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CITY OF SORSOGON



Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, CABID AN, EAST DISTRICT, SORSOGON CITY ON AUGUST 30, 2022.

PRESENT:

HON. MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA
City Vice Mayor

WEST DISTRICT

Hon. Peter Joseph J. Ravanilla
Hon. Nestor J. Baldon – **TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER**
Hon. Bryan J. Pingul
Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon

EAST DISTRICT

Hon. Maria Theresa S. Gonzalez
Hon. Lester R. Lubiano
Hon. Mark Jayson D. Jamisola
Hon. Angelu Magda P. Ravanilla

BACON DISTRICT

Hon. Reynaldo C. Taladtad
Hon. Glenn P. Olbes
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Hon. Bessie C. Diaz
Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda

ABSENT:

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda- official business

Resolution No. 186, Series of 2022

(Author: Hon. Mark Eric C. Dioneda)

RESOLUTION URGING SORECO II MANAGEMENT TO SUSPEND THE COLLECTION OF MONTHLY BILLING STATEMENTS OF MEMBER CONSUMERS WITH VALID COMPLAINTS AND ERRONEOUS READERS CONDUCTED BY ONE DAY METER READERS PENDING RESOLUTION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPLAINTS.

WHEREAS, on August 09, 2022 Regular Session of the 8th City Council, the Hon. Mark Eric C. Dioneda, City Vice Mayor sponsored a resolution entitled “Resolution requesting the management of SORECO II to conduct trainings and seminars to all meter readers” and was officially referred to the Committee on transportation and Public Utilities;

WHEREAS, the intent of purpose of the aforementioned resolution is in line with various complaints brought before the Office of the City Vice Mayor and the social media with respective to unprecedented increase in monthly billing statements of Member Consumers of SORECO II;

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2022, the Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities conducted a committee hearing duly attended by the following;

1. Hon. Danilo A. Deladia, City Councilor;
2. Hon. Lester R. Lubiano, City Councilor;
3. Mr. Yulo Paulo Marbida, SORECO II-Tariff Market Officer;
4. Ms. Babet Estopace, BOD, SORECO II;
5. Mr. Ronald A. Tansuping, BOD Pilar;
6. Mr. Angel A. Janoras, BOD, West District;
7. Mr. Melchor Cadag, BOD Donsol;
8. Ronaldo Decano, BOD, Bacon District;
9. Antonio Dionela, BOD Prieto Diaz;
10. Mr. "Obet" Angeles Apin, Media Personality

WHEREAS, during the discussion thereof SORECO II Board of Directors mentioned that SORECO II engaged the services of Member Consumer's Owners Organization wherein One Day Meter Readers were selected to endeavor as meter readers of Member Consumer's monthly electricity consumption;

1. the Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities noted the information relayed by the attendees as follows;
2. That the engagement of SORECO II Management on the utilization of Member Consumer's Owners Organization One Day Meter Readers was submitted before the General Assembly being the highest governing body;
3. That the present Board of Directors contemplates on abolishing the Member Consumer's Owners Organization One Day Meter Readers.

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the discussion during the August 30, 2022 regular session of the 8th City Council wherein the SORECO II Management was invited, the Hon. Mark Eric C. Dioneda opted to relinquish his post as the Presiding Officer to Hon. Baldon in order to freely participate in the discussion following the various complaints brought before his office and the social media;

WHEREAS, for purposes of this resolution, hereunder are the issues and concerns raised by the Hon. Mark Eric C. Dioneda;

1. That he would request for a copy of the Call of the General Assembly conducted by SORECO II reflecting approval of MCOO's with the hereunder attachments;
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Attendance sheet of Member Consumer's present;
 - c. Pictures and other relevant documentation.

WHEREAS, in addition thereof, the City Vice Mayor also discussed the following issues and concerns;

1. That the actions undertaken by the 8th City Council is pursuant to Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 under General Welfare Clause;
2. That the utilization of Member Consumer's Owners Organization One Day Meter Readers by SORECO II Management definitely gave rise to complaints on monthly billing statements of Members Consumers giving emphasis to possible erroneous meter readings;
3. That the utilization of Member Consumer's Owners Organization One Day Meter Readers does not involve employee-employer relationship, thus any erroneous meter readings committed would compromise SORECO II Management's image;

4. That the question on whether or not One Day Meter Readers were required to have trainings and seminars prior to engagement as Meter Readers is still unanswered having no documents submitted before the 8th City Council to say otherwise;
5. That meter readings of consumption of SORECO II Member Consumers is a regular mandate of SORECO II Management, thus the same would require regular employees as meter readers;
6. That the utilization of Member Consumer's Owners Organization One Day Meter is Readers may give rise to possible labor dispute in the future.

WHEREAS, foregoing premise considered and after due deliberation on the matter, the 8th City Council deemed it necessary to pass a resolution urging SORECO II Management to suspend the collection of monthly billing statements of Members Consumers with valid complaints and erroneous readers conducted by One Day Meter Readers pending resolution of their respective complaints;

NOW THEREFORE, on incidental motion of the **Hon. Mark Eric C. Dioneda** duly seconded by **Hon. Danilo A. Deladia**, resolve as it is hereby resolved to urge SORECO II Management to suspend the collection of monthly billing statements of Members Consumers with valid complaints and erroneous readers conducted by One Day Meter Readers pending resolution of their respective complaints;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be immediately furnished to the SORECO II Management, Members of the Board of Directors and to all concerned for their information and guidance.

DATE APPROVED : August 30, 2022

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


ROVAN E. DOMASIAN
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:



NESTOR J. BALDON

City Councilor /Temporary Presiding Officer