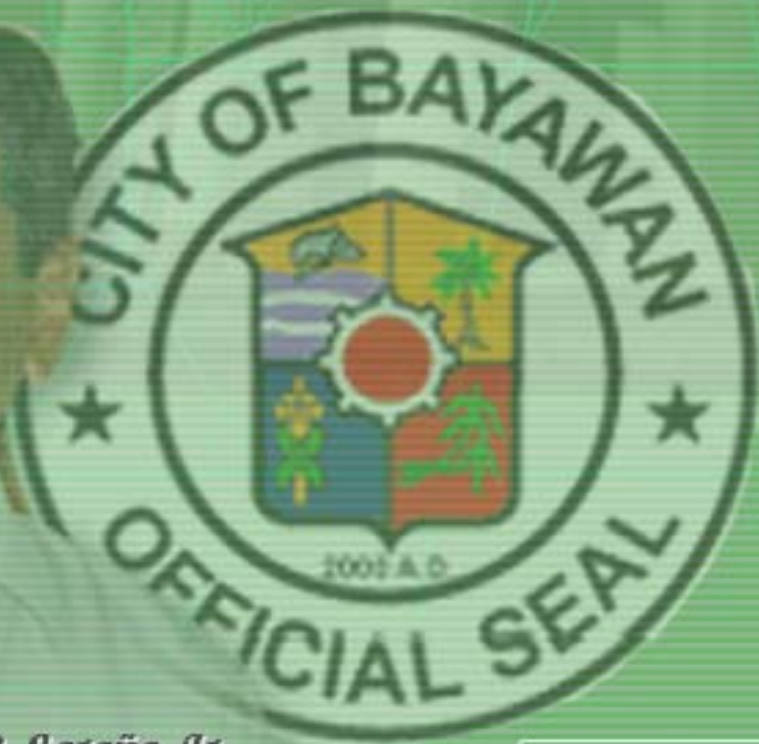


Annual Report

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Mabuhay!

The past year brought Bayawan City into the national limelight for having hosted national events such as the Second Leg of the National Triathlon, the 2nd Bayawan City National Mountain Bike Challenge and the National Agro-Trade Fair and Congress graced by no less than Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo who dubbed our city as the "Model City for Food Security." The success of these activities is attributed not only to the availability of resources but most of all, to the efforts of the responsible people.

My appreciation and gratitude to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, headed by our able Vice-Mayor Rene G. Gaudiel who willingly carried-on the executive saddle while I was on leave and, to all LGU employees who did their best at work. To the general public for your continued cooperation and support; and to those who went an extra mile in the government democratic processes.

I thank you more, for your attendance today, a clear manifestation of a vigilant citizenry.

And most of all, I thank God for having blessed us with the renewed purpose and opportunity to render our sincere services to the public.

As a moral and legal obligation of an accountable public servant, I hereby render this report of the State of our City.

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: HIGHLIGHTS AND IMPACT OF MAJOR PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR 2004

Our development vision is to become: "The Agriculture Capital of the Province. A self-reliant community of God-loving and law-abiding Bayawanons, living in peace, prosperity and security and in harmony with nature, where justice prevails and equal opportunities abound in a sound and sustainable agricultural economy, led by a strong and dynamic government supported by a highly empowered and vigilant citizenry."

The year 2004 situated us closer to the realization of our development vision with the following major accomplishments:



1) FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM

This is the banner program of the Local Government of Bayawan City in realizing its vision to become the "Agriculture Capital of the Province." It is designed to alleviate poverty at the grass roots by uplifting the lives of farmers and fisher folk to ensure food on their table. This Food Security Program was awarded 5th for Best Practices of an LGU by the League of Cities of the Philippines.

Under this program, we were able to accomplish the following component projects:

The Seed Subsidy and Fertilizer Assistance Project

7,261 bags of fertilizers were distributed to 1,933 rice, corn, cotton, and cassava farmers, an average of 3.75 bags per beneficiary. This increased the average yield of inbred rice to 3.65MT/Ha and 4.89 MT/Ha for hybrid rice, and an average yield of 5.31 MT/Ha in hybrid corn and 3.6 MT/Ha in open-pollinated corn variety.

Artificial Insemination and Breeding Program

A.I. in swine outside the Center achieved 98.75% way above the prescribed standard conception rate of 70%. This grossed the Center an income of Php 99,000.00 from its activities. At least 25 farmers availed of the natural breeding services of the Goatery Project in Cabcabon, Banga while the Livestock Dispersal Program distributed cattle, carabao and swine to fifty-four (54) farmer-beneficiaries.

Fisheries

The Tilapia Hatchery produced and dispersed 53,224 Tilapia fingerlings to fifty-seven (57) beneficiaries for inland aqua-culture. Production has increased by 11.56% compared to the preceding year. The Seaweed Culture Project, an alternative livelihood project for our fisher folks, was availed of by twenty-one (21) beneficiaries who generated an average additional income of Php 2,288.00 per beneficiary.

