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MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2015

- PRESENT: His Excellency the Acting Governor, Mr Stanley Reid
- The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,
Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism, Lands & Physical Planning
- The Honourable Acting Deputy Governor, Mr Larry Franklin
- 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
Mrs Evalie Bradley, Ministerial Assistant, MHA
Mr Othlyn Vanterpool, Ministerial Assistant, MICUHAF
Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN
Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICTLP
Mrs Shona Proctor, Budget Director
Ms Brenda Hughes, Debt Manager
Mrs Shantelle Richardson, Director of Economic Planning
Mrs Anthea Ipinson-Connor, Chief Project Officer
Ms Jamila Gumbs, Budget Officer
Mr Marc Bienvenu, Property Tax Consultant
Ms Catrona Dalley Galt, Property Tax Consultant
- ABSENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott
- The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development

EX MIN 15/531

PRESENTATION BY IRD/CONSULTANTS ON PROPERTY TAX

The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary
 Mrs Evalie Bradley, Ministerial Assistant, MHA
 Mr Othlyn Vanterpool, Ministerial Assistant, MICUHAF
 Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN
 Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICTLP
 Mrs Shona Proctor, Budget Director
 Ms Brenda Hughes, Debt Manager
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 Mrs Anthea Ipinson-Connor, Chief Project Officer
 Ms Jamila Gumbs, Budget Officer
 Mr Marc Bienvenu, Property Tax Consultant
 Ms Catrona Dalley Galt, Property Tax Consultant

Council noted the presentation by Mr Marc Bienvenu and Ms Catrona Dalley Galt, Property Tax Consultants on the Property Tax Reform Project.

Council:-

- (i) thanked the Consultants for the comprehensive presentation and offered certain views on the information presented; and
- (ii) agreed to an update to Executive Council on Thursday 1st October 2015.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; DM; DEP; CPO

EX MIN 15/532

CONTINUATION OF THE MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that there should be a continuation of the Meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 24th September 2015 at 2:30 pm.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 15/533

EX MEM 15/305 MEDIUM TERM ECONOMIC AND FISCAL PLAN 2016 – 2018 - PROPOSED REVENUE MEASURES

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that the matter should be considered at the continuation of the Meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 24th September 2015.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP

EX MIN 15/534

EX MEM 15/306 CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK - COUNTRY STRATEGY PAPER (CSP) 2015-2018

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that the matter should be considered at the continuation of the Meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 24th September 2015.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP

EX MIN 15/535

EX MEM 15/307 APPROVAL FOR REVISED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE HOLDING OF NATIONAL FUNERALS IN ANGUILLA

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) agreed that the conduct of State or National Funerals, by nature of their national significance and importance should always attract some level of financial input by Government. The quantum of this contribution, as set out below, may change from time to time, but would always form an important component of the event. It is always at the discretion of the family or relatives of the person being granted a State or National Funeral to decline the financial contribution or other aspects of the State or National ceremony, but this should be left up to the discretion of the family or relatives and not the discretion of Government;
- (ii) agreed that the section of EX MIN 15/475, wherein Council agreed that in the future the Ministry of Home Affairs should consider a process whereby the contribution of EC\$8,000.00 would be granted where it could be established that the family required such financial assistance, be revised in accordance with iii and iv below;
- (iii) agreed that the contribution of EC\$8,000.00 should be reduced to EC\$5,000.00 with immediate effect;
- (iv) agreed that the remaining EC\$3,000.00 should be disbursed as follows:-

Contribution to the RAPF towards the band	EC\$ 1,600.00
Contribution to the RAPF – Water	100.00
Transport of RAPF Band (payment of bus driver)	268.00
Contribution to The Anguillian Newspaper - (this to include, for the GOA archives, a copy of the edition and a CD of the associated pictures taken)	824.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	208.00
- (v) noted EX MIN 14/612 (vii) of 2 October 2014 which approved the holding of national funerals for persons awarded the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's Certificate under the Revolution, moving forward, and Council to be informed;

- (vi) additionally noted the Information Note (as attached) regarding the number of national funerals to date;
- (vii) agreed that, in the case of persons being awarded the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's Certificate under Social Development that, as is being done for the Revolutionary heroes, flags should be flown at Half Mast and a Statement of Condolence be published, moving forward. No financial contribution would be provided. This would also help to create a clear distinction between those honoured under the Revolution and those under Social Development; and
- (viii) was reminded of the draft Honours and Awards Policy that was last tabled in May 2013 to be further considered by Executive Council.

Action: PS, MHA; PAS, MHA

EX MIN 15/536

EX MEM 15/308 ANGUILLA UNITED FRONT MANIFESTO 2015 – 2020 AND BEYOND: THE ANGUILLA DREAM – GROWING HOPE, INCREASING OPPORTUNITY, EMBRACING OUR YOUTH, CARING FOR ALL

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

Council:-

- (i) noted the Anguilla United Front Manifesto 2015 – 2020;
- (ii) agreed that the Anguilla United Front Manifesto 2015 – 2020 should be accepted as the Government's guiding policy document; and
- (iii) agreed that all Government Ministries and Departments should be advised that the Manifesto is to be used to develop programme and operational plans.

Action: MINS OF GOV'T; PERM SECS

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 15/537

IMPROVING AIR ACCESS FOR ANGUILLA – SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM

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

Council agreed that:-

- (i) in the short term, the GoA through its departments and statutory agencies should work with the local operators and/or Anguillian owned foreign

carriers to improve air access, which would mean engaging with the likes of Anguilla Air Services, Trans Anguilla Airways and Rainbow International;

- (ii) given the current financial and other difficulties faced by Rainbow International Airlines, the GoA should provide a letter indicating that there were ongoing discussions with respect to the possibility of providing assistance to facilitate the resumption of the USVI, San Juan – Anguilla service;
- (iii) the services of an appropriately qualified Consultant should be engaged to undertake a study of how to improve air access to Anguilla in the short term given the limitations of the Clayton J. Lloyd International Airport and the availability of air carriers and aircraft to serve the San Juan – Anguilla route and the Antigua – Anguilla route; and
- (iv) Council be updated on Thursday 5th November 2015.

Action: PS, MICUH; MINS OF GOV'T
