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## MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 9.00AM

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

The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,

Dr Ellis Webster

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services,

Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers

The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Kenneth Hodge

The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes

The Honourable Minister for Economic Development, Commerce, Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources, Mr Kyle Hodge

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,

Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie

Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social

Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson

Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

### EX MIN 20/365 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting of Executive Council held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

As it relates to the AP&H Census 2021 the Honourable Deputy Governor will engage with the Chief Statistician to indicate the necessity of having a physical addressing system.

All departments have submitted revised submissions in support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> supplementary budget. The AG advised that financial bills can be advanced in one sitting of the House of Assembly.

Progress is being made with respect to the legislative amendments required to allow for "digital work permits". Council noted that there are some persons already working in Anguilla on this basis and steps should be made to have them regularize their status.

### EX MIN 20/366 COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin Dir. of the Chronic Disease Unit, Mrs Twyla Richardson-Bradshaw Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

### **Accelerated repatriation**

The Health Planner and PS Health briefed Council on the progress of the accelerated repatriation programme:

### Council noted:

- (i) that as at 3 September 335 persons had been repatriated, with a further 56 classified as medical returnees;
- (ii) that as at 3 September a further 464 registered persons remain overseas in 44 countries and territories 65% are located in the USA, Dominican Republic and UK;
- (iii) that 16 persons have been identified locally to fulfill quarantine staffing requirements;
- (iv) that 11 new case workers have been appointed to the Repatriation Team. They will contact all remaining persons registered to confirm their interest in repatriating;
- (v) that the amendment to the Quarantine (Covid-19) (Arriving Passengers Health Clearance) Rules 2020 (Covid-19 rules) to enable the collection of quarantine charges was signed by the Quarantine Authority on September 1 2020; and
- (vi) that confidentiality is fundamental in handling sensitive health matters and this has to be reinforced.

### Following discussion Council:

- (i) thanked the Health team for their good work in facilitating repatriation;
- (ii) agreed the proposed amendment to the Quarantine (Covid-19) (Arriving Passengers Health Clearance) Rules 2020, to permit quarantine charges for visitors in Government quarantine;
- (iii) agreed that the position with respect to testing for outbound travel shall remain the same no tests shall be done unless travel is authorized by the CMO; and
- (iv) agreed that where there are public health concerns the Minister of Health and CMO are the appropriate persons to give pertinent information to the public in response to those concerns.

Action: PS, HLTH; CMO; DIR CDU; HP; HON MIN, HLTH; HON AG

### EX MIN 20/367

# EX MEM 20/169 THE DISCONTINUANCE AND DECLARATION PROCESS FOR THE SECTION OF THE WELL ROAD IN SANDY GROUND

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

### Council noted the following:

- (i) that Executive Council Minute 13/289 approved the subdivision of land to be subsequently exchanged and transferred to the Crown;
- (ii) that this agreement required the discontinuance of the public section of the Well Road and the declaration of the new section as a public road, replacing the discontinued road;
- (iii) that discontinuance and declaration notices have been gazetted without objection;
- (iv) the Chief Engineer has signed off and given consent to the process being finalized; and
- (v) approved the completion of the declaration and discontinuance process, which is to be actioned by the respective Departments.

Action: DLS, PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 20/368

## UPDATE ON CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Commissioner of Police briefed Council on (1) the status of criminal activity in Anguilla, considering the impact of Covid-19 and

(2) the ongoing and planned future crime prevention strategies of the Royal Anguilla Police Force.

### Further to discussion Council:

- (i) agreed that it would be beneficial to engage in community outreach with high risk individuals/families. The Commissioner of Police will identify the areas and persons of concern and work with Ministers to build relationships with those persons identified as high risk; and
- (ii) further agreed that the Commissioner of Police would convene a meeting with the PS of Social Development and the Safeguarding Board to further discuss the pertinent issues.

Action: PS, HA; HON, MIN HA, MINS OF GOV'T

### EX MIN 20/369 **EX MEM 20/170 APPLICATIONS FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

### Council:

- (i) agreed that the following persons should be granted the Permit of Permanent Residence in accordance with Section 24 of the Immigration and Passport Act:
  - 1. Josefina Javier Carrion
  - 2. Brianna Monique Keymist
  - 3. Simone Anestasia Paul
  - 4. Corvell Roy Ricketts
  - 5. Samantha Phillip
  - 6. George Sentinta Nicolas
  - 7. Agustina De Jesus De Gomez
  - 8. Shevon Laurica Fraser-McDowall
  - 9. Lisa Anthony

- Ursula Udora Browne
- 11. Rickie Collin Young
- 12. Suzanna Geead
- 13. Paula Joycelyn Moise
- 14. Shonelle Daniella Findlay
- 15. Hector Agacer
- 16. Linda Leonette Bernicia Richards
- 17. Alejancro Romero Reyes
- 18. Leonel Cecilio Francia Mota
- 19. Dahlia Orinthia Danota
- 20. Pascal Marie Baronnier
- 21. Nelly Johanna Rodriguez Fulgencio
- 22. Geoffrey Michael Vibert
- (ii) noted that the Minister of Immigration did not support the application submitted by Geoffrey Michael Vibert and he was not recommended for approval on the basis that he did not meet the requirements for permanent residency;
- (iii) noted that the application of Nelly Johanna Rodriguez Fulgencio should be revisited at a later stage;
- (iv) agreed that the application of Samantha Tanisha Davis be deferred for a short period until the requirements of having lived in Anguilla for ten years had been met;
- (v) further agreed that each applicant must submit a valid Certificate of Good Standing from the Inland Revenue Department, before the Permit of Permanent Residence is issued; and
- (vi) noted that granting Permanent Residence did not exempt persons from the provisions of the Control of Employment Act, nor did it entitle them to Belonger status until they have been residing in Anguilla for 15 years, or become naturalized British Overseas Territories Citizens in Anguilla. These individuals would become eligible to apply for naturalization after one year of permanent residency.

Action: HON, AG; LAB COM; CIO; PS, HA; HON, MIN HA

## EX MIN 20/370 **EX MEM 20/171 UNLAWFUL TAKING OF GOATS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed that the Government of Anguilla should settle this matter for US\$16,000. The Attorney General's Chambers considers that the sum of US\$16,000 is reasonable in the circumstances and would be similar to or less than what a Court would award when legal costs are taken into account. The costs shall be borne by the Department of Natural Resources.

Action: HON, AG: PS, MICHUT; HON, MIN MICHUT

## EX MIN 20/371 <u>EX MEM 20/172 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE 2</u> (SECTION 5) OF THE R.S.A. C. V10 VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC

**REGULATIONS R.R.A. V10-6** 

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council noted the request to amend Schedule 2 (Section 5) of the R.S.A. c. V10 Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations R.R.A. V10-6, as follows:

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
Governor	GOVERNOR
Deputy Governor	DG
Premier	PREMIER
Minister of Home Affairs and Lands and Planning	МОНА
Minister of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology and Natural Resources	MEDICIT
Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism	MICUHT
Minister of Social Development and Education	MSDE
Attorney General	AG
Parliamentary Secretary	PARLSEC
Ministerial Assistants	MA

### Following discussion Council:

- (i) agreed to the proposed changes; and
- (ii) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to commence drafting amendments to Schedule 2 (Section 5) of the R.S.A. c. V10 Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations R.R.A. V10-6.

Action: HON, AG: PS, MICHUT; HON, MIN MICHUT

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