I congratulate our City Agricultural and Fishery Council (CAFC) for having earned the honor of GAWAD SAKA Outstanding Agricultural and Fishery Council in Region VII for the year 2004.

IPM thru Biological Pest Control, Research and Extension

A total of 290 farmers adopted the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Technology using *Trichogramma*, a biological pest control that is proven effective against stem borers in corn and cotton. Our Trichogramma Laboratory produced 38,000 strips which has serviced 358.75 hectares of corn and cotton. The use of *Trichogramma*, lowered production cost, minimized farmer exposure to toxic chemicals, reduced damage caused by pests, and it is environment-friendly.



Under the Farmers'-Scientist Training Program (FSTP) Phase III, at least 88 demonstration farms were established to showcase new technology in planting rice, corn, cotton and cassava. It has graduated 331 farmers from 11 barangays of the City which provided the farmers with resource-based, scientific and environment-friendly farming technology that is transferable to a co-farmer through the "adopt-a-farmer" scheme.

Farm Mechanization

Aside from technology, our City Agriculture Office provides mechanized farming services. In 2004, tractor services provided by two (2) units, John Deere and Kubota tractors have plowed an area of 231.58 has. or an increased of 42% and harrowed an area of 527.24 has. or an increased of 46%, to 231 farmers in 12 barangays at a service rate most advantageous to the farmer. It generated service fees amounting to Php 180,896.45.

On the other hand, four (4) sets of engine-driven water pumps were loaned out to vegetable farmers to provide irrigation for vegetable farming.

Agri-Infrastructure Support

A network of six (6) farm-to-market roads linking adjacent agricultural barangays to the urban center has facilitated convenient transport of goods and people and reduced travel time from farm to market.

To serve as training centers for agricultural technology transfer, the City in partnership with the Provincial Government of Oriental Negros established the Barangay Agricultural Development Centers (BADC) in Barangay Narra and Tayawan.

The improvement of Communal Irrigation System I (CIS I) with a total servicing area of 40 has. of rice land is now fully accomplished in Cansilong area. The Bayawan Communal Irrigation Project undertaken in cooperation with DAR implementing the Agrarian Reform Infrastructure Support Project Phase II (ARISP II) is projected to service 1,000 hectares of rice land in Barangays Nangka, Poblacion, Maninohon and Villareal is 80% accomplished.

Veterinary Services

Our City Veterinary Office has been usually occupied during the year providing veterinary services such as animal vaccination, deworming, castration, vitamin supplementation, treatment and fecal sampling which must have prevented animal-related diseases outbreak in our City. It has also reduced the risk of rabies infection with the vaccination of 4,068 dogs.

2) HEALTHY CITY PROGRAM

The Healthy City Program pursues wellness that redounds to the improvement in the quality of life at the household level, where diseases are prevented or



managed, and where health of the individual facilitates greater productivity. Activities conducted by the City Technical Working Group (TWG) and its equivalent at the barangay assisted by the Rotary Club of Tolong focused on health education advocacy through workshops and seminars; massive organizational work; gathering of statistical data; people mobilization; and evaluation and recognition.

On February 18, 2004 Bayawan City celebrated its first anniversary as a Healthy City with all the sectors in the community participating. As of December 31, 2004 twenty-five (25) Barangays have already been certified as Healthy Barangays; six (6) of which have received a sustainability award.

The barangays are now cleaner and greener. The Sanitary practices of the people, efforts to have clean drinking water, and planting of ornamentals and herbal medicinal plants are transforming the urban center and our countryside to a haven of wellness for all.

Various groups mostly from Local Government Units and also international medical practitioners from Geneva, Switzerland and Cambodia visited our city to learn more about our best practices on Health.

3) SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

The city implemented programs that harmonize the social sector development with other development sectors in pursuit of the city's vision to be the Agriculture Capital of the Province.

Social welfare services under the office of the City Social Welfare and Development has implemented the Early Childhood Development Project in 13 barangays under the Child and Youth Program. This is funded by World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) with LGU equity. Through this project, 9 Day Care Centers and Health Centers were constructed in Barangays Malabugas, Tabuan, Narra, Cansumalig, Maninihon, Kalamtukan, Dawis, Villasol and Poblacion while those in Barangays Manduaao, San Isidro and Bugay are on-going constructions. To date there are 67 Day Care Centers in the entire city with 2,108 pre-schoolers, managed by 67 Day Care Workers.

Emergency Assistance Program intended for the poorest of the poor and less privileged provided medical assistance to 1,344 clients, mortuary assistance to 315 clients. A total of 40 coffins were also provided through the General Services Office. Relief assistance to 112 families who were victims of typhoon Helen, Igme and Lawin were likewise extended.

