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MINUTES OF THE 224TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2020
AT 9:00 AM

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

The Honourable Premier 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, MBE

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor
Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin

EX MIN 20/92

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and
Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Tuesday 3 March 2020.
Council agreed that the Minutes of the 223rd Meeting held on Thursday 5 March 2020
should be confirmed at the next meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 19 March.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 20/93

ELECTION PETITION RULES, 2020 (DRAFT)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and
Financial Specialist remained.

Following on from EX MIN 20/83 of 5 March, Council asked the Hon Attorney General to ensure that the Hon Minister, MHA has seen the Regulations before submission to Executive Council on Thursday 19 March for consideration.

Action: PS, MHA/ED; HON AG; PC; SOE; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 20/94

STATUTORY BODIES – BUSINESS ACCOUNTS, BUSINESS PLANS AND BUDGETS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council deferred discussion on this to the next meeting of Executive Council to be held on Thursday 19 March.

Action: HON DG; PS, PA; PS, FIN; OTHER PERM SECS; BD; CIR; ACC GEN

EX MIN 20/95

EX MEM 20/51 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR SANDCASTLE BEACH HOUSE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Sandcastle Beach House (c/o Mr Phillipe Goyette) on the attached list of items already imported for the renovation of the old Limestone Bay Café;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$40,577.74.

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

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

EX MIN 20/96

EX MEM 20/52 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR CHARLES VANTERPOOL TAXI SERVICE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to Charles Vanterpool Taxi Service, a licensed transportation company (c/o Mr Charles Vanterpool), on an eight-passenger taxi to be imported to upgrade his fleet;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and

(iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$25, 272.16.

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

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

EX MIN 20/97

EX MEM 20/53 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR IMPORTATION OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to Mr Leonard Kentish on the importation of an electric vehicle;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$11, 948.16.

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

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

EX MIN 20/98

EX MEM 20/54 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR VANCOY'S LIMO & CHAUFFEURING SERVICES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Vancoy's Limo & Chauffeur Services, a licensed transportation company (c/o Mr F. Makoy Romney) on a used 2016 Cadillac Escalade to be imported to upgrade his fleet;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$34, 946.60.

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

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

EX MIN 20/99

EX MEM 20/55 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION BY POLICE WEEK COMMITTEE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to the Police Week Committee (c/o Mr Paul Morrison, Commissioner of Police) on a new imported 2020 White Ford Ranger Pick Up which is to be raffled as part of the Police Week activities; and
- (ii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$24,464.09.

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

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

EX MIN 20/100

EX MEM 20/56 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR ISLAND PHYSICAL THERAPY

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Island Physical Therapy (c/o Ms Gina Richardson) on the attached list of items to be imported for the purpose of providing physical therapy services to the general public;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$10,839.42.

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

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

EX MIN 20/101

EX MEM 20/57 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR GERALD HODGE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to Mr Gerald Hodge, owner/manager of a licensed transportation company, on a used imported 2017 Cadillac Escalade to upgrade his fleet;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$41,303.10.

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

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

EX MIN 20/102

EX MEM 20/58 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR JETHRO CONNOR

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to Mr Jethro Connor , owner/manager of a licensed transportation company, on the importation of a new Ford Transit Bus to upgrade his fleet;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$41,554.67.

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

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

EX MIN 20/103

EX MEM 20/59 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR ENERGIZER FOOD VAN BY RENFORD GUMBS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Energizer Food Van (c/o Mr Renford Gumbs) on the attached list of items to be imported for use in his mobile food business;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$3,284.04.

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

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

EX MIN 20/104

EX MEM 20/60 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR DARYL HODGE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to Mr Daryl Hodge, owner/manager of a licensed transportation company, on the importation of a new 2020 Hyundai H1 vehicle to upgrade his fleet;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$24,847.96.

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

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

EX MIN 20/105

EX MEM 20/61 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR JAMIEN CARTER

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to Mr Jamien Carter, owner/manager of Fire Farm, a locally owned business producing local organic pepper sauce, on the attached list of items to be imported for his business; and
- (ii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$535.91.

