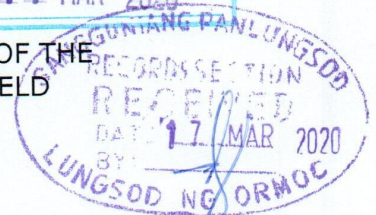


REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD
AT THE MULTI-PURPOSE HALL
ON MARCH 17, 2020



PRESENT:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr.
Roiland H. Villasencio,
Tomas R. Serafica,
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,

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

SP Member
SP Member
SP Member
SP Member
SP Member
SP Member

Joan Marbie C. Simbajon,
Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan ng Ormoc

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:

Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,

SP Member, Majority Floor Leader

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-088

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE BUSINESS OWNERS AND
OPERATORS IN ORMOC CITY TO:**

- 1. PREVENT THE SALE OF GOODS AT VERY HIGH OR UNCONSCIONABLE PRICES OR THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF PROFITEERING, CARTELS AND WIDESPREAD ILLEGAL PRICE MANIPULATION WITH RESPECT TO THE SUPPLY, DISTRIBUTION, AND MARKETING OF GOODS;**
- 2. PREVENT ACTS OF HOARDING AND PANIC BUYING;**
- 3. PREVENT ANY PERSON WITH SYMPTOMS OF COVID – 19 FROM ENTERING THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS;**
- 4. OBSERVE FOUR (4) DAY OR FLEXIBLE WORKWEEK SCHEDULES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES FOR THE DURATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY;**
- 5. MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF AND ACCESS BY CONSUMERS TO GOODS AND SERVICES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND OTHER REGULATIONS ISSUED; AND**
- 6. ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE APPEAL BY THE ORMOC CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, INC..**

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 and declared a state of Public Health Emergency following confirmation from the Secretary of Health of cases of local transmission of the Corona Virus Disease (COVID – 19) in the country;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 11332 or the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act", recognizes that epidemics and other public health emergencies are "threats to public health and national security, which can undermine the social, economic, and political functions of the State";

WHEREAS, to prevent and contain the presence of COVID-19 cases in the city, the Local Government Unit of Ormoc has taken critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures that Ormocanons must observe for the safety and well-being of all;

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, City Mayor Richard I. Gomez issued Executive Order No. 27 and prohibited the entry of all persons coming to Ormoc by land travel shall be prohibited, except in very specific instances and under very specific conditions;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health issued Department Circular No. 2020 - 0039 reiterating Department Memorandum No. 2020-0056 entitled, "Interim Guidelines on 2019 Novel Corona Virus Respiratory Disease (2019 - nCoV ARD) Response in the Workplace" and instructed that, *"E. Closure of Offices: 1. Closure of government/private offices or business establishments and other workplace is NOT recommended as an option to contain 2019 - nCoV ARD in the workplace. Declaration of such should await joint assessment by the DOH, DOLE, and the CSC. 2. Contingency or work continuity plans (eg. Decking, skeletal force, etc.) should be activated to ensure non-disruption of work operations;"*

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020, the Executive Secretary, issued a memorandum "On Stringent Social Distancing Measures and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Situation", which provides: *"Flexible work arrangements shall be encouraged in the private sector. For this purpose, the pertinent advisories and guidelines of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the DTI shall apply. All manufacturing, retail and service establishments are advised to remain open. In all cases, strict social distancing measures are required to be observed by their respective managements;"*

WHEREAS, the Department of Trade and Industry directed a nationwide price freeze on basic necessities amid the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7581, otherwise known as the Price Act of 1992, provides: *"Section 5. Illegal Acts of Price Manipulation - Without prejudice to the provisions of existing laws on goods not covered by this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person habitually engaged in the production, manufacture, importation, storage, transport, distribution, sale or other methods of disposition of goods to engage in the following acts of price manipulation of the price of any basic necessity or prime commodity: (1) Hoarding, which is the undue accumulation by a person or combination of persons of any basic commodity beyond his or their normal inventory levels or the unreasonable limitation or refusal to dispose of, sell or distribute the stocks of any basic necessity or prime commodity to the general public or the unjustified taking out of any basic necessity or prime commodity from the channels of reproduction, trade, commerce and industry. Xxxxxx (2) Profiteering, which is the sale or offering for sale of any basic necessity or prime commodity at a price grossly in excess of its true worth. Xxxxxx (3) Cartel, which is any combination of or agreement between two (2) or more persons engaged in the production, manufacture, processing, storage, supply, distribution, marketing, sale or disposition of any basic necessity or prime commodity designed to artificially and unreasonably increase or manipulate its price. Xxxxxx;"*

