

Monday, January 10, 2011

QC okays ₱10-B budget

By **CHITO CHAVEZ**

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The Quezon City Council approved on the third and final reading the 2011 budget of ₱10.250 billion assuring the funding of city's social and infrastructure development programs and projects. This year's approved budget is ₱830 million higher compared to the 2010 budget of ₱9.420.

Mayor Herbert M. Bautista said the 2011 Quezon City budget will support the financial needs and expen-

ditures of the city particularly on his pet projects, like housing, which are aimed to alleviate the flight of poor families and will enhance the city's status as one of the premier cities in the country today.

The biggest chunk of the budget is for maintenance and other operating expenses of the city government amounting to ₱4,708,786,277, followed by personnel services amounting to ₱2,599,244,766; property, plant and equipment ₱1,488,224,124 and lump sum allocation (LSA) ₱1,453,744,833.

By sectoral classification, the lion's share of the Quezon City annual budget for 2011 went to general sector totalling ₱4,640,198,680; social sector ₱3,075,766,668; economic sector ₱1,029,784,720; and legislative sector ₱1,504,249,932.

Some of the appropriations for the mayor's social services and programs and projects were incorporated in the general fund including the 5 percent calamity fund, barangay development and infrastructure program and the 20 percent Community Development Fund

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Belmonte bucks proposal for supplemental budget

Speaker Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte Jr. yesterday said that it is still "too early in the game" for the minority bloc in the House of Representatives to propose for a supplemental budget on the ₱1.645-trillion reform budget proposed by the Aquino administration.

Belmonte said the proposed fund allocations for departments and government agencies, drafted by the House committee on appropriations, are "just and sufficient enough," stressing that they do not yet merit another proposal for a supplemental budget.

However, the former Quezon City mayor urged the members of the House panel deliberating the national budget for 2011 to conduct further study to determine whether there is a need to follow the suggestion of the minority bloc for more budget next year.

"I don't think of a supplemental budget at this stage. (But) we should do our work by re-examining the budget to see if there is a need that can be realign to more priority objectives," Belmonte added.

Earlier, the House minority group urged President Aquino to consider a supplemental budget to fund some vital programs of the government that were not given allocations on the proposed 2011 budget.

Deputy Minority Leader Danilo Suarez said that at least ₱100 billion supplemental budget is needed to fund some programs in the entire judiciary, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Health, Department of Energy, and Department of Tourism among others.

Citing the budget proposal, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) proposed to cut 40 percent from the legal support provided to overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) which was slashed from ₱50 million in 2010 to ₱27 million next year.

The opposition also expressed disappointment on zero budget for rural electrification, capital outlay for State Universities and Colleges and capital outlay for the judiciary.

The Supreme Court (SC) and judiciary were complaining on the measly budget of ₱14 billion in which the additional salaries of justices and judges will not be granted.

"Since the Constitution prohibits the Congress from increasing the totality of the President's budget submission of ₱1.6 billion, the possible solution is for the President to increase the expenditure ceiling through a supplemental NEP," Suarez said.

"This may require the executive department to increase the projected deficit which is not sacrosanct and/or look for additional revenues and sources of financing which should be flexible and not cast in stone," he added.

Q.C. Padua

QC to enforce strict budget measures

The Quezon City government will implement a strict budgeting system for the next three years under the administration of Mayor-elect Herbert Bautista.

"There will be no new accommodation of personnel and new programs for different offices and departments. And if there will be necessary programs or projects in one department, it must be related to the first program or project implemented or ongoing," Bautista recently said in a statement.

Bautista, the incumbent vice mayor, will formally assume office on July 1 to replace three-term mayor and now Fourth District Rep. Feliciano Belmonte Jr.

During a regular executive meeting, which he presided, Bautista said the city government will observe prudent spending to cope with possible economic problems like the one that hit the United States.

"We should be prepared and anticipate any economic problem that may come our way despite the city's huge fund and good revenue collection standing for the past years," he said.

Bautista also called on city hall officials to have at least 10 to 15 percent reserve budget to be utilized during emergencies.

Bautista said his administration with Vice Mayor-elect Joy Belmonte will be anchored on teamwork and open communication among city hall officials and employees.

Bautista also asked revenue-generating offices like the Business Permit and Licensing Office, the Building Permit Office, and the City Assessor's Office to intensify their collection efforts to boost the developmental programs and projects of the city government.

- Reinir Padua

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SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010

QC Hall workers to get mid-year benefits early

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has given the green light for the grant of the mid-year bonus and 50 percent of the cash gift this year of QC Hall employees to help them cope with the needs of

their children when classes open in June.

A memorandum-circular was issued by the mayor to implement the grant of the benefit, which shall be paid to them not later than May 30.

