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I. INTRODUCTION

As we leave an eventful and progressive year 2011, I am proud to state that we have broken ground on several of our initiatives particularly in giving the Science City of Muñoz a competitive edge in terms of improving our economic and commercial viability through the various projects that we have established.

The healthy relationship between the executive and legislative branches of our local government enabled us to create and enforce several programs and projects aimed at instituting reforms, that shall push us closer to our goal of showcasing Science City of Muñoz as a progressive, and competitive city, that exists wholly not only in name but also in terms of the accomplishments and developments that we have achieved.

As public servants, we have a sworn duty to fully use the trust and confidence the people gave us in delivering impartial and relevant social services to them and their communities. We must give the public what they need and must do it with utmost care and transparency to curtail any negative perceptions on how do we spend the people's taxes.

II. ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2011)

Although it has only been a year and a half since I took the reins as the City's Chief Executive, I can humbly declare that through the cooperation of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the Local Government Employees, the Barangay Leaders, Non-Government Organizations/ People's Organizations and the Muñoz Science Community, we have done so much in that short span of time. The various projects we have accomplished in 2011 are testaments of our strong initiative to improve public service in our city.

Clearly, we have chosen the path necessary to reach development under the framework of the following flagship programs: Economic Development, Environment Protection, Social Development and Urban Development & Community Safety.

Under these flagship programs were the projects that we accomplished in 2011, to mention a few:

- ***Economic Development***

- Infrastructure Support Program***

- a. Comprehensive Flood Control and Drainage System for the 4 poblacions*
 - b. Concreting of Farm-to-Market Roads*
 - c. Rehabilitation of the Main Public Market*
 - d. Utilization of the Fruits & Vegetable Market*
 - e. Beautification of the City Hall and Executive Building Compound*
 - f. Establishment of Additional Market Stall for more economic opportunities*
 - g. Asphaltting of major road networks in the Poblacions.*

- Livelihood Support Program (Agriculture)***

- a. Animal Dispersal- Broiler and Brazilian Bufallo*
 - b. Vegetable Seeds Dispersal*
 - c. Tilapia Dispersal*
 - d. Conducted Livelihood Training Skills*
 - e. Youth Development (4H Club)*
 - f. Cooperative and Entrepreneurship Development*

- ***Environment Protection***

- a. Clean & Green program in the barangays*
 - b. Extensive Anti-Littering campaign*
 - c. Tree-planting and Clean-up drives in the barangays*
 - d. Material Recovery Facility and Sanitary Landfill*
 - e. Drainage Systems*

- **Social Development**

- **Education**

- *a. Construction of school buildings and classrooms particularly at the Muñoz Central School*
 - *b. Scholarships were given to 207 deserving students, 168 of which are full scholars and 39 half scholars*
 - *c. Computer sets were also given to a number of schools as part of our efforts of giving students access to cyber technology and information age.*

- **Health & Nutrition**

- *a. Inauguration and utilization of the new City Health Center building*
 - *b. 24/7 operation of the City Health Center*
 - *c. Provision of medicines and medical equipment*
 - *d. Comprehensive TB program*
 - *e. Extensive anti-dengue campaign*

- **Urban Development & Community Safety**

- **Urban Design & Transport**

- *a. Asphaltting and concreting of major poblacion roads*
 - *b. Assigning Tricycle Terminals to ASCOM-TODA*
 - *c. Improved traffic rerouting and discipline*
 - *d. Road widening and renovation of sidewalks in major public areas*

- **Community Safety**

- *a. Continued coordination and assistance from the Philippine National Police to rid our streets of prohinoted drugs*
 - *b. Enhanced police visibility in major public areas*

Through the various infrastructures, drainages, bridges, school buildings and road networks that we have built in the past year, we have shown that with full cooperation and coordination we can do so much.

Being the first and only Science City in the Philippines, a distinction that we worked hard to get, we must sustain our gains and extend it further in other aspects of public service. Many have noticed our intense program on environmental sustainability as represented by our extensive campaign on anti-littering and tree-planting which I think is only appropriate as we, as a science & agricultural based city, must also lead in the protection of our environment and the promotion of cleanliness in our surroundings.

III. EXECUTIVE AGENDA FOR 2012-2013

What we have done in 2011 is but a glance of our comprehensive plan to fully fuel our surge to become a science city that is competitive and has the means to provide the basic services that our people need. Just like a wheel, our plan for year 2012-2013 has its spokes which covers our programs for education, environment, infrastructure, agriculture, peace & order and health & nutrition.

As the new year unfolds, the city government has prepared its coterie of priority projects and programs it aims to implement this 2012-2013. Part of our Medium Term Development Plan, I would like to present the bulk of what we intend to work on this year. Our proposed development projects and programs for 2012-2013 are as follows:

- **Economic Development**

Infrastructures:

- 1. Construction of Barangay Irrigation and Infrastructures*
- 2. Continued Construction of Farm-to-Market Roads*
- 3. Total Rehabilitation of the Main Public Market as we aim to become the best and most efficient public market in Nueva Ecija*

Agriculture & Science & Technology:

- 1. Construction of Post harvest facilities such as multi-purpose drying pavements and flatbed dryers*
- 2. Establishment of a Seed Processing and Marketing Center*
- 3. Full Coordination and cooperation from the members of the Muñoz Science Community (PhilRice, CLSU, PCC, PhilMech, NIA, DOST, etc.)*

Information Technology:

- 1. Provision of Wireless Internet within 1-2 km radius from the City Hall*
- 4. Construction of Tourism & Information Center*
- 5. Upgrading of Computerization Capability*

- **Social Development**

Health & Nutrition

- 1. Further improve our health care programs*
- 2. Purchase of medical facilities and equipments for our Science City Health Center*
- 3. Strict Implementation of laws and ordinances to enhance city health and sanitation*
- 4. Coordinate with the DSWD & DOH in line with President Aquino's 4 P's (Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program)*
- 5. Establishment of a Water Testing Laboratory & Water Treatment Facility*

Education

- 1. Construction of School Buildings and Additional Classrooms*
- 2. Vertical Construction of new 2-storey Muñoz Central School Building with fully computerized classrooms*
- 3. Science City of Muñoz Scholarship Program*
- 4. Proposed realignment of giving scholarships that will shift from formal to non-formal education*

Livelihood & Housing

- 1. Management and livelihood skills training for entrepreneurs, producers, workers and employees of small and medium enterprises*
- 2. Establishment of Dwelling Unit and Housing Facilities*

- ***Environment***

- 1. Construction of a Sanitary Landfill Facility*
- 2. Operation of our Material Recovery Facility (MRF)*
- 3. Comprehensive Anti-Smoking Campaign*
- 4. Flood Control Projects*
- 5. Solid Waste Management Program*
- 6. Establishment of Potable Water Systems in all barangays*
- 7. Climate Change Adaptability*

- ***Bankability/Finance***

- 1. Creation/Establishment of sustainable economic enterprises for the city*
- 2. Adoption of a New Local Revenue Code*
- 3. Tapping outside sources of financing*
- 4. Conduct tax mapping operation (General Revisions)*

- ***Urban Design & Transport***

- 1. Completion/rehabilitation of the city roads and bridges program*
- 2. Installation of Additional Telecommunication Facilities and Information Systems*
- 3. Establishment of Local Central Terminal*
- 4. Establishment of a Muñoz-Lupao-Pangasinan-Baguio Bus Lines*
- 5. Improve the roads connecting the Science City of Muñoz to Lupao, Guimba, San Jose, Talavera, Llanera & Talugtug*
- 6. Provision of space for business establishments*
- 7. Development/construction of new government centers*

IV. CLOSING

Development projects are the backbone of this administration. The creation and implementation of people-centered programs are a must to sustain the gains and progress that we are now experiencing. Your cooperation and support will be vital in making our plans a success.

The development of the Science City of Muñoz must be felt by each and every Muñozonian, especially those within the marginalized sector. We must repay the trust and confidence given to us by our constituents by delivering excellent public service and work to realize the vows that we made to provide them better lives.

I hope there will always be, a complete understanding between our branches of government and a spirit of sincere cooperation with each other that will enable us to move together for better, to the benefit of our kababayans, to which we owe our respective public offices.

We are one; let us cast away petty differences and strengthen the concept of unity and cooperation. Let the tradition of bayanihan come alive in the Science City of Muñoz, a city borne out of a dream and is now in the thick of the fight into becoming a truly progressive and aggressive urban community. With God's grace, I firmly believe that we will succeed.

Mabuhay ang Science City of Muñoz! Mabuhay tayong lahat! Maraming salamat po.