

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
BATANGAS CITY**

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE  
MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY  
ON AUGUST 23, 2022 AT THE SANGGUNIANG SESSION HALL**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz,	Presiding Officer
Hon. Hamilton G. Blanco,	Councilor
Hon. Karlos Emmanjuel A. Buted,	“
Hon. Andrea Loise F. Macaraig,	“
Hon. Nestor E. Dimacuha,	“
Hon. Armando C. Lazarte,	“
Hon. Nelson J. Chavez,	“
Hon. Jose Jonash Luis F. Tolentino,	“
Hon. Zester Carlo M. Hernandez,	“
Hon. Isidra “Ched” M. Atienza,	“
Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Jr.,	“
Hon. Michael C. Villena,	“
Hon. Angelito “Dondon” A. Dimacuha,	(ABC-Rep.)
Hon. Marjorie A. Manalo,	(SK-Rep.)
Hon. Oliver Z. Macatangay,	Councilor

“On motion of Vice Mayor Alyssa Renee A. Cruz seconded by Councilor Nestor Dimacuha, the following Resolution was Adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-232 S. 2022**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA OF THE  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2022  
TO 2025, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Sec.18 of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines, provides that local government units shall have the power and authority to establish an organization that shall be responsible for the efficient and effective implementation of their development plans, program objectives and priorities;

**WHEREAS**, Section 458(1) of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that “the Sangguniang Panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall enact ordinances and approve resolutions necessary for efficient and effective government”;

**WHEREAS**, Section 458(2) of the same law states that the Sangguniang Panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall “Generate and maximize the use of resources and revenues for the development plans, program objectives and priorities of the city as provided for under Section 18 of this Code, with particular attention to agro-industrial development and city-wide growth and progress.”;

**WHEREAS**, the Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA) is a term-based strategic planning document that is mutually developed and agreed upon by both the executive and legislative departments of a local government unit in consultation with various stakeholders in its various stages, initially from needs identification to plan implementation, monitoring and evaluation;

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**WHEREAS**, the Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA) shall be the framework of the local government that will embody an integrated plan towards major development thrusts and priorities of both the executive and legislative branches towards a collective aspiration and common vision for the locality containing its vision, goals, objectives, strategies, a platform of governance/priority thrusts of the incumbent, and the priority legislative agenda of the Sanggunian;

**WHEREAS**, as a method, the formulation of the Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA) includes the constituents of the Local Government Unit that will enable ELA to deliver avenues for empowerment and consensus among diverse stakeholders in pursuing a set of consolidated action designed for the purpose of realizing desired development and advancement in the local community;

**WHEREAS**, the ELA is comprised of Two Primary Fundamental Elements specifically:  
1. Executive Agenda and 2. Legislative Agenda;

**WHEREAS**, prior to the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2022, the Sangguniang Panlungsod conducted an Access To Empowerment initiative wherein Civic Society Organizations were empowered to craft, formulate and submit proposals for legislative measures that shall be responsive to the goals, objectives, and advocacy of the sectors they duly represent;

**WHEREAS**, on 19th of August 2022, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas conducted a Capacity Development Enhancement Initiative through a Public Hearing wherein the representatives and delegates from various multi-sectoral civic organizations were invited to present and discuss their submitted proposal;

**WHEREAS**, on 19th of August 2022, the Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, crafted and formulated the Legislative Agenda of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas for the term 2022-2025, comprised of (1) legislative measure proposals from the multi-sectoral civic society organizations and (2) legislative measure proposals of Vice Mayor Alyssa Renee A. Cruz and Sangguniang Panlungsod members responsive to the Eight (8) Point Agenda of the City Mayor Beverley Rose Abaya Dimacuja that was deemed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod to be an integral part of the Legislative Agenda;

**WHEREAS**, the formulated Legislative Agenda attached hereto as “Annex A and B”, focuses on the important sectors of development particularly infrastructure, good governance, public safety and welfare, health, education, economic, food security and environmental developments;

**WHEREAS**, after thorough discussion and deliberation, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas deems it necessary to adopt the proposed hereto attached Legislative Agenda of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas for the period of 2022 to 2025 as an integral part of this Resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS**

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**VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED,** to Adopt the Legislative Agenda of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas for the Period of 2022 to 2025, subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations.


