

**SEVENTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD )**  
**113<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION )**

SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
GENERAL SANTOS CITY

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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-390**

Submitted by the **COMMITTEE ON BARANGAY AFFAIRS**

Date of Hearing: SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 & OCTOBER 05, 2015

Re: **SPPO NO. 2015-1097**

**RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR ITEM NO. 1**

Author/Sponsor/s: Councilor Rogelio D. Pacquiao (Author); **Councilor Ramon R. Melliza (Co-Author) & Councilor Dominador S. Lagare (Co-Author)**

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**MADAM PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Barangay Affairs to which was referred this ordinance:

TITLE	RECOMMENDATION
SPPO NO. <u>2015-1097</u> : AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES IN THE GRANT OF SERVICE BENEFITS/INCENTIVES TO ALL ELECTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS IN GENERAL SANTOS CITY WHO HAVE RENDERED THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF OFFICE (Hon. Rogelio D. Pacquiao-Author; <b>Hon. Ramon R. Melliza (Co-Author) &amp; Hon. Dominador S. Lagare III (Co-Author)</b> )	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED ON COMMITTEE LEVEL - ON RECESS</b>

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the August Body with the foregoing recommendation.

Respectfully submitted:

**ROGELIO D. PACQUIAO**  
*City Councilor/ Presiding Officer*



**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BARANGAY AFFAIRS OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS.**

October 05, 2015, Monday

3:40 P.M-4:07 P.M.

Vice Mayor's Conference Room, 2/F Legislative Building  
Roxas Street corner City Hall Drive, General Santos City

**MEMBERS/COUNCILORS PRESENT:** HON. RAMON R. MELLIZA, (VICE-CHAIR) & HON. EDUARDO D. LEYSON IV

**GUESTS/RESOURCE PERSONS:** Please see attached attendance sheet:

The committee Vice-chairperson, Honorable City Councilor Ramon R. Melliza called to order and discussed *SPPO NO. 2015-1097: AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES IN THE GRANT OF SERVICE BENEFITS/INCENTIVES TO ALL ELECTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS IN GENERAL SANTOS CITY WHO HAVE RENDERED THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF OFFICE.* (Hon. Rogelio D. Pacquiao-Author)

At this point, the chair asked the representative from the City Accounting Office what are the limitations as to the granting of cash award, Ms. Coralynn Espinosa stated that she will conduct a research first on the pertinent issue. On the other hand, she informed the chair that on her initial research in the *Google*, there were two cities namely Davao City and Quezon City which already passed an ordinance with the same title and she is still looking for the text of the aforesaid ordinance. Further, Ms. Espinosa suggested to the chair that they will have to research and to hear the comments/opinion from the COA regarding the proposed ordinance. With that, the chair commented that the problem with the COA is that they usually refuse to give any opinion on typical inquiries to which Ms. Espinosa affirmed the same. She also expounded that whenever COA renders an opinion, it is always accompanied with an issuance of an Audit Observation Memorandum (AOM).

Considering that there are relevant provisions that will be verified by Ms. Espinosa, Ms. Sumalpong and Ms. Betaizar and thereafter the same will be thoroughly discussed by the Local Finance Committee, the chair also requested Ms. Espinosa to research the status of such similar ordinances of Davao City and Quezon City in connection with the Audit Observation Memorandum (AOM) from the Commission on Audit.

The chair ruled that this committee hearing will be on recess and to reset for another week upon the receipt of the minutes of the LFC.

**ON RECESS**

There being no more matter to discuss, the chair declared the hearing on recess at 4:07 o'clock in the afternoon.

Prepared by:

**JERLYN F. LONDRES-MALUPA**  
*Stenographic Reporter III*

Edited by:

Noted by:

**SERAPION L. BUENO, JR., MPA**  
*Board Secretary II*

**LOLITA P. PEDRO**  
*Division Chief, Journal & Minutes*

Attested:

**ATTY. RAMON R. MELLIZA**  
City Councilor/Presiding Officer



**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BARANGAY AFFAIRS OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS**

September 23, 2015

3:40 P.M. – 4:40 P.M.