The mid-year bonus is

equivalent to 50 percent of an employee's basic monthly salary and half of the P5,000 cash gift given to government workers as mandated by pertinent circulars issued by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

Covered by the incentives are all elective and appointive regular plantilla city-paid personnel who have rendered at least four months of service, inclusive of leave of absence with pay from Jan. 1 to May 14.

Personnel who are employed on a part-time basis shall be paid these benefits corresponding to the salary they are presently receiving and a pro-rata amount of the cash gift provided they have rendered the minimum four-month service requirement.

Meanwhile, personnel who are formally charged administratively and criminally, which cases are still pending for resolution, shall be entitled to these benefits, provided that they have not been preventively suspended without pay within the period Jan. 1 to May 14, 2010.

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Friday, December 18 2009

QC approves ₱9-B budget

A ₱9.4 billion budget was approved by the Quezon City Council led by Majority Floor Leader Ariel Enrile Inton for 2010 in a marathon deliberation last Monday night.

Inton said that the members of the council worked overnight in order to assure that the city will have a decent budget for the coming year before their Christmas break. The councilor however said that with the approval of the budget, he is hoping that the funds will not be spent to anomalous transactions and election campaign by incumbent local executive officials that are running for higher position.

During the budget deliberation, the members of the council agreed on cutting the ₱105 budget for the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) that provide security to different government offices in the city. The DPOS budget was now trimmed down to ₱45 million.

The council, however, agreed that the budget that was cut from DPOS will go to the health and education programs of the city. A total of ₱322 million was set aside for health services while ₱33 million was given to education.

The city council also added ₱25 million to the budget of Quezon City Polytechnic University in order to assure that more poor students residing in the city can avail a quality education and the improvement of its facilities and technology.

Another ₱8 million was also added to the budget for the improvement of the Quezon City public library while ₱30 million budget was added to the health services and will be use in acquiring medicines and other supplies to the different public hospitals and health centers in the city.

With the passing of the 2010 budget, Inton said his office will monitor how the city government will spend the funds, especially during the election period.

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Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. presents 200 M-16 rifles purchased by the city government to Quezon City Police District logistics chief Superintendent Leslie Castillo as Councilors Jaime Borres, Voltaire Godofredo Liban III, Resty Malangen and Francisco Calalay Jr., and Senior Police Officer 4 Rosauro Silvestre look on. The city government set aside P16 million for the acquisition of additional firearms.

QC's 2010 budget to include pay hike

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. announced that the city's budget for 2010 will include the first tranche of salary adjustments for government workers.

Belmonte called on the 26-member city council to speed up budget deliberations.

He said the salary increase will take effect by Jan. 1, as provided under Executive Order 811 signed by President Arroyo last June 17. The EO stated that salary rates for local government personnel will be determined by the city council.

Belmonte described the increase as a means of helping city hall employees

cope with day-to-day economic difficulties. "What the city government is doing right now is improving the plight of our employees as we recognize the vital role they play in the task of transforming the city into a quality community," he said.

Belmonte assured the public that his administration will continue to provide a steady bureaucracy for its constituents during his last seven months in office as chief city executive. "I do not want to leave Quezon City with an empty coffer," he said.

— Perseus Echeminada

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QC gov't cited for plan to secure ₱1-billion loan

By E. T. SUAREZ

The efforts of Quezon City government to seek a ₱1-billion stand-by loan to ensure the continuity of urgent projects in case the global financial meltdown adversely affect local revenue collections is laudable as it shows that it is really determined to raise the level of basic services and project implementation.

This was emphasized by Rep. Annie Rosa L. Susano of Quezon City's second district, the country's biggest legislative district with more than 1.6 million constituents and 520,229 registered voters.

But Susano said City Hall should take into account that the Philippines has the lowest macro-economic risk as rated by international global agencies such as Credit Suisse, Fitch Ratings, Standard & Poor's, The Bank of New York Mellon, and JP Morgan.

"A ₱1-billion stand-by loan earn a big interest for the bank which Quezon City taxpayers may have to pay

through the taxes they are duty-bound to pay. And whether it is used or not for project funding, its interest would have to be paid since the bank can no longer lend it to other borrowers because the money is already tied or committed," said Susano who finished two courses on public governance at Harvard University, one subject of which is how to raise tax collections without imposing new taxes.

She said it makes no difference whether the stand-by loan is ₱1 billion or ₱360 million as revealed by Quezon City Council Minority Leader Manuel Suintay. It will still earn interest which the taxpayers may have to eventually shoulder, she added.

Susano, chairperson of the Quezon City Council Committee on Appropriations when she was a councilor representing the second district, said the city is acknowledged as the country's richest city with annual revenue collections exceeding ₱10 billion.

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Monday, February 18, 2008

Health, education get big chunk of QC budget

A big chunk of Quezon City's P8.6-billion budget this year goes to the improvement of social and health services and education program.

With this, Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr., said city residents are assured of fast and better delivery of social and health services and skills training program, particularly for the disadvantaged sectors.

