

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 1, 2023 AT THE SAMPAGUITA FARM,  
SAMPAGA, BATANGAS CITY

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. Oliver Z. Macatangay,	"
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.)

"On motion of Councilor Blanco duly seconded, the following Resolution was Adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-309 S. 2023**

**ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION AND THE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AND COURSE OF ACTIONS STATED HEREIN CONCERNING THE POOR CONNECTION/SIGNAL OF SMART IN SAN AGUSTIN SILANGAN, ISLA VERDE, BATANGAS CITY**


**RESOLVED**, to adopt the report of the Committee on Public Information and Communication and the specific recommendations and course of actions stated herein concerning the poor connection/signal of Smart in San Agustin Silangan, Isla Verde, Batangas City.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED."**


I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 22-309 S. 2023 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on August 1, 2023.

**GERARDO M. DIMAANO**  
Board Secretary III

NOTED:

  
**ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS**  
Secretary

ATTESTED:

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



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COMMITTEE REPORT

**TO :** THE HONORABLE VICE MAYOR & PRESIDING OFFICER  
ATTY. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ & THE HONORABLE  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD MEMBERS

**FROM :** COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATION

**SUBJECT :** CONCERNING THE POOR CONNECTION/SIGNAL OF  
SMART IN SAN AGUSTIN, SILANGAN, ISLA VERDE,  
BATANGAS CITY

A committee hearing was held regarding the subject matter last July 11, 2023, 10:30 am in the morning at the Sampaguita Farm, Sampaga, Batangas City and was attended by the following:

<b>Hon. Hamilton G. Blanco</b>	-- Chairman, Committee on Public Information and Communication
<b>Vice Mayor Alyssa Renee Cruz</b>	
<b>Hon. Andrea Loise F. Macaraig</b>	-- Committee Member
<b>Hon. Zester Carlo M. Hernandez</b>	-- Committee Member
<b>Hon. Armando C. Lazarte</b>	-- Committee Member
<b>Hon. Jose Jonash Luis F. Tolentino</b>	-- Committee Member
<b>Hon. Karlos Emmanuel A. Buted</b>	-- SP Member
<b>Hon. Nestor E. Dimacuha</b>	-- SP Member
<b>Hon. Oliver Z. Macatangay</b>	-- SP Member
<b>Hon. Nelson J. Chavez</b>	-- SP Member
<b>Hon. Isidra "Ched" M. Atienza</b>	-- SP Member
<b>Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Jr.</b>	-- SP Member
<b>Hon. Michael C. Villena</b>	-- SP Member
<b>Hon. Angelito Dondon A. Dimacuha</b>	-- ABC President
<b>Hon. Marjorie A. Manalo</b>	-- SK Federation President

Also present were the representative of the following relevant offices:

<b>Ms. Ditas A. Rivera</b>	-- City Government Head Department I/ (BPLO)
<b>Mr. Kevin Yasis B. De Castro</b>	-- SK Chairman/ San Agustin Silangan, Isla Verde
<b>Engr. Eduardo Calalo, Jr.</b>	-- Senior Supervisor/ SMART
<b>Mr. Dandy G. Eborra</b>	-- ITO -- 1 / Deped Batangas City
<b>Atty. Jualie Labette Marie L. De Mesa</b>	-- Attorney III / NTC Region 4A
<b>Engr. Dennis y. Gallares</b>	-- OIC. EOD / NTC Region 4A
<b>Engr. Rex Aguila</b>	-- Project Focal Point of Free Wifi For all / DICT
<b>Mr. Argen Azul</b>	-- Batangas Provincial Officer / DICT

**DISCUSSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS:**

During the hearing, the Chairman of the Committee explained and discussed the subject matter. The explanation and inquiries made by the Sangguniang Panlungsod Members contributed to the extensive discussion. The resource persons present also manifested their opinions, claims and ideas to resolve the matter. Hence, with the presentation of ideas over the subject matter, the committee hereby finds the following:



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1. Engr. Eduardo Calalo, Jr. from SMART explained that one of the most challenging sites is the handling of San Agustin Silangan, Isla Verde, Batangas City tower. The cause of poor connection/signal in the said Barangay, is due to lack of supply of commercial electricity which cannot be handled by their generator alone. He also stated that when the generator encounter problems, our outsource person for maintenance cannot immediately cross the sea to fix it, nevertheless, SMART promise to produce an additional back-up generator after they process the hauling and award the transfer to be able to fixed the signal one (1) month after the date of this hearing;
2. Ms. Ditas A. Rivera from BPLO raised their concerns with regards to the remaining unpaid tower. It was stated that out of 42 towers, only 26 towers were paid by SMART, Hence, the BPLO would like to request SMART for the payment of the remaining 16 towers. This concern was immediately responded by SMART by promising of giving the accurate contact person in their department that handle the tax/payments to be able to pay the said unpaid towers with the BPLO;
3. Atty. Jualie L. De Mesa from National Telecommunication Commission (NTC) stated that when the consumers are dissatisfied with their current telecommunications, they can transfer to another network without changing their current number;
4. Engr. Rex Aguila from Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT) asserted that due to the Memorandum of DICT, Telecommunications cannot build a tower, instead, it's the Independent Tower Company (ITC) who will build them, in order to save space and for the Telco to save expenses. Hence, with only one (1) tower by ITC, all the telecommunications may share the same.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

In accordance with the proceedings and based on the observations, the Committee on Public Information and Communications proposed the following recommendations:

1. The adoption of this committee report, and the specific recommendations and course of actions contained herein.;

Respectfully Submitted. August 1, 2023.




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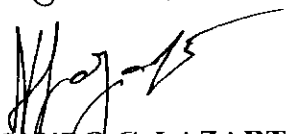
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