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#### MINUTES OF THE 150<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013

PRESENT: His Excellency the Acting Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

The Honourable Acting Deputy Governor, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake

The Honourable Edison Baird, Minister of Social Development, Health, Sports and Education

The Honourable Jerome Roberts, Minister of Lands, Physical Planning, Human Rights, Environment, Gender Affairs and Agriculture and Fisheries

The Honourable Evan Gumbs, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities and Housing

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr James Wood

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Ensor Gumbs, PAS, MHA

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN

Ms Gecheal Richardson-Gumbs, CIR

ABSENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Alistair Harrison

The Honourable Hubert Hughes, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Investment, Commerce and Tourism and Minister

of Labour and Immigration

EX MIN 13/333 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES** 

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 149<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 and the Minutes of Special Meetings held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

May and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** 

EX MIN 13/335 EX MIN 13/313 EX MEM 13/111 EXTENSION OF THE SOLID WASTE

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS THROUGH APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>

Further to EX MIN 13/313 of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013, Council noted that the timing for the Procurement Board to make its decision in one month's time is likely to be affected by the research pertaining to this matter.

Action: PS, HSD; PS, EDICT; PS, FIN; PS, MICUH; ACC GEN

#### EX MIN 13/336

# EX MIN 13/331 EX MEM 13/160 BLOWING POINT PORT EXPANSION PROJECT; ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FROM MITCHELL CONNOR ET AL: SECTION WEST CENTRAL, BLOCK 28409B, PARCEL 39

EX MIN 13/331 of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013 refers.

#### Council agreed that:-

- the GoA will aim to make a 50% deposit (US\$387,500.00) by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013, on the conditions that:
  - a) GoA has received from the sellers a copy of the notice to quit addressed to all tenants, and endorsed individually by them to show that they were in receipt of that document, giving them until 17th August 2013 to vacate the property;
  - b) all the sellers (by power of attorney, or otherwise) have signed the agreement with GoA specifying the conditions of payment;
  - c) GoA places a restriction on the property until completion of the sale.

#### Council further agreed that:-

- 2) the remaining 50% of the purchase price will be paid on 30th August 2013, on the conditions that:
  - a) no new tenants are taken on;
  - b) the property must be entirely vacated by the tenants. This includes the removal of all their belongings (any costs involved in so doing being the responsibility of the tenants or the sellers, and not GoA) and the return of their keys.

Council noted that Mr David Connor had indicated that he will remain in Anguilla until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May and will not require additional airline tickets.

#### Council also agreed that:-

3) two additional factors will be inserted into the agreement (at 2b, above):-

- a) interest will be payable at a 'usual' rate to the sellers by GoA, if GoA does not provide the second payment in circumstances where the sellers have met their obligations;
- b) if the property is not left vacant, the sellers will be liable for the costs incurred by GoA in removing the tenants or their property.

Executive Council further decided that GoA will aim to demolish the buildings that remain on the property by 6th September 2013. Before that process is completed, the sellers may informally be allowed to remove some items, such as windows or doors for their own use. This should not be included in the agreement.

Action: PS, EDICT; DLS; PS, FIN; PS, MHA/LANDS; PS, MICUH; ACC GEN

### EX MIN 13/337 EX MEM 13/162 EXEMPTION FROM THE WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Mr Ensor Gumbs, PAS, MHA joined the Meeting.

Council agreed that the following persons should be exempted from the work permit requirement for a period of one (1) year in accordance with Section 3 (g) of the Control of Employment Act:-

1) Mr Quacy Albert McAllister - a national of Guyana who has been

residing in Anguilla since 2003. Mr McAllister graduated from the ALHCS in 2006. He is employed at the Viceroy Resort as a Line Cook.

2) Mr Deenauth Hemraj - a national of Guyana who is currently

employed as the Chief Engineer with Anguilla Air Services Ltd. (AAS).

3) Ms Rashida Armony - a national of St. Kitts who has been

residing in Anguilla since 2001. Ms Armony attended the Adrian T. Hazell Primary School and subsequently the ALHCS. She is employed at the First Anguilla Trust Co. Ltd. as a Receptionist/Operations

Assistant.

4) Ms Jordiana Dwarpaul - a national of Guyana who has been

residing in Anguilla since 1999. Ms

Dwarpaul was enrolled at

Kindergarten, attended the Valley Primary School and graduated from the ALHCS in 2012. She is to be

employed at Caribbean Construction Ltd. as a Secretary.

#### Council:-

- (i) noted that the positions in respect of the Chief Engineer, AAS and Secretary at Caribbean Construction Ltd. were advertised;
- (ii) reiterated the importance of having a Policy in place in the near future to address matters of this nature;
- (iii) was not minded to give consideration to further exemption of work permits unless the positions are advertised.

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; LAB COM; CIO

#### EX MIN 13/338

# EX MEM 13/163 PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE GOA'S TRAINING POLICY SALARIES PAYABLE TO PUBLIC OFFICERS ON STUDY LEAVE

Council agreed that matter should be deferred pending information being made available to the public about the proposed change.

Action: HON DG

#### EX MIN 13/339

# EX MEM 13/164 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – PAUL APOSTOLOS GITSIS (SECTION: WEST CENTRAL; BLOCK: 28309 B; PARCEL 41, CONTAINING 0.81 ACRE)

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Paul Apostolos Gitsis to hold 0.81 acre of land, on a freehold basis with a dwelling house thereon (Registration Section West Central, Block 28309 B Parcels 41) located at Cul-de-Sac subject to the payment of the following fees:-

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$2.250.023.40 EC\$106.183.90

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulations Act – 12.5% of EC\$2,250,023.40

of EC\$2,250,023.40 EC\$265,459.75

TOTAL EC\$371,643.65

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

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; DLS

## EX MIN 13/340 <u>EX MEM 13/165 BEACH VENDING (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS,</u> 2013

Council approved the draft Beach Vending (Amendment) Regulations, 2013 for signature by His Excellency the Acting Governor and publication in the Gazette.

Action: AG; PS, EDICT

## EX MIN 13/341 EX MEM 13/166 INFORMATION PAPER ON THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING POLICY FOR ANGUILLA

Council approved:-

- (i) the development of the information paper on a National Broadcasting Policy for Anguilla;
- (ii) the finalization of this information paper into a National Broadcasting Policy for Anguilla, by MICUH and the AG's Chambers, to be presented to Executive Council on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

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

Action: PS, MICUH; DIR, PU; AG

#### **ORAL MENTION**

## EX MIN 13/343 FILLING OF POSITION OF COMPLIANCE MANAGER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

PS, FIN and CIR remained for discussion.

Council agreed that the position of Compliance Manager in the Ministry of Finance should be filled.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, PA; PS, EDICT; BD

#### EX MIN 13/345 **INFORMATION TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: CHIEF JUSTICE**

The Hon Attorney General informed Council that the Chief Justice, Her Ladyship Janice Pereira had been made Dame Commander.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

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