Belmonte said the city government will conduct more human resource-oriented programs for the upliftment not only of the economic well-being, but also the professional development, of local residents.

As this developed, Engr. Joselito Cabungcal, acting chief of the city engineering department, said his office is exerting efforts to finish all ongoing infrastructure projects before the onset of the rainy season. (Sel A. Baysa)

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₱8.6-B budget for QC heads for OK

By SEL A. BAYSA

The 26-member Quezon City Council has passed on second reading the proposed ₱8.6-billion budget for next year.

Majority Floorleader Ariel Inton expressed hopes to have the measure enacted before the year ends as the heated deliberations resumed the other day at the Albert Session Hall.

The proposed budget, the biggest in the history of the city government, is likely to be approved "especially now that it has passed the second reading."

Meantime, Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. said that with the proposed budget, the city government will have the ability to focus on the enhancement of social, health and education services and programs beneficial to women and other disadvantaged sectors.

He assured residents of better and fast delivery of basic services and training programs to cope with existing job opportunities for a world-class metropolis.

Belmonte said "we will continue to build the city with our self-sustaining revenue. Hanggang ako ang mayor hindi tatanggap ng anumang dole-out ang Quezon City."

City Treasurer Victor Endriga said the city government started overshooting its revenue collections since 2003 as a result of the aggressive fiscal management measures undertaken to boost revenue collections.

Having adhered to the right policies, Belmonte expressed confidence that Quezon City will emerge as one of the country's brightest future economies.

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Quezon City eyes P8.6-B budget

BY JEFFERSON ANTIPORDA REPORTER

INFRASTRUCTURE development and poverty alleviation were given huge allocations by the Quezon City government in its proposed P8.6-billion budget for 2008, which is the biggest so far among cities in the Philippines.

Quezon City council majority floor leader Ariel Inton said the P8.6-billion budget proposal of Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. will be passed before the year ends.

"Deliberation started last Tuesday and we are optimistic that the new budget will be approved as early as the first week of December," Inton said.

Belmonte is proposing P2.5 billion for infrastructure development, which includes the development of five "super health

centers," development of the city's general hospital, and the construction of the Quezon City polytechnic annex in the Batasan area and more school buildings.

"These are infrastructure projects that have been planned and are currently on-line for bidding..." said Vice-Mayor Herbert Bautista.

For poverty alleviation, the city is seeking P1.44 billion, which will cover the delivery of social development programs that will help uplift the living conditions of the poor inhabitants of the city.

Inton added the budget for poverty alleviation will be used to kick off entrepreneurial and skills development programs that are already lined up for implementation.

Although considered the richest city in the Philippines, Quezon City has a big number of poor residents.

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Tuesday, October 23, 2007

QC gov't earmarks ₱20.78-M budget for barangay, SK polls

By RAUL V. GONZALES

The 26-member Quezon City Council has approved to set aside a supplemental budget of ₱20.78 million to cover maintenance and other operating expenses incurred during the conduct of the synchronized barangay and SK polls on October 29.

A city ordinance authored by appropriations committee chair Councilor Aiko Melendez was approved by the city council to facilitate the release of the amount to help procure supplies and material needed during the forthcoming electoral exercise.

Under Section 50 of the Omnibus Election Code, local governments are empowered to appropriate funds "to defray such necessary and reasonable expenses of the members of the boards of election tellers, board of canvassers and the printing of election forms and procurement of other election paraphernalia, and the installation of polling booths."

Majority floor leader Councilor Ariel Inton Jr., minority floor Councilor Jesus Suntay and Councilor Melendez led members of the city council in adopting the measure, described as instrumental in ensuring the orderly and peaceful conduct of the October 29 polls in the city.

"The majority and the minority crossed party lines to approve the ₱20 million supplemental budgets requested by Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., to ensure a clean, honest, orderly and credible barangay and SK elections in Quezon City," Inton said.

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Tuesday, January 9, 2007 **3**

Belmonte hails QC budget approval

The Quezon City Council has approved the city's P6.8 billion budget for 2007.

Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte Jr. hailed the city council for the early approval of the city's budget.

"Once again, the city's executive and legislative branches have demonstrated how a local government unit should be able to attain its desired level of governance for the interest of the city and its residents," Belmonte said.

The Quezon City council has approved the city budget for 2007 through Ordinance PO2006-179,

introduced by Councilors Antonio E. Inton Jr., Alma F. Montilla and Victor V. Ferrer Jr.

The city chief executive described the Quezon City 2007 budget as a product of sweeping fiscal reforms, infrastructure development programs and other economic initiatives that benefit not only business but also the poor communities as a higher collection brought about by effective fiscal management and tax collection filters down to social programs and infrastructure projects that enable communities and areas left behind by the boom to benefit from it. (Raul V. Gonzales)

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TOTAL CROSS AREA : 6.8 billion pesos (6,800,000,000.00)
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ADDRESS OF OWNER : Same as Project owner
NAME OF OWNER : Raul V. Gonzales
PROJECT LOCATION : Quezon City
PROJECT NAME : 2007 Budget

QC's Belmonte submits 2007 government budget

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. submitted recently the proposed city government's P6.8-billion annual budget for fiscal year 2007 to the city council for deliberation and approval.

In his message to the 26-member council, Belmonte said "from day one of this administration, the objective has been to generate resources needed to increase the capacity of the city government to govern and satisfy the needs of its constituents."

Belmonte emphasized that the "core of survival and growth" for the city and residents depended on livelihood and entrepreneurship, infrastructure development, fiscal and financial management and education.

Thirty-eight percent or P2.6 billion of the budget was earmarked for social services, P1.5 billion or 23 percent is allotted to economic service and P1.9 billion or 29 percent is earmarked to keep the bureaucracy in good shape.

City council majority floor leader Ariel Inton said they will pass the budget as early as possible.

Inton said the proposed budget, which he authored together with two other councilors, was already deliberated during last Monday's session and was already scheduled for third and final reading.

The city council's committees on ways and means and appropriation pledged to work overtime to work any impasse during deliberation and debates.

"We are all united in our stand to pass the 2007 budget as early as possible so that we can return to other legislative and constituent duties immediately after its passage," Inton said.

- Perseus Echeminada

QC council OKs supplemental budget

The Quezon City Council has approved in first and second reading the city government's P1.5-billion supplemental budget for the current year sought by Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. to sustain city's gains in the delivery of basic services as well as its infrastructure development programs in the last five years.

Belmonte asked for the immediate and unanimous approval of the supplemental budget in a letter to the council dated Sept. 6.

The supplemental budget measure, introduced by Councilors Alma F. Montilla and Victor V. Ferrer Jr., was approved by the council following deliberations by the council's

committees on laws, rules and internal government, appropriations and ways and means.

Officials say the administration's warm ties with the council has been a major factor in the city's growth.

Belmonte thanked the council for its strong support and partnership with his administration in the effort of improving conditions in the city and promoting development such as better roads, more school buildings, new bridges and more health centers.

Belmonte reiterated the need for a continuing effort to improve city government services, "We are good, but we can still be better."

- Perseus Echeminada

QC Supplemental budget

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QC gets ₱1.5-B supplemental budget

The 24-member Quezon City Council has approved the ₱1.5-billion supplemental budget for the current year to sustain the gains the city has realized in the delivery of basic needs to its residents.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. thanked the members of the city council for their steady support and partnership with his administration to improve the living condition of residents and developing the city's physical landscape - roads, school-buildings, bridges, and health centers.

The fast and unanimous approval of the supplemental budget introduced by Councilors Alma F. Montilla and Vic-

tor V. Ferrer Jr. was seen as a manifestation of the trust of the council and strong working relationship between the city's executive and legislative branches.

City Accountant Editha Alzona and City Treasurer Victor

B. Endriga certified that the amount of ₱2.295 billion from the city's saving and cash surplus accumulated in the past five years is available as a source of fund for additional appropriation for the current year. (Sel A. Baysa)

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QC supplemental budget

Quezon City Majority Floor Leader Ariel Inton said that the city council has pledged to support the passage of the P1.5-billion supplemental budget for the city's infrastructure project. "The city-council agrees with Mayor Sonny Belmonte that indeed there is an urgency to pass the supplemental budget of P1.5 billion to fund various city infrastructure programs and obligations," Inton said. The top priorities of the supplemental budget will be as follows: Construction of the Batasan Satellite campus of the QC Polytechnic University; land acquisition; road/traffic/directional signage; purchase of fire and emergency rescue equipment; construction of the Civic Center building of Quezon City Hall compound; Construction of a new hospital building/facility for the Quezon City General Hospital; construction for the development and improvement of the Quezon Memorial Circle and the development of a new QC Museum," Inton added.

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QC posts budget surplus

Quezon City, for the fifth straight year, posted a budget surplus of P300 million last year as a result of the city government's continuing effort to expand its tax base to increase revenue collection.

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., quoting a report submitted by Quezon City Treasurer Dr. Victor B. Endriga, said the city government has over P7.37 billion in revenues in 2005, an increase of P880 million compared to its total collection in 2004.

A report from the Department of Finance's Statement of Income and Expenditures Databank Bureau of Local Government Finance showed that Quezon City posted a P7,376,391,780 gross collection and a total of P6.5 billion in revenues in the general fund from January to December last year.

Endriga, president of the Philippine Association of Treasurers and Assessors (Phaltra), said it further solidified the city's status as the No. 1 local government unit (LGU) in tax collection effort.

