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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City Government of Pasig

Resolution No. 161-11
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR, VICTOR MA REGIS N. SOTTO, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF PASIG AND ARELLANO UNIVERSITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOUR GUIDING IMMERSION PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF PASIG, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Author: **Councilor Maria Luisa "Angelu" M. De Leon**

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall give priority to arts and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, in line with the celebration of the 450th Araw ng Pasig, the City Government of Pasig plans to hold several Pasig City Heritage and Culinary Tours ("Project"), which are intended to reinvigorate public attention to the local history and cultural heritage of Pasig, as well as reintroduce the public to the City's local gastronomy;

WHEREAS, Arellano University desires to engage the City Government of Pasig in providing a Tour Guiding Immersion Program for selected Tourism Management students from the Andres Bonifacio Campus of the University as a form of Practicum to the latter's students;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Pasig, through its Cultural Affairs and Tourism Office, agrees to accept students of Arellano University as interns in the Tour Guiding Immersion Program, and the University has agreed to send qualified students to participate in the implementation of the Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, on a motion duly seconded, the Sangguniang Panlungsod resolves, as it hereby resolved, to authorize the Honorable City Mayor, Victor Ma Regis N. Sotto, to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the City Government of Pasig and Arellano University for the implementation of the Tour Guiding Immersion Program within the City of Pasig.

RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, that the copies of the Memorandum of Agreement shall form an integral part of this Resolution;





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RESOLVED, FINALLY, that the Secretary of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall furnish all concerned agencies/offices copies of this Resolution, as duly adopted/approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

APPROVED, this 10th day of **July 2023** in the City of Pasig.


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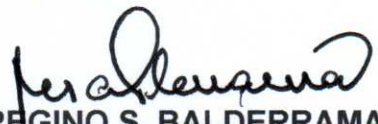

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by the Committee on Cultural and Spiritual Affairs

Re: Proposed Resolution No. 281-2023: **A Resolution Authorizing The Honorable City Mayor, Victor Ma. Regis N. Sotto, To Enter Into And Sign A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The City Government Of Pasig And Arellano University For The Implementation Of The Tour Guiding Immersion Program Within The City Of Pasig, And For Other Purposes**

Authored by: Councilor Maria Luisa "Angelu" De Leon

Referred to the Committee on Cultural and Spiritual Affairs on 5 June 2023

Preliminaries

The Committee on Cultural and Spiritual Affairs met on 7 June 2023 at the 7th Floor, Pasig City Hall, to discuss Proposed Resolution No. 281-2023: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR, VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF PASIG AND ARELLANO UNIVERSITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOUR GUIDING IMMERSION PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF PASIG, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

In attendance were the following Councilors: Maria Luisa "Angelu" De Leon, Paul Roman C. Santiago, Corazon M. Raymundo, Mark Gil V. Delos Santos, Quin A. Cruz, Marion Rosalio M. Martires, Simon Gerard R. Tantoco, and Raymund Francis S. Rustia.

Resource persons present from the City Government were Atty. Isobelle Santocildes from the Office of the City Mayor, Mr. Christian Allen N. Echeche, OIC Cultural Affairs and Tourism Office (CATO), and Ms. Anna San Mateo, OIC Pasig City Museum. Arellano University was represented by Mr. Sherwin Punla and Ms. Jane Dela Cruz.

Summary of Discussion

- Councilor De Leon opened the discussion by explaining the objective of the proposed agreement with Arellano University. The University aims to have its select Tourism Management students from its Andres Bonaficio Campus undertake part of their practicum with the Pasig City Government through a Tour Guiding Immersion Program under the City Cultural Affairs and Tourism Office (CATO). The training is deemed timely as it coincides with the celebration of the 450th Araw ng Pasig, with the LGU's plans to hold several Pasig City Heritage and Culinary Tours.



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- Ms. Dela Cruz clarified upon query of Councilor Delos Santos that only students enrolled in their BS Tourism Management course are included under the agreement, and at the moment, only seven (7) students are contemplated to be part of the program.
- Mr. Echeche explained that the 7 students will be immersed in the Poblacion Heritage Tour of the City, which is conducted on every 3rd Sunday of the month from July until November. A DOT-accredited tour guide will give the students the training, under the supervision of CATO.
- Councilor Delos Santos manifested that maybe more can benefit from the program if it were continuous in nature considering that only 7 students are contemplated to be involved at the moment. Atty. Santocildes explained that the term of the MOA is for one year and is renewable, so these 7 students will only be part of the first batch of the program.
- Mr. Punla explained that due to changes in the timeline, from an original 20 students, CATO can only accommodate 7 students, considering also that there is a 400-hours requirement of their course curriculum which the students have to comply with.
- Councilor Cruz manifested that for him, Pamantasang Lungsod ng Pasig (PLP) students should be prioritized when it comes to exposure for learning opportunities/internships within the City Government. The City is not assured that it will reap the benefits from an engagement like this with Arellano considering that it is a private school. Nevertheless, he requested that the rules of engagement between the school and the City be clear, especially since there are sensitive information to be handle like historical data of Pasig City. He also made note that there was an incident in the previous year with Bulacan State University wherein a student undergoing internship died, which is why CHED also became stricter with the implementation of its internship rules.
- Atty. Santocildes explained further that it is the City Government through CATO that will make the program for the students. If the Councilors want specifics, these can be included in the scope of the training program, which the City also does in other MOAs.
- Councilor De Leon manifested that CATO should look into the proper guidelines on handling of information and safety precautions while undergoing the internship since it will be the office that will provide the training to the students.
- Councilor Raymundo expressed that it should be mentioned in the agreement that it is not the City who will be providing the capacity-building/training to the students, but DOT or its accredited guides, in order for them to actually undertake tour-guiding activities. On this matter, Ms. Dela Cruz manifested that it is clear to Arellano University that DOT will provide the "training of trainers", CATO serves as the host-training establishment.
- In response to Councilor Raymundo's concern, Mr. Echeche stated that DOT can be identified in the whereas clauses of the agreement instead, considering that it is already DOT's mandate to provide training to LGUs on tour guiding seminars and the like.
- Councilor De Leon manifested as a final note that CATO also ensure that they fact-check the statements made by DOT when it comes to scripts and spiels, since there are local trivia which may not be known to those from DOT if they are not residents of the City.



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Recommendation

- The Committee Cultural and Spiritual Affairs recommends that the Sanggunian approve Proposed Resolution No. 281-2023, with the corresponding Memorandum of Agreement, after integration of the following recommendations in the proposed agreement:
 - Identification of the role of the Department of Tourism as a training-provider for tour-guiding seminars in the whereas clauses;
 - Identification of the City Government as the Host Training Establishment instead of Training Partner; and
 - Clarification of the scope of engagement of the parties under the Tour Guiding Immersion Program.

Pasig City, 3 July 2023

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