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MINUTES OF THE 196TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH JUNE 2014

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

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

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 Attorney General, Mr James Wood QC

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Perin Bradley, Compliance Manager

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, EDICT

ABSENT: 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

EX MIN 14/347 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 195th Meeting held on Thursday 22nd May

2014.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 14/348 None

EX MIN 14/349 EX MIN 14/333 EX MEM 14/183 DUTY EXEMPTION FOR CONRAD

"TEDDY" HODGE

Further to EX MIN 14/333 of 22nd May 2014, Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Mr Conrad "Teddy" Hodge on a 1997 Freightliner FL80 Digger Derrick to be used for the digging and planting of electrical poles.

Council noted that the Comptroller of Customs had no objection to the request.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$18,674.32.

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

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

EX MIN 14/350 EX MEM 14/190 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR HUGHES MEDICAL CENTRE

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Hughes Medical Centre (c/o Dr Lowell Hughes) on the attached list of medical equipment to facilitate the provision of additional specialist services to the island.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$80,936.00.

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

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

EX MIN 14/351

EX MEM 14/191 APPROVAL OF A NATIONAL FUNERAL FOR THE LATE CLAUDIUS LAKE IN RECOGNITION OF HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION DURING THE ANGUILLA REVOLUTION

Council confirmed the decision taken by round robin on 26th May 2014 as follows:-

- 1) the holding of a National Funeral for the late Claudius Lake in collaboration with the family;
- 2) the publication of an official Statement of Condolence from the Government and people of Anguilla on the passing of this revolutionary hero;
- 3) flags to be flown at Half Mast on the day preceding the funeral and until immediately following the funeral;
- 4) a Police Guard of Honour to be drawn up at the Church and a contingent of uniformed officers to bear the body in and out of the church and at the graveside. The casket to be covered with the national flag; and
- 5) a contribution of EC\$8,000.00 towards the cost of the funeral expenses.

Action: PS, MHA

EX MIN 14/352

EX MEM 14/192 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – ALEXANDRE E. A. MORCH AND ALYCIA F. HISE (REGISTRATION SECTION: NORTH; BLOCK: 58918 B; PARCEL 47; CONTAINING 0.45 ACRE)

Council agreed that an Aliens Land Holding Licence should be issued to

Alexandre E. A. Morch and Alycia F. Hise to hold, on a freehold basis, 0.45 acre of land, described as Registration Section: North, Block 58918 B, Parcel 47 with a dwelling house thereon located at Shoal Bay, as joint tenants, for private residential purposes, subject to the payment of the following stamp duties:-

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$ 1,061,839.00

EC\$ 53,091.95

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulations Act – 12.5% of EC\$1,061,839.00

EC\$132,729.87

TOTAL EC\$185,821.82

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

EX MIN 14/353 EX MEM 14/193 FUNDING FOR TRAINING OF SENIOR PLANNER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL PLANNING

Council noted that the contract of Ms Silvia Erni, Senior Planner in the Department of Physical Planning would expire in early 2015 and that the requisite steps had to be taken to have a qualified person take over the position at the end of Ms Erni's contract. Council recognised the importance of having the position of Senior Planner in the Department of Physical Planning filled by a trained and competent person in order to ensure a continued high level of service to the customers.

Council agreed that a scholarship should be granted to a suitable candidate to pursue a MSc. in Development Planning and that provisions are made to secure the necessary funding to cover the cost of the scholarship, as a matter of urgency. Council further agreed that the PS, MHA/LANDS, PS, PA and PS, FIN should discuss where the monies for the funding of the training would be acquired.

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

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; PPO; BD

EX MIN 14/354 **EX MEM 14/194 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE ISSUE OF CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY**

Mr Perin Bradley, Compliance Manager joined the Meeting.

Council agreed to:-

- (i) the formal opening of public consultation on the issue of corporate transparency; and
- (ii) the publication of the document entitled "Enhancing the Transparency of Anguillian Company Ownership and Increasing Trust in Anguillian Business" to aid said consultation.

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

Action: COM MAN; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; DIR, FSC; CIR; ACC GEN

EX MIN 14/355 **EX MEM 14/195 EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP OF CCRIF**

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN joined the Meeting.

Council:-

- (i) noted the request for approval to allow the expansion of the membership of the Caribbean Catastrophic Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF); and
- (ii) approved the provision of a "No Objection Letter" to CCRIF expanding its membership.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; PS, MICUH

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 14/356 <u>MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY</u>

Ministers indicated that they were minded to ask the Speaker, HoA to hold the next Meeting of the HoA on the 23 or 24 June 2014.

Action: CLERK, HOA

EX MIN 14/357 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROCUREMENT BOARD**

HE The Governor mentioned that she had written to Patrick Hanley on 8th May regarding his membership of the Procurement Board and to recommend that he resign his position in light of his formal announcement of his candidacy for District 5. She had not yet received a reply from Mr Hanley, and was concerned that his continued membership of the Procurement Board would call into question the political independence of the Board in a way that would undermine its operation.

Action: MINS OF GOV'T; PA TO HON CM/FIN
