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MINUTES OF THE 208TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 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 Jerome Roberts, Minister of Lands, Physical Planning, Human Rights, Environment, Gender Affairs and Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister of Education, Library Services, Sports, Youth and Culture

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

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones

The Honourable Acting Deputy Governor, Mr Larry Franklin

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT

Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS

Ms Marisa Harding Hodge, TIO

Mr Ambrell Richardson, Director of Health Protection

ABSENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

EX MIN 14/552 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 207th Meeting held on Thursday 28th August

2014.

EX MIN 14/554 <u>EX MEM 14/306 EXPANSION OF DUTY FREE SHOPPING IN</u> ANGUILLA

Council:-

(i) supported the concept that a comprehensive duty free policy for Anguilla should be created;

(ii) authorised the Hon Minister of Finance to discuss with the PS, FIN and the PS, EDICT and other relevant personnel in FEDICT the content of such policy and to agree with them the timelines for delivery of the policy document.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; PAS, FIN; HON CM/FIN

EX MIN 14/555

EX MEM 14/307 SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT #1 TO THE MOU BETWEEN PARADISE HOLDING COMPANY LTD AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA

Messrs Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT, Leslie Hodge, DLS and Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge, TIO joined the Meeting.

Council considered the first draft Supplementary Agreement between Paradise Holding Company Ltd and the Government of Anguilla and supported the recommendations of the GoA as outlined in the attached document.

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

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

EX MIN 14/556

EX MEM 14/308 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – TERESA ANN BAYER AND HELEN MARY BAYER (REGISTRATION SECTION: WEST END; BLOCK: 18011 B; PARCEL 138; CONTAINING 0.77 ACRE)

PS. EDICT and DLS remained for discussion.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Teresa Ann Bayer and Helen Mary Bayer to hold, on a freehold basis, as joint owners together with the current Registered Proprietor, their father, Walter John Bayer II, 0.77 acre of land, described as Registration Section North, Block 18011 B, Parcel 138 with dwelling house thereon located at Long Bay, for private residential purposes, subject to the following:-

(a) Payment of the following stamp duties:-

(i) under Section 14 (3) of the Aliens Land Holding Licence Act EC\$ 200.00

(ii) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$3,373,691.00

EC\$ 168,684.55

TOTAL EC\$168,884.55

(b) With the expressed condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencees must not rent their dwelling house unless

an application is made and written permission is obtained from the Ministry of Finance Economic Development, Investment and Trade, Commerce and Tourism (FEDICT).

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

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

EX MIN 14/557

EX MEM 14/309 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – ALBERT PAUL PACE (REGISTRATION SECTION: WEST END; BLOCK: 17609 B; PARCEL 1; CONTAINING 1.7 ACRES)

PS, EDICT and DLS remained for discussion.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Albert Paul Pace to hold, on a freehold basis, 1.7 acres of land, described as Registration Section West End, Block 17609 B, Parcel 1 with dwelling house thereon located at West End, for private residential purposes on the grounds that the Applicant's reasons for requesting an exception to the Government of Anguilla's policy on Aliens purchasing more than a half-acre of land are justifiable, subject to the following:-

(a) Payment of the following stamp duties:-

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$3,440,896.00

EC\$172,044.80

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulations Act – 12.5% of EC\$3,440,896.00

EC\$430,112.00

TOTAL EC\$602,156.80

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(b) With the expressed condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent his dwelling house unless an application is made and written permission is obtained from the Ministry of Finance Economic Development, Investment and Trade, Commerce and Tourism (FEDICT).

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

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

EX MIN 14/559 EX MEM 14/311 EXEMPTION FROM THE WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT

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

1) Rashida Nichelle Armony

National of St. Kitts who has been residing in Anguilla since 2001. She attended the Adrian T. Hazell Primary School and the ALHCS. Ms Armony would be employed as Receptionist/ Operations Assistant at the Anguilla Trust Co. Ltd

2) Akeem Barrington Laing

National of Jamaica who has been residing in Anguilla for the past four years with his mother, Ms Antoinette Laing who has been employed by the Health Authority of Anguilla for the past seven years. Mr Laing attended the ALHCS from September 2009 to July 2013. He is a part-time student at the ANI Art Academy. Mr Laing has been offered a job with Fleming-Lake Group as an Office Assistant/Messenger.

