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MINUTES OF THE 195TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2014

PRESENT: His Excellency the Acting Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

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 Acting Deputy Governor, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake

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 and Acting Chief Minister

(left the meeting earlier for official overseas travel)

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: Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN Mrs Shona Proctor, Budget Director Ms Valencia Prentice, Deputy Accountant General Mr Karim Hodge, Director of Environment Hon Haydn Hughes, Parliamentary Secretary Mr Patrick Hanley, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance Mr Perin Bradley, Compliance Manager Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS Mrs Mary Clare Haskins-Banton, Crown Counsel Mr Ivor Greene, Senior Crown Counsel

ABSENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

EX MIN 14/331 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 194th Meeting held on Thursday 15th May 2014 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Monday 19th May 2014.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 14/332 None

EX MIN 14/333 EX MEM 14/183 DUTY EXEMPTION FOR CONRAD "TEDDY" HODGE

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN joined the Meeting.

Council noted that the paper did not contain the usual information from the Customs Department. Council agreed that the paper should be deferred and that it be resubmitted to the next meeting of Executive Council with the inclusion of the information from the Customs Department.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; FO

EX MIN 14/334 EX MEM 14/184 PAYMENT PLAN FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF ARREARS TO ANGLEC

PS, FIN remained for discussion. Mrs Shona Proctor, Budget Director and Ms Valencia Prentice, Deputy Accountant General joined the Meeting.

Council noted the three options presented by the Ministry of Finance following discussions with ANGLEC.

Council:-

- (i) approved Option (iii) as the preferred option which would involve payment to ANGLEC of EC\$9,766,391.46 in settlement of arrears representing a 40% discount on the amount owed. This option would require the GOA to make a lump sum payment of \$771,171.91 and 47 monthly payments in the amount of \$191,387.65. The advantage of this option is that, while it carries a higher initial payment, it offers a greater discount and allows the arrears to be paid off over a longer period of time;
- (ii) noted that as a condition of this agreement, upon receipt of the lump sum, ANGLEC would be required to remit three months of the Environmental Levy currently being withheld and the remaining sum to be remitted two months thereafter;
- (iii) agreed that the amounts paid on behalf of the Statutory Bodies be treated as advances less amounts for when they would have operated as Government Departments; and

(iv) agreed that the Government Departments with arrears should be asked to make savings to allow the 2013 payments to be made to ANGLEC and to make adequate provision in their budgets going forward to meet the agreed obligation.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; PAS, FIN; BD; ACC GEN; OTHER PERM SECS

EX MIN 14/335 EX MEM 14/185 APPLICATION BY FOUNTAIN BEACH RESIDENCE LTD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 9 (1) OF THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT FOR PERMISSION TO TRANSFER 100% SHAREHOLDING TO FOUNTAIN BEACH RESIDENCE LLC – PROPERTIES DESCRIBED AS REGISTRATION SECTION NORTH; BLOCK 59018 B; PARCELS 213 TO 221

PS, FIN remained for discussion. The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Hon Haydn Hughes, Parliamentary Secretary Mr Patrick Hanley, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance Mr Perin Bradley, Compliance Manager Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS Mrs Mary Clare Haskins-Banton, Crown Counsel Mr Ivor Greene, Senior Crown Counsel

Following discussions on the valuation of the property Council approved the transfer of shares in accordance with Section 9 (1) of the Aliens Land Holding Licence Regulation Act, RSA, CA55 to allow Fountain Beach Residence LLC to acquire the 100% shareholding in Fountain Beach Residence Ltd. Registered Proprietor of properties described as Registration Section North; Block 59018 B; Parcels 213 to 221 registered to Fountain Beach Residence Ltd. for financing and corporate restructuring purposes, subject to payment of the following stamp duty:-

	TOTAL	=	EC\$392,477.20
(ii)	stamp duty in accordance with Section 25 of Stamp Act on transfer of shares 5% of the value of the property of EC\$7,849,544.00	=	EC\$392,477.20
(i)	stamp duty on Licence of 12.5% under the Aliens Land Holding Licence Regulations Act Section 14 (1) (a) – Exempted	=	EC\$0

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

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

EX MIN 14/336 EX MEM 14/186 EXEMPTION FROM THE WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Council agreed that the following persons should be granted exemption from the work permit requirement in accordance with Section 3 (g) of the Control of Employment Act:-

