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**MINUTES OF THE 200th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 9.00 AM**

- PRESENT: Acting Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment, and Health, Dr. Ellis Webster
- Acting Deputy Governor, Dr. Aidan Harrigan
- 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. Erica Edwards
- Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster
- IN ATTENDANCE: Financial Advisor Mr. Evarist Mwesigye
- Head of the Governor's Office, Mr. Orlando Ames-Lewis
- The Honorable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Merrick Richardson
- ABSENT: Her Excellency The Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch
- The Honourable Minister for Sustainability, Innovation and Environment, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie

EX MIN 24/241 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Financial Advisor and Head of Governor's Office and the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 199th Executive Council Meeting held on Thursday, 5th September 2024.

EX MIN 24/242 EX MEMO 24/170 Application for Issue of Licence Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act - Registration Section: East End, Block 99519 B, Parcel 5 being 1.00 Acre of Land

Financial Advisor and Head of Governor's Office and the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs and Lands briefed Council. Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to the Applicant to hold on a freehold basis, property situated in Registration Section: East End, Block 99519 B, described as Parcel 5 being 1.00 acre located at Captains Ridge, Island Harbour, with a luxury dwelling house thereon, for residential purposes, subject to the following:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$3,266,163.00	EC\$163,308.15
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$3,266,163.00	<u>EC\$163,308.15</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$326,616.30</u>

(b) The property must be used for residential purposes.

(c) The Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology & Natural Resources in order to rent the said property.

(d) The Licencee 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.

- (e) Any breach of any of the conditions of this Licence shall result in all the estate and interest of the Licensee in the land being liable for forfeiture to the Crown.

Council authorized issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the minutes.

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

EX MIN 24/243 EX MEMO 24/171 Application for Issue of Licence Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- Registration Section: South Central; Block 38611 B, Parcel 76, being 0.58 of an Acre

Financial Advisor and Head of Governor's Office and the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs and Lands briefed Council. Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to the applicants to hold on a freehold basis, property situated in Registration Section: South Central, 38611 B, described as Parcel 76 being 0.58 of an acre of land with a dwelling house thereon, located at Little Harbour, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

- (a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(ii) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$1,814,535.00	EC\$ 90,726.75
(i) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$1,814,535.00	<u>EC\$ 90,726.75</u>
TOTAL	<u>EC\$ 181,453.50</u>

- (b) That the Applicants be granted an exemption based on Governments Policy restricting Aliens to purchase no more than half an acre of land, on the grounds that the land is alienated.

(c) The property must be used for residential purposes.

(d) The Licencees must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology & Natural Resources in order to rent the said property.

(e) The Licencees 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.

Council authorized issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the minutes.

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

EX MIN 24/244

EX MEMO 24/172 Application for Issue of Licence Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- Registration Section West End, Block 17709 B, Parcel 177/3 Being 0.09 of an Acre

Financial Advisor and Head of Governor's Office and the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs and Lands briefed Council. Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to the applicant to hold on leasehold basis for a term of 231 years, property situate in Registration Section: West End, Block 17709 B, described as Parcel 177/3 being 0.09 of an acre located at West End, Anguilla for residential purposes subject to the following:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties

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| (i) | under the Stamp Act– (Leasehold) 5%
of EC\$1,500,015.60 | EC\$ 75,000.78 |
| (ii) | under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – (Leasehold) 5%
of EC\$1,500,015.60 | <u>EC\$ 75,000.78</u> |

TOTAL

EC\$150,001.56

- (b) The unit shall be used for tourism purposes.
- (c) There shall be an exclusive renting agent for the unit.
- (d) The Licensee is required to enter into an agreement with the renting agent for the management and use of the unit for at least forty-four (44) weeks in each calendar year.
- (e) The Licensee shall have the right to reside in the unit for a maximum of eight (8) weeks in each calendar year without being liable for the payment of accommodation tax. However, if the applicants wish to live in their unit for a period longer than eight (8) weeks, then they should be required to pay the accommodation tax.
- (f) 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 the Control of Employment Act Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made thereunder.
- (g) Any breach of any of the conditions of this Licence shall result in all the estate and interest of the Licensee in the land being liable for forfeiture to the Crown.

Council authorized issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the minutes.

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

EX MIN 24/246

EX MEMO 24/174 Proposed Approval for the Draft Anguilla Climate Change Policy and Development of an Implementation Plan

Financial Advisor and Head of Governor's Office and the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

The volume of global carbon emissions that have led the planet to this climate emergency are such that small island developing states like Anguilla and their limited contributions

cannot be expected to have obligations to cut greenhouse gases that are legally binding. However, it is in the best interest of Anguilla to take mitigation and adaption steps as these will have significant implications for our natural resources, growth of the economy and overall quality of life. The Draft Anguilla Climate Change Policy was developed against the backdrop of the following core challenges:

1. Overreliance on fossil fuel-based energy
2. Expansion of development
3. Water Scarcity
4. Food insecurity; and
5. Extreme weather events

These problems work to multiply threats across our social, economic and environmental sectors and therefore require simultaneous strengthening and safeguarding of our natural and human systems. The Draft Anguilla Climate Change policy proposes mitigation of these threats through decarbonisation, improving energy efficiency, supporting carbon sequestration and investing in renewable energy. It also proposes that adaption can be achieved through disaster risk reduction, investment in early warning systems, investment in sustainable livelihoods and implementation of nature based solutions.

Executive Council:

- 1) Noted and approved the Draft Anguilla Climate Change Policy 2024-2050: Transforming Vulnerability to Resilience; and
- 2) Approved the development of an implementation plan for the aforementioned Policy.

Action: PS; EDSIE (Ag.); HON. MIN., SIE.

EX MIN 24/247

EX MEMO 24/175 Update on Anguilla’s Mutual Evaluation Ratings for Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (“CFATF”)

Financial Advisor and Head of Governor's Office and the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

The Acting Attorney General briefed Council. Ex Min 24/153 notes an update on Anguilla's Mutual Evaluation ratings for the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force. It should be noted that Anguilla was able to increase its compliance from the preliminary report for technical compliance in 3 recommendations and the status quo remained the same in relation to the effectiveness portion. Anguilla has seven Partially Compliant, sixteen Largely Compliant, and sixteen Compliant ratings. The report has since been published with no jurisdiction taking issue with the ratings received.

As a result of the report, a number of key findings and recommended actions were made to enhance Anguilla's effectiveness relative to the country's AML/CFT/PF engine. It is expected that the relevant departments implement the recommended actions and that Anguilla makes the necessary legislative amendments. A review of the technical compliance portion was conducted by Attorney General's Chambers, Financial Intelligence Unit and Financial Services Commission. The intention is to start amendments to the legislation in January 2025.

Executive Council:

- 1) Noted the ratings Anguilla received in the Mutual Evaluation in June 2024;
- 2) Noted the list of legislation and relevant amendments that will need to be made; and
- 3) Approved the amendments needed to a number of pieces of legislation to ensure compliance with the FATF recommendations.

Action: HON AG.