WHEREAS, in an appeal received by this council on March 17, 2020, the Ormoc City Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. undertook to make arrangements with the business community "to maintain social and economic imperatives in the midst of disruptions in the Philippines through the implementation of the following measures:

The MANAGEMENT SECTOR to continue operating even at breakeven levels or subsidize operations to keep the business going. It must exhaust all venues to keep their workers in the payroll, instead of resorting to layoffs; e.g. availment of leave credits, allow leave without pay (LWOP), shorter week work, training or upskilling sessions (allowances will do during training days), utilize people on special projects, maintenance or renovations.

The BANKING INSTITUTIONS to grant reprieve on amortization and waive interest payments for a six (6)-month period to troubled businesses, especially those that are just starting but are already challenged by the epidemic and could barely operate;

The COMMERCIAL SPACE OWNERS including mall operators to grant rental holidays for a six (6)-month period for those opting to close, or a cut on rental rates for tenants sustaining losses due to very low traffic;

LEYECO V to suspend some charges or at least reduce rates and to provide a leeway or moratorium on late payment penalties or notice of disconnection;

The INDUSTRY PLAYERS to share costs or cluster themselves to take turns operating; e.g. like hotels to take turns operating while their bookings are referred to cluster partners and cut down rates and launching attractive domestic travel packages; and,

Lastly, the Ormoc City GOVERNMENT AGENCIES to further devise ways to help businesses survive the crisis by supporting the affected industries, especially the small, medium enterprises (SMEs); e.g. stimulus package, tax rebates and incentives, and loosening some financial regulations, specifically a lenient tax regulation to affected businesses; and, immediate payment of long-overdue accounts to suppliers and service providers;"

WHEREAS, upon thorough review this sanggunian finds that this resolution is significant, advantageous and for the best interest of the city and her constituents.

WHEREFORE, on MASS MOTION of the Body; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass A RESOLUTION URGING THE BUSINESS OWNERS AND OPERATORS IN ORMOC CITY TO:

1. PREVENT THE SALE OF GOODS AT VERY HIGH OR UNCONSCIONABLE PRICES OR THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF PROFITEERING, CARTELS AND WIDESPREAD ILLEGAL PRICE MANIPULATION WITH RESPECT TO THE SUPPLY, DISTRIBUTION, AND MARKETING OF GOODS;
2. PREVENT ACTS OF HOARDING AND PANIC BUYING;
3. PREVENT ANY PERSON WITH SYMPTOMS OF COVID – 19 FROM ENTERING THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS;
4. OBSERVE FOUR (4) DAY OR FLEXIBLE WORKWEEK SCHEDULES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES FOR THE DURATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY;

Res. No. 2020-088


5. MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF AND ACCESS BY CONSUMERS TO GOODS AND SERVICES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND OTHER REGULATIONS ISSUED; AND
6. ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE APPEAL BY THE ORMOC CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, INC..

ADOPTED, March 17, 2020.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution each to the City Mayor of Ormoc Richard I. Gomez; the City Administrator, Mr. Vincent L. Ernas; the City Legal Officer, Atty. Josephine M. Romero; the Ormoc City Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Inc.; the Banking Institutions in Ormoc; the Mail Operators; LEYECO V; the City Health Department; the City Local Government Operations Officer-DILG; and all others concerned, for their information and guidance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above resolution.


MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


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

SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

MALLS

1. ROBINSONS MALL
2. SM
3. GAISANO RIVERSIDE

SIGNATURE

ROBINSONS LTD CORP
MAR 18 2020
3-18-20

BANKS

1. METROBANK
2. PNB
3. LANDBANK
4. BDO
5. DBP
6. EAST WEST
7. AUB
8. CHINABANK
9. SECURITY BANK
10. PS BANK
11. CITI SAVINGS BANK
12. BPI
13. RCBC
14. RURAL BANK OF ORMOC
15. DULAG BANK
16. ROBINSONS BANK
17. BANK OF ORMOC
18. OCCCI
19. Bank of Commerce
20. UCPB Savings Bank
21. CAPP mnl p12 m bank

[Handwritten signatures and dates follow]