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**MINUTES OF THE 172nd MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2024 AT 9.00 AM**

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch

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

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

Minister of Sustainability, Innovation and Environment, Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Acting Clerk to Executive Council, Ms Jennyville Smith

IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Merrick Richardson

Financial Advisor, Mr. Evarist Mwesigye

Incoming Executive Council Clerk, Ms Dumisa Webster

EX MIN 24/031

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Adviser and Incoming Executive Council Clerk remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 171st Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 1st February 2024.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 24/032

EX MEMO 24/21 2024 STATUTORY BODY BUDGETS – Public Service Pension Fund

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Adviser and Incoming Executive Council Clerk remained.

Council deferred this matter for the next sitting.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; HON, MIN FIN

EX MIN 24/033

EX MEMO 24/22 Approval of Amendments to The Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Legislation

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Adviser and Incoming Executive Council Clerk remained.

The Hon. Premier briefed Council. Ex Min 23/317 approved the proposal to amend the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Act and Virtual City Regulations. During the amendment and consultation with the Financial Services Commission, it became apparent that further enhancements were necessary within the oversight framework of the Special Economic Zone Authority to ensure the effective functioning and regulatory integrity. Consequently, additional amendments are proposed and included in the Bill for the Special Economic Zone (Amendment) Act, 2024.

The amendment introduces Section 28A to the existing legislation, outlining the annual due diligence checks that the Authority must conduct for every special economic zone (SEZ) company. The amendment aims to enhance regulatory oversight by addressing significant changes that may affect the suitability of SEZ companies to operate.

Council approved the further amendments to:

- 1 Bill for the Special Economic Zone (Amendment) Act, 2024;
- 2 Special Economic Zone (Virtual City)(Extension of Geographical Designation) Regulations, 2024; and

3 Special Economic Zone (Virtual City) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024.

Action: PS, EDMSIE; HON, PREM; HON, AG

EX MIN 24/034

EX MEMO 24/23 Application for Duty And Tax Exemption For Lyon Fitness Centre Ltd

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Adviser and Incoming Executive Council Clerk remained.

Council deferred this matter.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; HON, MIN FIN

EX MIN 24/035

EX MEMO 24/24 Application to Host Raffle and Exemption from Public Lotteries Tax – Solarus Axa

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Adviser and Incoming Executive Council Clerk remained.

The Hon. Premier briefed Council. Solarus AXA is a commercial entity that sells solar systems and has engaged in several initiatives to help raise awareness of renewable energy. To further promote the initiative, Solarus AXA is requesting permission to host a raffle entitled "Go Green". The raffle is aimed at raising awareness about the benefits of renewable energy and also to provide practical incentives for individuals to adopt greener lifestyle choices. The applicant intends to sell 1500 tickets at US\$20 per ticket. The raffle is set to take place on April 04th, 2024.

Council:

- 1) noted that in respect of every lottery ticket sold, there is a duty charged at the rate of 10% of the price of the ticket. Raffle tickets are defined as lottery tickets;
- 2) noted that the grant of the requested tax exemption may result in a tax loss of up to EC\$8,064.60;
- 3) approved the application by Delroy Lake on behalf of Solarus AXA to host a raffle to assist the organization with its green initiative;
- 4) approved the waiver of the associated cost up to a revenue loss of EC\$8,064.60, and where such associated proceeds are donated to the Out Reach Pre-school; and

- 5) instructed the Ministry to prepare a Regulation for consideration by the House of Assembly in accordance with section 16 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; CIR; HON, PREM

EX MIN 24/036

EX MEMO 24/25 Application for Permission to Host Raffle – Raymond Niles

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Adviser and Incoming Executive Council Clerk remained.

The Hon. Premier briefed Council. Own Your Ride Bike Club is a group created with the mission of providing Anguillans with the opportunity to own their transportation in the form of motorbikes. The group intends to continue raising funds through raffles to purchase more motorbikes making it more accessible to the Anguillan population. The applicant intends to sell 350 tickets at US\$20 per ticket. The raffle is set to take place on March 02, 2024.

Council:

- 1) noted that in respect of every lottery ticket sold, there is a duty charged at the rate of 10% of the price of the ticket. Raffle tickets are defined as lottery tickets;
- 2) approved the application by Raymond Niles on behalf of Own Your Ride Bike Club to host a raffle and that they will be charged the 10% lottery duty which will amount to EC\$1,881.74.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; CIR; HON, PREM

EX MIN 24/037

EX MEMO 24/20 Approval of Groundwater and Seawater Abstraction Regulations 2024

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Adviser and Incoming Executive Council Clerk remained.

EX MIN 24/027 refers.

Council deferred this matter.

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT; HON, AG
