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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
ORMOC CITY

Office of the Municipal Board

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD
BY THE MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ORMOC CITY, PHILIPPINES, IN
ITS SESSION HALL ON JULY 1, 1950.

PRESENT:

His Honor, Lucilo A. Conui....Presiding Officer
Hon. Rafael D. Omega.....City Councilor
" Victorino C. Teleron.... " "
" Guillermo T. Parrilla... " "
" Flaviano Montesclaros... " "
" Pablo S. Pajaron..... " "
" Margarito G. Tugonon.... " "
" Cleto P. Evangelista.... " "
" Antonio C. Cataag..... " "

ABSENT:

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RESOLUTION NO. 106

WHEREAS, it has been subject of official inquiry by the Municipal Board, Ormoc City to the United States-Philippine War Damage Commission, Manila, through the representation of Senate President Mariano Jesus Cuenco, the lamentable fact that barrio schools of Ormoc City, bridges, city market and asphalted roads, destroyed during the last world Pacific war were not included in the priority list of the Philippine War Damage Claims Division, per letter of Mr. Phillips W. Charles, Secretary to the Philippine War Damage Commission, Manila addressed to Mr. Miguel Y Garcia, War Damage Public Claims Division per Resolution No. 106 of the Municipal Board of Ormoc City;

WHEREAS, the District Engineer, Tacloban, Leyte, Mr. Catalino L. Guillermo in his communication to the Municipal Board, Ormoc City dated May 15, 1950 disclaimed responsibilities for failure to submit list for war damage claims for barrio schools destroyed during the war above referred to on the ground that Ormoc City does not pertain to his district, further stating that the City Engineer of Ormoc City should be the one to take care of the necessities of said city;

WHEREAS, upon indorsement of the letter of the district engineer of Leyte above referred to, to the City Engineer, Ormoc City for comment, the City Engineer of Ormoc City Mr. Felix C. Codilla by second indorsement dated June 7, 1950 explained that the report of barrio schools damaged by world war II was submitted by his office through the Division Superintendent of Schools of Leyte but returned to his office due to the fact that the Division Superintendent concerned had already submitted similar reports for Ormoc City through the District Engineer of Leyte, stating further that similar report has again been forwarded to the District Supervisor, Ormoc I for transmittal to the Division Superintendent of Leyte as per 6th indorsement of his office dated June 7, 1950 in which the original report of barrio schools damaged as above stated were returned to the Division Superintendent under 5th indorsement dated February 2, 1949 in which said 5th indorsement signed by Gregorio Dimaano, Acting Division Superintendent, Tacloban, Leyte stated that the reports on damaged barrio schools was submitted to Manila through the

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District Engineer of the Province of Leyte;

NOW THEREFORE,

The Board on motion of Councillor Cleto P. Evangelista seconded by Councillor Guillermo T. Farrilla;

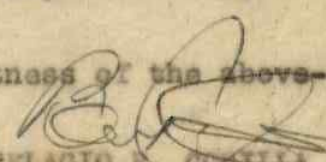
BE IT RESOLVED, as is hereby resolved to respectfully request the Director of Public Works and Communications, Manila and the Head of the Public Claims Division, Mr. Miguel Y. Garcia of the United States-Philippine War Damage Commission, the former, to find out who is the public official responsible for the failure to submit the reports of barrios schools, bridges, market of Ormoc City and asphalted roads which were not included in the priority list which should have been submitted to the War Claims Division of the United States-Philippine War Damage Commission, Manila and further requesting the Honorable Director of Public Works and Communications to make representation to the Head of the Public Claims Division (Philippine War Damage Commission) if in his judgment such action so warrants a respectful appeal to the Honorable Chairman of the Philippine War Damage Commission, for reconsideration or a reopening of the case to allow the city government of Ormoc City to claim for barrio schools, bridges, city market and asphalted roads of the then municipality of Ormoc destroyed during the last world war, II; and the latter to make further verification on the subject matter;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, to respectfully request said Honorable Director of Public Works and Communications, Manila to make representation to His Excellency the President of the Philippines on the deplorable situation facing the city government of Ormoc City and its constituted authority to find means and ways to look into the public officials concerned in the Province of Leyte who are responsible for failure to submit to the United States-Philippine War Damage Commission, Manila, the report of barrio schools, bridges, city market and asphalted roads which were destroyed during the Japanese occupation and the fight for liberation by the American forces against the common enemy which has a consequence, the City of Ormoc where the heaviest fighting took place was totally raised to the ground and now the public properties above mentioned are not rehabilitated;

BE IT RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish copy of this resolution each to His Excellency the President of the Philippines, Malacañan Palace, Manila; the Honorable Director of Public Works and Communications, Manila; the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, Manila; to the Chairman of the Philippine War Damage Commission, Manila; the District Engineer, Tacloban, Leyte; the Division Superintendent of Public Schools, Tacloban, Leyte; the City Mayor, Ormoc City; the City Treasurer, Ormoc City; and the City Engineer, Ormoc City;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE correctness of the above-cited resolution.


PELAGIO F. CODILLA
Secretary

APPROVED:


LUCILO A. CONUI
City Mayor
Presiding Officer

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COPY FURNISHED:

1. His Excellency, President Elpidio Quirino, Malacañan, Manila
2. The Honorable, Secretary of the Interior, Manila
3. The Honorable, Director of Public Works, Manila
4. The Chairman, Philippine War Damage Commission, Manila; the District Engineer, Tacloban
5. The District Engineer, Tacloban, Leyte
6. The Division Superintendent of Schools, Tacloban, Leyte
7. The City Mayor, Ormoc City *Recede*
8. The City Treasurer, Ormoc City *Recede*
9. The City Engineer, Ormoc City *Recede*
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ATTESTED:

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FRANCISCO D. ABAS
Secretary to the City Mayor

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