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State of the City Address

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**Greetings and
Acknowledgements!**

I greet this day with much anticipation for in my past three (3) terms of service as your City Vice Mayor, I was at the receiving end in such occasion. Now, I stand before this August Body, not only because it is so mandated but with a great sense of accountability, I hereby most respectfully submit this report of the highlights of accomplishments for the year 2010. As the elected officials, to serve the term 2010 until 2013, we took-off by pooling brains and brawn to undertake interventions and implement relevant programs and projects for a holistic development, for the benefit of the greatest number and general welfare.

My thanks to the constituents for the honour and privilege of your trust and confidence on us, whom you have elected to carry the reins and onus of our city government.

In these most uncertain and perilous times, expectations are high and could be exacting. The continued support and sustained enthusiasm of a cohesive LGU workforce, the leadership and dedication of our Department Heads and the cooperation of our vigilant partners from the community sectors: the CF! Bayawanian Coalition, the senior citizens, the women's group, our farmers associations and the civil society have made these achievements worthy of note.

For the staunch leadership of our City Vice Mayor, Hon. Ismael P. Martinez and the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, my sincere congratulations and appreciation for having the zeal to serve our fellow Bayawanons and the camaraderie which have made possible the forging of a strong legislative-executive partnership.

Administration and Governance:

Executive . Legislative Agenda

The different working committees of the Sangguniang Panlungsod were organized soon after the elected officials were sworn into office. The first step we took was to look into the City Development Plans and to review our priority programs and interventions through the formulation of a Legislative . Executive Agenda. A formulation workshop was then conducted at Cebu Grand Hotel, Cebu City with Ms. Jocelyn P. Gongob, the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator as resource facilitator. The workshop was participated by the Department Heads, Barangay Captains and representatives from the different sectors. We were fortunate to have the attendance of our beloved Congressman of the 3rd District of Negros Oriental, Hon. Pryde Henry A. Teves. The good congressman expressed his earnest intentions to optimize coordination with our local government in pursuit of sustainable development for the countryside.

The activity was highlighted with an orientation on Local Government Performance Management System (LGPMS) by the Regional Office of the DILG and was most opportune for the newly elected city and barangay officials. It provided insights on the tool for objective assessment of needs and measurement of performance.

We rated high in the area of Development Planning for having planning structures, consultative processes, ready planning databases in place which are highly facilitative in the preparation or updating of land uses and development plans. This is according to the recent report of the Local Government Performance Management System (LGPMS 2007-2010).

Human Resource Management

The staffing pattern is responsive to the personnel requirement of the City in pursuit of its Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives within the strictures laid down by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM). We readily implemented the Performance Management System . Office Performance Evaluation System (PMS-OPES) to gear towards a "desirable organizational performance for optimized productivity."

CF! Colloquium

The regular monthly Colloquium provided venue for a dialogue between the City Officials and the Department Heads. Core value discussion precedes the department update of the Department scheduled to report for the month, after which issues and concerns relating to the functions of the office were resolved. This has promoted inter-departmental collaboration in the delivery of public service.

Customer Service

Improved transparency of transactions at the city hall is evident with the implementation of the Anti-Red Tape Act through the formulated Citizen's Charter. The charter provides information about the working system of our city government, to protect the common citizen from being cheated by the miscreants or be harassed. It is also our primary means to sustain public service excellence. The regular conduct of the ~~%Business-One-Stop-Shop+~~ at the Annex Sports Complex from January 1 to 20th every year is designed to streamline the process of the renewal/issuance of Business Permits and for the convenience and ease of our clients.

Our civil application system, however, needs to be transformed into a seamless transactional process to ensure ease in obtaining civil registry and real property documents.

Salary Increase Implementation

Founded on the basic concept of ~~%equal pay for work of equal value+~~, the Salary Standardization law aims to cure the problem of low salaries and disparity in pay among government workers and as compared to the private sector. We implemented the Salary Standardization Act and adjusted salaries according to the Salary Schedule set forth by Executive Order No. 811 issued on June 17, 2009 for the 1st trance effective 2010 and the 2nd trance of salary adjustment effective January of the current year.

Revenue Generation

We cannot over emphasize the need to reduce the city's heavy dependence on Internal Revenue Allotment. Good governance recognizes the value of financial and other resources as commodities for economic development, hence the need to boost our local revenue generation as a resource mobilization strategy. We must enhance existing measures to maximize our revenue generation potential.

