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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT 8.30 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 Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, and Tourism, Mr. Haydn Hughes

The Honourable Minister for Sustainability, Innovation, and the Environment AND Acting Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr. Kurt De Freitas KC

Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster

ABSENT: The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration,

Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr. Kenneth

Hodge

IN ATTENDANCE: The Honorable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Merrick Richardson

Financial Adviser, Mr. Evarist Mwesigye

EX MIN 24/303 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 206th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 31st October 2024.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None.

EX MIN 24/304

EX MEMO 24/218 2025 Budget Estimate- Approval of 2025 Budget Revenue and Expenditure Ceilings and Allocation of New Spending

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

The following persons joined the meeting:

Ms. Marisa Harding-Hodge, PS, Finance

Mrs. Ludiane Leveret- Richardson, PAS (Acting), Finance

Ms. Rochelle Bryan, Budget Officer

Ms. Rukeya Jeffers, Finance Officer

Mrs. Solange Llloyd, Director of Finance

Mrs. Anthea Ipinson-Connor, Chief Project Officer

Mr. Karim Hodge, PS, Economic Development

Mr. Travis Carty, PS, Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance and PS, Finance briefed Council. Council was presented with an outline of the Recurrent Estimates, Capital Estimates and other budget components of the Proposed 2025 Budget. These estimates were prepared using requests obtained by ministries and departments in response to the 2025 Budget and Forward Estimates Call Circular No. 1 issued by the Ministry of Finance.

Executive Council:

- Noted the reallocation of funds from the Ministry of Sustainability, Innovation and the Environment to HE the Governor's Portfolio in the 2025 Budget for a Registered Nurse for His Majesty's Prison;
- 2. Approved the proposed ceiling for recurrent and capital revenue and expenditure, in accordance with the Medium Term Fiscal Framework:

- i. The proposed Recurrent Revenue Estimate for 2025 of \$525,829,372;
- ii. The proposed Recurrent Expenditure Estimate for 2025 of \$355,444,370;
- iii. The proposed Capital Expenditure of \$191,000,000 for 2025:
- iv. The proposed Capital Revenue of \$525,000.00 for 2025;
- v. Amortization of \$39,633,774; and
- Approved the attached listing of New Spending subject to foregoing Item 1. above for incorporation into the 2025 Budget and issuance via budget call circular No. 2.

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

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

EX MIN 24/305

EX MEMO 24/219 Amendments to the Commercial Registry Beneficial Ownership Registration System Act and Regulations Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

This matter was deferred for a next sitting.

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

EX MIN 24/306

EX MEMO 24/220 Council of the Anguilla Youth Business Foundation

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

The Honourable Minister for Social Development and Education briefed Council on the function of the Anguilla Youth Business Foundation ("AYBF") which is to provide business development and support services to young people residing in Anguilla. In accordance with the By-Laws, AYBF is governed by a Council consisting of members who serve two-year terms and are nominated by the following organizations/institutions:

- Department of Youth and Culture
- National Youth Council of Anguilla
- Ministry of Economic Development
- Anguilla Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- Anguilla Development Board
- Financial Institutions
- Anguilla Social Security Board
- Department of Education

The Chairperson and Coordinator are appointed from the Private Sector and Public Service Respectively.

It is recommended that Executive Council approve the membership of a list of persons as nominated by the various foregoing organizations/institutions to the Anguilla Youth Business Foundation Council.

Executive Council:

- 1. Approved, as recommended in the submitted memorandum, the membership of the following persons to the Anguilla Youth Business Foundation Council:
 - i. Mrs. Demi Proctor (Council Member, Chair Person, Representative of Young Entrepreneurs/ Private Sector)
 - ii. Mr. Clemvio Hodge (Council Member)
 - iii. Mrs. Avon Carty (Council Member and Accounting Officer)
 - iv. Mr. Bren Romney (Council Member, Representative of Education Department)
 - v. Mr. Rene Henry (Council Member and Representative of the Tertiary Education Sector)
 - vi. Mrs. Althea Hodge (Council Member and Representative of Anguilla Development Board)
 - vii. Ms. Wendysha Hodge (Council Member and Representative of Anguilla National Youth Council)
 - viii. Mr. Aavior Adams (Council Member and Representative of National Youth Ambassador Corp)
 - ix. Ms. Simone Connor (Council Member and Representative of Anguilla Chamber of Commerce & Industry)
 - x. Dr. Maglan Lewis-Webster (Council Member and Representative of Anguilla Social Security Board)

