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**MINUTES OF THE 142<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018**

- PRESENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE
- The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,  
Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Cora Richardson-Hodge, Minister of Home Affairs and Education
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr John McKendrick QC
- Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council
- IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Evalie Bradley, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA  
Mr Stephen Turnbull, Financial Specialist  
Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN  
Mrs Shantelle Richardson, Director, Economic Planning  
Mrs Nashara Webster-Wilkes, Economist

- ABSENT: The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands  
and Physical Planning
- The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,  
Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment

EX MIN 18/250 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 141<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 10 May 2018.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 18/251

**EX MIN 18/242 EX MEM 18/131 PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA (GOA), ICA CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC (ANGUILLA) (ICAA) AND THE CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION (CCC)**

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/242 of 10 May 2018, HE The Governor indicated that an entrustment was needed for the MoU between the Government of Anguilla (GoA), ICA Capital Investments, LLC (Anguilla) (ICAA) and the Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC). The Governor added that it was best to have the entrustment before signing the MoU, and he would impress upon the UKG the importance of getting it done.

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

EX MIN 18/252

**EX MIN 18/248 GOODS AND SALES TAX (GST)**

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Following on from EX MIN 18/248 of 10 May 2018, HE The Governor reminded the PS, FIN to submit a paper to Executive Council on Thursday 24 May outlining the steps to be taken to introduce the Goods and Sales Tax (GST) including the assumptions on the rates to be applied.

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

EX MIN 18/253

**EX MEM 18/134 PLAYGROUND AT MORRIS VANTERPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that several buildings located at East End have been leased to house the Morris Vanterpool Primary School (MVPS) which had to be relocated following Hurricane Irma;
- (ii) noted that next to the buildings, is a parcel of land, which the students have been using as a playground;
- (iii) noted that the owner has requested compensation for the use of the premises as a playground for the children and, following negotiation with the owner, an amount of US\$900.00 per school term with effect from 1 January 2018 for a two-year period was agreed;

- (iv) additionally noted that this cost can be met within the budget of the Department of Education; and
- (v) agreed that the sum of US\$900.00 (EC\$2,420.00) per school term should be paid to the owner so that the students of MVPS can continue to use the premises as a playground.

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

Action: PS, MHA/ED; CEO; ESP; BD; ACC GEN; HON MIN, MHA/ED

EX MIN 18/254

**EX MEM 18/136 TO APPROVE AN OFFICIAL (STATE) FUNERAL FOR THE LATE FORMER CHIEF MINISTER SIR EMILE GUMBS**

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council noted the passing of Sir Emile Rudolph Gumbs, Anguilla's second and longest serving Chief Minister on Thursday 10 May 2018. Sir Emile served as Chief Minister from 1977 to 1980 and later from 1984 to 1994. He was a central figure in the early days of the Anguilla Revolution, and was a member of the Peace-Keeping Committee that ensured a smooth transition to law and order during those turbulent times. For his contribution to the Anguilla Revolution, he was awarded with the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's Certificate in 1999.

Sir Emile touched the lives of Anguillans from all walks of life through his service both in Government and in the wider community. He is specially remembered for his sterling contribution to charting the course for Anguilla as a five-star tourism destination.

Council endorsed the following recommendations:-

- (i) the holding of an Official (State) Funeral for the late legislator and revolutionary on Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018;
- (ii) funeral arrangements to be co-ordinated by the Ministry of Home Affairs in conjunction with the RAPF, Two Sons Funeral Home, the Methodist Church and the family;
- (iii) the publication of an official Statement of Condolence from the Government and people of Anguilla on the passing of this outstanding Statesman and revolutionary;
- (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 draped with the National Flag;
- (v) flags to fly at Half Mast from Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 until sundown on the day of the funeral;
- (vi) an Official Period of Mourning from Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 to Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018;

- (vii) Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to be declared a Public Holiday to allow ALL Anguillians and others the necessary time to attend the funeral service;
- (viii) the body of the late Sir Emile Gumbs to Lie in State at the Court House Building from Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 to Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (The House of Assembly was extensively damaged during Hurricane Irma);
- (ix) A Special Sitting of the House be convened on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 during the period 10:30am – 12 Noon to provide for the Hon. Members of the House as well as former legislators to view and make tributes. HE Governor be invited to join the dignitaries viewing and making tribute;
- (x) viewing of the body by the general public from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 and 7:30 am to 6:00 pm on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018;
- (xi) viewing of the body by family from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (closed to general public);
- (xii) viewing of the body by visiting dignitaries and visiting family members from 9:00 am – 10:45 am on Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (closed to general public);
- (xiii) procession from the House of Assembly to St. Mary's Anglican Church leaving at 10:30 am and arriving at the Church at 11:00 am. (procession to include past and present Legislators, Foreign Dignitaries, Uniformed bodies, family, members of the public. Will be led by the RAPF and Police Band. Casket to be conveyed on a gun carriage;
- (xiv) following the Thanksgiving Service and Mass, procession as per xiii and to include Clergy, from the Church to the burial site at Bethel Methodist Church; and
- (xv) repast follows at family home in Sandy Ground.