Also a major national program that the city has supported is the implementation of Self- Employment Assistance Kaunlaran (SEA-K) Project. It is one concrete service towards poverty alleviation through formation of a savings and credit facility by providing qualified beneficiaries with access to socialized credit and to enable them to finance livelihood activities. Most beneficiaries of the SEA-K associations in Barangay Tinago, Malabugas and Banaybanay are parents of Day Care pupils, who have undergone a series of management seminars.



4) EDUCATION-FOR-ALL PROGRAM

Formal Education

The city government supports the National Educational System through financial equity in order to raise the literacy level of our constituents. Under the Third Elementary Enhancement Program (TEEP), 8 new buildings with 16 classrooms were completed and the repairs of 19 buildings with 56 classrooms of the old BLB/Marcos Type Buildings were also completed. A total of 1,741 armchairs were distributed to 47 schools of the Bayawan City Division.

The city government subsidized 60 teacher aides to minimize the deficiency in the number of national paid teachers. This has significantly reduced the student-teacher ratio and avoided the multi-grade assignment of teachers. Our elementary level rose to rank 6th from rank 15th during the midyear Regional Achievement Test while the Bayawan City Division exceeded the regional mean in Math, English and Science.

I appreciate the proficiency of the members of the School Board for having auspiciously addressed the concerns related to education.

In implementing the Scholarship Program, we entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Negros Oriental State University. The program supports the poor but deserving students who aspire for a college education. A total of 86 scholars benefited from the program, taking various courses offered at NORSU - Bayawan – Sta. Catalina Campus. This scholarship entitles those qualified to a full tuition fee plus a monthly allowance of Five Hundred Pesos for the school year.

Non-formal Education

Under the non-formal education program, TESDA training courses were conducted and trained 149 computer encoders, 168 for driving, 107 automotive mechanics, 41 computer technicians and 25 for computer electronics. 52 passed the theoretical examinations conducted by TESDA but only 7 successfully hurdled the practical examinations. A good number of these trainees are now gainfully employed in Bayawan and in neighboring towns and cities.

5) PEACE & ORDER AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Peace and Order Maintenance

The keeping of Peace and Order being paramount to sustain our development efforts, called for the creation of the City Public Safety Office which started to dispense public services in July 2004. Under its scope of responsibility is the supervision of the 64 auxiliary police, 21 watchmen, 10 traffic enforcers, 16 fire aides and 61 Special CAFGU Active Auxiliary (SCAA) to fortify our counter insurgency campaign in identified insurgency prone barangays.



I am happy to report that our auxiliary police and watchmen visibility has been increased in our schools, city streets and public places to ensure the safety of life and property. To safeguard the well being of our children and the pedestrians, traffic enforcers have also been deployed in schools along the highway. The City Public Safety Office had responded to at least 40 calls for police assistance through "hotline 531-0018" which facilitated the immediate and coordinated auxiliary police and PNP response.

Disaster Management

When typhoon Igme badly hit our City sometime in July 2004, the Bayawan City Disaster Coordinating Council effectively managed the evacuation of 146 affected families to the designated evacuation centers, assisted stranded travelers and saved lives and prevented the loss and destruction of properties.

Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign

The Council Against Drug Abuse (CADA) pursued the campaign against illegal drugs through Information Education Campaign. Good coordination of the PDEA Officer with the auxiliary police under the supervision of the PNP in the implementation of RA No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, has increased apprehension of suspects of drug related cases in the city. Resultant to the random drug testing of City Hall employees, three (3) employees found positive were severed from public service.

6) INFRASTRUCTURE AND URBAN DESIGN

The major Infrastructure and Urban Design projects were undertaken by the City Engineering Office. These projects will be shown via slide presentation.

7) NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Milestones in the Implementation of the FLUP

The Forest Land Use Plan is the general framework of the City's ecological restoration and management program. In implementing the FLUP, the city entered into two memoranda of agreement with the DENR 7, that is, the co-Management MOA and the Joint Implementation MOA relating to the 14,434 hectares of open-access forestland.

To facilitate the implementation of the MOAs, the Local Executive through Executive Order No. 2004-11A created the Forest Land Use Plan – Steering Committee. Another work unit, the Forest Management Unit (FMU) under the City Planning and Development Office was designated to implement the approved projects and policies of the Steering Committee consistent with our FLUP, with the participation of the stakeholders.

The FLUP-Steering Committee gained insights on project implementation and policy making through the study visits they made to the Maasin Watershed Rehabilitation Project in Ilo-ilo and to the PNOC, NNGDP Reforestation Program in



Murcia, Negros Occidental. On the other hand, the FMU was trained by representatives of the DENR-EcoGov Project.