The Finance department report indicated that Quezon City has no borrowings from any banking institution compared to Manila which has incurred about P859 million in inter-local transfers while Makati City has P51.7 million in loans. (Sel A. Baysa)

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QC gov't sees quality living with new budget

The Quezon City government foresees a quality living for its residents with the passage recently of the city's ₱6.25-billion budget for 2006.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. said "with this, we will translate quality living into better services in the areas of health, social services, environmental concern, education, youth welfare, peace and security and barangay and community empowerment will remain as major thrusts and priorities of the city government."

He said next year's budget represents a hike of ₱430 million or 7.39 percent bigger than this year's budget amounting to ₱5.82.

Of the amount, the ₱2.67 billion or 42 percent has been allocated to social welfare and services while the city proposed a budget

allocation of about 22.5 percent for economic related services.

It is evident that the city government is spending more on these two areas of concern in compliance with Mayor Belmonte's pronouncement that the city should deal with economic or implementing programs that address the economy of Quezon City and responsive to the needs of its constituents.

In revenue generation, the city government is hoping to collect an additional amount of 18.29 percent from the 2005 level in the collection of realty taxed and 32 percent more for transfer taxes.

QC Treasurer Dr. Victor B. Endriga projects a substantial increase in the collection of service fees next year as a result of the various ordinances approved by the city council. (Sel A. Baysa)

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QC eyes P300-M budget surplus

The tax collection of the Quezon City government has exceeded its P5.8-billion approved budget projection for 2005 and is expected to post a surplus of P300 million surplus by yearend, a top city official said yesterday.

City treasurer Dr. Victor Endriga said that as of Thursday last week the city government has collected P5.859 billion for the general fund, which is P39 million more than the budget estimate for 2005. Savings have so reached more than P5 billion.

The gross collection, which includes the special education fund and barangay share for real estate and other trust funds, has reached P7.1 billion.

"We are expecting the general fund collection to reach P6.138, or a budget surplus of at least P 300 million", Endriga told **The STAR**.

He said this will be the third

By PERSEUS ECHMINADA

time in a row that the tax collection of the city government under the stewardship of Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. exceeded its approved budget estimate.

Endriga said the savings of the city government as of last week has reached P5.014 billion with P4.406 billion placed in time deposits in various banks.

He said except for the realty taxes, which may fall short of the projected targets, business, amusement, transfer, community and other taxes have exceeded the projected collection.

Endriga attributed the efficient tax collection to the full support of the business community and other sectors that religiously pay their obligations to the city government, which in turn implements development projects all over the city.

Another factor, he said, is the

relentless campaign of the mayor to promote honesty among employees, especially those who handle inspection, assessment and collection.

The anti-corruption campaign of Belmonte has been complemented by a highly successful incentive program.

He said top collectors that post over P100 million in business taxes have been rewarded with cash and a trip to Hong Kong.

The city government has also fully computerized its operations with tax clearances now based solely on records that are difficult to tamper with, compared to index cards that are manually prepared.

The city government under Belmonte also intends to further ease tax payments by giving the 142 barangays office computers that will be connected to City Hall.

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QC council tackles P6.2-B budget for 2006

The Quezon City Council, headed by Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista will start deliberating today on the proposed P6.25-billion budget of the city government for fiscal year 2006.

Council Majority leader Ariel Inton said the proposed budget, which was submitted by Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., will be the main agenda of the city council when it resumes sessions today.

"We expect to finish our deliberations and approve the proposed measure before Christmas," Inton told **The STAR**.

Belmonte said the 2006 budget is P439 million bigger than this year's allotment of P 5.820 billion, but will not exceed next year's estimated revenue level.

The mayor said the proposed budget for personal services maintains the "no new hire" policy, but at the same time provides more benefits for local government employees.

The proposed budget prioritizes education, health services and construction of school buildings, health centers and markets. Also on top of the list is infrastructure, including development of new roads, highways, bridges, flood control facilities, parks, artesian wells, reservoirs and pumping stations.

Belmonte said basic services and infrastructure have a direct and positive impact on the lives and livelihood of the more than two million residents of the city, particularly the poor.

- Perseus Echeminada

QC 2006 Proposed budget

The Manila Times

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■ QC attains surplus budget 3rd year in a row

FOR a third year in a row Quezon City's income exceeded its budget for the year, posting a revenue collection of more than P5.757 billion as of end-2004. Mayor Feliciano Belmonte said the city collected P157 million more than its P5.6 billion budget in 2004. The city's biggest income was from business taxes worth P2.59 billion, which is P358 million more compared with 2004. For the last two years the Commission on Audit ranked Quezon City as among the richest cities in the country.

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QC attains surplus budget 3rd year in a row

FOR the third year in a row, Quezon City's income exceeded this year's budget of P5.6 billion by P157 million when it posted a net revenue collection of over P5.757 billion as of December 29, the last working day of the year.