**RESOLVED FINALLY THAT,** the proposed Legislative Agenda and copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the City Mayor and other concerned offices, departments and agencies for their information, guidance and reference.

**APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS,** in its Regular Session held on August 23, 2022."

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 22-232 S. 2022 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on August 23, 2022.

  
**ROSEMARIE D. HERNANDEZ**  
Board Secretary IV

**NOTED:**

  
**ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS**  
Secretary

**ATTESTED:**

  
**ATTY. ALYSSA RENEY A. CRUZ**  
Presiding Officer

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# SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Proponents: Vice Mayor Alyssa Cruz and the Honorable Council Members

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## INTRODUCTION

The 2022 election in the City of Batangas resulted into a back to back victory of 17-0 for the second time by TEAM EBD with overwhelming votes under the leadership of Congressman Mario Vittorio “Marvey” Mariño and Mayor Beverley Rose A. Dimacuha. This is a resounding voice of the people of the city that a collaborative team approach is necessary not just in facing and mitigating the challenges of calamities and pandemic but a vital element for an efficient and adaptive governance towards recovery and advancement leading to continuous progress in the new normal.

The onset of public service years of 2022-2025 along with the fifty-three years of prosperity and governance of Batangas City, local legislation is of vital significance. In line with the principle of unity and in order to efficiently address and support the city government’s thrust under the leadership of the local chief executive, the City Vice Mayor deems that it is necessary to prioritize measures and legislation that will respond to the agenda of the City Mayor that is centered in **“Pagpapalakas at Pagpapatibay”** along with the Council’s proposed legislative measures favouring the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants.

In view therefore, we, the Sangguniang Panlungsod thru the efforts of the Office of the Vice Mayor and the Council, would like to propose and present this Legislative Agenda that will be responsive to the Executive Agenda. The consolidation of the two agenda, the Executive-Legislative Agenda is deemed to be vital for the realization of the City of **Batangas Resiliency and Amplified Development** plan. This fusion of agenda reifies the commitment of the Local Government of Batangas City to the collective long-term vision and aspirations of our countrymen and national government: **Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Buhay – AmBisyon Natin 2040.**

EXECUTIVE AGENDA	LEGISLATIVE AGENDA	STRATEGIC LEGISLATIVE MEASURES
<p><b>Good Governance / People-Centered Participation</b></p>	<p><b>Access To Empowerment:</b> Advancing Civil Service and Local Governance</p>	<p><b>Committee Hearings:</b> for the feasibility of appropriating fund for minimum wage for Barangay Workers (BSPO, BNS, BHW);</p> <p><b>Resolutions / Ordinances:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Passage of resolutions for accreditation for NGOs and POs;</li> <li>2. Eto Batangueño Disiplinado Code (compilation and codification of social and moral-related ordinances);</li> <li>3. Institutionalization of Barangay Level Chaplaincy Program/Moral Recovery Program;</li> <li>4. Instituting civil service and local governance in secondary academic curriculum;</li> <li>5. E-Governance Code;</li> <li>6. <b>For ISO Accreditation to be included in the City Annual Investment Plan and City Annual Budget</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Others:</b> Participatory governance and involvement of the people through the Legislative Agenda; Amendment to the People Empowerment Ordinance; and Adoption of public shared values: <i>Bawat Kawani, Lingkod Bayani</i>;</p>
<p><b>EBD E-Governance City</b></p>	<p><b>Accelerated Transactions with E-Governance:</b> Simplified Government Services thru ICT</p>	<p><b>Committee Hearings:</b> For the feasibility of appropriating fund for providing free Wi-Fi access in public areas; and</p> <p><b>Resolutions / Ordinances:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ordinance Establishing Batangas City E-Library;</li> <li>2. Ordinance Establishing Batangas City E-Map App;</li> <li>3. Institutionalizing the paperless session system and legislative information system of the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Batangas;</li> <li>4. Creating the Sangguniang Panlungsod News and Interactive Division that will serve as legislative tracking, monitoring unit and information unit and appropriating funds thereof;</li> </ol>

