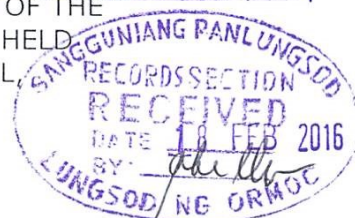


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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
THIRTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD  
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL,  
ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING  
ON FEBRUARY 16, 2016 IN LIEU OF  
FEBRUARY 18, 2016



PRESENT:

Hon. Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr.	Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
Hon. Rolando M. Villasencio,	SP Member, Majority Floor Leader
Hon. Tomas R. Serafica,	SP Member, Asst. Majority Floor Leader
Hon. Mario M. Rodriguez	SP Member, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore"
Hon. Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,	SP Member
Hon. Antonio M. Codilla,	SP Member
Hon. Vincent L. Rama,	SP Member
Hon. Pedro Godiardo P. Ebcas,	SP Member
Hon. Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga,	SP Member
Hon. John Eulalio Nepomuceno O. Aparis II,	SP Member
Hon. Mariano Y. Corro,	Ex-Officio SP Member
	Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Ruben R. Capahi,	(O.B. - Manila)
	SP Member, Asst. Minority Floor Leader

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-024

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY RECOMMENDING THAT THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR EDWARD C. CODILLA FILES THE APPROPRIATE CHARGES AGAINST FORMER REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) FIELD OFFICE NO. 8, MR. NESTOR B. RAMOS, CIVIL, CRIMINAL AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE, FOR FULL REDRESS FOR HIS HAVING DEFAULTED ON HIS COMMITMENT TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF ORMOC THAT DSWD G.I. ROOFING SHEETS AND UMBRELLA AND COMMON NAILS BE DISTRIBUTED FOR FREE TO THE EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSISTANCE (ESA) FAMILIES WHOSE HOUSES WERE TOTALLY DAMAGED BY SUPERTYPHOON YOLANDA IN THE CITY, THEREBY CAUSING THE ORMOC CITY GOVERNMENT TO WASTE CITY FUNDS FOR THE TRANSPORT AND HANDLING OF THE SAME TO ITS PREMISES.

WHEREAS, this Thirteenth Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Ormoc was in receipt of a communication dated January 11, 2016 from Atty. Adelito M. Solibaga Jr., program anchorman of *Krusada*, a popular daily radio program in two (2) radio stations operating in this City, requesting for an inquiry on certain DSWD Shelter Kits;

WHEREAS, this request from Atty. Solibaga stemmed from several inquiries and complaints he received from his listeners in *Krusada* concerning a controversy over g.i. sheets and nails which were allegedly hauled using City funds and resources from the stockyard of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in Tacloban City to the Ormoc City Engineering Office (CEO) premises, and stored thereon until mid December 2015 but were suddenly purportedly 'mysteriously' hauled off and transported to another place with the public being left in the dark as to the real circumstances behind the same;



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WHEREAS, it can be recalled that all this started when during a committee meeting of the Committee on Social Welfare, Senior Citizens, Women and Family of this Sanggunian on March 10, 2015, DSWD 8 Regional Director Nestor B. Ramos had categorically stated that said g.i. sheets which were owned by his agency shall be distributed to the ESA project totally damaged houses families beneficiaries of Supertyphoon Yolanda for free and over and above the full ESA cash assistance that they would receive in accordance with the project;

WHEREAS, during an inquiry conducted on January 20, 2016 by the Committee on Oversight and Legislative Tracking in response to Atty. Solibaga's mentioned request, the City Legal Officer, Atty. Ivan B. Verallo revealed that the Honorable City Mayor and concerned offices of the City Government Executive Department under him had completely relied on Director Ramos' mentioned verbal statements, specifically that the g.i. sheets were to be distributed for free to said ESA beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, on the basis of said verbal assurances of Director Ramos, the Honorable City Mayor then ordered the transporting and handling of said construction materials to the CEO premises, which it was gathered actually consisted of 274,240 pieces g.i. sheets, 13,550 kilograms umbrella nails and 7,700 kilograms common nails;