For 2010, our Taxable Assessed Value is Php 331,257,873.46. The latest General Revision was conducted in CY 2010 and took effect this year. The CLAIMS Project facilitated 671 lots to be patented and titled. This is a measure to segregate ownership of lands held in common for the issuance of individual titles to define tax accountability and ensure the collection of real property taxes. CLOAs originally issued as common titles are divided into sub-lots to individual beneficiary who is responsible for his individual tax liability. This is relevant to our effort to improve the collection of Real Property Taxes. A shift from Real Property Tax Administration System (RPTAS) to Enhanced Tax Revenue Assessment and Collection System (ETRACS) is endorsed by

our City Assessor, Mr. Reynaldo Belingan to enhance the efficiency of the City Assessor's Office.

The City Treasurer's Office is consistent in its effort to optimize collection efficiency. For the year 2010, Collection Efficiency rating increased for Real Property Taxes, Business Taxes, Economic Enterprise and Internal Revenue Allotment Share, except for Fees & Charges and Other Income due to a significant decrease in Income from Agricultural Produce.

Fund Utilization: Budget vs. Actual Spending

For the 2010, the annual budget under the General Fund has increased by Php 114,600,689.00 or 28% over that of 2009. Thirty four (34) Supplemental Budgets were passed amounting to Php 296,524,613.85 which posted a total current budget of Php 821,375,364.85, an increase of 39% over that of CY 2009. The total current & continuing appropriations increased by 42%.

We implemented the reinstatement of pre-audit of selective disbursements as required by COA. We also completed the build-up of Electronic New Government Accounting System (eNGAS) for 28 barangays with the assistance of the IT. Reports have been generated with this system.

In our case, management and coordination processes for budgeting and accounting are in place, but there is a need to ensure an effective allocation and optimum utilization of financial resources.

We must find possible ways to strengthen Financial Accountability by exerting effort to improve administrative capacities that ensure observance of guidelines relative to accounting, internal control, procurement and financial transactions.

Governance

We rate fairly towards the ultimate goal of good governance having the evidently discernable essential elements. Transparency in our government operations is remarkable as the citizens and Civil Society Organizations are engaged in local governance which is indicative of an admirable level of political maturity. However, there is always room for us to improve, to optimize public service and truly make our city government an institution of public trust, a government by the people, for the people and of the people. We must install innovative mechanisms to harness full participation of all stakeholders even if we are able to enhance, sustained or have institutionalized in our government structure participatory processes, mechanisms and systems.

The City enrolled in the Governance Pathways program of the Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) in 2007. Public Governance System (PGS) was adapted to ensure that public governance is a shared responsibility between public officials and responsible citizens. It is a participatory process applying the principles and best practices of good governance and responsible

citizenship hinged on the Balanced Scorecard technology (BSC). Through PGS we hope to gain breakthroughs in the delivery of social services, stakeholder satisfaction and financial autonomy. ISA certified Bayawan City as INITIATED in 2008, COMPLIANT in 2009 and is working to comply for PROFICIENT status.

For the promotion of good citizenship advocacy, CF!Bayaw-Anihan 10 Libong Bayani registered 634 Bayanis. This is promotion program is anchored on the 12 Little Things advocated by Mr. Alex Lacson.

Urban Environmental Management Facility

The Bayawan City Waste Management and Ecology Center (BCWMEC) is our Urban Sanitation Management facility, a state of the art, the only one of a kind in the country of international standards. It was formally launched and officially turned over by no less than Dr. Ute Hubner, the Country Director of the German Development Service. Engr. Antonio Aguilar, our Pollution Officer oversees the operation. He has undergone special training in Germany and had ample experience from his previous employment abroad. The total cost of the project amounts to Php 37M which hosts a sanitary landfill (SLF), digester, sludge drying beds, lagoon, anaerobic baffle reactor, materials recovery facility, composting facility, weighing bridge, a guard house and administration building. The center is most frequently visited by other LGU delegations coming from as far North of Luzon and down to Southern Mindanao to observe and study our best practices in urban sanitation management.

We have Kfw-CBFMMP (German Bank) funded Natural Resources Management projects sufficient to provide logistics for the next five (5) years of implementation of our FLUP projects.

Infrastructure

A total of 190 linear meters of the Bayawan Coastal Road (Phase 6 & 7) were completed as well as 4 kms of the Bayawan-Kabankalan Friendship Highway for the Road Network Project. The FMR concreting of five (5) projects and two (2) road rehabilitation projects were also completed.

