

MALVERSATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

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The Commission on Audit Special Audit Report on the various alleged anomalous transactions by the former Chief Executive is now known publicly all over town and beyond.

The Report was transmitted to the current Chief Executive last January 17, 2011, and requested that their recommendations be implemented fully and appropriate action taken within sixty (60) days. The question now is, more than four (4) months have gone by, what action is the present Chief Executive has done or going to do. Are you or have you filed the alleged graft against the former Mayor? The public has the right to know.

This article pertains on the 14,000 square meter subdivision only.

The real property transaction, among others, has been going on for several years and for certain department heads who have the responsibility and duty to assist the former chief executive: 1) (Planner and Engineer) in the planning, engineering and to facilitate the improvement and sale of the subdivision site did not state their position 2)(Treasurer) the duty and to ensure that collection is officially receipted and take possession or custody of collections in the books of the municipality, did nothing, 3) (Accounting) accounting and internal auditing and (budget) no money to be disbursed unless the existence of appropriation; all of them it seems were out of the loop and did nothing. It appears that the anomalous acts were in collusion exclusively between the lot buyer, the collector cashier and the former mayor.

QUESTION: There are many unanswered questions, among them are the following:

1. The Sangunian Bayan has authorized the former Chief Executive to facilitate the subdivision and the distribution of the parceled lots to the landless residents of Orion who can afford to pay. **Why is it that certain buyers were able to buy more than one (1) lot and certain lots were sold to municipal elected public officials?**

2. The report listed thirteen (13) buyers bought twenty-one (21) lots. Nine (9) bought one (1) lot each, two (2) bought three (3) lots each, one (1) bought four (4) lots, one (1) bought 2 lots , total 21 lots all together with the total receipt of P5,786,175.53. **How many lots were parceled out of the 14,000 sqm, how much is the cost per square meter and what is the total expected receipt had the lots were sold in cash?**

3. What is the term of payment , **how many were sold in cash and how many were paid in installment payment, are there any outstanding payment?**

4. **Who is now the project manager of the subdivision, handling sales records, deed of sale and the titling of the lots? The former chief executive is out of office, is the Collection Cashier still employed (not charged for being an accomplice?), is the bank account still open?**

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5. The former Chief Executive was required to use the proceeds of the sale of lots to finance the further development/improvement of the area into a residential community and the construction of the Municipal Multi-Purpose Center at the site, including the backfilling of the low areas belonging to BSP. **How is this possible when all the proceeds went to his pocket and not to the municipal treasury?**

6. According to the Report , the collection from the sale of the subdivided lot were not officially receipted and that the collection was not transmitted to the Treasurer, instead, the Collection Cashier deposited the proceeds to the Land Bank of the Philippines. (without the knowledge of the Treasurer?) Therefore there was no Deed of Sale (this is not verified), and not reported to the Assessor (Identification, Assessment and Declaration of Real Property) and the Treasurer (Tax payment. This is not verified). Consequently, the buyers may have purchased a lot as far as they are concern, not knowing that the receipt they got was not official (fake) , instead, the money were deposited in the personal bank account of the former mayor, **that Deed of Sale if one has been issued may not be official, therefore the document may be null and void. The lot buyers may have no recourse but sue the former mayor in order to take possession of the lot or recover their payments? Does the MG has the right to cancel the land sale and re-start the distribution according to the policy approved by the Sanguniang Bayan?**

7. **Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth within thirty (30) days from separation service are required from these officials, where such reports submitted by the officials listed in the Report?**

8. **How is the present administration proposed to close and take over the personal accounts of the former chief executive Antonio Raymundo, Jr. at the Land Bank of the Philippines and Bataan Development Bank under the Anti-Money Laundering Law?**

OPINION.

We cannot blame the average poor head householder and marginalize farmer for not knowing that corruption was going on in our municipal government for it is not in the newspaper or they have access to the municipal website. The alleged anomalous transactions was not discovered not until the Commission on Audit conducted a Special Audit on the municipal records, covering from July 1, 2007 thru July 30, 2010. The Report did not become a public knowledge not until it was posted in the municipal website. For all the people, municipal employees and influential people in our community, did not know what is going on or that they knew but speechless and not voicing their condemnation. What on earth is going on in our community, our public officials (the so-called honorable) are suppose to govern and serve the people, yet, they are the same people who we elected are misappropriating public funds. Are we going to let him keep all the taxpayers money and get away with it? Who knows the money in the bank account is all gone, withdrawn. What is the present administration to do! There is no excuse for the public silence; you are part of the problem. No wonder people participate in the political fray because there is money (millions) to be made.

