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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27TH APRIL 2020
AT 10:00 AM

PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development,
Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical
Planning, Mr Evans Rogers

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-
Hodge

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing,
Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Mr Curtis Richardson

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming, MBE

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor
Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
Commissioner of Police, Mr Paul Morrison

EX MIN 20/186

COVID-19 UPDATE - NEXT STEPS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA
remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
Commissioner of Police, Mr Paul Morrison

Further to EX MIN 20/184 of 23 April, Council:

- (i) noted that the two pending test results received (including those to rule out COVID-19 in the sudden death) have confirmed that there are no active or suspected cases of COVID-19 in Anguilla. Commended the Ministry of Health, the Health Authority of Anguilla and the GoA for a job well done in containing the virus on Anguilla;
- (ii) taking into consideration the above, and on the advice of health officials, agreed that all regulations restricting movement and gatherings could be safely removed with the exception of mass gatherings and border closure. Thus, the following places can be re-opened from Wednesday 29 March, subject to social distancing, hand hygiene and other sanitary measures:
 - (a) churches and places of worship
 - (b) all retail stores including clothing
 - (c) hair salons and barbershops
 - (d) accommodation providers
 - (e) gyms and spas
 - (f) recreational facilities
 - (g) official lotteries
 - (h) restaurants and bars
- (iii) noted that the environmental unit at the Department of Health Protection would be visiting all commercial premises in the coming weeks to check compliance with established environmental health regulations;
- (iv) agreed that ports in Anguilla would remain closed for passenger movements until the situation externally permits the safe re-opening;
- (v) noted that a limited number of repatriation flights for foreign nationals would take place this week and would be carried out under the same arrangements as were done previously;
- (vi) was deeply concerned and aware that there are many Anguillians and students overseas who are quite anxious to return home, and noted that work is being done to put arrangements in place to ensure their safe return home. Agreed to further discussions on this and promised that further details would be forthcoming;
- (vii) noted that coordinated land, sea and air patrols continue. Further noted that forty (40) Special Constables would be sworn in this week to support the RAPF in this effort; and
- (viii) noted that the regulations prohibiting the use of any boat in Anguilla's waters unless specifically exempted remain in force until Tuesday 12 May. Following a meeting with fishermen on Thursday 23 April, considered the position and agreed that the following arrangements be put in place to allow a safe and managed return to fishing by licensed fishers from Wednesday 29 April:
 - (i) all boats intending to fish must be equipped with a GPS tracking device

available from the Fisheries Department and fitted by a person approved by the RAPF. The Fisheries Department has a number of trackers in store and a considerable order for more has been placed;

- (ii) trackers would be fitted first to fishing vessels who held a valid licence on 18 February. If there are insufficient trackers, licensed fishers would be able to fish, provided they have paid for a tracker, which must be fitted as soon as stocks permit;
- (iii) fishing must take place between 5:00 am and 5:00 pm. There would be no night fishing from boats, but night fishing would be permitted from the sea rocks, spear fishing and diving from the shore;
- (iv) fishing can take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week with fishers operating from three (3) fishing bases – Island Harbour, Sandy Ground and the Cove. Fishers would be required to be checked in by a police officer prior to their return to shore; and
- (v) fishing is permitted on the northern side of Anguilla. Movement of vessels on the southern side is not permitted unless otherwise agreed by the Commissioner of Police two (2) days in advance.

Council thanked everyone for their patience and support during this challenging time and continues to stress the importance of proper hygienic practices.

Action: PS, HLPP; CMO; CEO, HAA; HON AG; DIR, FISH; COP;
MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 20/187

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained. Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull joined.

Council noted that the COVID-19 had negatively impacted recurrent revenues. In response to the Premier’s request, the UKG is considering grant support to assist make up of the loss of revenue. However, it was noted that realignment of spending within the 2020 budget envelope would be needed to manage unexpected spending pressures, including, but not limited to unemployment benefit, arising from the pandemic. Council agreed that a supplementary budget would need to be prepared and submitted to the House of Assembly before the House is dissolved. This supplementary would need to set out the proposed budgetary reallocations. Council further agreed that this exercise would need to include a temporary reduction in public service salaries of 10% for up to six (6) months beginning from July. Council requested the Hon DG to have a discussion with the public servants and staff associations on this.

Action: HON DG; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; OTHER PERM SECS; BD;
ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T
