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# MINUTES OF THE 196<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 15th AUGUST 2024 2024 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor Ms. Julia Crouch

The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment, and Health, Dr. Ellis Webster

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education, and Library Services, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers

The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr. Kenneth Hodge

The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, and Tourism, Mr. Haydn Hughes

Acting Attorney General Ms. Dawne Richardson

IN ATTENDANCE: Financial Advisor Mr. Evarist Mwesigye

ABSENT: Minister Sustainability, Innovation and Environment,

Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie

#### EX MIN 24/215 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Financial Advisor remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 195<sup>th</sup> meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 and Council decision agreed by Round Robin held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### EX MIN 24/216 EX MEMO 24/153 2024 Statutory Body Budgets – Anguilla Community College

Financial Advisor remained.

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance and Health, in collaboration with the Honourable Minister for Social Development, presented the 2024 Budget of the Anguilla Community College. The budget outlined an 11% increase in anticipated revenue for 2024, primarily from the Government of Anguilla (GOA) subvention. The budget also accounted for an increase in personnel costs due to new program offerings and the creation of additional positions.

#### Council:

- 1. Noted and approved the 2024 Budget of the Anguilla Community College.
- Instructed ACC to justify additional expenditures associated with new programs and provide a cost-benefit analysis for new initiatives.
- 3. Instructed ACC to review current programs/courses to assess efficacy and value for money.

Action: PS FIN, PS SD&E, HON. MIN. FIN.

### EX MIN 24/217 EX MEMO 24/154 Statutory Body Quarterly Financial Reports

Financial Advisor remained.

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance and Health briefed the Executive Council on the financial performance of the Government's Statutory Bodies as of 31st December 2023. The report highlighted the revenue and expenditure performance, noting compliance issues with some Statutory Bodies in submitting timely reports.

#### Council:

- 1. Noted the fiscal performance of the Government's Statutory Bodies as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
- 2. Emphasized the need for improved compliance in the timely submission of financial reports.

Action: PS FIN, HON. MIN. FIN.

### EX MIN 24/218 EX MEMO 24/155 Approval of the Business Companies (Company Names) Regulations, 2024

The Financial Advisor remained.

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance and Health presented the Business Companies (Company Names) Regulations, 2024, which propose the addition of new suffixes to the Business Companies Act, 2022. This includes the ".ai" suffix, enhancing Anguilla's business framework and global market presence.

#### Council:

- 1. Approved the Business Companies (Company Names) Regulations, 2024; and
- 2. Authorized the publication of the regulations in the Gazette.

Action: PS FIN, HON. MIN. FIN, AG

### EX MIN 24/219 EX MEMO 24/156 Application for Issue of Licence Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act

Financial Advisor remained.

Council agreed to approve the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to the applicant for vacant property situated in Registration Section: West End, Block 18010 B, described as Parcel 184 being 0.19 of an acre located at West End, Anguilla for commercial purposes, subject to the following:

- (a) Payment of the following Stamp Duty
  - (i) under the Stamp Act 5% of EC\$80.646.00

EC\$4,032.30

- (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$80,646.00 EC\$5,040.38
- (iii) refundable deposit 10% of EC\$80,646.00

Waived

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**TOTAL** 

EC\$9,072.68

(b) The property must be used for commercial purposes;

- (c) The Applicant must obtain a Business Licence from Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology & Natural Resources in order to operate the business;
- (d) The Applicant Company is exempted from the payment of the refundable deposit on the grounds that the intended purchaser is developing a commercial product that would yield financial revenue for the Government.
- (e) The development shall be completed within thirty-six (36) months, failing which a penalty of US\$3,500.00 shall apply for each calendar month or part thereof that the project remains uncompleted without reasonable justification for the delay in completion. The said penalty shall continue for a period of twenty-four (24) months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla.
- (f) The Licensee shall permit the authorised officers or agents of the Government of Anguilla access to the land to inspect the site and work on-site from time to time:
- (g) The Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla enforced from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Work Permit Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

Action: PS HA, DLS, HON. MIN. HA.

#### **EX MIN 24/220**

## EX MEMO 24/157 Application for Issue of Licence Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act

Financial Advisor remained.

Council agreed to approve the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to the applicants to hold on a freehold basis, property situated in Registration Section: East End, Block 99315 B, described as Parcel 91 being 0.51 of an acre located at Sea Feathers, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

- (a) Payment of the following Stamp Duty
  - (i) under the Stamp Act 5%

of EC\$107,528.00

EC\$ 5,376.40

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$107,528.00

EC\$ 6,720.50

(iii) Refundable Deposit – 10% EC\$107,528.00

EC\$10,752.80

**TOTAL** 

EC\$22,849.70

- (b) The property must be used for residential purposes;
- (c) The Applicant be granted exemption on an exceptional basis on the Governments Policy restricting Aliens to purchase no more than half an acre of land and the requirement to obtain planning permission, on the grounds that the Applicants had originally purchased the property in 1991;
- (d) The Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla in force from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Work Permit Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

Action: PS HA, DLS, HON. MIN. HA.

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