Council noted the financial implications for the GoA, and agreed the costs as follows:-

	<b>US\$</b>
(i) Arrangements by Two Sons Funeral Home including casket	13,500.00
(ii) Additional Tents and chairs at Church	1,200.00
(iii) Floral and other decorations at Court House and church	1,200.00
(iv) PA system and TV monitors at Church	1,200.00
(v) Official funeral booklets (600 count) including artwork	5,000.00
(vi) Rentals for overseas dignitaries	2,000.00
(vii) Accommodation for foreign dignitaries	4,000.00
(viii) Contribution to repast (refreshments + tents)	2,500.00
(ix) Live streaming of audio and video	5,000.00
(x) Miscellaneous	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total estimated costs in US dollars	<b><u>40,600.00</u></b>
EC dollars	<b><u>109,000.00</u></b>

HE The Governor asked that it be placed on record his appreciation to Mr Kenneth Hodge, PAS, MHA for his hard work.

Action: PS, MHA; PAS, MHA; PS, FIN; BD; ACC GEN

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA left the Meeting.

EX MIN 18/255

**EX MEM 18/137 POLICY ON PERMITS OF PERMANENT RESIDENCY – PERMANENT RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME**

Financial Specialist remained in attendance. PS, FIN remained for discussion. Mrs Shantelle Richardson, Director, Economic Planning and Mrs Nashara Webster-Wilkes, Economist joined.

Council:-

- (i) approved the updated draft Permanent Residency Policy that incorporates Permanent Residency by Investment;
- (ii) agreed that planning (advertising process etc.) towards the 1 June 2018 deadline should proceed. However, agreed that the launch should be delayed; and
- (iii) authorised the Attorney General's Chambers to update the legislation necessary before the subsequent launch of the programme.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; HON AG; PAS, FIN; DEP; BD; CIR; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/256

**EX MEM 18/138 PERMANENT RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT AGENT FEE**

Financial Specialist remained in attendance. PS, FIN; DEP and Economist remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) agreed to the proposal to amend the Trades, Business, Occupation and Professional Licensing fee schedule to include a category, Permanent Residency by Investment Agent;
- (ii) agreed to an annual fee of EC\$2,700.00; and
- (iii) authorised the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the necessary Regulations to effect the proposed amendment.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; HON AG; PAS, FIN; DEP; BD; CIR; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/257

**EX MEM 18/139 PERMANENT RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT FUND**

Financial Specialist remained in attendance. PS, FIN; DEP and Economist remained for discussion.

Council instructed the FEDICT officials to submit a further paper to Executive Council outlining several options for creating the fund.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; HON AG; PAS, FIN; DEP; BD; CIR; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/258

**EX MEM 18/140 CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTORAL REFORM – NEXT STEPS**

Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

The Hon Minister MHA stated that the Report submitted to Executive Council on 4 May 2017 (EX MIN 17/190) by the Constitutional and Electoral Reform Committee was well received. The Minister added that GoA Ministers had agreed to not move forward with the Electoral Boundaries Commission Bill given the time constraints that general elections were scheduled for early 2020. She pointed out that the MHA would be considering the next steps necessary to facilitate island-wide voting, including public consultation.

Action: PS, MHA; HON DG; HON AG; MINS OF GOV'T

**ORAL MENTION**

EX MIN 18/259

**PRIORITISATION OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE UKG**

Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

The Hon Deputy Governor updated on the UKG funded projects and pointed out that a serious review had to be taken to determine what projects needed to be reprioritised.

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

EX MIN 18/260

**WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS**

Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council agreed that the MHA should present a formal paper to Executive Council to streamline the process of work permit requirement exemptions so that some of the straightforward cases could be dealt with administratively.

Action: PS, MHA; PAS, MHA; LAB COM; CIO; HON MIN, MHA

EX MIN 18/261

**OVERSEAS WORKING VISIT**

Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

HE The Governor informed Council that he would be off island from Friday 18 May to Wednesday 23 May 2018 on a working visit in the UK.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 18/262

**VISIT OF LORD TARIQ AHMAD, UK MINISTER FOR THE OVERSEAS TERRITORIES (OTs)**

Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

HE The Governor spoke about the intended visit to Anguilla by Lord Tariq Ahmad, UK Minister responsible for the OTs, arriving Sunday 27 May, departing Tuesday 29 May. The Governor added that he would be given final confirmation on the dates later that day.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 18/263

**APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**

Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

EX MIN 17/523 of 9 November 2017 and EX MIN 18/24 of 11 January 2018 refer.

The Hon Chief Minister indicated that he would be submitting a formal paper to Executive Council on Thursday 24 May to regularise the appointment of Mr Mark Romney, GoA's Public Relations Officer.

Action: HON DG; MINS OF GOV'T

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