1) Mr Austin Esprit National of Dominica, who has been residing and working in Anguilla with his family for the past nine (9) years. Mr Esprit is currently employed by Sunset Homes as a Property Caretaker. 2) Ms Nichola MacDonald National of Barbados, who is currently employed by "From Within Dance" as a Dance Instructor. Ms MacDonald is offering professional training to the students. 3) Ms Teshauna Richardson -Ms Teshauna Richardson was born in Anguilla to St. Kitts parents. Ms Richardson attended the St. Mary's Pre-school, the Valley Primary School and subsequently the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School. She is employed by the Caribbean Commercial Bank (CCB) as a Bank Teller. 4) Anette Hibbert National of Jamaica, who is employed by the Anguilla Sailing Association (ASA) as a Sailing Instructor. The ASA is a fully registered non-profit organization with a primary purpose of providing sailing and life skills to the youth of Anguilla. 5) Anthony Dolphin National of St. Kitts, who has been residing in Anguilla since 2005. Mr Dolphin is currently employed as a Security Officer at the Cuisinart Golf Resort and Spa.

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

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 14/337 EX MEM 14/187 ENACTMENT OF THE BEACH VENDING REGULATIONS, 2013

Parliamentary Secretary, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance, Crown Counsel and DLS remained for discussion. Mr Karim Hodge, Director of Environment/Chair of the Beach Vending Committee joined the Meeting. Council noted the presentation from the Director of Environment/Chair of the Beach Vending Committee to the Executive Council. Council was updated on the administration and enforcement of the Beach Vending Regulations and the issuance of Beach Vending Permits.

Action: PS, MHA; DIR, ENV/CHAIR, BVC; AG; DLS; PS, EDICT; PS, FIN

EX MIN 14/339 EX MEM 14/189 2014 CAPITAL BUDGET – PRIORITISED IMPLEMENTATION OF UKG GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS (3)

Parliamentary Secretary, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance, PS, EDICT and DLS remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) approved the implementation of the Adrian T. Hazell Primary School Project, to begin in July 2014 using the UKG grant funds;
- (ii) agreed that the Road Development (Carter Rey Boulevard) should therefore be funded substantially from the EDF 10 to facilitate the implementation of the Adrian T. Hazell Primary School Project from the UKG grant funds; and
- (iii) noted the revised priorities assigned to the implementation of the UKG Grant and EDF 10-funded projects as indicated below:-

PROJECT	SOURCE OF FUNDS		TOTAL
	UKG	EDF 10	
Adrian T Hazell Primary			3,500,000
School	3,500,000		
Minor Education Project	810,000		810,000
Telecommunication Tower	520,085		520,085
Replacement			
Fire Station and Air Traffic	3,000,000	2,530,000	5,530,000
Control Building			
Road Development (Carter	1,741,621	4,258,379	6,000,000
Rey Boulevard)			
All other projects		2,711,621	2,711,621
TOTAL	9,571,706	9,500,000	19,071,706

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

Action: PS, EDICT; PS, FIN; CPO; BD; PS, MICUH; OTHER PERM SECS

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 14/340 ANGUILLA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PS, FIN remained for discussion.

Council agreed that a full paper should be submitted to Executive Council on the issues surrounding the reconfirmation of the MOA between the AFA and the GoA.

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

Action: PS, FIN

EX MIN 14/341 DUTY EXEMPTION FOR THE ANGUILLA DRAG RACING ASSOCIATION

PS, FIN remained for discussion.

Council agreed that a paper should be submitted to Executive Council on this matter with the inclusion of the usual customs information for consideration.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; FO

EX MIN 14/342 **REPORT FROM INTERNAL AUDIT**

PS, FIN, Parliamentary Secretary, PA to the Hon CM/FIN, SCC, PS, EDICT and COM MAN remained for discussion.

Council authorised the Internal Audit Department to investigate the payment of US\$60,000.00 (in 2008 or thereabouts) by MICUH for aggregate which was never received. Council asked the Audit Department to submit to Executive Council a report on its findings.

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

Action: PS, FIN; DIR, INT AUD

EX MIN 14/344 OVERSEAS TRAVEL

The Hon Minister of Infrastructure informed Council that he would be off island from the 25 – 29 May 2014 to attend a Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) Conference in Trinidad.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 14/345 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LETTER AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Council acknowledged receipt of a letter dated May 15th 2014 (and attached contact information) addressed to the Acting Governor, Mr Stanley Reid from Mr Daniel Gibbs of the Collectivity of St. Martin. Mr Gibbs wrote on behalf of the members of the French Parliamentary Mission on the evaluation of the Status of the Collectivity of St. Martin expressing thanks for the hospitality and warm welcome given to them whilst in Anguilla on a brief visit.

Mr Gibbs and colleagues look forward to a future visit with the GoA.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS