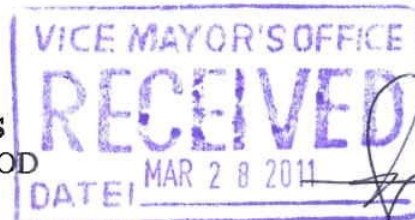




REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE TWELFTH
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD AT THE
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL,
ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING
ON MARCH 24, 2011

PRESENT:

Hon. Nepomuceno P. Aparis I,
Hon. Ruben R. Capahi,
Hon. Rolando M. Villasencio,
Hon. Claudio P. Larrazabal,
Hon. Mario M. Rodriguez,
Hon. Lea Doris C. Villar,
Hon. Filomeno P. Maglasang,
Hon. Jose C. Alfaro, Jr.,
Hon. Sotero M. Pepito,
Hon. Demosthenes F. Tugonon,
Hon. Rafael C. Omega, Jr.,
Hon. Antonio M. Codilla,

Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
City Councilor, Majority Floor Leader
City Councilor, Minority Floor Leader
City Councilor, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore"
City Councilor, Assist. Minority Floor Leader
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Ex-Officio City Councilor

Hon. Corinne M. Corro,

Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc
Ex-Officio City Councilor,
SK Federation President

ABSENT:

NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-058

A RESOLUTION DEFINING THE STAND OF THIS SANGGUNIAN ON
THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE 1987
CONSTITUTION AS HEREIN BELOW INDICATED.

WHEREAS, the letter dated January 05, 2011 of the Chairman, Committee on Constitutional Amendments of the House of Representatives, Hon. Loreto Leo S. Ocampos, re: Proposed Amendments to the 1987 Constitution was endorsed by the Office of the City Mayor of Ormoc to this Sanggunian for appropriate action;

WHEREAS, this Sanggunian sincerely believes that the present Constitution which was approved some twenty-four (24) years ago and crafted by a Constitutional Commission needs some amendments to answer for the needs of times, politically, economically and socially;

WHEREAS, foregoing premises considered, on motion of City Councilor Demosthenes F. Tugonon, Chairman, Committee on Laws and Ordinances, severally seconded by City Councilors Corinne M. Corro, Sotero M. Pepito and Rafael C. Omega, Jr.; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass a resolution DEFINING THE STAND OF THIS SANGGUNIAN ON THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, AS HEREIN BELOW INDICATED, to wit:

1. This Sanggunian favors the amendments of certain provisions of the 1987 Constitution to meet the demands of the times;

2. That the amendments to the Constitution be undertaken by a Constitutional Convention wherein the delegates thereto will be elected by districts to coincide with the mid-term elections in 2013, to minimize election expenses, and the crafting of the proposed amendments shall be done by an independent, unbiased, unprejudiced delegates; and without vested interest;
3. That the Legislature shall be a UNICAMERAL CHAMBER thereby abolishing the SENATE and the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES so as to avoid bickering and break-up deadlocks. As Professor WILLOUGHBY sums it up, UNICAMERALISM: "is simple; it entails less expense in the operation; it permits of expeditious action; it furnishes the means for a direct, authoritative representation of the electorate; and under it, responsibility for action is definitely located".

Our own constitutional law expert, Prof. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J., also observed: "The supposed advantages of UNICAMERALISM were simplicity of organization resulting in economy and efficiency, facility in pinpointing responsibility for legislation, avoidance of duplication, and strengthening of the legislature in relation to the executive. It was also hoped that a unicameral assembly would be a more effective training ground for national leaders. "Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.. "The Constitution of the Philippine Republic, a Commentary.

4. That we retain the Presidential System of Government for the following reasons:
 - a. The system of direct election of the President by the people is more conducive to the growth of democracy as it enables every individual voter to directly participate in the choice of the highest official of the land. There is certain attractiveness in the lowliest citizen being able to share in the filling of the most exalted office. It is somehow more fulfilling to him and assures him that he is really, as the author's father used to say, "a particle of popular sovereignty."
 - b. Deriving his mandate directly from the people, the President can adopt an independent stance vis-à-vis the legislature. In the parliamentary system, the Prime Minister is only an agent of the legislature and, therefore, subject to its control.
 - c. Where legislative and executive powers are merged in the same body, their exercise to the detriment of the nation becomes much more convenient. In the Presidential set-up, an abusive President can be stalemated by the legislature and he, for his part, can check the excesses of the lawmakers. The use of these checks is easier to justify because both the President and the Legislature derive their offices directly from the people. (citations of Salvador H. Laurel)
5. That the term of office of local officials is without limits. This proposal is not to allow local officials to dominate their elective positions but rather to allow otherwise in their pursuit of a better programs and services directed towards the welfare of its constituents, the attainment of which is dependent upon the performance of their reciprocal obligations in line with the principle of symbiotic relation between the people and the government.
6. Abolish the Party-List Representative as it does not serve the purpose for which it is created.

ADOPTED, March 24, 2011.




Res. No. 2011-058

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution each to the Honorable City Mayor Eric C. Codilla; the Chairman, Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Hon. Loreto Leo S. Ocampos; the Speaker, House of Representatives, Hon. Feliciano Belmonte, Jr.; the Senate President, House of Senate, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile and others concerned;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


JOEL S. DUERO
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


NEPOMUCENO P. APARISI
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer