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MINUTES OF THE 162ND MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 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 Acting Deputy Governor, Mrs Kathleen Rogers

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

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

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Cardigan Connor, Hon Parliamentary Secretary

Mrs Evalie Bradley, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA

Mr Stephen Turnbull, Financial Specialist Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett, PS, MHA

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTIT

Mrs Shona Richardson, Budget Director

Mrs Anthea Ipinson-Connor, Chief Project Officer

Ms Ingrid Richardson, Debt Manager Ms Myanica Richardson, Budget Officer

ABSENT: The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

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

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EX MIN 18/534 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

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

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 161st Meeting held on Thursday 11 October 2018.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 18/535 EX MIN 18/522 UPDATE ON 2020 GENERAL ELECTIONS

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained. Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett, PS, MHA joined.

Following on from EX MIN 18/522 of 11 October, the Hon Attorney General confirmed his preliminary view that the arrangement for island-wide voting could not be accommodated under the current Anguilla Constitution.

Council:

- (i) noted, in response to the AG's advice proposed amendments to the Constitution and the Elections Bill from the Minister of Home Affairs, who is of the view that the provisions of the existing Constitution are wide enough to allow for island-wide voting; and
- (ii) agreed that the PS, MHA, the Hon Attorney General and the UK Constitutional Adviser should have further discussion on this in an effort to reaching a solution.

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

EX MIN 18/536

EX MIN 18/527 EX MEM 18/261 PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA (GOA) AND THE CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION (CCC)

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

With reference to EX MIN 18/527 of 11 October, HE The Governor stated that he was expecting the entrustment letter from Lord Ahmad to be sent soon.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; PS, MICUHAFE; AIR MAN; COM MAN; CPO; CEO, AASPA (ag.); MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/537

EX MIN 18/528 EX MEM 18/262 AGREEMENT FOR MARKETING AND SECURING INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF MEGA YACHT/RESORT PROPERTIES IN ANGUILLA

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Further to EX MIN 18/528 of 11 October, Council:

- (i) noted that the relevant persons had reviewed, and were content with the amendments to the final Agreement between the Government of Anguilla and Edgewater Resources, LLC; and
- (ii) agreed that the Agreement should be signed.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, HLPP; PS, FIN; DLS; PPO; CEO, AASPA (acting); COM MAN; DIR, ASSB; PS, MICUHAFE; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/538 EX MIN 18/530 EX MEM 18/264 BILL FOR THE LABOUR (RELATIONS) ACT 2018

Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and PS, MHA remained.

With reference to EX MIN 18/530 of 11 October, Council:

- (i) noted the proposed amendments to sections 54, 55 and 185 of the Labour (Relations) Bill 2018;
- (ii) agreed that public consultation should begin immediately;
- (iii) agreed that copies of the revised Bill should be sent to the Leader of the Opposition and all the organisations with whom consultations were held; and
- (iv) agreed that the revised Bill should be presented to the House of Assembly by Tuesday 30 October.

Action: PS, MHA; LAB COM; HON AG; CL, HOA; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/539 EX MIN 18/532 EX MEM 18/266 FUNDS TO TRAVEL TO USVI FOR CENTRAL ELECTORAL OFFICE

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Following on from EX MIN 18/532 of 11 October, HE The Governor indicated that the UKG would meet the cost for two persons from the Central Electoral Office in Anguilla to attend and observe the general elections in the USVI to be held on 6 November 2018. Council noted that the Superintendent of Elections would liaise with the Governor's Office on this.

Action: HE; SOE; PS, MHA; HON MIN, MHA

EX MIN 18/540 REVENUE, EXPENDITURE & CAPITAL PERFORMANCE - SEPTEMBER 2018 REPORT

Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and PS, FIN remained. The following persons joined:

Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTIT Mrs Shona Richardson, Budget Director Mrs Anthea Ipinson-Connor, Chief Project Officer Ms Ingrid Richardson, Debt Manager Ms Myanica Richardson, Budget Officer

Council:

- (i) was satisfied with the Revenue, Expenditure & Capital performance to date;
- (ii) urged officials to continue to monitor the arrears; and
- (iii) expressed the desire to have a first draft of the 2019 budget to Executive Council within the next month for consideration.

Council thanked the officials for their continued hard work. MFEDICT thanked the UKG for their support towards consolidating loans.

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

EX MIN 18/541 <u>EX MEM 18/268 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR SUSAN</u> <u>IONA SMITH</u>

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Ms Susan Iona Smith on the attached list of items for the completion of a greenhouse. Council endorsed the justification from the Ministry that this project can be a vital industry that brings local grown produce into the market.

The assessed duty loss to the GoA is EC\$2,155.02.

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

EX MIN 18/542 <u>EX MEM 18/269 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR HUGHES MEDICAL CENTRE</u>

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Hughes Medical Centre (c/o Dr Lowell Hughes) on medical equipment and materials for post Hurricane Irma repair, excluding the hurricane shutters and computers as indicated on the attached list.

The assessed duty loss to the GoA is EC\$132,928.00.

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

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EX MIN 18/543 **UPDATE TO COUNCIL**

Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and PS, FIN remained.

Council asked the PS, FIN for an update on 1 November on the following:

- 1) Anglec sale
- 2) MTEFP (current status on the reforms)
- 3) Draft Bulk Petroleum Importers License Act

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; DEP; ACC GEN