City Vice-Mayor's Conference Room, 2/F Legislative Building  
Roxas Avenue corner City Hall Drive, General Santos City

**MEMBERS/COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Hon. Rogelio D. Pacquiao (Chairperson), Hon. Ramon R. Melliza, Hon. Dominador S. Lagare III, Hon. Franklin M. Gacal, Jr.

**GUESTS/RESOURCE PERSONS:** *(Please see attached attendance sheet.)*

**AGENDUM:**

**SPPO NO. 2015-1097: AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES IN THE GRANT OF SERVICE BENEFITS/INCENTIVES TO ALL ELECTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS IN GENERAL SANTOS CITY WHO HAVE RENDERED THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF OFFICE.** *(Hon. Rogelio D. Pacquiao - Author)*

The committee chairperson, Honorable City Councilor Rogelio D. Pacquiao, called the hearing to order and after which acknowledged the presence of everybody. He emphasized that he wanted to hear from the different agencies concerned particularly from the barangay officials their ideas/inputs relative to this proposed ordinance.

City Councilor Gacal manifested that he wants to be a co-author of this ordinance. Having learned the intention of the proposed ordinance that those who will graduate in 2016 will benefit from this ordinance, or have served in 2007-2010, 2010-2013, and 2013-2016, he moved, duly seconded by Brgy. Captain Salubre, that Section 7 shall read as: **This Ordinance shall benefit those elective Barangay Officials who have rendered three (3) consecutive terms up to the year 2016 and thereafter.**

At this point, the chair declared that City Councilors Melliza, Gacal and Lagare will be the co-authors of this ordinance.

City Councilor Melliza appreciated this laudable ordinance. He observed that until now, the national law seems insensitive to the plight of the barangay officials who are not covered by the privileges of the Civil Service. If this ordinance will be questioned, the lawyer-councilors are willing to defend this in court.

As to the words "consecutive terms", Brgy. Kagawad Minardo Avila of Lagao suggested to amend it to three straight terms at any position. This was concurred by City Councilor Gacal who suggested that the position during their last term will be the basis in the granting of the award. The city, he emphasized, is rewarding the barangay officials for their services whether as barangay captain or kagawad.

Under Section 3, the word **once** was moved by Councilor Gacal to be deleted, seconded by Brgy. Captain Salubre, thus, it shall read as: **The Distinguished Public Service Award shall be given to a qualified elective Barangay Official.**

Since the tenor of the ordinance was changed, Councilor Melliza moved to amend the title, to read as: **"An Ordinance Granting Service Benefits/Incentives to All Elective Barangay Officials in General Santos City who have Rendered Three (3) Consecutive Terms of Office, and Prescribing Guidelines Thereof."** Another amendment introduced was on Section 2 that the word **"bestowed"** be changed to **"handed"**.

If the city's intention is to reward the barangay officials, City Councilor Lagare suggested that every term they will be given a reward, however, the chair stated that this needs considerable budget. Brgy. Kagawad Minardo Avila pointed out that since the barangay officials are not entitled to Representation and Traveling Allowance, this justifies that in every term, the barangay officials must be entitled to a certain reward. As stated in Section 390 of RA 7160, the barangay officials shall also receive allowances and other emoluments aside from honoraria. He then suggested to have further study on this ordinance particularly on the allocation of budget.

On the query of Councilor Melliza whether the mandatory representatives are considered elective officials, the chair emphasized that as stated in the ordinance, only elected officials can avail this award. Councilor Melliza clarified that this ordinance is to reward those who are elected at large, by popular election.

Considering that the spirit of the ordinance is to reward their extraordinary service or three terms as barangay officials, Councilor Gacal moved to increase the reward from P30,000 to P100,000 and the P20,000 to P50,000, seconded by Councilor Lagare and Brgy. Captain Salubre. Section 2b shall now read as: **A cash reward of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00) for each three (3) termer Punong Barangay and Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00) for each three (3) termer Barangay Kagawad.** Councilor Gacal added that the position of the last term will be the basis for the reward.

Thereafter, with the suggestion of the body to have another round of committee hearing, the chair ruled to have a recess and to resume on October 5, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

**RECESS @ 4:40 P.M.**

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*Noted by:*

**JANET B. ZABALA**  
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**LOLITA P. PEDRO**  
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*Attested:*

**ROGELIO D. PACQUIAO**  
City Councilor & Chairperson