A series of seminar-workshops for barangay officials and barangay technical working groups were conducted by the FMU. As a result, 7 of the 18 barangays came up with their respective Indicative Protection Development and Management Plan which shall serve as their strategic and implementation guide.

Bayawan Riverbank Rehabilitation and Management Project

Another priority project under the FLUP is the Bayawan Riverbank Rehabilitation and Management Project. It is aimed to establish the protection line along the riverbanks. So far, we have organized 12 cluster people organizations of riverbank dwellers and stakeholders of the 4 affected barangays, or a total membership of 321 households that will be responsible for the rehabilitation and protection of about 144 kilometers.

Since Agro-forestry is a component of the Bayawan Riverbank Rehabilitation Management Plan, the FMU procured 30,000 seedlings of marang, rambutan and lanzones for planting. These are now in the care of our Barangay nurseries in Kalumboyan and Kalamtukan.

Coastal Resource Management

The active participation of the City Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (CFARMC) led to the review and revision by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the existing Fishing Ordinance (Ordinance No. 5, s.1996) to conform with the New Philippine Fisheries Code, and by Executive Order, the creation of the Rescue Team for captured or stranded mammals.

The City Agriculture Office through the Fisheries Section acquired 17 species and 2 associate species of mangrove from Siquijor and Bais City, to ensure the diversity of mangrove species in our locality. 2,700 seedlings are now ready for planting to rehabilitate the existing mangrove areas.

For the year in review, no commercial fishing vessel was detected to have intruded our municipal waters due to the intensified seaborne patrol operations of the Bantay Dagat Team.

Solid Waste Management

In compliance with the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, a 10-year Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan was adopted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod to ensure the efficient management of solid waste generated within the city. A central Materials Recovery Facility in Sitio Cabcabon, Barangay Banga is under construction to serve as the drop-off center for segregated re-usable and recyclable non-biodegradable wastes generated in the LGU and shall also accommodate the composting equipment for biodegradable waste.

A full cost accounting of the solid waste management project was conducted and made the basis for the SWM Users-Fee system to be adopted.



8) COOPERATIVE AND MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT

The City Cooperative and Manpower Development Office was created and opened its doors to public service last July 1, 2004. This office is tasked to assist the economic viability of 21 registered cooperatives within the city and to rehabilitate the associations, as well as to motivate the participation of the underprivileged to the city's development initiatives.

In addition, the functions of the Technical Education and Skills Development (TESDA), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) were integrated to the CCMDO to pave the way for the delivery of more jobs through regular employment or self employment.

The market-driven competency trainings in cooperation with TESDA's vocational education program were conducted to motivate and promote micro-business enterprise.

9) CULTURAL, ARTS AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

The City Culture, Arts & Tourism Center was inaugurated last September 2004 under the supervision of the City Administrator's Office. It takes charge of the Marketing & Promotions, Accreditation, Inspection & Tourism Services, Planning, Coordination & Statistics, as well as the Culture, Arts & Heritage Appreciation.

Marketing & Promotions

To boost our local tourism industry, promotional materials such as the city Traveler's Guide, city map and history brochures were produced in cooperation with the ICT Office. Visits to Travel Marts, attendance to tourism fora and linkages with the neighboring provinces and with the region were established to develop our tourism market capability.

Accreditation, Inspection & Tourism Services

DOT Accreditation Officers were invited to our city to evaluate and accredit our tourism-related establishments. The Videoke Operators Association and the Bayawan City Association of Hotels, Resorts and Restaurants Owners (BACHARRO) were formally organized and the members were enjoined to undergo Basic Frontline Services seminar-workshop conducted in coordination with the Hotel and Restaurant Management Department of NORSU. To address the deficiency of accommodation and hotel facilities, the city adopted the Home Stay Program under the auspices of the Department of Tourism.

Planning, Coordination & Statistics

The City Tourism Master Plan was formulated to identify tourism sites and to serve as our guide for tourism development. Proper coordination with the Barangay Tourism Councils facilitated the development of some tourism destinations for eco-tourism and the conduct of cultural activities in the barangays.



In 2004, the City Tourism Operations Office recorded 4,560 tourist arrivals.

Culture, Arts and Heritage Appreciation

We celebrated the National Tourism Month with the holding of a Tourism forum and activities such as the Miss Tourism 2004, and the inter-school 'Pasundayag sa Bayawan'. The City also participated in the 2004 Buglasan Festival and the Provincial *Pinaskuhan Sayawit*. The 14th National Arts Month was also observed with activities such as the "Balak and Harana" contests and the Arts Exhibit at the City Hall by the local artist organization, the Golden Artist Association.

10) CHARACTER FIRST! PROGRAM

The Character First! Program, conceived as the "mother of all programs" was established to promote positive character qualities in every sector of the community. We believe that a true city of Character "is one where elected officials, community leaders and citizens at large recognize the importance of good morals and are actively involved in the formation of a community where families are strong, homes and streets are safe and peaceful, education is effective, business is productive and people care about one another."