5. Consumer welfare protection for online transactions;
6. Adoption of Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS) generated data as the City Database;
7. Database Management Interconnectivity

**Enhanced Social Security & Stability**

**Agenda Thrusting Expanded Social Programs:  
Equal and Equitable Access of Social Services**

**Committee Hearings:** For the feasibility of augmenting fund appropriation for health, social welfare and development programs for the children and youth, persons with disability, elderly, family and women, community, and individuals in crisis situation;

**Resolutions / Ordinances:**

1. Reinforced police visibility and installation of CCTVs in public places;
2. Creation of community task forces;
3. Parental Responsibility Ordinance;
4. General Anti-Discrimination Ordinance;
5. "Mendicancy Rescue, Rehabilitation and Prevention Ordinance";
6. Requiring all Public and Private Educational Institutions to conduct Quarterly Parenting Seminar to Parents and Psychosocial Evaluation to Students";
7. Promoting Batangas City Youth Advancement Through Entrepreneurism under the theme "Batang Responsible At Determinado sa Tagumpay at Inobasyon";
8. Inter-Local Cooperation Code;
9. Community Service Ordinance;
10. COS Accreditation Code;
11. Institutionalization of Batangas City History in Elementary Academic Curriculum;
12. Ensuring the presence of VAWC and police desk in evacuation areas;

13. Providing comprehensive public transportation access and public commuters safety;
14. Provision of support for the Elderly and Persons with Disability (PWD)

**Others:** Efficient response to budgetary and authorization measures to the health, cholarship and youth development programs; Updates and amendments to existing ordinances; Inter-Local Cooperation agenda setting; and Continuous invitation of COS accreditation;

**Expand Economic Opportunities & Productivity**

**Advancement Towards Economic Stimulus and Consumer Welfare Protection: Local Economic Policies for SMEs**

**Resolutions / Ordinances:**

1. Advancement through economic stimulus ordinance with Batangas City business rewards and accelerating drive for economic advancement program;
2. Requiring TVET-related businesses/establishments to hire employees with TESDA national certification;
3. Promoting and supporting youth entrepreneurial skills, tourism and tourism-related livelihood activities;
4. Institutionalizing the Office of the City Agriculture;
5. Tourism Code;
6. Fisheries Code; and
7. Batangas City online business registration;
8. Utilization of idle lands both in the urban and rural areas for agricultural use;
9. Tourism Development Master Plan CY 2022 – 2028 and

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**Others:** Creation of Online Small Enterprise Council; School-based and student-formed savings cooperative; Amendment to Local Investment and Incentive Code;

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**Integrated EBD Housing Program**

**Aims Towards Eradicating  
Informal Settlements:**  
Comprehensive Socialized Housing Initiatives

**Committee Hearings:** For reviewing legislative enactments/ordinances related to zoning/rezoning and classifying/reclassifying of land, housing and relocation program, and mitigating and addressing issues on illegal residential subdivision projects;

**Resolutions / Ordinances:**

1. **Approved the Local Shelter Plan CY 2022 – 2028 – An ordinance to support the identification and inventory of government land as resettlement sites and housing;**
2. Creation of Homeowners Code and Social Housing Code of Batangas City;

**Others:** Revision of Batangas City Building Code; Review of lands for expropriation, classification and zoning purposes;

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<p><b>Infrastructure / Utilities Development Acceleration</b></p>	<p><b>Accelerating Tangible and Essential Developments: Technology and Innovation Management</b></p>	<p><b>Committee Hearings:</b> For the feasibility of augmenting fund appropriation for: construction and rehabilitation city roads; Technical, vocational education training (TVET); Development of local technologies in partnership with higher education institutions;</p> <p><b>Resolutions / Ordinances:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An Ordinance Mandating the Uninstallation, Organization and Rehabilitation of Cable Utilities in the City of Batangas and Prescribing Penalties for Violations Thereof;</li> <li>2. Creation of City Council for Technology and Innovation Management;</li> <li>3. Providing appropriations for the construction of disaster resilient infrastructure and support facilities and</li> </ol> <p><b>Others:</b> Solicitation of legislative proposals from university or academe-based research and development offices for technology assessment, technology evaluation, technology transfer, technology commercialization and technology commercialization plans</p>
<p><b>Enhanced Climate Change Adoption / Mitigation and Disaster Risk Management</b></p>	<p><b>Approaches and Tactics for Emergencies and Disasters: Receptive Response to Nature-related Crises</b></p>	<p><b>Committee Hearings:</b> For the feasibility of augmenting fund appropriation for construction and rehabilitation drainage and canal system;</p> <p><b>Resolutions / Ordinances:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mandating disaster resilient social infrastructures and providing penalties for violations thereof;</li> <li>2. Institutionalizing the geo-tagging of critical infrastructures for disaster risk reduction and management information system in Batangas City;</li> <li>3. Institutionalizing the Department of City Disaster Risk Reduction Office;</li> <li>4. Comprehensive drainage system and waterways;</li> </ol>

