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MINUTES OF THE 23RD MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 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 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 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
Mrs Shantelle Richardson, Director of Economic Planning
Mrs Anthea Ipinson-Connor, Chief Project Officer
Ms Jamila Gumbs, Budget Officer
Mr Perin Bradley, Comptroller, Inland Revenue
Mr Kiel Connor, Collections & Compliance Manager, IR
Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUHAF
Mrs Kathleen Rogers, PS, PA
Mrs Sandra York-Gumbs, Financial/Administrative Services Manager, DICUH
Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett, PS, ELSYC
Ms Michelle Daley, Parliamentary Counsel
Mr Travis Carty, Comptroller of Customs
Mr Giovanni Francisca, Deputy Comptroller of Customs
Dr Robert F. Koenig, President, LED Industrial Group
Mr Al Gutman, Chief Operating Officer, LED Industrial Group
- ABSENT: The Hon Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development

EX MIN 15/595

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Mrs Evalie Bradley, Ministerial Assistant, MHA and Mr Othlyn Vanterpool, Ministerial Assistant, MICUHAF joined the Meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 and the Minutes of the 22nd Meeting held on Thursday 15th October 2015 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Tuesday 20th October 2015.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 15/596

EX MIN 15/583 EX MEM 15/335 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR ANGUILLA ROADS & CONSTRUCTION

Ministerial Assistant, MHA and Ministerial Assistant, MICUHAF remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 15/583 of 15th October 2015, Council agreed that the minute should be amended to read:-

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Anguilla Roads & Construction (c/o Mr Derick Romney) on a Marini Mobile Asphalt Plant.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is US\$150,000.00.

Council did not agree duty exemption on the Mobile Combo Gravity Transit Concrete Plant. However, Council was willing to discuss scheduling of payments on the Concrete Plant.

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

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

EX MIN 15/597

EX MEM 15/343 REMUNERATION: ALTERNATES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

Ministerial Assistant, MHA and Ministerial Assistant, MICUHAF remained in attendance.

Council agreed that:-

- (i) the HR and Training Committee, the ICT Committee and the Public Relations Committee of the Social Security Board should be remunerated effective 1st July 2015 as follows:-

Chairperson EC\$250.00

Members EC\$200.00

- (ii) the National Health Insurance Project Committee should be remunerated with effect from 1st October 2015 as follows:

Chairperson EC\$350.00

Members EC\$300.00

Council additionally agreed that the Chairman and Members of the Social Security Board should be invited to attend the Meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 5th November 2015 to brief Council on their policies and organisational duties.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; DIR, SSB

EX MIN 15/598

EX MEM 15/344 EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES AND CHARGES – MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS IMPORTED FOR STUDENTS

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Ministerial Assistant, MHA and Ministerial Assistant, MICUHAF remained in attendance.

Council agreed that:-

- (i) musical instruments being imported for use in music programmes at the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School and other schools should be exempted from customs duties and charges once their importation had been endorsed by the relevant school and where appropriate, the Department of Education; and
- (ii) Customs Officials should provide an indication of the amount of custom duties paid on musical instruments imported into Anguilla over the last five (5) years.

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

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

EX MIN 15/599

EX MEM 15/345 RE-APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE ANGUILLA AIR AND SEA PORTS AUTHORITY

Ministerial Assistant, MHA and Ministerial Assistant, MICUHAF remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) approved the appointment of Mr Maurice Connor to the Board of the Anguilla Air and Sea Ports Authority for a term of two (2) years in accordance with Section 3 (1) of the Anguilla Air and Sea Ports Authority Act R.S.A c. A57; and
- (ii) agreed that the allowances for all Board Members should remain unchanged.

Action: PS, MICUHAF; CHAIR, AASPA

EX MIN 15/600

EX MEM 15/346 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CLINTON CLIMATE INITIATIVE AGREEMENT

Ministerial Assistant, MHA and Ministerial Assistant, MICUHAF remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) approved the proposed amendments to the Clinton Climate Initiative Agreement as attached; and
- (ii) authorised the Hon Minister, MICUHAF to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Government of Anguilla.