WHEREAS, furthermore, Ms. Warlie Muring, Administrative Officer of the CEO, revealed that the hauling occurred on March 15, 2015 or Five (5) days after such promise by Director Ramos, with the Honorable City Mayor ordering the first batch of hauling which happened from May 6, 2015 to May 27, 2015 wherein Four Hundred Ten Thousand Four Hundred Philippine Pesos (PHP410,400.00) of the Honorable City Mayor's budget was spent, and the second batch of hauling which occurred from August 26 to October 6, 2015 wherein Seven Hundred Forty Three Thousand Eighty-Eight Philippine Pesos (PHP743, 088.00) of the Honorable City Mayor's budget was spent, finally, for a total amount of One Million One Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Philippine Pesos (PHP1,153,488.00) expended by the Honorable City Mayor on his Office's budget;

WHEREAS, in a rather unexpected and controversial turnaround after the said hauling batches were completed, representatives of the Honorable City Mayor said that Director Ramos reneged on his assurances to the City that the g.i. sheets were for free distribution, and reportedly communicated to the Honorable City Mayor that nine (9) pcs. g.i sheets from the hauled g.i. sheets were to be distributed to each of the totally damaged house families ESA beneficiaries and were to be deducted from their ESA funding gap of PHP14,286.75 (on the excuse that the DSWD did not have sufficient funds to cover the full amount in cash, which turned out later on to be false), such that in effect, only PHP10,000.00 cash and (9) pcs. g.i. sheets shall be distributed to each of said beneficiaries to cover fully their said individual funding gap instead of distribution in full cash, which distribution method was consequently favorably endorsed by the Honorable City Mayor to this Sanggunian for approval but which, however, for being not only nonconforming to the ESA project guidelines but also downright unfair to the beneficiaries, was disapproved and accordingly amended by this august Body;

WHEREAS, shortly afterwards, the subject g.i. sheets and umbrella and common nails stored in the CEO were suddenly withdrawn from said premises without any good explanation offered of said questionable action to the general public other than the general information that same were to be transported to a place away from the City;



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WHEREAS, taking into consideration the foregoing premises, clearly a grave injustice has been inflicted on and damage suffered thereby by the City through the Honorable City Mayor as, according to his representatives, he was made to waste his Office's resources, particularly a large chunk of said Office's budget which certainly comprises public money, by reason of reliance on Director Ramos' verbal assurances, which as narrated turned out later to be false and allegedly deceitful, so that it becomes highly obligatory and incumbent upon the Honorable City Mayor, to immediately seek full and just indemnification of the wrongs and damage done to his Office and the City, by resorting to legal remedies to the full extent of the law against Director Ramos;

WHEREFORE, on motion of the Honorable SP Member Vincent L. Rama, Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Legislative Tracking, severally seconded by the Honorable SP Members Mario M. Rodriguez, Tomas R. Serafica, Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr., Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga; be it


RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass A RESOLUTION STRONGLY RECOMMENDING THAT THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR EDWARD C. CODILLA FILES THE APPROPRIATE CHARGES AGAINST FORMER REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) FIELD OFFICE NO. 8, MR. NESTOR B. RAMOS, CIVIL, CRIMINAL AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE, FOR FULL REDRESS FOR HIS HAVING DEFAULTED ON HIS COMMITMENT TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF ORMOC THAT DSWD G.I. ROOFING SHEETS AND UMBRELLA AND COMMON NAILS BE DISTRIBUTED FOR FREE TO THE EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSISTANCE (ESA) FAMILIES WHOSE HOUSES WERE TOTALLY DAMAGED BY SUPERTYPHOON YOLANDA IN THE CITY, THEREBY CAUSING THE ORMOC CITY GOVERNMENT TO WASTE CITY FUNDS FOR THE TRANSPORT AND HANDLING OF THE SAME TO ITS PREMISES;

ADOPTED, February 16, 2016.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution each to the Honorable City Mayor Edward C. Codilla, the City Administrator, the City Legal Officer, the City Social Welfare and Development Office, the DSWD Main Office, the DSWD Regional Office No. 8, the DILG - City Director, Ms. Lucia C. Ong, and other offices concerned;

CARRIED by Six (6) Affirmative Votes with Four (4) Votes Against registered by Honorable SP Members Mariano Y. Corro, Pedro Godiardo P. Ebcas, John Eulalio Nepomuceno O. Aparis II and Antonio M. Codilla;

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
JOEL S. DUERO  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

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