Among the major completed projects are at the Government Center, build four (4) school buildings, constructed Waste Water Treatment at Bayawan District Hospital (BDH), Sanitary landfill at the Ecological Center, Electrical Systems and for the Irrigation Projects.

Agriculture/Fisheries and Veterinary Services

The cultivation of various field crops such as rice, corn, coffee, bananas, vegetables, coconut and other crops as cotton, Jatropha, Rubber and sugar

cane are given technical support and monitored. Fertilizer assistance for sugar cane covered 418 hectares.

Essential Oil Demo Project at Mantapi, Nangka

Three (3) family types of crops for essential Oil are being propagated for experimental study namely:

1. The lemon Grass family composed of the Native Lemon grass, Citronella, East Indian lemon grass, the Palmaosa grass and Vetiver grass;
2. Mint family composed of corn mint, Spearmint, Peppermint and Arctic peppermint varieties; and
3. Potchouli varieties from UPLB and Canada.

Dr. Refe Gaudiel, volunteer consultant for our Essential Oil Project recently visited our production site. We have a furnace with 2 boilers which was recently modified to handle commercial scale distillation process.

Our Dairy Development Projects are being implemented by the City Veterinary Office. In coordination with the City Nutrition Council, the office conducts the Milk Feeding Program, supervises the dairy production in goats and conducts hands-on trainings on milk processing.

For the Tilapia Fry Production and Dispersal, 66,880 fries were distributed to local farmers including neighboring LGUs of Sta. Catalina and Basay. We have completed the design and program of work for the Inland Aquaculture Facility in Danapa, Nangka to be implemented this year. This is a Php 6 M project funded by KFW and the City Government of Bayawan. The 2-heactare facility will be composed of a hatchery, grow-out ponds and training center.

Cultural and Tourism Activities

Our participation in the Buglasan %Festivals of Festivals+ showcased the #erpsichorean ingenuity+of BayawansqTawo-tawo contingent represented by St. Augustine Academy by garnering as Champion. The performers proved their savvy in performing arts as Champion of our Tawo-tawo Festival was adjudged %Best in Street Dancing+and %Best in Costume.+

The Charter Anniversary was celebrated with the theme: %A sustainable Agricultural Economy For a Self-reliant Bayawan City+was highlighted by the Belen Festival.

Sports Development

Bayawan Basketball Team holds the perpetual trophy for the 6th year now in inter-town competitions. In Invitational Games outside Bayawan including Siquijor we won as Champion. The team conducted the summer sports clinics for the children for free. The Women's Volleyball Team is 7x undefeated

champion in inter-town competitions and played well in invitational games. They have competed with national calibre teams like the Philippine Navy. The Bayawanihan Martial Arts Club promotes **Arnis**, our National Sport as endorsed by Cong. Pryde Henry Teves. It has a membership of over a hundred mostly coming from the elementary and high schools. A member became a Champion during the 2nd Philippine Olympic Festival in Dumaguete City and participated in Invitation Arnis Tournament in Ilo-ilo City. Clinics for the children were held every summer for them to develop skill and discipline which serves as a healthy diversion for kids.

Little League Clinics for Basketball, Volleyball, Boxing, Soccer Football, Badminton and Athletics were conducted under the City Sports Development Program.

Social Services

Our City Social Welfare and Development Office assisted in facilitating for a total of 6,632 beneficiaries coming from 28 barangays enjoy benefits from the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps). This is a national government poverty reduction strategy that provides cash grants to the poor and deserving families. Financial capability is provided to meet certain human development goals for the improvement of health, nutrition and education of children aged 0-14 for as long as the family beneficiary complies with the terms and conditions of the program.

We implemented the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention (CSAP) program designed to prevent increment child abuse cases in our locality. A tie-up with Katilingbanong Pagtagad Alang sa Kauswagan INC. (KAPASKI), a civil Society was established to undertake joint advocacy efforts in 12 barangays.

In support of our Senior Citizens, 363 senior citizens aged 70 and over from the 28 barangays received Php 500.00 each from the Katas ng VAT: Tulong para kay Lolo at Lola project. We have 1,045 registered Senior Citizens.

Health and Healthy Lifestyle Programs

For the Safe Motherhood Program, almost half of our total number of Barangays has an extension or separate room for lying-inn.

Nutrition Program . For the 2010 we targeted priority barangays to rehabilitate malnourished children using the 100 days Fresh milk Feeding and the Supplementary Feeding (Nutri-pack) to 19 other recipient barangays. Mothers were made Pabasa sa Nutrition, to know the right feeding requirements of their children. The family of malnourished children received 61 goats of the Goat dispersal Livelihood Project.

