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MINUTES OF THE 80TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2016

- 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 Perin Bradley
- 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 John McKendrick QC
- Mrs Nicola Webster, Acting Clerk to Executive Council
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary
- Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUHAFIT
Mr Nigel Connor, Chief Engineer, Roads
Mr Kenneth Hodge, PAS, MHA
Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS
- ABSENT: The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development

EX MIN 16/776 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary joined the Meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 79th Meeting held on Thursday
15th December 2016.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 16/777 None

EX MIN 16/778

EX MEM 16/499 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – B&F CO. LIMITED - REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 18011 B, PARCELS 140, 147 & 150, CONTAINING 0.29, 0.48 AND 1.43 ACRES, RESPECTIVELY

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained in attendance. Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS joined the Meeting.

Council noted and agreed that the matter should be deferred pending further discussions between the Attorney General and the Director of Lands and Surveys.

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

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

EX MIN 16/779

EX MEM 16/500 REAPPOINTMENT OF PAROLE BOARD MEMBERS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained in attendance. The Hon Deputy Governor declared an interest and excused himself from the discussion.

Council:-

- (i) noted that Section 2 of the Parole of Prisoners Act 2011 establishes the Parole Board and that Members are appointed by the Governor in Council to serve for a two year term and are eligible for reappointment;
- (ii) noted that the current board is comprised of the following persons:
 - (a) Mr. Ronald Scipio(Chairperson) - Lawyer with experience in Criminal Law
 - (b) Mrs. Rhonda Connor - Mental Health Professional
 - (c) Mr. Hubert M. Hughes - Law Enforcement Professional
 - (d) Rev. Egbert Dunstan Richardson - Religious Leader
 - (e) Mr. Seymour Hodge - Member of the Community

with Mr. Dereck Gumbs and Mr. Reynolds Richardson serving as alternate members to the board and falls into the category of “Member of the Community;”
- (iii) further noted that since their appointment to the Board, each of the above named persons has undergone extensive training in preparation for hearing cases. Any new member would be expected to undergo similar training. The current board has served two, two-year terms; and
- (iv) approved the Ministry of Health & Social Development’s recommendation that the Board be reappointed given that the Board has served commendably and that they are the only persons in Anguilla currently trained to serve.

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

Action: PS, HSD; PS, FIN

EX MIN 16/780

EX MEM 16/501 REMUNERATION DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that the Social Security Board is being guided in terms of making decisions by the Charles Bobb-Semple job evaluation exercise and subsequent report of 2013 with regards to the remuneration of Social Security Board employees;
- (ii) approved the recommended remuneration for the Director in Grade 10 at EC\$19,130 per month; and
- (iii) agreed that to be consistent with the frozen salaries of the other employees, the Director's salary should be frozen at that point until such time when frozen salaries at the institution become un-frozen.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; CHAIR, SSB;

EX MIN 16/781

EX MEM 16/502 DUTY EXEMPTION MADEARIMAN RESTAURANT

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained in attendance

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Madeariman Restaurant (c/o Bevington Harrigan) on the attached list of items on the grounds that the restaurant is a local tourism related facility that is undergoing restoration after the destruction of the facility by fire as well as it is consistent with Government's policy to support local initiatives in the tourism sector.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$44,454.00.

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

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

EX MIN 16/782

EX MEM 16/503 TO APPROVE DEGREE OF GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LATE LEGISLATOR ALBERT HUGHES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained in attendance. Mr Kenneth Hodge, PAS, MHA joined the Meeting

Council:-

- (i) noted that the Hon. Mr. Albert Hughes served in the Anguilla House of Assembly as an Elected Member for some twenty seven years: 1980 – 1981; 1984 – 1999; 1990 – 2000; and 2000 – 2010;
- (ii) agreed that in light of Mr Hughes' contributions to the people of Anguilla, that a contribution of EC\$26,882.00 should be given towards the cost of a National Funeral for the late legislator on Thursday January 5th 2017;
- (iii) agreed that the viewing of the body should take place at the Atlin Noraldo Harrigan Parliamentary Building on Thursday January 5, 2017 between the hours of 10am to 2pm. A Police Guard of Honour will be drawn up at the Church and a contingent of uniformed officers to bear the body in and out of the church and at the graveside. Casket to be draped with the National Flag.
- (iv) further agreed that the flags fly at Half Mast until sundown on the day of the funeral; and
- (v) instructed the Ministry of Home Affairs to prepare for Council endorsement a policy document governing the arrangements and eligibility for National Funerals and the support available from the Government of Anguilla.

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

Action: PS, MHA; PAS, MHA; HON, AG

EX MIN 16/783

EX MEM 16/504 TRANSFER OF ROAD TRANSPORT REGULATION SERVICES FROM THE RAPF TO THE MICUHAFIT

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained in attendance. Messrs Larry Franklin, PS, MICUHAFIT and Nigel Connor, Chief Engineer (Ag), joined the Meeting.

Council was given an overview of the proposed Transfer of Road Transport Regulation Services from the RAPF to the MICUHAFIT by Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUHAFIT.

Council:-

- (i) noted the policy initiatives that are included in Policy Paper for the Transfer of Road Transport Regulation Services from the RAPF to the MICUHAFIT;
- (ii) noted the comments from the Commissioner of Police and Financial Advisor;
- (iii) approved in principle the transfer of the Road Transport Regulation Services from the RAPF and IRD to the Ministry with responsibility for transportation;
- (iv) noted and approved the proposed drafting brief for the Transfer of Road Transport Regulation Services from the RAPF and IRD to the MICUHAFIT; and
- (v) further noted the paper on options for Roadworthiness Enforcement in Anguilla and agreed that this should be published for public consultation in advance of finalising the policy and preparing detailed drafting instructions for use by the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the necessary amendments to the law.

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

Action: PS, MICUHAFIT; CE(AG); HON, AG; PS, FIN; CIR; COP; FA

EX MIN 16/784

EX MEM 16/505 DUTY EXEMPTION TODVILLE HARRIGAN

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained in attendance.

Council agreed that duty exemption of 50% on a bus that is currently warehoused by the Customs Department should be granted to Mr Todville Harrigan, a veteran taxi and tours operator, on the grounds that this vehicle will be registered and used as a taxi and not a private vehicle.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$7,056.53

Council further noted the ongoing need for a clear, public and available policy for the issuing of duty exemptions, and asked that the Comptroller of Customs expedite this in the early part of 2017.

Council asked that the Attorney General's Chambers prepare the relevant papers for consideration by the House of Assembly.

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

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

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 16/785 **STATE FUNERAL AND PROPOSED BURIAL SITE FOR THE LATE FATHER OF THE NATION MR. JAMES RONALD WEBSTER**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained in attendance.

The Attorney General informed Council that the legislative documents to facilitate the State Funeral and proposed burial site has been drafted and is ready to be tabled at the next sitting of the House of Assembly.

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

Action: PS, MHA; PAS, MHA; HON, AG; CL, HOA

EX MIN 16/786 **UK OT MINISTER TO VISIT ANGUILLA**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

H E The Governor updated Council on the plans for the UK Hon Minister for the Overseas Territories' visit on 9th January, 2017.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 16/787 **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained in attendance.

The Hon Chief Minister and Minister of Finance informed Council that he would be travelling to St Lucia to attend the funeral service on 3rd January 2017 of the late Sir Dwight Venner from 2nd to 4th January, 2017.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