A Character First! Orientation workshop was conducted for LGU officials and personnel, followed by a series of similar workshops for employees of the national government agencies, the members of the faith community, academe, business sector and transport sector. Potpot operators are now encouraged to carry character-laden messages to cultivate community awareness.

We have started to reap the fruits of this program. As observed by the management of Radio Natin, a good number of lost valuables reported to their station have been recovered or returned to their rightful owners. Moreover, City Hall employees have demonstrated the character of generosity when they shared their cash gift with the typhoon victims of Quezon Province and with our job order workers. This is a showing that the Character First! Program has sown its seeds and is taking root.

11) GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

Good Urban Governance

Good governance provides both the Local Government Unit and the various sectors of the community the opportunity to work together towards a meaningful and dynamic development.

Multi-level and multi-sectoral representations in our Local Special Bodies and in committees organized by the City Government for specific purposes plus adoption of management tools as the Local Government Performance Management System (LGPMS) have attributed to good governance.

Public fora and consultations were conducted regularly to consult the public on certain policy and development directions. Public access to information is being



strengthened through the City Website, Radio Programs, and the distribution of publications, booklets, brochures and flyers about the various Programs, Projects & Activities of the City Government.

Human Resource Management and Development

At present, the City Government has twenty (20) departments. The total work force is composed of 431 plantilla personnel and in addition, there are 166 casual workers and five hundred forty (540) Job Order Workers hired to complement the present needs of the City.

To ensure efficient, prompt and courteous service, the city through the Human Resource Management Section conducted Orientation Seminars to newly hired employees; Values Orientation Workshops, ALAB Seminar Workshops and other trainings and seminar workshops. Character First! framework is also integrated in most of the seminar workshops to ensure the development of positive character qualities among employees.

We celebrated the 104th Year Anniversary of the Civil Service in the Philippines with the theme "*Katapatan at Karangalan sa Serbisyo Publiko*". On the culmination night of the celebration, 19 deserving city government employees were awarded as *2004 Employees of the Year*, in recognition of their outstanding competence and commitment to public service.

The Local Government Performance Monitoring System (LGPMMS) and ELA

LGPMMS is a self-assessment tool espoused by the DILG, which enables the Local Government Unit to measure its performance in terms of delivery of basic services to the public. The results of the assessment provided the City Government with information on how to effectively pursue its development programs.

On June 10, 2004 a multi-sectoral committee reviewed, analyzed and consolidated the survey results which were embodied into a State of Local Governance Summary (SLGS) Report. This SLGS Report served as our guide during the formulation of the City's Executive and Legislative Agenda (ELA) for Local Governance and Development. The Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA) is the Medium Term Development Plan of the City (2004-2007), an integrated plan that contains the major development thrusts and priorities of both the executive and legislative branches towards a common vision for the city.

12) BAYAWAN'S INFORMATIZATION PROGRAM

The Local Government Unit of Bayawan City has acknowledged the need of incorporating information technology into the mainstream operation of the organization. It sees the importance of such technology in promoting transparency, accountability and participation in the development processes of the Local Government Unit. An Information System Strategic Plan (ISSP) was formulated to guide in the implementation of the City's informatization initiatives.



In February 2004, the City entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Science and Technology and Geoplan Cebu Foundation, Inc. to jointly undertake the development of the Geographic Information System-Based Project Monitoring & Reporting System (GIS-PMRS).

The development of the web-based PMRS is the first of its kind initiative by an LGU in the country which aims to provide a comprehensive on-line monitoring system of the major projects undertaken. It is a link of the City's official web-site, www.bayawancity.gov.ph, wherein officials, employees, students, researchers and the public in general can access up-to-date information via the internet on the status and details of the major projects of the LGU.

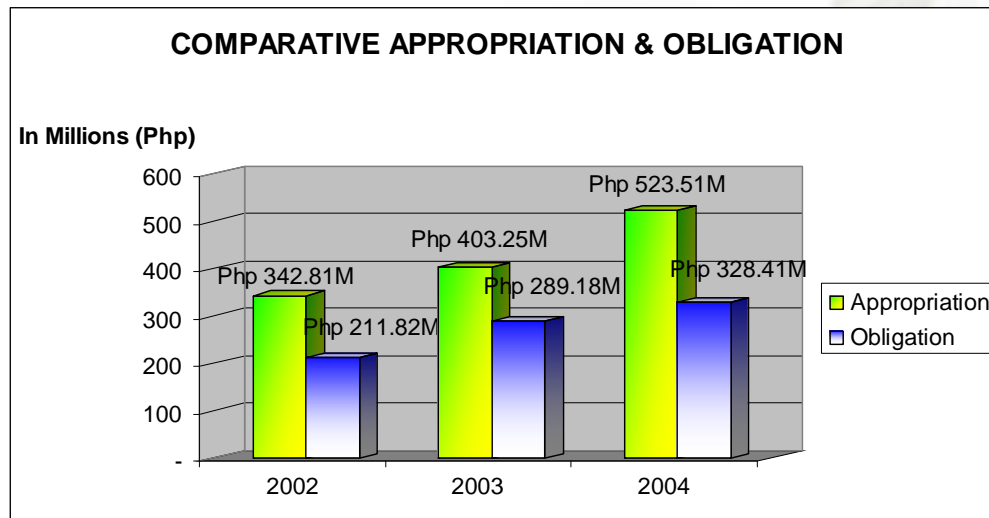
13) BAYANIHAN SAVINGS REPLICATION PROJECT

