Quezon City Government, Manila Water, DENR, and other government agencies and LGUs will be able to work in close coordination to support the environmental improvement of the San Juan River and the development and implementation of the AEWBP;

WHEREAS, all parties undertake to comply with the responsibilities and undertakings laid out in the Memorandum of Agreement, namely, the development and implementation of projects under the AEWBP to reduce pollution in the San Juan River which includes, but not limited to, clean-ups, installation of portable toilets, chlorine dosing, bacteria-based water quality treatment, and flow improvements; attending and actively participating in the regular planning and implementation meetings of the AEWBP; and that the scope of this project shall be limited to the Adopted Water Bodies discharging to the San Juan River, specifically, Maytunas Creek, Buhangin Creek, Ermitanyo Creek, and Buayang Bato Creek;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 455 (b)(1)(vi) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City Mayor shall represent the City in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts and obligations and such other documents upon the authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance.

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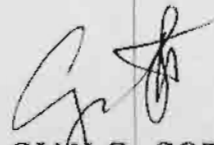
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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to authorize, as it does hereby authorize, the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Manila Water Company, Inc., represented by its Chief Executive Officer, Jose Rene Gregory D. Almendras, for the development and implementation of the Adopt-An-Estero/Water Body Program (AEWBP) of DENR in partnership with various national government agencies and local government units for the improvement of water bodies in Metro Manila.

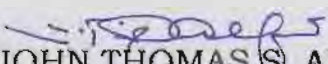
RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of the subject Memorandum of Agreement shall form an integral part of this Resolution.

ADOPTED: October 5, 2020.



GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

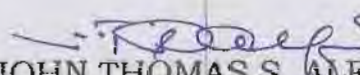
ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 5, 2020 and was CONFIRMED on October 19, 2020.



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Government Dept. Head III

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