

Republic of the Philippines QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 21st City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP-8452, S-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, TO ENTER INTO A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH INTERPHARMA SOLUTIONS PHILIPPINES, INC. (SUBSIDIARY OF ZUELLIG PHARMA), FOR STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY CHAIN SERVICES IN RESPECT TO COVID-19 VACCINES.

Introduced by Councilor FRANZ S. PUMAREN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, 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, Patrick Michael Vargas, 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.

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, due to COVID-19 pandemic, the President declared a State of National Health Emergency. On March 12, the President declared Community Quarantine over Metro Manila; and modified forms of quarantine eventually covered the entire country;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Council declared Quezon City to be under a State of Calamity due to COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, the City entered into a Multilateral Agreement with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals Philippines, Inc. to acquire 750,000 doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine, which was later increased to 1,100,000 doses; the city is also looking to acquire vaccines from other companies, in coordination with the national government;

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WHEREAS, considering the massive task of inoculating hundreds of thousands of people as quickly as possible, the City is in urgent need of assistance from a service provider with expertise in storage, distribution, transport, handling and other supply chain services in relation to vaccines;

WHEREAS, Interpharma Solutions Philippines, Inc., a subsidiary of Zuellig Pharma (ZuelligPhils) is the largest vaccine and pharmaceutical distributor in the Philippines. The parent company Zuellig Pharma is a multinational healthcare services provider and is one of the leading vaccine distributors in the world. Hence, ZuelligPhils has extensive expertise in the storage, handling and distribution of vaccines. ZuelligPhils has offered to provide such services to the City, through a Master Services Agreement and detailed Work Statements as exhibit to the main agreement;

WHEREAS, the Implementing Guidelines of Republic Act No. 11494 (Bayanihan to Recover As One Act), as well as Government Procurement Policy Board Resolution No. 03-2020, may serve as basis for emergency procurement of services in relation to COVID-19 vaccines;

WHEREAS, Section 6 (e) of Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the "The Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act," provides that local governments have the authority to conduct and enforce disease surveillance and response systems, epidemic/outbreak and epidemiologic investigations, and rapid containment, quarantine and isolation, disease prevention and control measures;

WHEREAS, based on Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City has the implied power to do all things necessary, appropriate, or incidental to govern efficiently and effectively, promote the general welfare, promote health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a)(1)(iv) of the same Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the City Council may adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the City from the harmful effects of natural disasters and calamities.

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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 Master Services Agreement with Interpharma Solutions Philippines, Inc. (subsidiary of Zuellig Pharma), for storage, distribution and supply chain services in respect to COVID-19 vaccines.

ADOPTED: February 1, 2021.

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 February 1, 2021 and was CONFIRMED on February 8, 2021.

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

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