The Bayanihan Savings Replication Project is a micro savings scheme initiated by the officials and employees of the Local Government of Bayawan City which generated a savings fund of Php 1,170,767.78 as of December 31, 2004. To date, BSRP has a total membership of 578 divided into 24 clusters.

14) FISCAL ADMINISTRATION

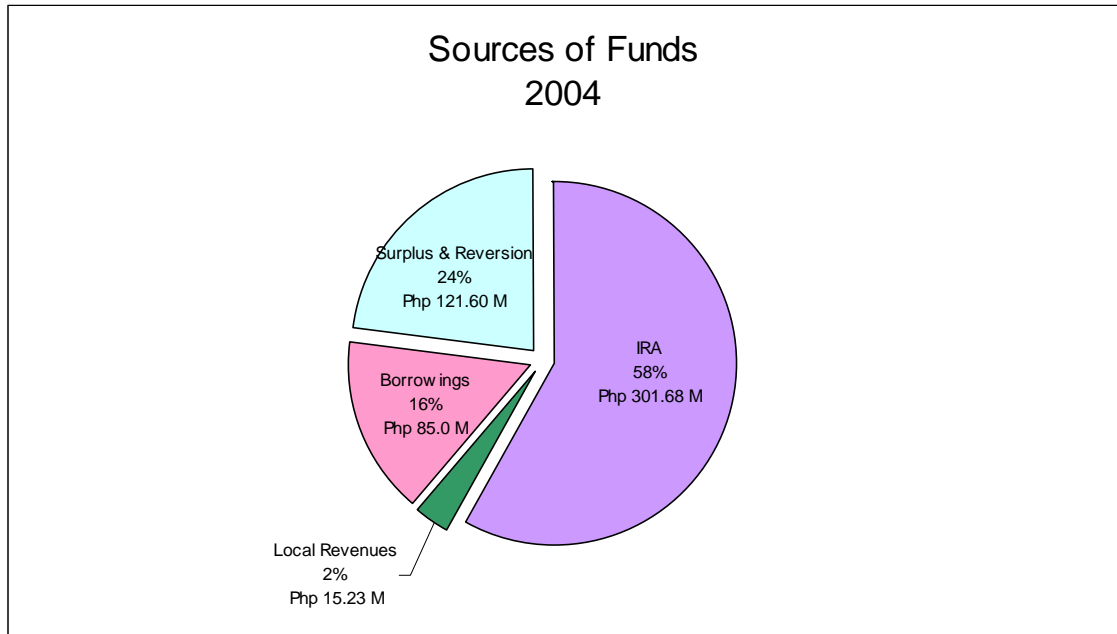
During the year in review, the City had operated at a current appropriation of P523.51M as against P403.25M or 30% higher than in 2003.

This graph shows the appropriation and actual expenditures during the last three years.