- xi. Ms. Sherma Hodge (Council Member and Representative of Ministry of Economic Development)
- xii. Ms. Tina Bannister (Council Member and Representative of Financial Institutions)
- 2. Approved and noted the following persons as support staff to the Anguilla Youth Business Foundation Council:
 - i. Mrs. Waynicka Romney (Coordinator)
 - ii. Ms. Toniquewah Ruan (Recording Secretary)

Action: PS, MSDE; HON MIN, MSDE.

EX MIN 24/307

EX MEMO 24/221 Electronic Monitoring for the Management of Offenders in the Community

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

Dr. Bonnie Richardson-Lake PS, Social Development and Ms. Jocelyn Johnson, Chief Probation Officer joined the meeting.

Executive Council Minute 24/003 instructed AG's Chambers to draft the requisite legislative amendments to enable the use of Electronic Monitoring (EM) to monitor offenders. Council was briefed on the functions of the EM programme along with the numerous benefits it will bring to Criminal Justice. This programme will allow for the Department of Probation, the Royal Anguilla Police Force and the Courts to supervise persons in conflict with the law and those released from prison on Licence. Therefore, reducing the number of persons remanded to custody and aiding in the rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders.

It was highlighted that the electronic monitoring programme will operate in parallel with the operations of the 24 hour Emergency Services Control Centre allowing for proper response to information received. Additionally, the evidence produced by the electronic monitoring company will be admissible as evidence in court. It should be noted that the proposed amendments to the requisite legislation have been carefully written to ensure the balance between the right to privacy and the need to prevent crime. The implementation of electronic monitoring requires amendments to The Bail Act, The Probation Act and the Parole of Prisoners Act.

Executive Council:

- 1. Instructed the correction of the "Department of Social Services" to "Department of Social Development" in the draft legislative amendments included in the memorandum presented to Council;
- 2. Approved the proposed amendments to the following legislation subject to the foregoing Item 1.:
 - i. The Bail Act;
 - ii. The Probation Act; and
 - iii. The Parole of Prisoners Act
- 3. Commended the Attorney General Chambers on the drafting of the requisite legislative amendments.

Action: PS, MSDE; HON MIN, MSDE; HON AG.

EX MIN 24/308

EX MEMO 24/222 Application for Issue of Licence Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act-Registration Section: West Central, Block 28309 B, Parcel 233 being 0.50 of an Acre of Land Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to the applicant to hold on a freehold basis, vacant property situated in Registration Section: West Central, Block 28309 B, described as Parcel 233 being 0.50 acre located at Cul-de-Sac, for residential purposes, subject to the following:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$631,727.00

EC\$ 31,586.35

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$631,727.00

EC\$ 39,482.94

(iii) refundable deposit – 10% of EC\$631,727.00

EC\$ 63,172.70

- (b) The property must be used for residential purposes.
- (c) The construction of the dwelling house is to be completed within thirty (30) months. If said dwelling house is not completed at the end of thirty (30) months, 50% of the refundable deposit will be forfeited to the Government of Anguilla. The balance 50% will be forfeited if the construction is not completed within a further 6 months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla for a period of twenty-four (24) months.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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.

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

EX MIN 24/309

EX MEMO 24/223 Application for Issue of Licence Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- Registration Section: North, Block 58918 B, Parcel 73 being 0.53 Acre.

