



REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTH  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD AT THE HONORABLE  
PLACIDO ENECIO HALL, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 15, 1996

PRESENT:

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| Hon. Benjamin F. Tugonon,        | Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer                                    |
| Hon. Celso P. Adolfo,            | Majority Floor Leader, Kagawad                                    |
| Hon. Claudio P. Larrazabal,      | Asst. Majority Floor Leader, Kagawad                              |
| Hon. Benjamin B. Lladoc,         | Kagawad                                                           |
| Hon. Sotero M. Pepito,           | Kagawad                                                           |
| Hon. Alfredo F. Capahi,          | Kagawad                                                           |
| Hon. Manuel T. Fiel,             | Kagawad                                                           |
| Hon. Jose C. Alfaro, Jr.,        | Kagawad                                                           |
| Hon. Gregorio A. Yrastorza, Jr., | Kagawad                                                           |
| Hon. Mariano Y. Corro,           | Minority Floor Leader, Kagawad                                    |
| Hon. Fernando P. Parrilla,       | Chapter Pres., Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc, Ex-Officio, Kagawad |
| Hon. Angelyn R. Paca,            | SK Federation President, Ex-Officio, Kagawad                      |

ABSENT:

NONE.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-26

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ROBERTO S. DE OCAMPO HIS OPINION AS TO THE APPROPRIATE SALARY GRADES THAT THE VICE MAYOR AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC BELONG CONSIDERING THAT THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC PROVISIONS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 WHICH CATEGORIZE THE AFOREMENTIONED CITY OFFICIALS IN THE CASE OF INDEPENDENT COMPONENT CITIES LIKE ORMOC CITY.

WHEREAS, Article 77 of the Rules and Regulations Implementing the Local Government Code of 1991, categorizes the Salary Grades of Vice Mayor and Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod in Cities into two (2), namely: 1) highly urbanized; and 2) component. For VICE MAYOR, highly-urbanized SG 28; and, component SG 26. For MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD, highly urbanized SG 27 and, component SG 25;

WHEREAS, the aforecited article of the Rules and Regulations Implementing the Local Government Code of 1991 does not include in its categorization the Salary Grades of Vice Mayor and Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Independent Component Cities, like Ormoc City;

WHEREAS, the Vice Mayor and the Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Ormoc are presently receiving the salary equivalent to Salary Grades 26 and 25, respectively;

WHEREAS, Director Jacob F. Montesa, Department Legal Counsel of the Department of the Interior and Local Government in his OPINION NO. 95 S. 1994, quoting the decision of the Supreme Court in the consolidated cases of ABELLA VS. COMELEC AND LARRAZABAL, and LARRAZABAL VS. COMELEC and DE LA CRUZ (201 scra 253) has this to say:

"Section 12, Article X of the Constitution is explicit in that aside from highly urbanized cities, component cities



whose charters prohibit their voters from voting for provincial elective officials are independent of the province. X X X . Necessarily, component cities like Ormoc City whose charters prohibit their voters from voting for provincial elective officials are treated like highly urbanized cities which are outside the supervisory power of the province to which they are geographically attached. X X X" (Underlining ours).

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Ormoc, including the Presiding Officer who is the Vice Mayor, that in line of the aforementioned opinion of Director Jacob F. Montesa, which is buttressed by the aforesaid decision of the Supreme Court, they are entitled to the compensation of the Salary Grades of highly-urbanized cities.

WHEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, on MASS MOTION of the Body and with OVERWHELMING SECONDS; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass a resolution REQUESTING THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ROBERTO S. DE OCAMPO HIS OPINION AS TO THE APPROPRIATE SALARY GRADES THAT THE VICE MAYOR AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC BELONG CONSIDERING THAT THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC PROVISIONS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 WHICH CATEGORIZE THE AFOREMENTIONED CITY OFFICIALS IN THE CASE OF INDEPENDENT COMPONENT CITIES LIKE ORMOC CITY;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to respectfully supplicate the Honorable Secretary Roberto S. De Ocampo to facilitate the herein requested opinion, and to convey our sincerest thanks in anticipation for his prompt attention hereon;

ENACTED, February 15, 1995.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, to furnish copies of this resolution, one each, to: Honorable Roberto S. De Ocampo, Secretary of the Department of Finance; Honorable Salvador M. Enriquez, Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management; the Honorable City Mayor of Ormoc; the Regional Director of the Commission on Audit, Tacloban City; the City Auditor of Ormoc; the City Budget Officer; the Chief, Human Resource Management Division; and all others concerned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

BENJAMIN F. TUGONON  
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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HERMOGENA P. SUMALINOG  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod