

**SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
GENERAL SANTOS CITY**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-114**

Submitted by the **COMMITTEES ON GENDER EQUALITY, WOMEN, FAMILY & CHILDREN'S WELFARE & POPULATION MANAGEMENT; AND LAWS, RULES & REVIEW OF BARANGAY ORDINANCES & EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

Date of Hearing: March 20, 2017

Re: SPPO NO. 1718-0092

**RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR ITEM NO. 1**

**Author:** Hon. Shandee Theresa O. Llido-Pestaño

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**MADAM PRESIDENT:**

The abovementioned Committees to which were referred the following:

TITLE	RECOMMENDATION
SPPO NO. 1718-0092: ORDINANCE CREATING THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY COUNCIL FOR WOMEN, DEFINING ITS ROLE, FUNCTION AND COMPOSITION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. <i>(Hon. Shandee Theresa O. Llido-Pestaño - Author/Sponsor)</i>	<b>APPROVED ON COMMITTEE LEVEL – FOR SECOND READING</b>

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

Respectfully submitted:

**SHANDEE THERESA O. LLIDO-PESTAÑO**  
*City Councilor & Chairperson*



**MINUTES OF THE JOINT HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENDER EQUALITY, WOMEN, FAMILY & CHILDREN'S WELFARE & POPULATION MANAGEMENT, AND COMMITTEE ON LAWS, RULES & REVIEW OF BARANGAY ORDINANCES & EXECUTIVE ORDERS OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS.**

Monday, March 20, 2017

2:35 P.M. – 3:52 P.M.

SP Session Hall, Legislative Building  
City Hall Drive, General Santos City

**CITY COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Hon. Shandee Theresa O. Llido-Pestaño (Chairperson-Com. on Gender), Hon. Vandyke L. Congson (Vice-Chair-Com. on Gender), Hon. Elizabeth B. Bagonoc

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

**AGENDUM:**

**SPPO NO. 1718-0092: ORDINANCE CREATING THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY COUNCIL FOR WOMEN, DEFINING ITS ROLE, FUNCTION AND COMPOSITION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** *(Hon. Shandee Theresa O. Llido-Pestaño – Author/Sponsor)*

Hon. Shandee Theresa O. Llido-Pestaño called the joint committee hearing to order and after which acknowledged everyone's presence. She then ruled to proceed with the reading of the proposed ordinance for discussion and amendments.

Under Section 3, letter c, GSCCW, it was noticed by Hon. Congson that there is no letter "L" in the acronym when the word "Local" is emphasized in "*General Santos City Local Council for Women*". Hon. Bagonoc however pointed out that it is redundant to the words "General Santos City".

Ms. Bilbao interjected that per DILG directive, the council's name is General Santos City Women Council. Hon. Bagonoc also shared that in Resolution No. 42, Series of 1997 which she had sponsored, it is "*General Santos City Council for Women*". She then moved to incorporate this and to form part of the enactment of the ordinance, in which the chair ruled that this will become the **4<sup>th</sup> whereas**, subject to style. Further, the word "Local" in "General Santos City Local Council of Women" was deleted and the word "of" was changed to "for" in all subsequent sections except Section 3, letter I.

However, Ms. Grafilo of DILG presented Memorandum Circular 2006-125, "Creation of Local Council of Women". She pointed out that using the words "for" and "of" concerns two different things. Citing the "Magna Carta of Women", she pointed out that the word used was not "for" but "of" because it is not made for the women but they

are the ones owning the law. She answered the query of the chair that using the word "Local" in the title signifies parallelism with the national law.

Councilor Bagonoc believed that they can adopt the localized version because this is already the local council. On the other hand, Ms. Tito was of the view that using *GSC Council of Women* has something to do with ownership, in which Councilor Pestaño was of the same view that the *GSC Council of Women* means that it's the council of the women while the *Local Council for Women* implies that the government created a council for women. Consequently, Councilor Bagonoc moved to amend that all of the words "**for**" before women be changed to "**of**", so it will become "**General Santos City Council of Women**", thereby the chair ruled the amendment approved.

In answer to the query of Ms. Tomado from MSU, Hon. Pestaño explained that the GAD focal point of the LGU is represented by different departments of the LGU including MSU for the mainstreaming of government activities and program implementation while the GSC Council for Women is solely for women.

As suggested by Ms. Grafilo, the "**PCW – Philippine Commission for Women**" was included as **letter g of Section 3**.