Lifestyle related disease is ranked No. 4 of our Mortality Data and No. 3 for Morbidity. Interventions to address lifestyle health concerns include the conduct of a Multi-Sectoral Health Summit which resulted in the creation of

the Healthy Lifestyle Society. This was undertaken during the celebration of the World Health Day and Earth Day in April 2010 and a Renal Disease Control Program (REDCOP) Rally and No Smoking Symposium was also conducted sometime in June. The objective of these activities redounds to abate high risk for lifestyle related health problems.

Peace and Order

On the campaign for Oplan Kalikasan three (3) operations on P.D. 705 were conducted led by PNP Chief Errol T. Garchitorena Jr and recovered various sawn lumber which was turned over to the City ENRO and to the DENR, Bayawan City field office. For OPLAN Roulette campaign conducted seven (7) operations enforcing R.A. 9287 or against Illegal numbers games locally known as suertres were conducted. The campaign on violations of R.A. 9165, Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, resulted in four (4) cases being filed.

Disaster Prevention & Preparedness

For the 3rd year in succession, the National Disaster Council conferred the Gawad Kalasag to Bayawan City as **Best City Disaster Coordinating Council** for component City Category. This is in recognition of determined leadership, enterprising and responsive disaster risk reduction and management projects through community-based development approach addressing evolving global concerns on food security, climate change and environmental care.+

Further, our initiatives were commended to redound to the residents having confidence that they are residing in a safe city, capable of responding to all types of hazards with their mitigation and preparedness efforts. Furthermore, the award cited the resilient attitude of all the leaders and the spirit of voluntarism among the people which has motivated more humanitarian workers to readily assist in the undertakings, with the end view of achieving progress and prosperity with all sectors in the city.

Disaster Risk Reduction activities in our schools were conducted to equip our school children with the know-how on disaster preparedness and how to conduct themselves during and after a disaster.

Legislative Milieu:

At the helm of the Sangguniang Panglungsod is Hon. Ismael P. Martinez who carries-on a legacy of public service. We welcomed back three (3) re-elected members, seven(7) new members and the SK Federation President. We are fortunate to have the Hon. Ernesto T. Tijing who has returned to be of further service to his beloved hometown.

From July to December 2010 the Sangguniang Panlungsod tackled these major concerns among many others:

1. In aid of legislation the SP invited the DAR, DENR and concerned CLOA Beneficiaries for a dialogue to enhance the collection of Real Property taxes. A resolution was reached to request the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) to fast track the segregation survey for individual titling of CLOAs given to a group of individuals so as to determine individual tax accountability and to complete the segregation process within two (2) years.
2. The SP also undertook a study for the possible access to financial assistance from the Honorable Congressman of the 3rd District of Negros Oriental to be able to hire additional doctors and make the hospital Laboratory operational for twenty four (24) hours a day;
3. Have passed on 2nd Reading the following proposed ordinances:
 - a. An ordinance Establishing the Septage management System and Water Usage Policies in the City of Bayawan;
 - b. An ordinance Establishing the Bayawan City Investment Code of 2011. The objective of the ordinance is to attract investors and industries for the creation of job opportunities and lay down investment policy that is Investment/business and environment friendly. We hope to attract the establishment of call centers and agro-industrial ventures. The city government being the major employment institution in the locality is not able to absorb the manpower and human resource available in our locality.
4. Ordinance No. 35, Declaring the February 12 to 18 of every year as the ~~Tawo-tawo~~ Tawo-tawo Festival Week+ of the City of Bayawan and providing the operational guidelines therefore.
5. Enacted Appropriation Ordinance for our Electrification Program, as follows:
 - a. Solar Energy PHP 200,000.00
 - b. Barangay Electrification 300,000.00
 - c. Construction of Street Lights
 1. Street Lights from Bang to Pagatban PHP 500,000.00
 2. Street Lights from Poblacion to Nangka 500,000.00
 3. Street Lights - Diversion Road 500,000.00

The Sangguniang Panlungsod conducted 40 regular Sessions and seven (7) Special Sessions in a span of six (6) months. Within this period 41 ordinances were enacted and 561 Resolutions were adopted.

It is observed that our local legislation may be enhanced with further improvement of the competence of our legislative staff and avail of legislative tools such as agenda document tracking and legislative performance.

PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR 2011:

Our Approved Annual Investment Program (AIP) For 2011 outlines the Priority Programs and Projects for 2011. Among the major priority programs on top of the recurring basic services are listed, as follows:

Executive Services:

1. The City Informatization Program
2. Brgy. Governance & Development Program
3. CF! Bayawanihan Program
4. Peace & Order Program
5. Support services
6. LGU Counterpart Fund to LAMPPII ISF

Public Safety Services:

1. Pulisya Laban Sa Krimen
2. Counter Insurgency Program
3. Traffic Operation
4. Enforcement of Forestry Law & other Environmental Laws and Ordinances
5. Anti Drug Campaign Program

Administrative Services:

1. Sports Development & other Amusement Program
2. Culture & Tourism Promotion Program
3. Cultural Activities and Development Program
4. Public Service Excellence Program

Planning Services:

1. Sixth Country Program for Children
2. LGU Equity to Community Management Level II Potable Water System in Brgy. Narra
3. Sitio Energization Project

General Services:

1. Purchase of Sodium Street Lights
2. Purchase of the City Gym and Quadrangle Flood

Lightings

Civil Registry: 1. Seminar Workshop for Brgy. Secretaries & stakeholders in Civil Registration

Treasury Services:

1. Real Property Tax Collection Enhancement Program

Agricultural Services:

1. Operation and maintenance of the Animal Center, Crop Center, Brgy. Trichogramma Labs, Brgy. Nurseries and Bio-N Plant
2. Promotion of Rice and Corn Production and Natural Farming Practice
3. Operation & Maintenance of the Tractor Pool
4. Prototype Fabrication of Farm Machineries and Equipment

Veterinary Services: 1. Dairy Development Project

Environment and Natural Resources Services:

1. City Sanitation Program
2. Forest land Use Plan Implementation
3. Wastewater Management
4. Integrated Solid Waste Management Program
5. Community-Based Forest and Mangrove Management Project (CBFMMP)
6. Agroforestry Development Program

Engineering Services:

1. Brgy. Electrification Project
2. Construction of Electrical Systems for the Street Lights for Banga to Pagatban (Phase 5) and Poblacion to Nangka (Phase 5).
3. City Wide - Drainage Repair & Maintenance
4. Rehabilitation of Various FMRs
5. Bayawan Coastal Road Project (Phase 9)
6. Seawall construction along Coastal Road (Phase 2)
7. Bayawan-Kabankalan Friendship Highway (Phase 9)
8. Public market waste water Treatment Facility (Phase 2)
9. Concreting of Kalumboyan-MaNDUAO Road Network
10. Bayawan CIP . Lateral Canal Construction

COOP & Manpower Development Services:

1. City Cooperative Development Program & services -
 - a. TESDA Skills Training Program & services
 - b. DTI Program & Services . SME & Consumers Welfare
 - c. DOLE-PESO Programs & Services

Health Services:

1. Environmental Sanitation Program
2. Family Planning Program
3. Water food & Mosquito Borne Disease control & Vermin control Program
4. Health Education Program/Health Promotion Program
5. National Tuberculosis Program
6. Renal Disease Control Program
7. Healthy Barangay Sustainability & Outreach Program
8. Nutrition Program
9. Healthy Lifestyle Program
10. Safe Motherhood Program
11. Integrated Management Program (IMCI)
12. Garantisadong Pambata Program
13. Mother Nutri-craft Feeding
14. Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI)

Social, Welfare and Development Services:

1. Emergency Assistance Program
2. Early Childhood Development Program-Resource Center
3. Day Care Service Program
4. Women and Child Abuse Program
5. Family Welfare Program
6. Paglaum Center Operation
7. Gender and Development Program
8. SEA-K Livelihood Program
9. Elderly Persons & Person with Disability Program
10. Operation of CICL Center

Others/Special Purpose Appropriation:

1. Scholarship Program
2. Subsidy to Sta. Bayabas Dist. Health System
3. Subsidy to Bayawan BHWs
4. Subsidy to the City School Division
5. Aid to Barangay for Infrastructure Projects

6. Aid to Barangays for Medical, Mortuary & Fuel
7. Operation of the Integrated Business Center
8. Calamity Fund (5%)

Conclusion:

Our city is steadily attaining national recognition. The increasing number of LGU delegations coming to Bayawan to see our best practices for purposes of replication is indicative of a trend that we are soaring towards national fame. I fervently trust the camaraderie and synergy between and among our elected officials, the department heads and the total LGU workforce will be sustained for the growth and well-being of our beloved City. Kudos to our local heroes, Bayawanons who have exemplified the marks of a good citizenship.

May God bless us with more power to serve Mabuhay!