REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD LUNGSOD NG ORMOC

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GUNIANG PANLO FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD RECEIVE AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL DATE 7 ALAY - 2020

ON MAY 05, 2020

PRESENT:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr. Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr., Roiland H. Villasencio, Nolito M. Quilang, Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga, Jasper M. Lucero, Peter M. Rodriguez, Vincent L. Rama, Gregorio G. Yrastorza III, Lalaine A. Marcos, Esteban V. Laurente,

Joan Marbie C. Simbajon,

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer SP Member, Majority Floor Leader SP Member, 1st Asst. Majority Floor Leader SP Member, 2nd Asst. Majority Floor Leader

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Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President, Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan ng Ormoc

ON LEAVE:

Tomas R. Serafica,

SP Member, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore"

PREFATORY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Republic Act No. 7160, commonly known as the General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code of the Philippines, highlights the encouragement and support of the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, enhancement of economic prosperity, maintenance of peace and order and preservation of comfort and convenience of people;

WHEREAS, Section 2, Part 1 of the Republic Act No. 8792 otherwise known as the "Electronic Commerce Act of 2000" emphasizes the need to create an information-friendly environment which supports and ensures the availability, diversity and affordability of Information Communication Technology (ICT) products and services;

WHEREAS, Electronic Payment and Collection System (EPCS) should be able to accommodate various modes and channels of electronic payment pursuant to Joint Department Administrative Order No. 02-Series of 2006 of Department of Trade and Industry and Department of Finance provided for Guidelines Implementing R.A. No. 8792 on Electronic Payment and Collection System (EPCS) in Government;

WHEREAS, use of access devices for payment of fees, charges, assessments and revenue due to the government through the Government Entity's EPCS is hereby authorized to bring about a more efficient and effective payment and collection service for government transactions and to provide the transacting clients additional payment options for transactions with government pursuant to Joint Administrative Order No. 10-01, Series of 2010;

WHEREAS, the Monetary Board in its Resolution No. 324 dated 26 February 2009, approved the following guidelines governing the issuance of electronic money (e-money) and the operations of electronic money issuers (EMI) in the Philippines;

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WHEREAS, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 11127 otherwise known as "The National Payment System Act" provides that it is the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas who has the authority to oversee the payment systems in the Philippines and exercise supervisory and regulatory powers for the purpose of ensuring the stability and effectiveness of the monetary and financial system;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to foster the development of efficient and convenient retail payment and fund transfer mechanism in the Philippines pursuant to Circular No. 649, Series of 2009 issued by the Office of the Governor of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of our Ormoc City's Investment and Incentives there is a need to endeavor more investment by providing an enabling environment that will generate and enhance economic activities within the area;

WHEREAS, pursuant to our call to public service and to promote further ease of doing business, there is a need to continuously formulate a program and initiatives that are efficient, accessible and easy to implement to make certain all business processes in the city go as smoothly as possible;

WHEREAS, automating the system of payment transactions of taxes, fees and other payments to the City of Ormoc is in furtherance of our goal in instituting good governance reforms that would increase transparency in government transactions and make our business processes more efficient and convenient for our constituents or taxpayers whom we consider our valued customers;

WHEREAS, pursuant to fostering a cashless payment ecosystem, in support to the National Retail Payment System and Financial inclusion goals of the government, Ormoc City seeks to promote cashless payment and disbursement options that will digitize payments and government aid disbursements and promote operational efficiency of the Ormoc City government;

WHEREAS, an efficient and effective collection of taxes is a prerequisite to generate the necessary income for the City that will support infrastructure projects and delivery of basic services;

WHEREAS, the foregoing premises considered, this Sanggunian finds great merit in the City Mayor's request intended for the benefit of the City and to the community as a whole;

WHEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Vincent L. Rama, Member, Committee on Ways and Means, and, severally seconded by SP Members Roiland H. Villasencio, Lalaine A. Marcos, Esteban V. Laurente and Joan Marbie C. Simbajon; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to enact:

ORDINANCE NO. 024 (Series of 2020)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND RECOGNITION OF THE USE OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENT CHANNELS FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES AND OTHER FEES TO THE CITY OF ORMOC.

BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in its session duly assembled, that:

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SECTION 1. TITLE – This ordinance shall be known as "Electronic Disbursements, Payments and Tax Collection System of Ormoc City".

SECTION 2. FINDINGS INCORPORATED – The findings and laws above are hereby incorporated and made integral part of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY - The City recognizes the move for Electronic Governance (eGovernance) as means of the City Government of Ormoc to interact with our citizens (G2C), our private or business sectors (G2B) and also other government agencies/entities (G2G). Anchored on the principles of Public Trust and Transparency, Ormoc City's Anti-Graft and Corruption Platform which guarantees Transparency and Good Governance that eliminates the possibility of graft and corruptions with lesser personnel the taxpayer deals with. An electronic payment and disbursement will enhance the collection of fees and taxes, and disbursement of government aid by ensuring that the necessary mechanism and procedures are employed to encourage taxpayers to pay and settle their tax obligations. It is in the best interests of the public to adopt the Electronic Disbursement of government aids and grants, payment for taxes, fees and other payments collected by the City of Ormoc.

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES – Any implementing guidelines through Executive Order issued by the Local Chief Executive of Ormoc for the enforcement of the provisions shall be prepared for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS OR CONTRACTS. To realize the program objectives of the City's electronic disbursement and payment services, the City Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into corresponding Agreements or Contracts with recognized, technically capable and reputable companies, entities or institutions (either private or government) in relation to the implementation of the electronic payments and disbursements for the City Government of Ormoc.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE – All Ordinances and or Resolutions, or portions thereof, inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If for any reason any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by any competent court, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and after compliance with necessary posting and publication requirements of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED, May 05, 2020.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Ordinance, one each to, the City Mayor; the City Administrator, the City Legal Officer, the City Treasurer, the City Accountant, the Business Permits and Licensing Office, the City Auditor, the LGU-Information Technology Center, the City Local Government Operations Officer-DILG, and others concerned for their information and reference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

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MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

LEO CARMELO L. LOCSIN, JR. City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

RICHARD I. GOMEZ City Mayor (Date)

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