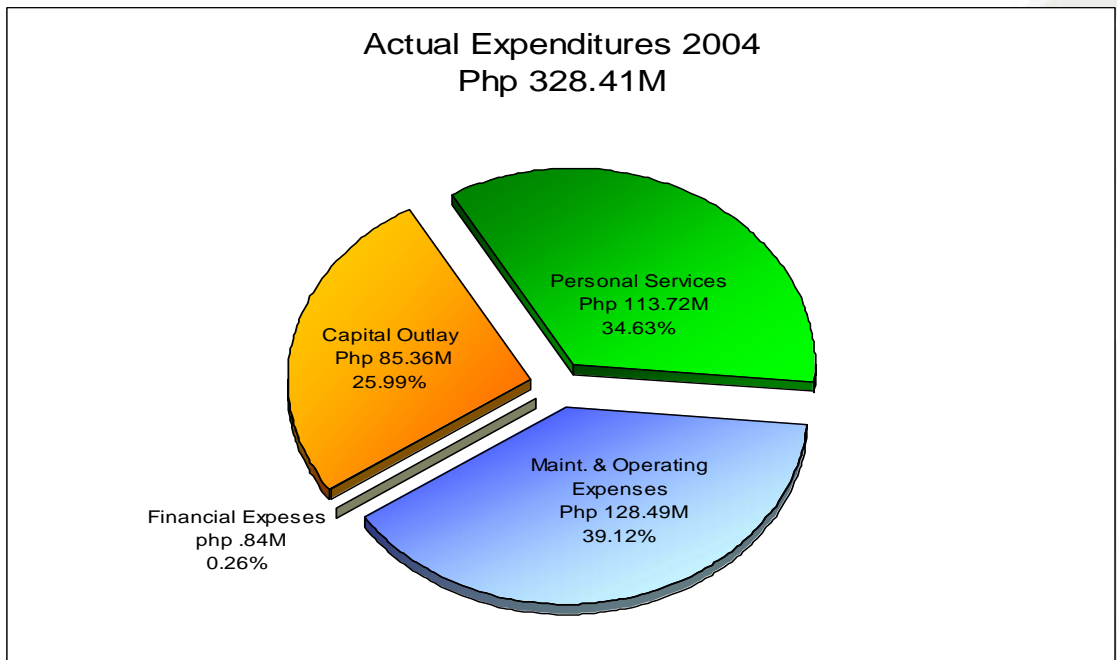


This pie graph shows the sources of funds during the year 2004 indicating an P85.0M borrowings which was used to finance four major infrastructure projects namely:

- 1) Bayawan Coastal Road
- 2) Diversion Road
- 3) Kalumbuyan-Mandua Road and
- 4) Bayawan CIP (Irrigation)-LGU Equity



Actual expenditures during the year 2004 amounted to P328.41M which is P39.2M or 14% higher than year 2003.



The P39.2M increase is accounted for by the following:

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| a) Higher Personal Services due to adoption of salary schedule of 1 st class city to reduce disparity in pay | P 26.98M |
| b) Increase in Capital Outlay | <u>12.22M</u> |
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| Total | P 39.20M |



Please note that as a 5th class city, we are allowed up to 55% for Personal Services; actual expenditure is only 38%.

Finally, we ended the year in review with a surplus of P68.0M.

2005 BUDGET

The approved annual budget for Year 2005 is P267.5M which is 85% of the total available estimated resources of P 314.3M. The difference of P46.9 M is set aside to offset any possible reduction in IRA due to the fiscal crisis the country is facing. Should situation improve, it will be appropriated for other priority projects as a supplemental budget.

This years' Annual Budget is 12% lower than last year. This is because of the adoption of austerity measures enumerated per Administrative Order 103 and the zero allocation for capital outlay. The zero allocation is a move to compel operating departments to prioritize completion of projects which were either in progress or were already funded from past years' appropriation.

As of today, preparation of Supplemental Budget is underway. The possible sources of funding are the following:

1. Unappropriated balance of CY 2005 Annual Budget	Php	46.9 M
2. Unappropriated surplus of CY 2004		67.7 M
3. Approved loan from Land Bank of the Phils. for the Socialized Housing Project		<u>70.5 M</u>
Total Proposed Supplemental Budget	--	Php 185.1M
Add: CY 2005 Annual Budget	--	Php <u>267.5M</u>
Total Current Appropriation	Php	452.6M

We are expecting an advice from DBM for an increase in our IRA for CY 2005. Any increase will form part of our Supplemental Budgets.

B. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

For Calendar Year 2004, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bayawan City conducted 49 sessions, treating routinary matters and adopted 698 resolutions, among the significant ones are:

- A. Twenty-six (26) agreements entered into by the LGU through the City Mayor as authorized by the Local Sangguniang Panlungsod, the highlights of which are as follows:



- ❖ Three (3) agreements entered with DAR and cooperatives namely ---- Nangka Small Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Molave Small Farmers Multi Purpose Cooperative, Inc. and Bolbog, Palongpong, Cadal-ogan Small Farmers Multi-purpose Cooperative, for the implementation of development projects that will alleviate poverty, institute agrarian change and spur economic growth within ARC area
- ❖ Two (2) agreements with GEOPLAN Cebu Foundation, Inc. for the training of LGU personnel on Geographic Information System and with GEOPLAN & DOST for the supply and installation of a Web-Based GIS Project Monitoring and Reporting System
- ❖ Memorandum of Agreement [MOA] with the Department of Health relative to the establishment of the Botika sa Barangay in the 28 barangays of the city
- ❖ Agreement with the representative of the Philippine Army relative to the activation of Special Citizen Armed Forces Geographical Unit Active Auxiliary (SCAA) to guard and protect important installations and properties of the city
- ❖ Agreement with NORECO II for the electrification services of Barangay Banaybanay
- ❖ Agreement with Harvest Agribusiness Corporation relative to the Techno Demo and Training Farm Project for short-term, high value vegetables
- ❖ Accepted donations from Atty. Oscar Tijing, developer of Amparo's Village, of all the horizontal structures inside the Amparo's Village to the LGU of Bayawan and from the Department of Agrarian Reform [DAR] of the five (5) units motorcycle to be assigned at the City Engineer's Office
- ❖ Agreement with DAR relative to the implementation of projects under Agrarian Reform Infrastructure Support Project Phase II (ARISP II) and with Nangka Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative representatives relative to the implementation of the Post Harvest Facility which is co-financed by ARISP II and Barangay Nangka
- ❖ 3 MOAs regarding the City's Environmental concerns namely:
 - With the Solid Waste Association of the Philippines for the establishment of the MRFs and Sanitary Landfill and the full implementation of the City's Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan;
 - With the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Provincial Government of Negros Oriental & Silliman University for the establishment of Wildlife Rescue Center in the City.
 - With duly organized people's organizations in relation to the implementation of the Bayawan Riverbank Rehabilitation and Management Project.
- ❖ 5 Resolutions to acquire various parcels of land by purchase or acceptance of donations which included the land being developed as the Maninihon Diversion Road, the 13- hectare pocket forest of Barangay Nangka, drainage



improvement at Cambogtong Creek and the provision of an alternate exit for the Bayawan National High School in order to decongest the National Highway.

- B. Seven (7) regulatory measures encompassing priority concerns of the city government:
- ❖ The granting exemption from any form of fees, rental or charges on the privilege to gather bangus fry and prawn fry within the city waters of Bayawan City;
 - ❖ The regulation of the operation of the Motorized Tricycles; pedicabs [pot-pot]; establishment, operation and maintenance of beerhouses, sing-a-long bars, KTV lounges, clubhouses and similar establishments; use of city-owned equipment by private persons, non-government and other government organizations and their instrumentalities and prescribing rental fees therefore;
- C. On Infrastructure: A resolution adopting the Bayawan City Infrastructure Development Plan for CY 2003 – 2012
- D. On Revenue Generation: A resolution adopting and implementing Provincial Ordinance No. 1 series of 2003 entitled “An Ordinance Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax on Real Property accruing to the Special Education Fund.”
- E. A resolution supporting the National Government Austerity Plan by reason of the existence of a financial crisis in the country, the city government adopted its own AUSTERITY PLAN in accordance with A.O. 103 and the 10-Point Agenda of the President.

C. PROGRAM THRUSTS FOR THE YEAR 2005

1. Implement continuing projects of our Food Security Program towards the realization of our vision to become the “Agricultural Capital of the Province” such as the following:
 - a. Continue the irrigation projects
 - b. Continue the maintenance and improvement of the road network and farm-to-market roads
 - c. Continue the Techno Demo training program for farmers especially on rice, corn, vegetables, cotton, and other high value crop
 - d. Continue the implementation of the Seed and Fertilizer Subsidy
 - e. Complete the installation of the Bio-N Mixing Plant and start operation
2. Full-blown implementation of the Forest Land Use Plan;
3. Pursue the construction of the Skills Training Center at the Government Center in Cabcabon;
4. Continue to support the programs of:
 - a. The Healthy City Program
 - b. The Character First! City Program
 - c. The Social Services to address the needs of the poor sector and provide support services aimed towards poverty alleviation;



5. Implement other priority infrastructure and urban development projects such as the Coastal Road, Government Center, the Diversion Road, Day Care Centers and Box culvert projects;
 - a. Pursue the construction of the “Friendship Highway” connecting Kabankalan and Bayawan Cities through the Sagumayon Bridge, the joint bridge project of the provinces of Negros Occidental and Oriental Negros and the cities of Kabankalan and Bayawan;
 - b. Pursue the construction of the Fisherman’s Village;
6. Enhancement of the Computerization Program;
7. Strengthen our Tourism promotions and development;
8. Implement the City ISWMP: Complete construction of MRF and initiate the Wetland Water Treatment Project;
9. Start the construction of the Farmer’s Market & Integrated Bus Terminal;
10. Establishment of a Science School for Elementary and High School.
11. To purchase an ambulance fully-equipped with stretcher and other medical equipment necessary for emergency response

I would certainly consider CY 2004 as another successful year for our City. The significant achievements due to our collective efforts converge towards the realization of our goals and objectives.

We have adopted a number of vital plans for our City such as the FLUP, the SWMP, the Tourism Master Plan, the Infrastructure Development Plan and other development plans. But plans alone won’t take us anywhere. A saying goes: **“Plans don’t work, People do.”**

What remains to be done takes much hard work for us all, and it’s a long way to go.

May I therefore, enjoin one and all: public servants, civil society organizations and private citizens. Let us work together and do our part in the making of our vision a reality. Let us contribute in the building of a Strong Republic.

I thank you.

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