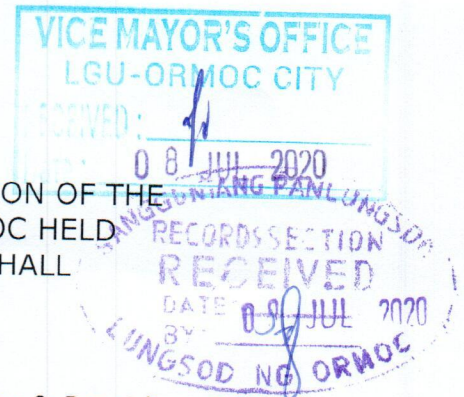


REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD  
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL  
ON JULY 07, 2020



PRESENT:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr.  
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Jasper M. Lucero,  
Peter M. Rodriguez,  
Vincent L. Rama,  
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Lalaine A. Marcos,  
Esteban V. Laurente,

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer  
SP Member, Majority Floor Leader  
SP Member, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Majority Floor Leader  
SP Member, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore"  
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Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc  
Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President,  
Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan ng Ormoc

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-203**

**A RESOLUTION EARNESTLY URGING THE GOVERNMENT  
SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) TO ALLOW  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD MEMBERS TO  
CONTINUE PAYING THEIR GSIS CONTRIBUTIONS  
VOLUNTARILY AFTER SERVING FOR THREE  
CONSECUTIVE TERMS OR AFTER HAVING COMPLETED  
AT LEAST NINE (9) YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE.**

WHEREAS, SECTION 43 (a) (b) of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that:

- "(a) The term of office of all local elective officials elected after the effectivity of this Code shall be three (3) years, x x x, except that of the barangay officials; x x x.
- (b) No local elective official shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same position. X x x".

WHEREAS, the above-stated provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 clearly defines the term limits of elective local officials to three (3) consecutive terms, therefore, in the same manner, elected councilors are limited to serve only a maximum of nine (9) years;

WHEREAS, the PHILIPPINE COUNCILORS LEAGUE (PCL) is an association of all elected Sangguniang Panlungsod and Bayan Members in the country comprised of, more or less, SEVENTEEN THOUSAND (17,000) MEMBERS that the LEAGUE aspires and/or aims to provide medical, death and calamity benefits to its members, as well as collectively pursue advocacy programs for the country's communities;



WHEREAS, the GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) was created through Commonwealth Act No. 186 and Republic Act 8291 to provide social security and financial benefit to all government employees and their qualified dependents in the form of life insurance, retirement, separation, compensation benefits and loan assistance privileges;

WHEREAS, the insurance coverage, benefits, and other stable financial support that the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) provides to its members certainly helps members tremendously, quite notable of which is the granting of much-needed monthly pensions for life to retired members after completing the equivalent of at least fifteen (15) years monthly premium payments in order to qualify for said monthly pensions for retired government employees;

WHEREAS, to elaborate, Sections 11-13 of Republic Act No. 8291, otherwise known as the GSIS Act of 1997, clearly state that the benefits shall be payable to members who have rendered at least (15) years of service which effectively DISQUALIFIES an elected Councilor from such benefits after completing a consecutive three (3) terms for he/she is already barred from further running for same public office by virtue of aforementioned LGC provisions, thus regrettably depriving the member of the opportunity to avail of said life pension even if he/she is very much willing to voluntarily continue paying GSIS monthly premiums up to the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) year requirement in order to render him/her qualified to said life pension;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Councilors League (PCL), known for its advocacy to protect and ensure the safety of its members, has initiated the move to allow councilors who have served for three (3) consecutive terms or a total of (9) years be given the option to continue paying their premium contributions in order to avail of all GSIS retirement benefits;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) through its Advocacy Committee submitted to the House of Congress for its review, a proposal to guarantee the protection and safety of its members and, henceforth, the House Committee on Government Enterprises and privatization chaired by Cong. Jesus Saccalan conducted a Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting Chaired by Cong. Antonio Tinio on September 2, 2015;

WHEREAS, during the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress on October 19, 2016 and February 15, 2017, Cong. Antonio Tinio conducted two (2) TWG Meetings tasked to consolidate various versions of the Bill. Further, the Government Enterprises and Privatization Committee spearheaded two (2) committee meetings on September 7, 2016 and March 15, 2017;

WHEREAS, the Technical Working Group (TWG) of the House of Committee on Government Enterprises and privatization chaired by Rep. Jesus Nonato Saccalan of North Cotabato and Rep. Maximo Rodriguez of Cagayan De Oro City committed to support the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) by re-filing the Bill initiated by his brother, former Congressman Rufus Rodriguez. Likewise, Rep. Magnolia Antonio of Nueva Ecija included the same in HB 4709 entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SINGLE RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION BENEFIT SYSTEM FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES";

WHEREAS, the PCL National Executive Officers and National Board in their joint meeting held last January 17, 2020 in Pasay City, Metro Manila, have once again united to underscore their Commitment for the said advocacy earnestly requesting for the support and endorsement of the GSIS to allow elected Councilors to continue paying their voluntary contributions after having served for three consecutive terms or after having completed nine (9) years of service;



NOW THEREFORE, on MASS MOTION of the Body; be it


RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass A RESOLUTION EARNESTLY URGING THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) TO ALLOW SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD MEMBERS TO CONTINUE PAYING THEIR GSIS CONTRIBUTIONS VOLUNTARILY AFTER SERVING FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS OR AFTER HAVING COMPLETED AT LEAST NINE (9) YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE;

ADOPTED, July 07, 2020.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the City Mayor, Richard I. Gomez; the City Administrator; the City Legal Officer; the Philippine Councilors League (PCL); the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) Board of Trustees; the House of Representatives; the Senate; the Office of the President; the City Local Government Operations Officer-DILG; and all other agencies/departments concerned for their information.

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