

SAN JUAN CITY COUNCIL GOES PAPERLESS ON SESSIONS AND COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Instead of just reducing the amount of paper being used in exercising its functions, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of San Juan City is now “paperless” during sessions and committee hearings starting November 7, 2022.

Fresh from a seminar last September 2022, San Juan City Vice-Mayor, Hon. Jose Warren P. Villa initially thought of a way on how the City Council can eliminate the use of paper during meetings. With this in mind and with the help of technology, they started using their tablets with apps that make it easier for them to view every document and edit the same as well, instead of using printed documents.



"This may be a small step but it is a good start which will be followed by more programs and projects for the environment. We, at the San Juan City Council and the San Juan City Government, are committed to environmental protection and preservation," Vice Mayor Villa declared.

Through the internet, members of the council can receive and store files in their respective devices to make them readily accessible during their sessions and committee hearings. They can also edit, make notes and comments and even agree, object and approve ordinances and resolutions online.



It is another innovation for the San Juan City Council, better than the other local governments' as this is totally "zero-paper" and not just less.

The challenges brought about by climate change has encouraged the San Juan City Council to contribute in reducing carbon emissions through the use of technology. Its brilliant mind and the love for the environment has brought its efficient public service to the next level.

"I thank Vice Mayor Warren and our councilors, as well as our Sanggunian Secretariat, for leading the way and showing our city hall employees that this can be done," Mayor Francis Zamora said and added.



Councilors Ericc Vijandre, Totoy Bernardo, Raissa Laurel, Bernardo, Macky Mathayand Bea de Guzman, pictured, use their tablets during a session of the San Juan City Council. Video is of Council Secretary Ria Padilla taking notes using her tablet.