This was learned yesterday from Mayor Feliciano R. Belmonte Jr. who said that what makes this record truly significant is that for many years, Quezon City has been saddled with budget deficits, the last in 2001, amounting to P970 million when he first assumed office. He gave credit to the over 2 million citizens, particularly to the over 50,000 business enterprises "who have been paying their taxes promptly and religiously."

As of December 23, the city's gross revenue collection reached over P7 billion, about P500 million more than last year's. Quezon City's gross revenue income in 2003 was P6.54 billion and P6.50 billion in 2002.

In 2003, Quezon City derived a net income of P5.357 billion, P157 million more than its budget of P5.2 billion. In 2002, the city's net revenues reached P5.437 billion exceeding by P262 million its budget of P5.175 billion.

Quezon City's biggest income was derived from business taxes which amounted to P2.59 billion; P358 million more than last year. While the real estate tax revenues reached P920 million, it was P34 million less than that of last year.

The other incomes consisted of regulatory and miscellaneous fees, P195 million; transfer tax, P219 million; amusement tax, P130 million; and community tax certificates, P54 million.

As of December 28, the total cash position of Quezon City stood at P3,183,512,606.15.

For the last two years, the Commission on Audit ranked Quezon City as among the richest, if not the richest, city in the country.

What is more important, however, according to Belmonte, is that Quezon City is spending very much less in administrative and operating expenses compared to its sister cities in Metro Manila.

"This means that we can earmark more funds for capital expenditures and infrastructure projects," he pointed out.

Quezon City ranks second to Pasig City in terms of the ratio of net income to total income. In 2003, Pasig's ratio was 46 percent with Quezon City at 44 percent. But in 2002, Pasig's ratio was 50 percent while Quezon City's was 42 percent, which indicates, according to Belmonte, that Quezon City has improved its priority allocation of every peso of expenditure.

He said he will observe, even more strictly, his mantra on fiscal management: "Earn more, spend less."

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QC attains surplus budget anew

For the third year in a row, Quezon City's income exceeded this year's budget of P5.6 billion by P157 million when it posted a net revenue collection of over P5.757 billion as of Dec. 29, the last working day of the year.

This was learned yesterday from Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. who said that what makes this record truly significant is that for many years, Quezon City has been saddled with budget deficits, the last in 2001, amounting to P970 million when he first assumed office. He gave credit to the over two million citizens, particularly to the over 50,000 business enterprises "who have been paying their taxes promptly and religiously."

As of Dec. 23, the city's gross revenue collection reached over P7 billion, about P500 million more than last year's. Quezon City's gross revenue income in 2003 was P6.54 billion and P6.50 billion in 2002.

In 2003, Quezon City derived a net income of P5.357 billion, P157 million more than its budget of P5.2 billion. In 2002, the city's net revenues reached P5.437 billion exceeding by P262 million, its budget of P5.175 billion.

Quezon City's biggest income was derived from business taxes which amounted to P2.59 billion; P35 million more than last year. While the real estate tax revenues reached P920 million, it was P34

million less than that of last year.

The other incomes consisted of regulatory and miscellaneous fees, P195 million; transfer tax, P219 million; amusement tax, P130 million; and community tax certificates, P54 million.

As of Dec. 28, the total cash position of Quezon City stood at P3,183,512,606.15.

For the last two years, the Commission on Audit ranked Quezon City as among the richest, if not the richest city in the country.

What is more important, however, according to Belmonte is that Quezon City is spending very much less in administrative and operating expenses compared to its sister cities in Metro Manila.

"This means that we can earmark more funds for capital expenditures and infrastructure projects," he pointed out.

Quezon City ranks second to Pasig City in terms of the ratio of net income to total income. In 2003, Pasig's ratio was 46 percent with Quezon City at 44 percent. But in 2002, Pasig's ratio was 50 percent while Quezon City's was 42 percent, which indicates, according to Belmonte that Quezon City has improved its priority allocation of every peso of expenditure.

He said he will observe, even more strictly his mantra on fiscal management: "earn more, spend less."

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QC council okays ₱5.8-B city budget for year 2005

By SELA. BAYSA

QUEZON City District 4 councilor and majority floor leader lawyer Ariel Inton Jr. yesterday announced the approval by the city council of the ₱5.8-billion budget for next year.

Inton said in a radio interview that the 2005 budget is ₱.2 billion higher of the city's outlay this year.

"With health and education getting the lion's share, other social undertaking like the promotion of sports, the maintenance of peace and tranquillity and the fast delivery of basic services are in the priority list, too," Inton said.

Also, the city council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. to donate ₱5 million to typhoon victims in ravaged areas of the country.

The amount, according to him, is taken from the city fund.

Inton said the beneficiaries of the financial aid include the provinces of Quezon, Aurora, Nueva Ecija, Bicol, and some parts of Bulacan and Pampanga.

