



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Davao Oriental
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
SP Complex, Government Center, Dahican
CITY OF MATI



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 41ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 17TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF DAVAO ORIENTAL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 AT THE CITY OF MATI, THIS PROVINCE.

PRESENT:

Hon. Niño Sotero L. Uy, Jr. Vice Governor – Presiding Officer

Regular Members:

District I

Hon. Nelson R. Dayanghirang, Jr.
Hon. Anna Cheryl N. Castro
Hon. Art Benjie C. Bulaong
Hon. Marietta D. Palmera
Hon. Andy A. Monday

District II

Hon. Shella Marie S. Go
Hon. Harold A. Montes
Hon. Rotchie M. Ravelo
Hon. Daud V. Linsag
Hon. Stephen Paul L. Uy

Ex-Officio Members:

Hon. Joselito B. Villademoso	President, Philippine Councilors League (PCL) - Davao Oriental Chapter
Hon. Eleuterio C. Manaytay	Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative (IPMR)
Hon. Ronald T. Lara, Jr.	Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial Federation President (SKPFP)

ABSENT:

Hon. Rustan R. Castellones	President, Liga Ng Mga Barangay (LNB) - Davao Oriental Chapter - Special Privilege Leave
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RESOLUTION NO. 17-409-04-2023

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Sponsor : Hon. Joselito B. Villademoso

A RESOLUTION INFORMING THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN FOR MINDANAO THROUGH ITS DEPUTY OMBUDSMAN, ATTY. ANDERSON A. LO, RELATIVE TO THE FIRST INDORSEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2022 WITH REFERENCE CODE IC-OM-20-0533 RE: COMPLAINT OF MR. SERGS P. IGNACIO AGAINST RESPONDENTS, MUNICIPAL TREASURER, MRS. NORMA B. MORALES AND FORMER MUNICIPAL MAYOR ARTURO C. MONDAY, THAT THIS SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN CANNOT ASSUME OR EXERCISE JURISDICTION OVER THE COMPLAINT, IN VIEW OF SECTION 61(B) OF RA 7160, CONSIDERING THAT RESPONDENT MUNICIPAL TREASURER, MRS. NORMA B. MORALES IS NOT A LOCAL ELECTIVE OFFICIAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AND RESPONDENT FORMER MUNICIPAL MAYOR ARTURO C. MONDAY IS NO LONGER AN ELECTED OFFICIAL SINCE HIS TERM ENDED ON JUNE 30, 2022.

WHEREAS, Deputy Ombudsman, Atty. Anderson A. Lo, in his letter, dated December 5, 2022, forwarded the First Indorsement, dated February 24, 2022, signed by the Assistant Ombudsman, Ms. Maria Iluminada S. Lapid-Viva, to the Honorable

J. Villademoso

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Vice Governor Niño Sotero L. Uy, Jr., requesting for any information on the status of the referred complaint for administrative adjudication;

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2023, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan sent personnel to confer the matter with the Ombudsman, after which the aforementioned Indorsement was officially received. The same was referred to this Committee on January 4, 2023;

WHEREAS, in order to respond and act on the referral made by the Office of the Ombudsman-Mindanao, this Sangguniang Panlalawigan passed and approved Resolution 17-320-01-2023, dated January 25, 2023, requesting the Complainant to provide the Sangguniang Panlalawigan a copy of his verified complaint, for perusal and appropriate action;

WHEREAS, a copy of Verified Complaint filed before the Office of the Ombudsman-Mindanao with reference code IC-OM-20-0533, by Mr. Sergs P. Ignacio (*Complainant*) on October 13, 2020, against Municipal Treasurer, Mrs. Norma B. Morales and Former Mayor Arturo C. Monday (*Respondents*), all of the Municipality of Baganga, Davao Oriental, **for Robbery**, was received by the SPSSO on February 9, 2023, docketed as Communication No. 17-319-2023, and the same was referred to the Committee on Good Government, Ethics, Accountabilities, and Human Rights on February 15, 2023 Regular Session of this Sangguniang Panlalawigan, for appropriate action;