3) Dean David Laing

National of Jamaica who has been residing in Anguilla for the past eleven years. He attended the Adrian T. Hazell Primary School and the ALHCS. Mr Laing did his Summer Job Training Programme at Viceroy Hotel and has been offered a job as Assistant Storekeeper at the said Hotel.

4) Mr Mitchell J. Williams

National of Dominica who has been residing in Anguilla with his family from the age of nine years. He attended the Valley Primary School and subsequently the ALHCS. Mr Williams has been offered employment as a Labourer with Unique Landscapes at the Zemi Beach Resort.

5) Nisha Amoy Codling

National of Jamaica who has been residing in Anguilla for the past nine

years. During this period she has been the recipient of several work permits. Ms Codling has been offered employment by Ms Keriden Vanterpool of Island Harbour as a Housekeeper.

6) Terrell Shaquail Thomas

National of Guyana who came to Anguilla as a child and who attended the Valley Primary School and the ALHCS. Mr Thomas has been offered employment at Best Buy Supermarket at the Farrington as a Storeroom Clerk.

7) Lydia Anne McGrath-Ostermeyer

National of St. Kitts who has been residing in Anguilla since the age of fourteen years. She attended the ALHCS and completed studies at the 6th form of the institution. Ms McGrath-Ostermeyer has been offered employment at Sheriva Boutique Hotel as a Front Desk Agent.

Council additionally agreed that the following person should be exempted from the work permit requirement, subject to her presenting an up to date certificate of Good Standing to the Ministry of Home Affairs:-

8) Simone Patterson

National of the UK who came to Anguilla in April 1993 with her family because her father, Mr Patrick E. Patterson was employed by the GoA as the Principal Crown Counsel. Ms Patterson attended the ALHCS until 1996. She subsequently returned to the UK to pursue tertiary education. Ms Patterson has been offered employment at Essential Office Services Ltd as Customer Services & Special Events Coordinator.

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 14/560 EX MEM 14/312 APPROVAL OF UPDATED ANGUILLA TABLE OF FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS, AUGUST 2014

Council approved:-

(i) the revisions to the Anguilla Table of Frequency Allocations; and therefore

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(ii) the revised Anguilla Table of Frequency Allocations.

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

Action: PS, MICUH

EX MIN 14/561

EX MEM 14/313 APPROVAL OF A NATIONAL FUNERAL FOR THE LATE BERTRAM RICHARDSON IN RECOGNITION OF HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION DURING THE ANGUILLA REVOLUTION AND TO SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Council approved:-

- 1) the holding of a National Funeral for the late Bertram Richardson 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;
- 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. Casket to be covered with the national flag; and
- 5) a contribution of EC\$8,000 towards the cost of the funeral expenses.

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

Action: PS, MHA; PAS, MHA

EX MIN 14/562

EX MEM 14/314 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION BY GERALD HALISCHUK

Council agreed that Mr Gerald Halischuk who is on a three-year contract as Director of the Financial Services Commission should be granted duty exemption on his 2001 Range Rover vehicle. Council additionally agreed to the release of the vehicle by Customs pending ratification of the duty exemption request by the House of Assembly in accordance with existing legislation.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$8,662.00.

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

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

EX MIN 14/563 <u>EX MEM 14/315 FILLING OF POST – EDUCATION WELFARE</u> OFFICER

Council noted that one of the Education Welfare Officers in the Department of Education had resigned. Council further noted that the views of the Permanent Secretaries had been sought and their support given to filling the position.

Council agreed that the vacant post of Education Welfare Officer in the Department of Education should be filled.

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

Action: PS, ELSYC; PS, PA; CEO; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 14/564 <u>SUSPENSION OF UNESTABLISHED WORKER AT CORITO LANDFILL</u> <u>SITE</u>

Mr Ambrell Richardson, Director of Health Protection joined the Meeting.

Council noted a letter dated 3 September 2014 from KCW et al to the Hon Attorney General concerning the suspension of Mr Joseph Sylvester, an unestablished worker at the Corito Landfill site.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