As this developed, Mayor Belmonte has expressed his gratitude to the city council and the city secretary's staff who worked overtime despite the inclement weather and the suspension of offices, for conducting marathon deliberation for the approval of the 2005 budget.

Inton noted that the mayor, using his expertise in financial management, leaves no deficit in the disposition of this year's budget.

"The city government hopes to establish more school buildings and health centers next year in line with Mayor Belmonte's improved education and health-related program," he added.

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QC Council approves P5.8-B budget for '05

The Quezon City Council, in a bid to speed up development and ensure the delivery of basic services to the 2.4 million city residents, approved the other night the P5.8-billion budget of the city government for fiscal year 2005.

Council majority leader Ariel Inton said the budget was approved after members of the Council conducted a marathon session last week.

"We approved on third and final reading the budget for next year to ensure that delivery of basic services will not be interrupted," Inton told **The STAR**.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. congratulated the City Council, headed

by Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, for the speedy approval of the budget.

Inton said health, education and social services highlighted the P 5.8-billion budget, the biggest allocation for a local government unit in the entire country.

Apart from the budget approval, the City Council also passed a resolution authorizing the mayor to donate P5 million for victims of calamities in various parts of the country and another P3 million for city residents affected by the typhoons.

Inton said the approved budget will be sent to Belmonte for his final approval and then to the Department of Budget and Man-

agement (DBM). The approved budget is P2 million higher than the budget this year.

Inton said with the effective fiscal management under the stewardship of the mayor, of the city will have a budget surplus for next year.

City Treasurer Victor Endriga has reported that the city government has more than P6 billion general funds and in banks.

"We are expecting a budget surplus of at least P50 million next year," Endriga said.

The City Council in the past sessions also approved the local traffic code of the city and an ordinance which provided adjustment of regulatory fees.

"We are providing all the necessary legislative support to Mayor Belmonte to speed up the development of Quezon City into a quality community," Inton said.

— Perseus Echeminada

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Health, education top QC budget for 2005

The Quezon City government has given health, education and social services top priority for its proposed P5.8-billion budget for fiscal year 2005, which is now being deliberated by the City Council.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has certified as urgent the passage of the city government budget, describing it as health-based and an investment for the future of the city government's commitment to the children of the city.

"The 2005 budget is an affirmation of what a local government must truly provide to its constituency," Belmonte said.

City Treasurer Victor Endriga said the proposed local budget – the biggest in the entire country – has given top pri-

ority to health and education.

"The city council is now deliberating the budget of the city government for year 2005. Health and education are now the top priority of the city government," Endriga told **The STAR**.

He said his office would release the breakdown of the budget as soon as the city council approves the proposed measure.

"We can rightfully claim that now is the time to make investments in areas where lasting effects will be felt by our constituency, which is in fact a continuation of what we have begun. The main strategy is to have a focused style of governance necessary to get things going and moving for us," Belmonte said.

— **Perseus Echeminada**

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QC budget for this year approved



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The Quezon City budget for this year has been approved by the Quezon City Council.

The ordinance of the budget, pegged at ₱5.2 billion, was authored by Quezon City Council Majority Floor Leader Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay, Elizabeth "Tita Beth" A. Delarmente, and Victor V. Ferrer Jr.

The budget for education and infrastructure was considerably increased to meet the needs of the city and its residents.

According to Suntay, the large increase in the budget for education is in line with the policy of the city government to effectively promote and support the welfare of the youth.

The increase in the budget for infrastructure will help in the unhampered provision of basic services and facilities in line with the objective of enhancing the city's economic prosperity.

The early resolution of the budget ordinance was made possible by the continuous budget deliberation hearings conducted late November and the first two weeks of December.

Suntay, as majority floor leader and the chairman of the committee on laws, rules, and internal government, one of the committees that meticulously reviewed the annual budget of the city, stated that such prompt action by the city council signalled a persistent policy of enforcement and awareness of the city's needs.

He is also confident on next year's programs and projects under the auspices of a more united city council and the active support of Quezon City Mayor Feliciano R. Belmonte Jr. (JOO)

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Quezon City passes P5.1-billion budget

JEFFERSON ANTIPORDA, Correspondent

THE Quezon City council finally approved yesterday the proposed P5.1-billion budget for the year 2002 after three weeks of deliberation. The new budget is P400 million more than last year's P4.7-billion.

The additional amount was due to the increase in the capital outlay allotment, which was just P47 million in last year's budget. The amount will be used for land improvement, building and structure outlay and would include the 20-percent community development fund.

More than P1.5 billion of the

new budget was allotted for personal services, which include salaries of regular employees, terminal leave pay, non-commutable allowances, overtime pay, salary adjustment fund, bonuses and incentives, and other contributions. The council also allocated P2.5 billion for paying rent, supplies, communication services, repair

and maintenance of facilities, and payment of electricity and water bills.

Some P370 million of the budget would go to the payment of mandatory obligations such as the barangay development fund, the calamity fund, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority contribution, and the Katarungan Pambarangay.