Under Section 5, Mrs. Tito commented as to why letter (b) is "Education and Academe" when education is the institution while academe is a program. She also suggested to include "**culture**" in **letter (f)** to become "**Arts and Culture**".

Hon. Bagonoc viewed that letter (e), "crisis intervention" is not a group of people but a program. She also noticed the terms used because the Local Government Code only recognizes Peoples Organizations (POs), Private Sector, and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs). Women organizations can be POs or NGOs.

About the observation of Mrs. Tito that there are women organizations that are not NGOs, Hon. Pestaño said there may be some sectors/organizations not accredited by the local government but as mentioned by Hon. Bagonoc, it should be strictly accredited by the LGU as provided in the Local Government Code.

Atty. Clarin clarified that based on the principle on statutory construction, once the law enumerates, it is exclusive for that enumeration unless there is provision which covers those that are not enumerated. Thus, the membership is only limited to the enumerated sectors and does not include anymore those that are not mentioned.

Thereafter, Section 5 was reworded into, "**The council shall be composed of women representative from different organizations of women's group but not limited to the following sectors**", subject to style.

On Section 9, Terms of Office of the Council Officers, the **term** of "two" years was changed to "**three**" years.

As to the query of Ms. Grafilo on providing budget for the honorarium of officers, Atty. Clarin when asked by the chair if it is possible to include the same, stated that there is a standard procedure provided by the Department of Budget and Management that for every attendance, as long as being a member of a special body is not the main function or not part of the regular job or duty, he/she could receive reasonable honoraria on the basis of attendance in a meeting. The same can be provided in the ordinance subject to the DBM regulation or circular.

Thereafter, as moved by Councilor Bagonoc, duly seconded, the chair ruled that **Section 9** be amended with two sub-sections, subject to style:

- a) **Term of office – Co-terminus**
- b) **Honoraria – Officers of the council are entitled to receive an honorarium based on the existing councils that receive honoraria or based on the COA rules and regulations.**

Section 10 – **DELETED.**

With the deletion of Section 10, all succeeding sections were ruled to be adjusted accordingly.

On Section 11, the chair noticed the typographical error of the sub-sections and thereby directed the staff to make necessary correction and adjustment. On Letter H and M, the acronym **NCRFW** was changed to **PCW** and the same was ruled to be included in the Definition of Terms.

Councilor Congson observed that the function of the GSC Council of Women should not be limited to PCW, thereby he suggested to generalize it to cover anything for the welfare of women. In order not to limit the enumerated functions, the chair decided to add another provision to become letter N, to read as: **N.) Undertake any other projects or activities and functions pertinent to the promotions of women’s concern,** subject to style.

As to the concern of Councilor Bagonoc on whether or not this council can source out funds just like accepting donations from international community of women for the livelihood program of women’s organization, Atty. Clarin clarified that before any association can receive donation, it has to have a juridical personality emanating from law.

Under Section 11, letter (J), Mr. John Micheal Castino, representative from DepEd, moved to delete the term “**municipal/city**” and changed the same to “**barangay**”. The chair ruled the amendment approved, thereby it shall now read as: **J.) Coordinate and consolidate efforts of the barangay councils of women concerning women agenda.**

Ms. Grafilo sought clarification if the barangay council of women is similar to federation of women in the barangay level, which the chair replied positively. To avoid confusion in the implementation, Ms. Grafilo suggested to clarify the statement and thereafter moved to amend further Section 11, letter J, to read as: “**Coordinate and consolidate efforts of the barangay federation of women concerning women agenda.**” The chair ruled the same approved.

Under Section 12, GSCCW Secretariat, the acronym “GSCLCW” in all the sub-sections was amended by **deleting “L”** which stands for “local”.

As moved by Ms. Grafilo, the chair then ruled that another sub-section under Section 11 be included as letter (O), to read as : **O.) To set women’s agenda for General Santos City.** Further, Ms. Grafilo moved to **delete** all the terms “**provincial**” in this ordinance, which the chair ruled as approved.

Finally, as moved by Councilor Bagonoc, duly seconded, the chair ruled this item approved on committee level as amended, subject to style, and to be calendared for second reading on March 28, 2017.

**APPROVED ON COMMITTEE LEVEL – FOR SECOND READING**

There being no more matter to take up, the chair thanked everyone and thereupon adjourned the hearing at 3:52 o'clock in the afternoon.

**HEARING – ADJOURNED**

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