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MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

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

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

The Honourable 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 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: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary

EX MIN 15/516 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary joined the Meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the $17^{\rm th}$ Meeting held on Thursday $10^{\rm th}$ September 2015.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 15/517 None

EX MIN 15/518 **EX MEM 15/296 AMENDMENT – OVERDRAFT FACILITY 2015-2016**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 15/483 of 1 September 2015, Council confirmed the decision by round robin on 16 September 2015 that section (i) of EX MIN 15/483 should be amended to read:-

(i) an overdraft facility of twenty million Eastern Caribbean Dollars (EC\$20,000,000.00) should be maintained at the Caribbean Commercial Bank (Anguilla) Ltd at an interest rate of 5.75%, effective 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; PAS, FIN; BD; DM; ACC GEN

EX MIN 15/519 EX MEM 15/297 FILLING OF VACANCIES AT THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that the posts of Accountant and Accounts Payable Clerk at the Treasury Department had become vacant due to promotion;
- (ii) noted that the views of the Permanent Secretaries had been sought in relation to the filling of the posts and a favourable response had been given;
- (iii) additionally noted that provision had been made in the 2015 Budget for the posts; and
- (iv) agreed that the posts of Accountant and Accounts Payable Clerk at the Treasury Department should be filled.

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; PAS, FIN; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 15/520 EX MEM 15/298 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR FRANGIPANI BEACH RESORT

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Frangipani Beach Resort (c/o Mr Scott Kircher, General Manager) on the attached list of items to be used for the refurbishing of the Resort and additional development. Council further agreed that the items marked with an asterisk should be duty paid.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is US\$1,469,189.89.

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

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

EX MIN 15/521 EX MEM 15/299 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR ANGUILLA DEVELOPMENT CORP./REEF RESORT

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to the Anguilla Development Corp./Reef Resort (c/o Mr Stephane Zaharia, Vice President) on the attached list of items, which will be used for the continuation of the second phase of the development of the Resort.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$3,011,307.04.

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

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

EX MIN 15/522 <u>EX MEM 15/300 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION BY THE METHODIST CHURCH</u>

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to The Methodist Church (c/o Mr Mark Romney, Circuit Steward) on a vehicle to be used solely for church purposes.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$9,813.31.

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

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

EX MIN 15/523 EX MEM 15/301 APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE

[note on publication: some details removed to protect personal data e.g. re banking, dates of birth etc]

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that the following persons should be granted the Permit of Permanent Residence in accordance with Section 24 of the Immigration and Passport Act:-

- 1) Mr Christopher Charles Graves National of the USA, residing in Anguilla since October 2006. The Police Record issued shows no criminal offence.
- 2) Mrs Denise Louise Graves National of the USA, residing in Anguilla since October 2006. The Police Record issued shows no criminal offence.

- 3) Mr Patrick Levi Haywood National of St. Vincent, residing in Anguilla since October 2001. The Police Record shows no criminal offence.
- 4) Ms. Frankie Judith Coombs Ms. Coombs was born in the United Kingdom. She is applying for the Permit of Permanent Residence on the grounds that she has been residing in Anguilla since October 1996. The Police Record shows no criminal offence.

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

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 15/524 <u>EX MEM 15/302 PUBLISHING AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON A</u> LEGAL PROFESSION BILL

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that:-

- (i) the Bar Association should be given the opportunity to peruse the draft Bill for the Legal Profession Act, 2015 for one week;
- (ii) the draft Bill should be re-submitted to Executive Council for further consideration; and
- (iii) the Bill be given its first reading at the next Meeting of the House of Assembly to be held in October.

Action: HON AG

EX MIN 15/526 EX MEM 15/304 RENTAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR 6TH FORM AT THE ALBENA LAKE-HODGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL (ALHCS)

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council approved the expenditure for rental space for the 6th form of the ALHCS, subject to the procurement process.

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

Action: PS, ELSYC; PAS, FIN; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; ACC GEN

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 15/527 EX MIN 15/511 EX MEM 15/295 ANGUILLA POLICE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2015

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 15/511 of 10 September 2015, Council agreed that:-

- the Bill for the Anguilla Police (Amendment) Act, 2015 should not receive (i) its first reading at the Meeting of the House of Assembly to be held on Tuesday 22 September 2015;
- (ii) there should be a further period of 28 days for consultation; and
- (iii) a public notice explaining the Bill should be published and circulated.

Action: HON AG; CLERK, HOA

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET DELIVERY COMMITTEE (BDC) EX MIN 15/528 **MEETING**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council noted the Minutes of the Budget Delivery Committee Meeting held on 21st and 30th July 2015. Council noted the priority areas and the recommendations/action points deriving from the Meeting.

The Hon Chief Minister/Finance and Council Members commended the Budget Delivery Committee for their invaluable hard work and commitment and the quality of the minutes being produced.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; PAS, FIN; OTHER PERM SECS; BD; DM

EX MIN 15/529 **MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Council agreed that there should be no regular Meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 24th September and that the Meeting should be held on Wednesday 23rd September at 10:00 am instead.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 15/530 **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

Council was informed of the following dates of overseas travel:-

1) Hon Minister of Social Dev. 22 - 28 September,

> Washington DC, 13th Executive Board Meeting of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and Meeting of the Council for

Human and Social

Development (COHSOD)

HE The Governor 23 - 25 September, Miami, 2)

Caribbean Governors Meeting

and to UK thereafter

3) Hon Chief Minister - 25 – 29 September, leave

4) Hon Minister, MICUH - 27 September – 2 October, BVI, Caribbean

Telecommunications Meeting

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
