Republika ng Pilipinas LALAWIGAN NG SURIGAO DEL SUR TANDAG CITY

Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan

(Office of the Provincial Council)

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 112TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL, CAPITOL OF THE SOUTH, KAHAYAG, BISLIG CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR ON OCTOBER 8, 2024

PRESENT:

Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr.

Vice Governor (Presiding Officer)

Regular Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:

District I

District II

Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr. Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.

Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco Hon. Margarita G. Garay

Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr. Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo

Hon, Raul K. Salazar

Ex - Officio Members:

Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel

 President, Philippine Councilors' League, Surigao del Sur Chapter

Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez

- President, Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Melanie Joy M. Guno

-President, Provincial Chapter of the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas

ABSENT:

On Special Privilege Leave:

Hon. Ruel D. Momo

-Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod

 Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative, Surigao del Sur

On Sick Leave:

Hon. Jose Dumagan Jr.

-Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

RESOLUTION NO. 2427-24

(Series of 2024)

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE DECISION/RESOLUTION OF THE 20TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN EN BANC, THIS PROVINCE IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CASE FILED BY HON. CHERRY B. DARAMAN, VICE MAYOR AGAINST HON. JOSIE M. BONIFACIO, M.D., MUNICIPAL MAYOR, RESPONDENT, ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORTES, THIS PROVINCE FOR GROSS MISCONDUCT DOCKETED AS ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 01-2024

SPONSORS:

HON. MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR., HON. ANTONIO C. AZARCON, HON. CONRAD C. CEJOCO, HON. GINES RICKY J. SAYAWAN, SR., HON. MARGARITA G. GARAY, HON. JOHN PAUL C. PIMENTEL, HON. RUEL D. MOMO, HON. JOSE DUMAGAN, JR., HON. ANTHONY JOSEPH P. CAÑEDO, HON. RAUL K. SALAZAR, HON. VALERIO T. MONTESCLAROS, JR., HON. MELANIE JOY M. GUNO, AND HON. JIMMY I. GUINSOD

WHEREAS, pursuant Ordinance No. 17-2011 dated April 19, 2011, "the Committee on Laws and Justice and Human Rights is tasked to study and investigate all verified complaints against elective municipal officials under the jurisdiction of the province and to recommend action thereon to the Body in accordance with the Local Code of 1991 and existing laws";

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2024, an administrative complaint was filed by Hon. Cherry B. Daraman, Vice Mayor of the municipality of Cortes, against Hon. Josie M. Bonifacio, M.D., Mayor of the same municipality for Gross Misconduct of Duty;

WHEREAS, after the receipt of an Answer to the complaint and all its attachments, the Committee on Laws and Justice and Human Rights conducted a preliminary investigation as to the propriety of the Affidavit Complaint of the complainant;

WHEREAS, after a careful deliberation by the Committee on Laws and Justice and Human Rights, it found out that there exist a prima facie case to warrant the institution of formal administrative proceedings and as such required the parties to appear before the committee for a preliminary conference;

WHEREAS, in the preliminary conference the parties and their counsel agreed to settle between them the case amicably subject to the part which cannot be settled for being governmental in character. However, five days thereafter, the parties by virtue of the Order of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan dated 18 March 2024, submitted before the Committee their respective position papers for this Honorable Office to decide on the merits of the case;

WHEREAS, thereafter, the case was submitted for Resolution and after a careful and thorough deliberation on the findings of the Committee En Banc to which the matter was referred to, as to its finding that the respondent is guilty of Simple Negligence of Duty only and is meted a penalty of One Month and One (1) Day Suspension Without Pay, this Body deems it necessary to approve and adopt the same for the administration of justice to both parties;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing and on motion of Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon and jointly seconded by Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco and Hon. Raul K. Salazar;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to approve and adopt the decision/resolution of the 20th Sangguniang Panlalawigan en banc, this Province in the matter of the Administrative Case filed by Hon. Cherry B. Daraman against Hon. Josie M. Bonifacio, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Cortes, for Gross Misconduct docketed as Administrative Case No. 01-2024.

RESOLVED FINALLY: To furnish copies of this Resolution to Hon. Cherry B. Daraman, Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer and to Hon. Josie M. Bonifacio, M.D., Mayor, all of the Municipality of Cortes, this Province, for their information and guidance.

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ADOPTED this 8th day of October 2024 at Bislig City, Province of Surigao del Sur by unanimous votes of all Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members present.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

MARITES COMA-ARREZA

(Assistant Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan)

(Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan)

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:

MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)

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