The P5.1-billion city budget would be sourced from the internal revenue allotment and the various city taxes.

City councilor Bingbong Crisologo said the budget was really the consensus of the council. However, 4th District councilor Janet Malaya decided

not to sign the approved budget, claiming it was passed in a wrong way.

Malaya was disturbed that some of the officers of the city council went to the office of Mayor Sonny Belmonte to discuss the contents of the budget instead of threshing it out in the council.

"Whether there were changes or not, they (council officials) should not have done that. We should maintain the autonomy of the council," Malaya said. She stressed, though, that she has nothing against the budget and that she wanted to give the mayor enough room on how the budget should be spent. ♦

Quezon City Budget 2002

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QC council rapped over P20-M budget for school

■ By **MICHAEL PUNONGBAYAN**
Correspondent

THE Quezon City council will "toy with the people's money" if it approves the P20-million budget for the Quezon City Polytechnic School.

This was how councilor Janet "Babes" Malaya described the council's posture, which is deliberating on the vocational school's budget.

Malaya fumed over the P20-million proposed budget during yesterday's deliberations that she walked out of the session

hall after questioning the fiscal measure.

Quezon City Polytechnic School, represented by its executive director Dr. Jose Vergara, has defended the budget request, but Malaya said the school has only 700 students.

These students are taking up vocational courses, such as carpentry, electronics, cosmetology, sewing and automotive.

A P20-million budget would mean each student will be provided with P30,000 each for their vocational courses.

Malaya questioned the budget proposal, but was seemingly ignored by her

colleagues, who apparently wanted the budget immediately approved.

TODAY learned that the school has been operating for eight years with only a P13-million budget and it is only now that the school is seeking an additional P7 million.

Malaya said she walked out of the session hall armed with evidence to prove that the proposed budget is too much, considering the type of school being financed by the city government.

She presented purchase requests of the Quezon City Polytechnic School amount-

ing to P2 million for only 106 students taking up electronics.

Malaya said the school bought ink for P5,000, which she can buy for only P1,500, and *katsa* for P7,000 which she can get for only P2,500.

Sources said Malaya has a point because the city council should spend the people's money wisely.

"If this will be the case, this would seem like we are squandering money. More things can be done with P20 million," they said.

Furthermore, if the city government

can and will pay some P30,000 for each student taking up a vocational course, "Why not send them to a better school then requiring the same amount for degree courses," they added.

The deliberation on the city's vocational school's budget topped the Sangguniang Panglungsod's agenda yesterday.

The school has been one of sources of skilled workers by companies looking for talented vocational graduates.

It offers a viable option to children of low-income parents in the city who cannot send their children to college.

QC Polytechnic University - Budget 2001

■ Malaya ■
NEWS

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QC Council approves P3.87B budget in '99

By D'JAY LAZARO

The Quezon City Council has approved a P3.87 billion city budget for 1999 to fund the city government's priority projects aimed at improving the quality of life of the 2.2 million residents.

Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr. said the 1999 budget is only P20 million higher than the previous year's amount. He was optimistic that given the developments and prevailing fiscal economic conditions in 1999, the shortfall in revenue collections during the last quarter of 1998 amounting to P450 million will "not be a disturbingly large."

Mathay explained that the approved budget was slashed by some P1.78 billion from the original P5.65 billion after the city government registered, as of Sept. 30, an actual revenue collection level of P2.5 billion.

The P900 million target revenue collection target for the last quarter of 1998 was P900 million.

The shortfall in revenue collection was attributed to the withholding of some 10 percent of the Internal Revenue Allotment of the city from the national government amounting to P121 million; the economic crisis that affected collection of various revenues sources particularly real estate taxes and regulatory fees such as building permit fees; the low realization from the real property amnesty program adopted in 1998 which accounted for only P171 million gross collections. The same program in 1994 generated close to P300 million.

Mathay said the Aug. 7, 1998 fire which gutted the 4th, 5th and 6th floors of the City Hall likewise contributed to the lower revenue collection. He also said no new revenue measures were adopted during the year.

Of the total budgetary requirements, some P1.09 billion will be allocated to personnel services in line with the plan of the national government to increase the salary levels of national and local government employes.

Part of the fund will be used to repair and rehabilitate the three floors gutted by fire, while P460 million will go to garbage collection, up by P60 million from the 1998 level, and P161 million in financial assistance to national offices in the city such as Central Police District, Bureau Fire Protection, Division of City Schools, Metropolitan and Regional Trial Courts, Prosecutor's Office, and Register of Deeds.

Mathay said P464 million will be used to amortize a loan with the Philippine National Bank, and P474.7 million for mandatory and statutory obligations such as calamity fund, community development fund, contributions to the Metro Manila Development Authority and the Katarungang Pambarangay.

QC 1999 Budget