



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 MARCH 10, 2020.

PRESENT:

HON. MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA
City Vice Mayor/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
Hon. Joven G. Laura

WEST DISTRICT

Hon. Nestor J. Baldon
Hon. Erwin J. Duana

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

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

ABSENT:

Hon. Fernando David H. Duran, III – sick leave
Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino – on official business
Hon. Melchor P. Atutubo
Hon. Hilario D. Dioneda

Resolution No. 068, Series of 2020

(Author: Hon. Mary Ellen D. Jamisola)

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING IN ENQUIVOCAL TERMS THE DISGUST AND INDIGNATION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF SORSOGON OVER THE FAILURE OF THE 2020 PCL NATIONAL/ISLAND OFFICERS OF THE PHILIPPINE COUNCILORS LEAGUE, AND CALLING UPON THESE INTERIM OFFICERS TO IMMEDIATELY RESIGN FROM THEIR POSTS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Councilor's League (PCL), composed of more than seventeen thousand (17,000) Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod members, is an organization registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission the creation of which is recognized under Section 508 of Republic Act No. 7160 and organized for the purpose of improving public service;

WHEREAS, the 11th Congress of the PCL was scheduled for February 26-28, 2020 at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City with a registration fee of Fifteen Thousand Pesos (P15,000.00) per Sanggunian Bayan/Panlungsod member chargeable against the funds of their respective LGU's;

WHEREAS, the most important purpose of the said congress was the election of the new set of National and Island Officers who shall serve as PCL National/Island Officers until the end of the term for which they were elected as councilors;

WHEREAS, to the dismay and consternation of the more than twelve thousand (12,000) of its members who attended the Congress, the PCL Interim National Board Members/Officers declared a failure of elections due to “technical glitches” of the computer system which was supposed to be used in the automated elections;-

WHEREAS, the said “technical glitches” consisted of votes for Jesciel Salceda being counted by the computer as vote for Danilo Dayanghirang, and votes of ten persons being counted by the computer votes of fifteen persons, among others;

WHEREAS, the said “technical glitches” could have been avoided had the interim National Officers, being the ones who procured the system, tested its functionality and integrity long before the scheduled elections;

WHEREAS, the said “technical glitches” could have been resolved had there been sufficient time allocated for the IT expert of the candidates to conduct inspection and test run the machines instead of giving them only fifteen (15) ,minutes for this purpose prior to the start of the voting;

WHEREAS, the declaration of failure of election could have been avoided had the Interim National Officers carried out the decision made by them at 3:30 p.m., election day, to resort to manual voting after the PCL COMELEC informed them that they could not push through with the automated voting without compromising the integrity of the result of the elections;

WHEREAS, the failure of the PCL Interim National Officers to undertake the available measures which could have saved the elections demonstrated utter failure of leadership which resulted in huge government resources going down the drain;

WHEREAS, the more than One Hundred Eighty Million (P180,000.00) Pesos wasted government money in registration fees alone, not to mention transportation expenses and wasted government time of the more than twelve thousand councilors, ABC Presidents and SK Federation Presidents who attended the congress, is more than enough reason for the PCL National Interim Officers to resign from their posts.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of **Hon. Mary Ellen D. Jamisola**, duly seconded by **Hon. Lorenz S. Abenion**, resolved as it is hereby resolve to express in unequivocal terms the disgust and indignation of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Sorsogon over the failure of the 2020 PCL National/Island Officers Elections declared by the Interim National Board/Officers of the Philippine Councilors League, calling upon these Interim Officers to immediately resign from their posts.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Hon. Ma. Ester E. Hamor, City Mayor, Sorsogon City for her information, the Interim National Officers of the Philippine Councilors League for their appropriate action and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) for its information and appropriate action.

DATE APPROVED: March 10, 2020

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.



DAN G. ALCALA

Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested:



MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer