



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Sorsogon  
**CITY OF SORSOGON**



## *Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod*

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON JANUARY 28, 2020.**

**PRESENT:**

**Hon. Joven G. Laura**  
Temporary Presiding Officer

**BACON DISTRICT**

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda  
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia

**EAST DISTRICT**

Hon. Ralph Walter R. Lubiano  
Hon. Mary Ellen D. Jamisola  
Hon. Franco Eric O. Ravanilla

**WEST DISTRICT**

Hon. Nestor J. Baldon  
Hon. Fernando David H. Duran, III  
Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon  
Hon. Lorenz S. Abenion

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Mark Eric C. Dioneda  
Hon. Melchor P. Atutubo  
Hon. Hilario D. Dioneda  
Hon. Erwin J. Duana

## *Resolution No. 021, Series of 2020*

(Author: Hon. Franco Eric O. Ravanilla)

**RESOLUTION STRONGLY APPEALING TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE TO INTERCEDE IN THE RENEWAL OF FRANCHISE OF ABS-CBN**

**WHEREAS**, the freedom of the press which encompasses the tri-media (Radio, Television and Print Media) occupies a preferred position in the hierarchy of rights and values as guaranteed under the Philippine Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, since time immemorial ABS-CBN has been engaged and endeavored to provide and convey to the citizenry timely, rightful and relevant information on events that transpired within the country and to the extent of recent developments in foreign lands;

**WHEREAS**, ABS-CBN in the past and until this date has been relentless and unwavering in humanitarian and philanthropic engagements and activities particularly during typhoons, disasters and other natural calamities;

**WHEREAS**, at this point in time the intercession of his Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to the concerned government entity is indispensable, who has been time and again stood firm, candid and straightforward fair and just on his decisions particularly on matters that adversely affect and prejudicial to the welfare and interest of the citizens and he would not tolerate that the freedom of the press would be breached by the non-renewal of the franchise of ABS-CBN;

**WHEREAS**, his excellency during his incumbency as the Chief Executive of Davao City, a premier City in the Promised Land has been publicly known to be an advocate of Social Justice which simply connotes that those who have less in life must have more in law;

**WHEREAS**, admittedly and it is a truism that those who are less privileged consider television and radio as the primary source of wholesome family entertainment and latest news developments within the country and in foreign shores and the non-renewal of the franchise would definitely affect their daily lives and activities as distinguished from those who are better circumstanced who can readily afford the luxury and comfort of other amusement and entertainment;

**WHEREAS**, in the same vein that the House of Congress, vigilant on the protection of the rights of the citizens would not be passive on the matter and thereby ensure that the franchise be renewed with dispatch;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of **Hon. Franco Eric O. Ravanilla**, duly seconded by Hon. Fernando David H. Duran III, resolve as it is hereby resolved to strongly appeal to His Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte of the Republic Of The Philippines and the House Of Representative to intercede in the Renewal of Franchise of ABS-CBN.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the President, the Office of the House of Representatives and all concerned for their information.

DATE APPROVED: **January 28, 2020**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.



**NOEL G. DREU**

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested:



**JOVEN C. LAURA**

City Councilor/Temporary Presiding Officer