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MINUTES OF THE 171ST MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY 2019

PRESENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

The Honourable Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Evans Rogers

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-Hodge

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Mr Curtis Richardson

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan

EX MIN 19/10 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 170th Meeting held on Thursday 3 January 2019.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 19/11 **EX MEM 18/292 PROPOSED TEMPORARY ACCESS TO WHARF IN THE COVE BAY**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Following from EX MIN 19/02 of 3 January 2019, Council asked the Hon Minister for Infrastructure for an update on Thursday 17 January.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; APM/GOV'S OFF; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; CPO;
HON MIN, MICUHAFE

EX MIN 19/12

UPDATE ON THE ANGUILLA PROGRAMME

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Following from EX MIN 19/09 of 3 January, Council noted the urgent need to speed up delivery of projects. Council noted that the demands of delivering this large programme clearly exceeded the resources of MICUH and that this was slowing down the delivery of key projects. Most notably in the education sector where deadlines for the production of technical drawings needed to take projects to tender had consistently slipped.

Council therefore requested the Anguilla Programme Manager to:

- (a) as a matter of urgency to draw in the additional technical expertise and project management needed to accelerate delivery; and
- (b) to provide a paper for Council's next meeting clearly outlining – for each project – who is managing each project and what, if any input remains outstanding from MICUH.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; CPO; BD; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/13

OVERVIEW ON THE PUBLIC SECTOR TRANSFORMATION BY PAS, PA

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed that the presentation be deferred.

Action: HON DG; PAS, PA

EX MIN 19/14

2019 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed that the 2018 legislative calendar should be revisited to determine what pieces of legislation needed urgent attention. Council highlighted the importance of having the Amendments to the Banking Act finalised.

Action: HON AG; HON DG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/15

ELECTIONS UPDATE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to have further discussion on this.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 19/16

2018 ESTIMATES OF RECURRENT REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND CAPITAL BUDGET AND 2019 BUDGET UPDATE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained. PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan joined.

Council noted, and was content with the performance of the 2018 Estimates of Recurrent Revenue, Expenditure and Capital Budget. PS, Finance pointed out that due to prudent management and the good revenue performance, arrears had been significantly reduced. FEDICT officials were advised that more stringent measures may have to be applied in 2019.

Council further noted that the 2019 budget would be presented to Executive Council on Thursday 17 January for initial deliberation.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/17

EX MEM 19/01 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT - DOMINION PROPERTIES CORP - REGISTRATION SECTION: ROAD, BLOCK: 08412 B, PARCEL 182, CONTAINING 1.2 ACRES WITH DWELLING HOUSE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Dominion Properties Corp, to hold, on a freehold basis, 1.2 acres of land, situate at Registration Section Road, Block 08412 B Parcel 182, with a dwelling house thereon, subject to the payment of the following fees:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$833,342.00	EC\$41,667.10
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulations Act – 5% of EC\$833,342.00	EC\$41,667.10
	TOTAL	EC\$83,334.20

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, FIN

EX MIN 19/18

INF 19/01 INFORMATION NOTE:- NATIONAL FUNERAL FOR THE LATE MR. VERNON HODGE IN RECOGNITION OF HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO ANGUILLA DURING THE REVOLUTION

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council noted the passing of Mr Vernon Hodge of Island Harbour on Wednesday 26 December 2018.

Mr Hodge was one of the prominent foot soldiers of the Anguilla Revolution working closely with revolutionary leader, Mr Ronald Webster and other freedom fighters in

1967. He continued his fierce patriotism over the years to ensure the success of the Revolution.

The late Mr Vernon Hodge was awarded with the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's Certificate in 2008 for his outstanding contribution to the Anguilla Revolution.

In keeping with EX MIN 14/612 (vii) and EX MIN 15/535, the Ministry of Home Affairs has therefore begun the process of making arrangements which would include:

- (i) the holding of a National Funeral for the late Vernon Hodge in collaboration with the family;
- (ii) the publication of an official Statement of Condolence from the Government and people of Anguilla on the passing of this outstanding revolutionary;
- (iii) flags to be flown at Half Mast on the day preceding the funeral;
- (iv) a Police Guard of Honour to 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 covered with the national flag; and
- (v) a contribution of EC\$5,000 towards the cost of the funeral expenses and EC\$3,000 towards the other expenses.

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

Action: PS, MHA; PS, FIN

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 19/19

EX MEM 18/08 REPLACEMENT OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES 2017

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

In EX MIN 18/13 of 11 January 2018, Council granted approval for the MICUH/MOF to undertake the acquisition for 26 - 30 vehicles under a lease-to-own arrangement as part of the vehicle replacement plan. Council noted that this arrangement has not happened. Since the beginning of this year, Ministers have been using their personal vehicles and have expressed their dissatisfaction for having to do so.

Council requested the Hon Deputy Governor to speak to PS, MICUHAFE on the matter in an effort to reaching an expeditious resolution. Council agreed that whatever is being proposed, to ensure that it is legitimate.

Action: HON DG; PS, MICUHAFE; CHIEF ENG; DCE; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT;
PAS, FIN; BD; CPO; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/20

ANGUILLA'S REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT FOR THE MARITIME SECTOR

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

H E The Governor expressed concern regarding the lack of urgency for this matter and the fact that there was UK funding allocated for the programme.

H E informed Council of his intention to write a letter to the person/s involved.

Action: H E; PS, MICUHAFE; HON DG; MINS OF GOV'T