WHEREAS, the concerned Committee has furnished a copy of the Verified Complaint to the Respondents, dated March 16, 2023, likewise requesting them to submit their respective verified answer;

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2023, the Committee invited the Complainant, Mr. Sergs P. Ignacio, for a conference, together with Atty. Ma. Lady Hope J. Macayra, Provincial Legal Officer, to discuss legal matters relative to his complaint. Mr. Ignacio also expressed his appreciation to the Committee for listening to his sentiments, and further requested that his complaint be furnished to appropriate agencies, for their information and appropriate action;

WHEREAS, the Complainant averred that Mrs. Norma B. Morales, as principal suspect, and Former Mayor Arturo C. Monday, as planner and conspirator of the robbery incident at the Office of the Municipal Treasurer in Baganga, on November 10, 2014. The Respondents vehemently denied the commission of the crime purported against them, thru their Joint Verified Answer which was submitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Support Services Office on March 23, 2022;

WHEREAS, after careful review and deliberations, the Committee finds the following:

- a. The complaint against Mrs. Norma B. Morales, Municipal Treasurer, does not qualify to Administrative Complaints under Section 61 of RA 7160, considering that the said Respondent is not an elective official, therefore, the Sanggunian has no jurisdiction on the case against the municipal treasurer;
- b. The other Respondent, Former Mayor Arturo C. Monday, is no longer an elective official since his term as Municipal Mayor of Baganga ended on June 30, 2022, any disciplinary action provided under Section 60 and Article 124 of the IRR of RA 7160, can no longer be imposed to the said Respondent, if ever proven guilty of such complaint.

Sergs P. Ignacio

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WHEREAS, premises considered, this Sangguniang Panlalawigan has no jurisdiction over the subject Complaint.

WHEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Joselito B. Villademoso, duly and jointly seconded by SP Members Anna Cheryl N. Castro, Ronald T. Lara, Jr., Shella Marie S. Go, Daud V. Linsag, Stephen Paul L. Uy, Eleuterio C. Manaytay, Harold A. Montes, and Rotchie M. Ravelo, it was

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, **INFORMING THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN FOR MINDANAO THROUGH ITS DEPUTY OMBUDSMAN, ATTY. ANDERSON A. LO, RELATIVE TO THE FIRST INDORSEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2022 WITH REFERENCE CODE IC-OM-20-0533 RE: COMPLAINT OF MR. SERGS P. IGNACIO AGAINST RESPONDENTS, MUNICIPAL TREASURER, MRS. NORMA B. MORALES AND FORMER MUNICIPAL MAYOR ARTURO C. MONDAY, THAT THIS SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN CANNOT ASSUME OR EXERCISE JURISDICTION OVER THE COMPLAINT, IN VIEW OF SECTION 61(B) OF RA 7160, CONSIDERING THAT RESPONDENT MUNICIPAL TREASURER, MRS. NORMA B. MORALES IS NOT A LOCAL ELECTIVE OFFICIAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AND RESPONDENTFORMER MUNICIPAL MAYOR ARTURO C. MONDAY IS NO LONGER AN ELECTED OFFICIAL SINCE HIS TERM ENDED ON JUNE 30, 2022;**

RESOLVED, FINALLY, That a copy of this resolution be furnished: Atty. Anderson A. Lo, Deputy Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman for Mindanao, corner of Earth and Libra Streets, GSIS Heights, Matina, Davao City, for his information; Mr. Sergs P. Ignacio; Honorable Arturo C. Monday, former Municipal Mayor; and Ms. Norma B. Morales, Municipal Treasurer, Municipality of Baganga, Davao Oriental, for their information and guidance.


CARRIED AND APPROVED.

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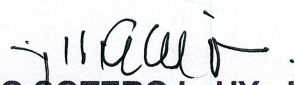
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**I hereby Certify to the Correctness
of the foregoing Resolution.**



EVANGELINE UY-PLAZA
*Provincial Government Assistant Department Head
Assistant Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Acting Secretary*

**Attested and Certified
to be duly Adopted:**



NIÑO SOTERO L. UY, JR.
Vice Governor and Presiding Officer