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

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

EX MIN 20/106

EX MEM 20/62 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR HUGHES MEDICAL CENTRE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Hughes Medical Centre (c/o Dr Lowell Hughes) on the attached list of items to be imported by the Centre;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$162, 367.28.

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

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

EX MIN 20/107

EX MEM 20/63 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR IMPORTATION OF A PASSENGER BUS BY FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to Faith Baptist Church (c/o Pastor David Christmas) on the importation of a Commuter Bus to be used for the sole purpose of transporting persons to and from church, and in community ministry activities;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$20, 725.92.

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

EX MIN 20/108

EX MEM 20/64 APPLICATION FOR DUTY AND TAX EXEMPTION FOR JUICE BAR

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to the Juice Bar (c/o Ms Melisha Maccow) on the attached list of items to be imported to provide fresh fruit juices in a relaxing atmosphere to the general public in Blowing Point;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$13,704.37.

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

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

EX MIN 20/109

EX MEM 20/65 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR IMPORTATION OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to Mrs Marian Egel on the importation of an electric vehicle;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$7,632.64.

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

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

EX MIN 20/110

EX MEM 20/66 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR ALFRED CONNOR

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to Mr Alfred Connor, a taxi operator, on the importation of a used 2016 Toyota Sienna to upgrade his fleet;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$9,592.56.

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

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

EX MIN 20/111

EX MEM 20/67 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – JOSEPH EDMONDO VERNA, CANDY ANN COPPOLA-VERNA AND CINDY ANN COPPOLA - REGISTRATION SECTION SOUTH EAST, BLOCK 79214 B, PARCEL 202 SL A1 & G6 CONTAINING 1243 SQ. FT. AND 260 SQ. FT. RESPECTIVELY

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Joseph Edmondo Verna, Candy Ann Coppola-Verna, and Cindy Ann Coppola to hold, on a freehold basis, land situated in Registration Section South East, Block 79214 B, described as Parcel 201 Strata Lot SL A1 and G6, consisting 1243 sq. ft. and 260 sq. ft. respectively with dwelling house thereon located in Sandy Hill for private residential purposes, subject to:

- (a) payment of the following stamp duties:
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| (i) under the Stamp Act – 5%
of EC\$684,886.15 | EC\$34,244.31 |
| (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – 5%
of EC\$684,886.15 | EC\$34,244.31 |
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| TOTAL | <u>EC\$68,488.62</u> |
- (b) Sandy Hill Beach Resort Club Development should be the exclusive renting agent for the villa;
- (c) the Licensees should be required to enter into an agreement with Sandy Hill Beach Resort Club Development for the management and use of the villa for at least forty-four (44) weeks in each calendar year;
- (d) the licensees shall have the right to reside in the villa for a maximum of eight (8) weeks in each calendar year without being liable for the payment of accommodation tax. However, if the applicants wish to live in their villa for a period longer than eight (8) weeks, then they should be required to pay the accommodation tax.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, FIN

EX MIN 20/112

EX MEM 20/68 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – NATALIA MURIEL PANTOJA – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99516 B, PARCEL 143 CONTAINING 0.75 OF AN ACRE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Natalia Muriel Pantoja, to hold, on a freehold basis, vacant properties situated in Registration Section East End, Block 99516 B, described as Parcel 143, containing 0.75 of an acre of land with a dwelling house thereon located in Sandy Hill for private residential purposes, subject to:

- (a) payment of the following stamp duties:
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| (i) under the Stamp Act – 5%
of EC\$806,460.00 | EC\$40,323.00 |
| (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – 5%
of EC\$806,460.00 | WAIVED |
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| TOTAL | <u>EC\$40,323.00</u> |

- (b) with the expressed condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent her dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Lands.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, FIN

EX MIN 20/113

EX MEM 20/69 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – AMIN BOUSSETA AND THOMAS MOREAU – REGISTRATION SECTION NORTH, BLOCK 59018 B, PARCEL 18 (PART OF) CONTAINING 0.50 OF AN ACRE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Amin Bousseta and Thomas Albert Christian Moreau to hold on a leasehold basis, property situated in Registration Section North, Block 59018 B, described as Parcel 18 (part of) containing 0.50 of an acre of land for commercial purposes with a restaurant building better known as Madeariman Restaurant thereon, subject to the following:

