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**MINUTES OF THE 39<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott
- The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development and Acting Chief Minister
- 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 Acting Attorney General, Mr Ivor Greene
- Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary  
Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake, PS, HSD  
Mr Richard Adey, Consultant, Oxitec  
Mr Geoff Turner, Regulatory Manager, Oxitec  
Mrs Nicola Webster, Executive Assistant/Understudy to Clerk, Executive Council
- ABSENT: The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,  
Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism, Lands & Physical Planning
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones

EX MIN 16/125 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary joined the Meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016, the Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 16/126 None

EX MIN 16/127 **PRESENTATION BY OXITEC ON THE AEDES AEGYPTI AND THE ZIKA VIRUS**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake, PS, HSD and Messrs Richard Adey, Consultant, Oxitec and Geoff Turner, Regulatory Manager, Oxitec joined the Meeting.

Mr Richard Adey, Consultant, Oxitec gave a power point presentation on the Aedes Aegypti and the Zika Virus.

Mr Adey explained to Council the benefits of the Project that was being introduced by their company. He further explained that only female mosquitoes bite and transmit harmful diseases. He said that to tackle this problem, genetically modified male Aedes Aegypti mosquitoes were bred and then introduced into an island's environment. Mr Adey pointed out that the male mosquitoes were produced with self-destructive genetic material and then released into the environment to search for the female mosquitoes of the same species. He explained the process in detail and indicated that this process was intended to eradicate the young Aedes Aegypti mosquitoes.

Council noted that this mosquito was responsible for transmitting diseases such as Yellow Fever, Dengue Fever, Chikungunya and recently, the Zika Virus.

Council further noted that Oxitec currently operates in Brazil, Panama, Cayman Islands & Malaysia. Council concluded that more research and further dialogue was necessary to determine whether this methodology was suitable for Anguilla.

Council thanked the Officials for a comprehensive presentation.

Action: PS, HSD; HON MIN, HSD

Action: HON AG; CIR; PS, EDICTLP; DLS; TIO; CC; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 16/129 **EX MEM 16/75 TRANSFER OF PUBLIC OFFICER TO FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that:-

- (i) Ms Mary Clare Haskins-Banton should be transferred to the Financial Services Commission effective 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016; and
- (ii) Ms Haskins-Banton's transfer be effected by regulation in accordance with section 66 of the Pensions Act.

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

Action: HON AG; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; DIR, FSC; ACC GEN

EX MIN 16/130

**EX MEM 16/76 PROPOSED LEFT TURN LANE AT GEORGE HILL STOP LIGHT**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted an email dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 from the Chief Engineer, DICUHAFIT with a suggestion from the PS, FIN that the matter be deferred for informed input by the Chief Project Officer, who was off island;
- (ii) noted that in EX MIN 16/14 of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Council agreed that the DLS should write to the Proprietor of the property to communicate Government's offer of US\$60,000.00 (EC\$161,292.00);
- (iii) additionally noted an email dated 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 from the Proprietor accepting Government's offer of US\$60,000.00 (EC\$161,292.00);
- (iv) therefore approved US\$60,000.00 (EC\$161,292.00) for the acquisition of property described as Registration Section South Central, Block 38713 B, Parcel 13, containing 0.50 acre of land registered to Marguerite Marcelle Violenus of Statia Valley, Anguilla as Lawful Attorney of Wilhelmina Eliza Violenus nee Richardson as personal representative of the estate of Ulrica Richardson Gumbs aka Ulrica Hughes and Ulrica Richardson deceased, for the purpose of developing a by-pass for public use; and
- (v) agreed that the relevant transfer forms would be issued from the Department of Lands & Surveys for execution and that payment terms were to be agreed, subject to the availability of funds.

Action: DLS; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; PS, MICUHAFIT; CHIEF ENG; ACC GEN

EX MIN 16/131

**EX MEM 16/77 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MR X**

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

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that Mr X, who is employed by the Government of Anguilla should be paid his deferred salary of EC\$22,778.22 to assist him with costs associated with his son's medical condition, subject to the outstanding sums being paid directly by the Treasury Department (following communication to Mr X) to the following:-

- a) EC\$10,000.00 to be paid to the Department of Social Development; and

b) EC\$ 4,394.95 to be paid to the Health Authority of Anguilla.

Council further agreed that the balance of EC\$8,383.27 should be paid to Mr X who has indicated that his son would have to undergo follow-up therapy.

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

Action: COP; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN

**ORAL MENTION**

EX MIN 16/132

**OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

Council was informed of the following dates of travel:-

- 1) Hon Minister, MICUH - 26 February 2016, St. Kitts – personal
- 2) Hon Minister of Social Dev. - 2 – 5 March, Guyana – Caricom/Caribbean COHSOD Meeting on Youth & Culture
- 3) HE The Governor - 2 – 6 March, Bermuda – Caribbean Governors’ Conference

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

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