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# MINUTES OF THE $185^{TH}$ MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY $6^{TH}$ MARCH 2014

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

The Honourable Hubert Hughes, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Investment, Commerce and Tourism and Minister of Labour and Immigration and Minister of Social Development and Health

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

The Honourable Jerome Roberts, Minister of Lands, Physical Planning, Human Rights, Environment, Gender Affairs and Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister of Sports and Education, Library Services, Sports, Youth and Culture

The Honourable Evan Gumbs, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities and Housing

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr James Wood QC

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Aurjul Wilson, PS, MHA/LANDS

Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS

Mr Nigel Connor, Deputy Chief Engineer, MICUH

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUH

Mr Rommel Hughes, CEO, Water Corporation

Mr Marcio Moraes, CEO, TV Host, Companhia de Viagem Ms Flavia Bravo – Vice President, Companhia de Viagem

Ms Raquel Echandi, ATB's Puerto Rico/Latin America Representative

# EX MIN 14/145 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 184<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

# MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

# EX MIN 14/146 EX MIN 14/130 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2014

Further to EX MIN 14/130 of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014, Council agreed that the identified priority areas should be discussed with the Permanent Secretaries in Executive Council on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS; PERM SECS

# EX MIN 14/149 EX MEM 14/26 VALLEY FOOD COURT

Ms Aurjul Wilson, PS, MHA/LANDS, Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS and Mr Nigel Connor, Deputy Chief Engineer, MICUH joined the Meeting.

Council noted the presentation from the Committee on the assessment of four areas being considered as potentially suitable for road-side vending in The Valley.

Council agreed that the Committee should come back to Executive Council on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March with an operational detailed plan assessing the impacts of taking forward Areas 1 & 2 alone.

Council also agreed that Area 3 should be looked at after further presentation from the Committee and that Area 4 should not be considered at this stage.

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

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; DLS; DCE; PS, MICUH

## EX MIN 14/150

# EX MEM 14/73 THE FORMAL DISCONTINUATION OF TIEA DISCUSSIONS WITH JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE PARTY TO THE CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE IN TAX MATTERS

Council agreed that the paper should be deferred. Council further agreed that Mr Perin Bradley, Compliance Manager should be invited to attend the meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 for discussion on this.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; PAS, FIN; COM MAN

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The Hon Deputy Governor reminded Council of a Council decision (EX MIN 12/915 of 28 December 2012 which stated in part "that persons who are undergoing serious medical difficulties and, as a result are experiencing difficulty meeting their medical bills, can upon presentation of their documented situation to Executive Council through the PS, PA be considered for payment of the deferred salary due to them".

Council noted that this case had not been channelled through the PS, PA before submission to Executive Council.

Council agreed that this case and any other future cases should first go through the PS, PA before consideration in Executive Council.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, PA; PS, EDICT

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DLS remained for discussion.

#### Council:-

- (i) agreed to an exchange of Lot 2 being 0.07 acre of land, part of Parcel 212 situate in Registration Section North Central, Block 48814 B, registered to Albert Lake for Lot 4 being 0.07 acre of land, part of Parcel 253, Registration Section North Central, Block 48814 B registered to Crown as depicted in Survey Plan Ref LS15-10; and
- (ii) agreed that the Crown should amalgamate said Lot 2 being 0.07 acre of land, part of Parcel 212 situate in Registration Section North Central, Block 48814 B with Parcel 253.

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; DLS; PS, MICUH

# EX MIN 14/153

# EX MEM 14/76 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – PAUL MCCORMACK (SECTION EAST END; BLOCK 99415 B; PARCEL 320, CONTAINING 0.36 ACRE)

DLS remained for discussion.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Paul McCormack to hold, on a freehold basis, 0.36 acre of vacant land described as Registration Section East End, Block 99415 B, Parcel 320 located at Sandy Hill to construct a dwelling house thereon, subject to the payment of the following fees:-

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$134,410.00 EC\$6,720.50

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulations Act – 12.5%
of EC\$134,410.00 EC\$16,801.25

(iii) refundable deposit of 10% of EC\$134,410.00 EC\$13,441.00

TOTAL EC\$36,962.75

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

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; DLS

# **ORAL MENTION**

# EX MIN 14/155 PRESENTATION TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Mr Marcio Moraes, CEO, TV Host, Companhia de Viagem Ms Flavia Bravo – Vice President, Companhia de Viagem Ms Raquel Echandi, ATB's Puerto Rico/Latin America Representative

Council noted that the officials were on a familiarisation visit to Anguilla. The CEO, TV Host, Companhia de Viagem and the Vice President, Companhia de Viagem stated that they were impressed with Anguilla's natural beauty and with the warmth and friendliness of the people. They indicated that they were very pleased to promote Anguilla in Brazil as the ideal destination.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

# EX MIN 14/156 **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

Council was informed of the following dates of travel:-

1) Hon Chief Minister - 9 – 20 March 2014, St. Vincent and St. Kitts – official business

2) Hon Minister of Education - 10 – 12 March 2014, St. Vincent – official business

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

# EX MIN 14/157 OECS COMMISSIONER

Council shared the view that more information should be sought from the OECS regarding the role of OECS Commissioner so that steps could be taken to appoint someone to this position.

Action: PS, MHA; HON MIN, MHA

# EX MIN 14/158 **FREEZING OF ASSETS**

HE The Governor explained that the EU Foreign Affairs Council had agreed on 3<sup>rd</sup> March to impose asset freezing measures on individuals associated with the former Ukrainian regime. These measures were entering into force that day, the 6<sup>th</sup> March, against 18 individuals. To ensure the maximum possible effect of these measures, Ministers in London had said that it would be very helpful if these measures were implemented in the Overseas Territories as well as across the EU.

Council agreed in principle to support the asset freezing measures, as Anguilla had done in previous circumstances, e.g. with Egypt, subject to the necessary steps being taken to give effect to the asset freezing.

Action: AG; DIR, FSC

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