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

Action: PS, MICUH; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 15/601

EX MEM 15/347 RE-CATEGORISATION AND FILLING OF CHAMBERS SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL (CRIME) AS CROWN COUNSEL (CRIME)

Ministerial Assistant, MHA and Ministerial Assistant, MICUHAF remained in attendance.

Council agreed that:-

- (i) a new post of Crown Counsel (Crime) should be created in the Attorney General's Chambers and filled; and
- (ii) funding for the new post should be paid from the personal emoluments budget which is to be increased to the extent of the salary of \$112,356. The professional and consultancy budget is to be reduced by the corresponding amount. This should reduce the total forward estimate for 2016 under Code 338 for Professional and Consultancy fees from EC\$1,741,687 to EC\$1,629,331 but increase Personal Emoluments at Code 310 from EC\$1,838,919 to EC\$1,951,275.

Council further agreed that the post of Senior Crown Counsel (Crime) would remain unfilled given the advice that three lawyers dealing with criminal matters was sufficient for current workloads. Future Executive Council approval would be required to change the structure of the criminal team. If then a decision was taken to fill the post of Senior Crown Counsel (Crime), it was envisaged that a post of Crown Counsel (Crime) would then be removed from the budget.

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

EX MIN 15/602

EX MEM 15/348 LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ministerial Assistant, MHA and Ministerial Assistant, MICUHAF remained in attendance.

The Hon Attorney General updated Council on the progress of potential legislation prior to a Meeting of the House of Assembly on 3rd November 2015 as indicated below:-

1. Domestic Violence Bill

Council noted that instructions were being given so that committee stage amendments could be made and the Bill progressed at the forthcoming Meeting of the HoA on 3rd November 2015.

2. Legal Profession Bill

Council agreed to publication and public consultation regarding the revised draft Bill prior to the first reading on 3rd November 2015. Following the first reading, there should be further public consultation, to include the Chief Justice and Judiciary of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, before the second/third readings.

3. Special Advisers Bill

Council noted the revised draft Bill and offered further guidance to the AG to facilitate the finalisation of the Bill.

4. Anguilla Police Amendment Bill

Council noted that the extended time for public consultation would end on 30th October 2015. Any further comments would be considered, and any amendments brought back to Executive Council, prior to any approval for the first reading. This would not be possible for 3rd November 2015.

5. Contingency Banking Legislation

Council noted that instructions were still being awaited before the formatting of the previously discussed contingency legislation.

Action: HON AG; MINS OF GOV'T

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 15/603

PRESENTATION TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON LED STREET LIGHTING PROJECT FOR ANGUILLA

Ministerial Assistant, MHA and Ministerial Assistant, MICUHAF remained in attendance. The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUHAF
 Dr Robert F. Koenig, President, LED Industrial Group
 Mr Al Gutman, Chief Operating Officer, LED Industrial Group

Council noted the presentation from the representatives of the LED Industrial Group on a proposed Lighting Project for Anguilla. The representatives of the LED Industrial Group pointed out that they work with Governments to substantially reduce their energy utility bill, while enhancing their facility with LED lights, related energy efficiency products and even custom designed products to meet their individual needs. The representatives further pointed out that their objective was to replace and maintain all agreed lights with LEDs and that one of the main advantages of this project was, guaranteed savings.

Council asked that the representatives from LED Industrial Group speak further to the relevant persons in the MICUHAF.

Action: PS, MICUHAF; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 15/604

EX MIN 15/592 EX MEM 15/340 DRAFT 2016 BUDGET AND FORWARD ESTIMATES (2017 – 2018) FOR NEW SPENDING AND SAVINGS OPTIONS FOR RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AND RECURRENT REVENUE

Ministerial Assistant, MHA, Ministerial Assistant, MICUHAF and PS, MICUHAF remained in attendance. The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN
 Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICTLP
 Mrs Shona Proctor, Budget Director
 Mrs Shantelle Richardson, Director of Economic Planning
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 Mr Giovanni Francisca, Deputy Comptroller of Customs

EX MIN 15/592 of 20th October 2015 refers.

Council additionally agreed that further discussions on the draft 2016 Budget should continue on Thursday 29th October 2015.

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