



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. 069, Series of 2020

(Author: Hon. Mary Ellen D. Jamisola)

RESOLUTION EARNESTLY CALLING UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG) TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE THE INTERIM LEADERSHIP OF THE PHILIPPINE COUNCILOR'S LEAGUE (PCL) FOR FAILING TO TAKE AVAILABLE COURSES OF ACTION IN ENSURING THAT THE 2020 PCL NATIONAL/ ISLAND ELECTIONS BE SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT SO THAT WASTAGE OF MILLIONS OF GOVERNMENT RESOURCES COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) is the government agency tasked to supervise the activities and operations of the different local government leagues, among them the Philippine Councilors League (PCL), in order to ensure that these leagues operate within their respective mandates and achieve the purposes of their creation as authorized under the Republic Act No.7160;

WHEREAS, in the performance of its supervision function over the PCL, the activities of the league require the approval of the DILG in order that the expenses

incurred by PCL Members in attending PCL activities may be charged against the function of their respective local government units (LGUs);

WHEREAS, as part of its organizational governance process, the PCL elects its National/Island Officer in a national congress called for the purpose every first quarter of the year following the year of their election to office as members of the of the different Sanggunian Bayan/Panlungsod;

WHEREAS, for the 2019-2022 term of office, the 11th Congress of the PCL was scheduled for February 26-28,2020 at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City, for the election of the PCL National/Island Officer and for which a registration fee of Fifteen thousand Pesos (15,000.00) per Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod member chargeable against the fund of their respective LGUs was authorized by the DILG per MC No. 2019-210,dated 10 December 2019;

WHEREAS, to the dismay and consternation of the more than twelve thousand (12,000++) of its member who attended the Congress , the PCL Interim National 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 one candidate being counted by the computer as vote for another candidate, and votes of ten persons being counted by the computer as vote 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 Officer carried out the decision made by them at 3:30 p.m., election day, to resort the 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;

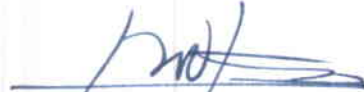
WHEREAS, the more than One Hundred Eighty Million Pesos (P180,000,000.00) wasted government money in registration fees alone, not to mention transportation expenses and wasted government time of the more than twelve thousand councilors, ABC Presidents and SK Federation Presidents who attended the congress, is more than enough reason for the DILG to come in strong and hold accountable the Interim National Officers for such failure.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of **Hon. Mary Ellen D. Jamisola**, duly seconded by **Hon. Lorenz S. Abenion**, resolved as it is hereby resolve to respectfully call upon the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to hold accountable the interim national leadership of the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) for failing to take the available courses of action in ensuring that the 2020 PCL national/island elections was successfully carried out so that wastage of millions of government resources could have been prevented.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Hon. Ma. Ester E. Hamor, City Mayor, Sorsogon City for her information, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) for its information and appropriate action and the different Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod nationwide for their 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