		<p>5. Establishing a command center for centralized dispatch of response in emergencies; and</p> <p><b>Others:</b> Resolution adopting the City Local Shelter Plan</p>
<p><b>Enhanced Environmental Management &amp; Protection</b></p>	<p><b>Adaptive and Transformative Environment Protection and Preservation:</b> Sustainable Environment Management</p>	<p><b>Committee Hearings:</b> For environmental management and protection vital for drafting or relevant ordinances;</p> <p><b>Resolutions / Ordinances:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Providing for incentives to establishments that utilizes solar energy;</li> <li>2. Enabling barangays to allocate necessary funds in order purchase and utilize solar energy in their respective infrastructures;</li> <li>3. Creation of Sustainability Management Council;</li> <li>4. Sustainability Management Code;</li> <li>5. Green Agenda Ordinance;</li> <li>6. Institutionalizing Barangay Environment Police;</li> <li>7. <b>Development of Tingga Labac EBD Eco Park and wetland as a natural waste / Sewage Treatment Facility;</b> and</li> </ol> <p><b>Others:</b> Review and revision of Batangas City E-Code;</p>
	<p><b>Accentuating Traditions and Enhancing Culture and Arts:</b> Preservation and Promotion of Local Heritage</p>	<p><b>Committee Hearings:</b> as basis for drafting ordinance or fund appropriation for local culture and arts digitalized archiving in partnership with higher education institutions; and</p> <p><b>Ordinance:</b> institutionalization of Batangas City history in elementary academic curriculum; creation of Batangas City Local Heritage Code</p>

**Goal:** By the end of Calendar Years 2022-2025, the legislative agenda identified and presented are supported by responsive legislative measures and enactments

**Agenda No. 1**

**ACCESS TO EMPOWERMENT: Advancing Civil Service and Good Local Governance**

Good local governance is attributed to the rule of law, concept of transparency, responsiveness, inclusiveness, effectiveness and efficiency. In the act that public institutions conduct civil service along with the management of public resources, active participation in this public process must receive empowerment: self-empowerment, mutual empowerment, and social empowerment. The provision of an access to empowerment in consonance with desirable civil service and good local governance improves the mechanism of obtaining basic opportunities for the benefit of the citizens, especially, the marginalized sector in the City.

**Proposed Legislative Measures:**

- Committee Hearings for: the feasibility of appropriating fund for minimum wage for Barangay Workers (BSPO, BNS, BHW); passage of resolutions for accreditation for NGOs and POs;
- Ordinance: instituting civil service and local governance in secondary academic curriculum; E-Governance Code; Eto Batangueño Disiplinado Code (compilation and codification of social and moral-related ordinances); Institutionalization of Barangay Level Chaplaincy Program/Moral Recovery Program; and
- Others: participatory governance and involvement of the people through the Legislative Agenda; amendment to the People Empowerment Ordinance; and adoption of public shared values: *Bawat Kawani, Lingkod Bayani*

**Agenda No. 2**

**ACCELERATED TRANSACTIONS WITH E-GOVERNANCE: Simplified Government Services thru ICT**

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has been incorporated by the Batangas City Government in its transactions that provide government services and foster information exchange. The integration of ICT in local governance has been providing better and improved access to information and provision of excellent services for its citizens. Accelerating the ease of doing business in a higher level under the concept of electronic governance promotes simplicity, efficiency and accountability be it a

government-to-citizen (G2C), government-to-government (G2G), government-to-business (G2B) or government-to-employee (G2G).

