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MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 2015

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

The Hon Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development and Acting Chief Minister

The Hon Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

The Honourable Cora Richardson-Hodge, Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Environment, Human Rights, Gender Affairs, Constitutional Affairs and Information and Broadcasting

The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Agriculture and Fisheries and Information Technology

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett, PS, ELSYC

Mrs Dawn Reid, Education Services Planner Mrs Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin, Chief Statistician Mr Geoff Thompson, Education Consultant

Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS

ABSENT: The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,

Economic Development, Commerce, Lands & Physical Planning and Tourism

EX MIN 15/334 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 5th Meeting held on Thursday 28th May 2015.

EX MIN 15/336 EX MEM 15/177 APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSIONER TO THE BOARD OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Further to EX MIN 15/324 of 28th May 2015, Council:-

(i) approved the appointment of Mr Christonie Fleming to the Board of the Public Utilities Commission for a term of two (2) years;

- (ii) noted that Mr Fleming's appointment would meet the criteria outlined in section 3(2)(a) and/or 3(2)(d) of the Public Utilities Commission (Amendment) Act 2014; and
- (iii) further noted that pursuant to section 3(2)(e) of the Act, that the Executive Director, PUC is also Commissioner and therefore, should be also issued with an Instrument of Appointment as a Commissioner.

Action: PS, MICUH; HON MINISTER, MICUH; EX OFF, PUC; HON AG

EX MIN 15/337 EX MEM 15/178 CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION

Council agreed that the PS, HSD and the Chief Parliamentary Counsel in the Attorney General's Chambers should have a discussion as to whether the drafting instructions as presented in EX MEM 15/178 are sufficient for a comprehensive model of child protection legislation.

Action: PS, HSD; CPC; HON AG

EX MIN 15/338 <u>EX MEM 15/179 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR NO-WALLS PROPHETIC WORSHIP HEALING MINISTRY</u>

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to No-Walls Prophetic Worship Healing Ministry (c/o Prophetess Patricia Harrigan) on a Drum Set, a Sky Microphone and a Projector to be used for the improvement of the church worship.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$756.06.

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

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

EX MIN 15/339

EX MEM 15/180 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – LITTLE BAY LTD – REGISTRATION SECTION NORTH, BLOCK 58715 B, PARCEL 545, CONTAINING 0.71 OF AN ACRE

Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS joined the Meeting.

Council agreed that an Aliens Land Holding Licence should be issued to Little Bay Ltd., to hold on a freehold basis, vacant property described as Registration Section North, Block 58715 B, Parcel 545, containing 0.71 acre of land, and located at Roaches Hill, Anguilla to construct a residence thereon on the grounds that the Applicant Company's reasons for requesting an exception to Government's Policy on restricting aliens to purchasing no more than half an acre of land are justifiable, and subject to the following:-

- (a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:-
- (i) under the Stamp Act 5%

of EC\$548,392.80 EC\$ 27,419.64

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulations Act – 12.5% of EC\$548,392.80

EC\$ 68,549.10

(iii) refundable deposit of 10% of EC\$548,392.82

EC\$ 54,839.28

TOTAL EC\$150,808.02

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- (b) the construction of the dwelling house to be completed within twenty seven (27) months (i.e. twenty-four (24) months for construction plus three (3) months for the relevant permits to be obtained); and
- (c) 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, Commerce, Tourism and Lands & Physical Planning (FEDICTLP).

Action: PS, LANDS; PS, FIN; DLS

EX MIN 15/340

EX MEM 15/181 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – PATRICK SHAWN FREE - REGISTRATION SECTION EAST CENTRAL, BLOCK 89118 B, PARCEL 72, CONTAINING 0.50 ACRE

DLS remained for discussion.

Council agreed that an Aliens Land Holding Licence should be issued to Patrick Shawn Free to hold, on a freehold basis, 0.50 acre of vacant land described as Registration Section East Central, Block 89118 B, Parcel 72, located at Shoal Bay to construct a dwelling house thereon, subject to the following:-

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:-

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$242,610.05 EC\$ 12,130.50

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulations Act – 12.5%
of EC\$242,610.05
EC\$ 30,326.26

(iii) refundable deposit of 10% of

EC\$242,610.05 EC\$ 24,261.00

TOTAL EC\$ 66,717.76

- (b) the construction of the dwelling house to be completed within twenty-seven (27) months (i.e. twenty-four (24) months for construction plus three (3) months for the relevant permits to be obtained); and
- (c) 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, Commerce, Tourism and Lands & Physical Planning (FEDICTLP).

Action: PS, LANDS; PS, FIN; DLS

The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett, PS, ELSYC Mrs Dawn Reid, Education Services Planner Mrs Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin, Chief Statistician Mr Geoff Thompson, Education Consultant

Further to EX MIN 15/113 of 19 February 2015, Council noted the comprehensive power point presentation by Mr Geoff Thompson, Education Consultant on the Education Development Plan 2015 - 2020.

The Consultant pointed out some of the main priority areas that emerged from speaking to teachers and other top officials as follows:-

- 1) Behaviour Management consistent comments from all focus groups on the negative behaviour of some students; teachers finding it difficult to cope with deviant behaviour;
- Pre-Primary Education a stated priority (all schools in the private sector) possibly to look at whether subventions should be tied to costs; increased stipends to teachers; and
- 3) Science, Technology,
 Engineering & Maths
 (STEM) &
 Technical & Vocational
 Education & Training
 (TVET)

 to look at the recurrent needs of these initiatives versus resource availability

The Hon Minister of Education expressed his concern about Pre-Primary Education and acknowledged that this was an area for Government to look at in offering added support.

Council additionally noted the presentations by Mrs Dawn Reid, Education

Services Planner and Mrs Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin, Chief Statistician on the establishment of an Education and Training Statistics Framework. The CS pointed out the importance of having statistical data. She emphasised the worth of having the quality and requisite statistical data for the effective and successful establishment of an Education and Training Statistics Framework.

Council thanked the Education Officials, the Chief Statistician and Mr Thompson for their presentations and invaluable work and encouraged them to continue to work together for the betterment of Education in Anguilla and to produce the genre of students that would make Anguilla proud.

Council:-

- (i) approved the Education Development Plan 2015 to 2020, as the strategic document for the Anguilla Education Sector for that time period; and
- (ii) noted that because the EDP is a five year plan, the costing of the EDP would entail an on-going process of review and renewal and that all financial implications of the strategies to be implemented would be budgeted for in the year of implementation and presented to Executive Council in the usual manner for consideration.

Action: PS, ELSYC; ESP; MINS OF GOV'T

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 15/342 **LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

HE The Governor told Ministers that she would email them a revised draft Legislative Agenda early the following week for review and possible discussion in Executive Council on Thursday 11th June.

Action: MINS OF GOV'T; HON AG

EX MIN 15/344 **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

Council was informed of the following dates of travel:-

1) Hon Minister of Infrastructure - 7-9 June – leave

14 – 18 June, Brussels, OCT Energy Ministers Conference

21 – 25 June, Martinique, IRENA Energy Conference

2) Hon Minister of Social Dev. - 8 – 10 June, Barbados, Forum

of Key Stakeholders on NCDS advancing the NCD Agenda in the Caribbean

Action: EXCO MEMBERS