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RESOLUTION CREATING A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN CARRYING OUT THE DIGITALIZATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE RECORDS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MANILA

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WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Municipal Board in 1901, the precursor to the City Council of Manila, thousands of ordinances and resolutions have been passed, many of which are of great historical significance both to the City of Manila and the rest of the country;

WHEREAS, these measures, however, are largely inaccessible to the general public, owing to the difficulty and inconvenience in obtaining hard copies of such ordinances and resolutions, especially ancient ones kept in other offices such as the National Archives of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, such relative inaccessibility often makes the enforcement of certain ordinances difficult, as a consequence of the public's lack of knowledge thereof;

WHEREAS, to address the situation, the Committee on Information Technology of the City Council, in cooperation with the Office of the Vice-Mayor (OVM) and the Office of the Secretary to the City Council (OSCC), has spearheaded the digitalization of legislative records, scanning thousands of ordinances and having a proposed official City Council website developed, where they could be accessed by the general public;

WHEREAS, digitalization is an emerging trend in records management, leading to the enactment or issuance of related measures such as Republic Act No. 11927 (Philippine Digital Workforce Competitiveness Act), Government Procurement Policy Board Resolution 16-2019 dated 17 July 2019 (Approval of the Use of Digital Signature in Procurement Related Documents), and Commission on Audit Circular 2021-006 dated 06 September 2021 (Guidelines on the use of Electronic Documents, Electronic Signatures, and Digital Signatures in Government Transactions);

WHEREAS, these measures are meant to utilize information technology in public administration, through digital transformation of basic public services;


WHEREAS, digitalization is, moreover, in keeping with the intent and spirit of the 1987 Constitution, which makes it a policy of the State to make a full public disclosure of all transactions involving public interest (Section 28, Article II), and guarantees the people's right to information on matters of public concern, subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law (Section 7, Article III);

WHEREAS, after a series of consultations and collaborative meetings, the offices concerned, including the Committee, OVM, and OSCC, saw the desirability of creating a Technical Working Group (TWG) headed by the Secretary of the City Council, that will assist the Committee in pursuing the digitalization of legislative records, particularly the ordinances and resolutions passed by the City Council and its predecessor, the Municipal Board: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to create, as it hereby creates a Technical Working Group to provide administrative and technical support to the Committee on Information Technology in carrying out the digitalization of ordinances, resolutions and other legislative records of the City Council of Manila, to be composed of the following:

Head	Secretary to the City Council
Assistant Head	Local Legislative Staff Officer IV, Committee on Information Technology
Members	<p>Local Legislative Staff Officer II Committee on Information Technology</p> <p>Two representatives from the: Office of the Vice-Mayor</p> <p>Two representatives each from the offices of the City Council Secretariat, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Journal and Minutes Division - Legislative Division - Records and Publication Section

PRESIDED BY:


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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on March 28, 2023.

ATTESTED:


LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.
 City Government Department Head III
 (Secretary to the City Council)

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