**Proposed Legislative Measures:**

- Committee Hearings for: the feasibility of appropriating fund for providing free Wi-Fi access in public areas;
- Ordinance: institutionalizing the paperless session system and legislative information system of the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Batangas; and
- Others: creating the Sangguniang Panlungsod News and Interactive Division that will serve as legislative tracking, monitoring unit and information unit and appropriating funds thereof; consumer welfare protection for online transactions

**Agenda No. 3**

**AGENDA THRUSTING EXPANDED SOCIAL PROGRAMS: Equal and Equitable Access of Social Services**

Ideal social programs that promotes welfare can be in form of public or free education, healthcare management and system, sanitation and disease prevention, and employment opportunities. Equal and equitable access to social services is an indicator of public satisfaction as each individual or group of people receives government support regardless of social, economic, demographic, and geographic differences. The provision of same resources or opportunities or equality must recognize that each component of the society has its own different circumstances, thus, equitable allocation of exact resources and opportunities need to reach an equal outcome.

**Proposed Legislative Measures:**

- Committee Hearings for: the feasibility of augmenting fund appropriation for health, social welfare and development programs for the children and youth, persons with disability, elderly, family and women, community, and individuals in crisis situation;
- Ordinance: "Parental Responsibility"; General Anti-Discrimination; "Mendicancy Rescue and Prevention"; Requiring all Public and Private Educational Institutions to conduct Quarterly Parenting Seminar to Parents and Psychosocial Evaluation to Students"; Promoting Batangas City Youth Advancement Through Entrepreneurism under the theme "*Batang Responsible at Determinado sa Tagumpay at Inobasyon*"; Inter-Local Cooperation Code; Community Service Ordinance; COS Accreditation Code;

Institutionalization of Batangas City History in Elementary Academic Curriculum; ensuring the presence of VAWC and police desk in evacuation areas; providing comprehensive public transportation access and public commuters safety; reinforced police visibility and installation of CCTVs in public places; creation of community task forces; and

- Others: efficient response to budgetary and authorization measures to the health, scholarship and youth development programs; updates and amendments to existing ordinances; Inter-Local Cooperation agenda setting; and continuous invitation of COS accreditation

#### ***Agenda No. 4***

### **ADVANCEMENT TOWARDS ECONOMIC STIMULUS AND CONSUMER WELFARE PROTECTION: Local Economic Policies for SMEs**

Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) plays a significant role in developing local economy. Level of poverty is reduced in the creation of jobs for the City's increasing labor force. This stimulates local economic development and eventually impacts on a wider scope. Being an important sector in the developing urban City of Batangas, issues such as inadequacy of business operations, constraints in human resources, compliance difficulties with national standards and government regulations, lack of access to finance, lack of access to market and marketing knowledge, and uncertain consumer preference prevents MSMEs to achieve sustained productivity.

#### **Proposed Legislative Measures:**

- Ordinance: requiring TVET-related businesses/establishments to hire employees with TESDA national certification; promoting and supporting youth entrepreneurial skills; tourism and tourism-related livelihood activities; institutionalizing the Office of the City Agriculture; Tourism Code; advancement through economic stimulus ordinance with Batangas City business rewards and accelerating drive for economic advancement program; Fisheries Code; and Batangas City online business registration; and
- Others: creation of Online Small Enterprise Council; School-based and student-formed savings cooperative; and amendment to Local Investment and Incentive Code

**Agenda No. 5**

**AIMS TOWARDS ERADICATING INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS: Comprehensive Socialized Housing Initiatives**

A developing city is not exempted from the problems caused by the growing number of informal settlements as this is a global concern associated with urban population growth. Informal settlements is connected with rural-to-urban migration, lack of affordable housing programs, vulnerable local economy, and the lack of comprehensive and responsive public policy in planning and urban management.