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| (a) | stamp duties payable are as follows: | |
| | (i) | |
| | | under the Stamp Act – |
| | | of EC\$322,584.00 x 9 years |
| | | and 11 months x 0.0005 |
| | | EC\$19,193.74 |
| | (ii) | stamp duty on Licence in accordance |
| | | with Aliens Land Holding Licence |
| | | Regulations Act 14(1)(e) |
| | | EC\$ 500.00 |
| | TOTAL | <u>EC\$19,693.74</u> |

- (b) the Applicant Company must obtain a business licence from the Ministry of Finance in order to rent the said property.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, FIN

EX MIN 20/114

EX MEM 20/70 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – HOTEL OWNER ANGUILLA LTD – PROPERTIES DESCRIBED AS REGISTRATION SECTION: WEST END; BLOCK: 18011 B; PARCELS 1, 2, 148, 211, 213, 215, 217 (FREEHOLD) AND PARCELS 4/1, 6/1, 7/1, 8/1, 29/1, 222/1, 223/1 (LEASEHOLD)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence for property situated in Registration Section West End, Block 18011 B described as Parcels 1, 2, 148, 211, 213, 215, 217 (freehold) 4/1, 6/1, 7/1, 8/1, 29/1, 222/1, 223/1 (leasehold) containing 6.62 acres and 13.66 respectively, totaling 20.28 acres, under Section 4 of the Aliens

Land Holding Licence Regulations Act, RSA, CA55 to Hotel Owner Anguilla Ltd. through its Director David Michael Rotenberg, subject to:

(a)	payment of the following stamp duties:	
(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5%	NIL
(ii)	stamp duty on Licence in accordance with Aliens Land Holding Licence Regulations Act 14(1) (f)	EC\$500.00
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$500.00</u>

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, FIN

EX MIN 20/115

EX MEM 20/71 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – FREEMAN CARIBBEAN INVESTMENTS LLC SECTION: WEST END; BLOCK: 17910 B; PARCELS 9, 10, 277, 281 & 285

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence under Section 4 of the Aliens Land Holding Licence Regulations Act, RSA, CA55 to Freeman Caribbean Investments LLC through its Director Niel Freeman, subject to the following:

(a)	payment of the following stamp duties:	
(i)	stamp duty on Licence in accordance with Aliens Land Holding Licence Regulations Act 14(1)(f)	EC\$ 500.00
(ii)	stamp duty on charge @ 1% of EC\$16,129,200.00	<u>EC\$161,292.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$161,792.00</u>

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, FIN

EX MIN 20/116

EX MEM 20/72 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FIXED BASED OPERATIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA (GoA) AND LLOYDS AVIATION SERVICES (LAS)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council noted the paper and agreed that it be brought back to Executive Council on Thursday 19 March for consideration.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; PS, MICUHAFE; HON AG; CEO, AASPA; AIR MAN

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 20/117

UPDATE ON COVID-19 VIRUS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin

Further to EX MIN 20/81 of 3 March, the COVID-19 Team from the Ministry of Health updated on the following:

- greater risks for the Caribbean given the draconian measures taken by the US which meant more imported cases were becoming a risk, which has also placed Anguilla in a precarious situation;
- DITES has established three (3) phones – two (2) at the port and one (1) special hotline;
- impact on the economy and the need to have a conversation between government ministers and hotel managements;
- communication: public input – press conferences, newspapers, engaging with social media as a major output. Council expressed the need to have a communicator in place;
- encouraging employers to allow sick persons to remain at home and liaising with social security to accept this action as paid sick leave;
- other policy decisions to be taken by the Ministry of Health and would be recommended to Executive Council in the near future.

Council commended the Ministry of Health and the HAA personnel for their great work and urged them to continue to communicate frequent updates with the public.

Action: PS, HLPP; CMO; CEO, HAA; HON MIN, HSD