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to the applicants to hold on a freehold basis, vacant property situated in Registration Section: North, Block 58918 B, described as Parcel 73, being 0.53 acre located at Shoal Bay, Anguilla for residential purposes to develop a subject to the following:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$1,075,280.00

EC\$ 53,764.00

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$1,075,280.00

EC\$ 67,205.00

(iii) refundable deposit – 10% of EC\$1,075,280.00

EC\$107,528.00

TOTAL

EC\$228,497.00

- (b) The property must be used for residential purposes.
- (c) The Licencee must not rent their dwelling houses without first notifying the Ministry of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology & Natural Resources in order to rent the said properties.
- (d) The construction of the dwelling house is to be completed within thirty (30) months. If said dwelling house is not completed at the end of thirty (30) months, 50% of the refundable deposit will be forfeited to the Government of Anguilla. The balance 50% will be forfeited if the construction is not completed within a further 6 months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla for a period of twenty-four (24) months.
- (e) 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: DLS; PS, HA; HON MIN HA.

EX MIN 24/310

EX MEMO 24/224 Application for Issue of Licence Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- Registration Section: West End, Block 17809 B, Parcel 46 Being 0.50 Acre

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

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: West End, Block 17809 B, described as Parcel 46, being 0.50 acre located at West End, Anguilla for residential purposes with a dwelling house thereon, subject to the following:

- (a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:
- (i) under the Stamp Act 5% of EC\$2,408,627.20

EC\$120,431.36

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$2,408,627.20

EC\$120,431.36

TOTAL

EC\$240,862.72

- (b) The property must be used for residential purposes.
- (c) The Licencee must not rent their dwelling houses without first notifying the Ministry of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology & Natural Resources in order to rent the said properties.
- (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: DLS; PS, HA; HON MIN, HA.

EX MIN 24/311

EX MEMO 24/225 Application for Issue of Licence Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- Registration Section South East, Block 79214 B, Parcel 204 Containing 0.50 of an Acre Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

This matter was deferred for Council's next consideration via Round Robin.

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

EX MIN 24/313

EX MEMO 24/183 Application for Issue of Licence Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- Registration Section: North; Block 58716 B; Parcels 133 and 134 both being 0.39 of an Acre, a Total of 0.78 of an Acre

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

Executive Council Minute 24/263 requested that the Department of Lands and Surveys conduct a site visit and the Ministry provide to Council information relevant to ensuring the proposed development is in line with the Government of Anguilla's Planning Policies and Guidelines. The same was conducted and the Ministry has confirmed that the site is suitable for the proposed development, namely a stable and small chicken farm and that planning permission has been granted to the applicants.

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: North, 58716 B, described as Parcels 133 and 134 being 0.39 of an acre each, for a total of 0.78 of an acre to construct a dwelling house and stable thereon, located at Black Garden, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

Parcel 133 (Proposed Dwelling House)

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(1)	under the Stamp Act – 5%	
	of EC\$48,925.24	EC\$ 2,446.26

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – 6.25%
of EC\$48,925.24
EC\$ 3,057.83

(iii) Refundable Deposit – 10% <u>EC\$ 4,892.52</u> of EC\$48,925.24

TOTAL <u>EC\$10,396.61</u>

Parcel 134 (Proposed Stable)

- (b) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:
- (i) under the Stamp Act 5% of EC\$48,925.24

EC\$ 2,446.26

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$48,925.24

EC\$ 3,057.83

(iii) Refundable Deposit - 10% of EC\$48,925.24

Waived

TOTAL

EC\$ 5,504.09

GRAND TOTAL

EC\$15,900.70

- (c) The Applicant be granted an exemption on an exceptional basis to Government Policy restricting Aliens to purchase no more than a half-acre of land on the grounds that Parcel 134 will be used for animal husbandry (to include a house stable).
- (d) Parcels 133, and 134 should be amalgamated within 3 months, and upon such, a new Aliens Land Holding Licence will be reissued
- (e) Parcel 133 must be used for a dwelling house as approved by the Land Development Control Committee (LDCC) in Planning Ref: 24/249 and; Parcel 134 must be used for a stable as an amenity to the dwelling house as approved by the LDCC in Planning Ref: 24/300.
- (f) The construction of the dwelling house on Parcel 133 is to be completed within thirty (30) months. If said dwelling house is not completed at the end of thirty (30) months, 50% of the refundable deposit will be forfeited to the Government of Anguilla. The balance 50% will be forfeited if the construction is not completed within a further 6 months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla for a period of twenty-four (24) months.
- (g) The properties must be used for residential purposes and to construct a private stable.

- (h) 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.
- (i) 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.

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