**Proposed Legislative Measures:**

- Committee Hearings for: reviewing legislative enactments/ordinances related to zoning/rezoning and classifying/reclassifying of land, housing and relocation program, and illegal residential subdivision projects;
- Ordinance: creation of Homeowners Code and Social Housing Code of Batangas City; and
- Others: revision of Batangas City Building Code; review of lands for expropriation, classification and zoning purposes

**Agenda No. 6**

**ACCELERATING TANGIBLE AND ESSENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS: Technology and Innovation Management**

Innovation as ideas that constantly surface and technology as both tangible and intangible manifestation of innovative ideas are complementing drivers of growth and prosperity. The advent of modernity transforms technology and innovation as a sophisticated form and measure of competitiveness. Through responsive and strategic enactment of government policies and execution of government programs, producers of technologies and practitioners of innovation can be harmonized in the form of cooperative research undertakings between universities and private companies bridged by government sector.

**Proposed Legislative Measures:**

- Committee Hearings for the feasibility of augmenting fund appropriation for: construction and rehabilitation city roads; technical, vocational education training (TVET); development of local technologies in partnership with higher education institutions;

- Ordinance: creation of City Council for Technology and Innovation Management; and
- Others: solicitation of legislative proposals from university or academe-based research and development offices for technology assessment, technology evaluation, technology transfer, technology commercialization and technology commercialization plans

### ***Agenda No. 7***

#### **APPROACHES AND TACTICS FOR EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS: Receptive Response to Nature-related Crises**

Extreme weather conditions brought by the phenomenon of climate change directly increase the number and severity of disasters. Having the weight of people and population concentration in the city as a growing urban area, the geographical and topographical feature of the city that puts areas in high-risk level of flooding, landslide, storm surge, and volcanic eruptions all calls for resilient and receptive measures. As climate change is viewed to be a factor that heightens risk vis-à-vis a nature-caused process leading to build-up of disaster risk, public order and safety is destabilized. This is a threat of inevitable political instability if not resolved with mitigating responses.

#### **Proposed Legislative Measures:**

- Committee Hearings for: the feasibility of augmenting fund appropriation for construction and rehabilitation drainage and canal system;
- Ordinance: mandating disaster resilient social infrastructures and providing penalties for violations thereof; institutionalizing the geotagging of critical infrastructures for disaster risk reduction and management information system in Batangas City; institutionalizing Department of City Disaster Risk Reduction Office; comprehensive drainage system and waterways; establishing a command center for centralized dispatch of response in emergencies; and
- Others: passage of a resolution adopting the City Local Shelter Plan

### ***Agenda No. 8***

#### **ADAPTIVE AND TRANSFORMATIVE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION: Sustainable Environment Management**

Synchronized approaches are essential for resolving the main environmental and sustainability problems fronting the developing as well as developed cities and communities. With this, a better understanding of the multidisciplinary interrelationships

between environment and sustainable development is a necessity. With the increasing population in Batangas City, the demand for unsustainable energy use, farming and manufacturing activities and carbon footprints increase. The concept of environmental sustainable management is important as reflected by the amount of energy, food and human resources every individual use on a daily basis.

**Proposed Legislative Measures:**

- Committee Hearings for: environmental management and protection vital for drafting or relevant ordinances;
- Ordinance: providing for incentives to establishments that utilizes solar energy; enabling barangays to allocate necessary funds in order purchase and utilize solar energy in their respective infrastructures; creation of Sustainability Management Council; Sustainability Management Code; Green Agenda Ordinance; institutionalizing Barangay Environment Police; and
- Others: review and revision of Batangas City E-Code

***Agenda No. 9***

**ACCENTUATING TRADITIONS AND ENHANCING CULTURE AND ARTS:  
Preservation and Promotion of Local Heritage**

Batangueño local culture and rich heritage, as manifestations of the freedom of belief and expression is a human right that must be accorded with due respect. As a dynamic social force, it continues to evolve and develop along with evolution and development of our community. Supporting the evolution and development of our local culture and arts is a source of strength that promotes cityhood. The current system of governance is vital in developing a framework for culture and arts promotions and preservation and furthering diversity.

**Proposed Legislative Measures:**

- Committee Hearings as basis for drafting ordinance or fund appropriation for local culture and arts digitalized archiving in partnership with higher education institutions; and
- Ordinance: institutionalization of Batangas City history in elementary academic curriculum; creation of Batangas City Local Heritage Code