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# MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Commerce, Lands & Physical Planning and Tourism

The Hon Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development

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

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary

Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICTLP

Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS

ABSENT: The Hon Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

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

EX MIN 15/370 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES** 

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary joined the Meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the  $8^{th}$  Meeting held on Thursday  $18^{th}$  June 2015 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Thursday  $18^{th}$  June 2015.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 15/371 None

### EX MIN 15/372 **EX MEM 15/197 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROLE BOARD 2014**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted the report of the Parole Board covering the year 2014; and
- (ii) agreed that the Hon Minister of Social Development should arrange for the Report to be laid before the House of Assembly at its next sitting.

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

Action: HON MIN, MSD; PS, HSD; CL, HOA

## EX MIN 15/373 EX MEM 15/198 MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that the Domestic Violence Bill 2014 and the Social Protection Bill 2015 were previously published in the Official Gazette; and
- (ii) agreed that the Hon Minister of Social Development should arrange for the Domestic Violence Bill 2014 and the Social Protection Bill 2015 to be laid before the House of Assembly at its next sitting, with changes made to dates and the name of the Assembly Speaker as needed.

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

Action: HON MIN, MSD; PS, HSD; HON AG; CPC; CL, HOA

### EX MIN 15/374 **EX MEM 15/199 FILLING SENIOR POSITIONS IN CHAMBERS**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

- a. PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL (CRIME)
- b. PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL (CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL)

Council agreed that:-

- (i) the position of Principal Crown Counsel (Crime) should be advertised and filled;
- (ii) the position of Principal Crown Counsel (Civil and Commercial) should be re-advertised and filled: and

(iii) the two job advertisements should be circulated widely within Anguilla, the Eastern Caribbean Region and internationally. The Attorney General's Chambers had approval for the spending of a reasonable sum, if necessary and as required, to ensure the placement of advertisements.

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

Action: PS, PA; HON AG; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD

#### EX MIN 15/375

EX MEM 15/200 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – CERULEAN SEA LLC (REGISTRATION SECTION: WEST END, BLOCK: 17810 B; PARCEL 178; CONTAINING 0.28 OF AN ACRE)

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. Messrs Foster Rogers, PS, EDICTLP and Leslie Hodge, DLS joined the Meeting.

The Hon Minister of Home Affairs declared an interest and absented herself from the Meeting.

Council agreed that an Aliens Land Holding Licence should be issued to Cerulean Sea LLC to hold, on a freehold basis, 0.28 of an acre of land, located at Barnes Bay property forming part of Resorts & Residences of Anguilla Home Owners Association Ltd. a Condominium development at Viceroy, Anguilla, described as Registration Section West End, Block 17810 B, Parcel 178, with an Ocean Front Villa described as Villa 16, subject to the following:-

(a) Payment of the following fees:-

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$6,660,553.14

EC\$333,027.66

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulations Act – 12.5% of EC\$6,660,553.14

**Exempted** 

TOTAL EC\$333,027.66

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- (b) Strata Lots described as Units F401A and F401B, situate in Block 17810 B, Parcel 201 in Registration Section West End presently registered to Azure Waters LLC must be exchanged with SOF 82 Anguilla Holdings LLC; and
- (c) Regulations to be issued for exemption.

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

Action: PS, LANDS; PS, FIN; DLS; HON AG

#### EX MIN 15/376

EX MEM 15/201 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – LEAH MARIE MC CARTHY AND JOHN JOSEPH MC CARTHY JR (REGISTRATION SECTION SOUTH EAST, BLOCK 79214 B, PARCEL 202, STRATA LOTS SL B5, CONTAINING 1,756 SQUARE FEET AND G3 CONTAINING 336 SQUARE FEET)

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. PS, EDICTLP and DLS remained for discussion.

The Hon Minister of Home Affairs declared an interest and absented herself from the Meeting.

Council agreed that the paper should be deferred to enable further due diligence checks to be carried out.

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

Action: PS, EDICTLP; PS, FIN; DLS

### EX MIN 15/377

# EX MEM 15/202 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR HUGHES MEDICAL CENTRE

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Hughes Medical Centre (c/o Dr Lowell Hughes) on medical equipment as per attached list.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$60,032.00.

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

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

### EX MIN 15/378

### EX MEM 15/203 FILLING OF A JUVENILE CARE WORKER POST DUE TO RESIGNATION

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that the post of Juvenile Care Worker had become vacant due to resignation;
- (ii) noted that the views of the Permanent Secretaries had been sought in relation to the filling of the post and that a favourable response had been given;
- (iii) additionally noted that budgetary provisions had already been made for the position; and

(iv) agreed that the vacant post of Juvenile care Worker should be filled.

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

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

### EX MIN 15/379 EX MEM 15/204 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS H AND MS R

[note on publication: names redacted to protect personal health information]

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that Ms H and Ms R, both employed by the Anguilla Public Service should be paid their deferred salaries of EC\$16,436.26 and EC\$12,160.56 respectively (totalling EC\$28,596.82) to help defray costs associated with their mother and sister's medical condition.

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; ACC GEN; CSD; SOP

### EX MIN 15/380 EX MEM 15/205 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MR C

[note on publication: names redacted to protect personal health information]

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that Mr C, employed by the Anguilla Public Service, should be paid his deferred salary of EC\$65,393.40 to assist him to meet some of the medical costs associated with his son's medical condition.

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; ACC GEN; REG, CA

### EX MIN 15/381 EX MEM 15/206 PAROLE OF PRISONERS (VALIDATION) BILL, 2015

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that:-

- (i) the Parole of Prisoners (Validation) Bill, 2015 should be published in the Gazette (Bill has been published previously);
- (ii) the Bill should be laid before the House of Assembly at its next sitting; and
- (iii) the Bill should be amended to insert the correct dates and correct Speaker.

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

Action: HON AG; CPC; PS, HSD; SOP; COP

### **ORAL MENTION**

### EX MIN 15/383 CONDOMINIUM ACT

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that the Condominium Act should be included on the agenda for the House of Assembly at its next sitting.

Action: PS, LANDS; DLS; HON AG; CPC; CL, HOA

### EX MIN 15/384 **LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM (LIS)**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. PS, EDICT and DLS remained for discussion.

Council agreed that a detailed paper should be submitted to Executive Council explaining the rationale for the LIS and why its implementation was critical to the development of Anguilla. Council further agreed that the paper should indicate where possible funding could be allocated to implement it.

Action: PS, EDICTLP; DLS

### EX MIN 15/385 **MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Council agreed that there should be a Special Meeting of Executive Council on Wednesday 1 July 2015 at 9:00 am to consider the Medium Term Fiscal Plan and the information for the CDB.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS; PS, FIN

### EX MIN 15/386 **MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

Ministers expressed plans to hold a Meeting of the House of Assembly on Tuesday 7 July 2015 at 10:00 am.

Action: CL, HOA

### EX MIN 15/387 **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

Council was informed of the following dates of travel:-

1) Hon Attorney General - 30 June – 3 July, Legal Conference in St. Lucia

6 – 11 July, annual leave

Hon Minister of Soc. Dev.
 25 – 27 June, Grand Opening of the Cancer Centre Eastern Caribbean in Antigua

3) Hon Minister of Home Affairs - 25 June to 1 July, leave

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

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