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MINUTES OF THE 164TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 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 Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical Planning

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

Mr Stephen Turnbull, Financial Specialist

Dr Phyllis Fleming-Banks, Manager for the UWI Open Campus, BOTs

Mr Jeremy Collymore, Adviser for Disaster Resilience in the Office of the Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies (UWI) & former Executive Director

of CDEMA

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN

Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTIT

Mrs Donna Banks, Chairperson, Anguilla Tourist Board (ATB)

Mrs Shellya Rogers-Webster, Manager, Corporate Affairs, ATB

Mr Jameel Rochester, Assistant Manager, Destinations Experience, ATB

Mr Colwayne Pickering, Marketing Officer, ATB

Mr Gershwin Lake, Accountant ATB

Ms Gina Brooks, Tourism Planner

Ms Patricia Harrigan, Product Developmental Officer

EX MIN 18/559 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the $163^{\rm rd}$ Meeting held on Wednesday 24 October 2018.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 18/560

EX MIN 18/552 EX MEM 18/262 AGREEMENT FOR MARKETING AND SECURING INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF MEGA YACHT/RESORT PROPERTIES IN ANGUILLA

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Further to EX MIN 18/552 of 24 October, Council noted that the Agreement between the Government of Anguilla and Edgewater Resources, LLC for marketing and securing investment and development of Mega/Yacht Resort properties in Anguilla was signed on Wednesday 31 October 2018.

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

EX MIN 18/561

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PROPOSALS FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council noted the AG's proposals for Executive Council papers going forward. Council welcomed the proposals and looked forward to collaborating with the relevant public officials to effect the proposals.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 18/562

PRESENTATION BY THE ATB ON MARKETING AND DESTINATION EXPERIENCE PLANS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN

Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTIT

Mrs Donna Banks, Chairperson, Anguilla Tourist Board (ATB)

Mrs Shellya Rogers-Webster, Manager, Corporate Affairs, ATB

Mr Jameel Rochester, Assistant Manager, Destinations Experience, ATB

Mr Colwayne Pickering, Marketing Officer, ATB

Mr Gershwin Lake, Accountant ATB

Ms Gina Brooks, Tourism Planner

Ms Patricia Harrigan, Product Developmental Officer

Council noted a comprehensive power point presentation by the Chairperson, and other ATB officials on the Board's marketing and destination experience plans.

Council further noted that the Board would meet with FEDICT officials at some point to present their budget for 2019.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; BD; TP; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/563 **DRAFT BULK PETROLEUM LICENSE ACT**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and PS, FIN remained.

Council:

- (i) noted the following:
 - a) A Bill for Petroleum (Amendment) Act, 2016
 - b) Petroleum Bulk Storage (Amendment) Regulations, 2016
 - c) Licences to deal in Petroleum other than in a Licensed Pump (Amendment) Regulations, 2016
 - d) Drafting instructions
- (ii) agreed that officials would have the legislation ready for presentation to the House of Assembly before the end of the year including its approval by Council before the end of November 2018.

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

EX MIN 18/564

EX MEM 18/274 PERMANENT RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERMIT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2018

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council ratified the decision taken by round robin on 26 October 2018 that:

- (i) the updated Permanent Residency Policy be approved;
- (ii) the Permanent Residence Permit (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 be approved. (Council noted that H E The Governor signed the Regulations on 30 October 2018); and
- (iii) the Policy and the Regulations be published in the gazette in order to meet the date of implementation of phase 1 of the Residency Programme.

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

EX MIN 18/565

EX MEM 18/275 PAROLE BOARD SUBSTITUTIONS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

(i) noted that the next Parole Board hearing is scheduled to take place on 12 November 2018;

- (ii) noted that two of the Parole Board members are unable to serve at the hearing;
- (iii) additionally noted that Mr Derek Gumbs and Mr Reynolds Richardson have been approved by Executive Council to serve as alternate board members and have served in the past; and
- (iv) approved the temporary appointment of Mr Derek Gumbs and Mr Reynolds Richardson to serve as Parole Board members for the 12 November 2018 hearing.

Action: PS, HSD; SOP; HON MIN, HSD

EX MIN 18/566 EX MEM 18/276 TO APPROVE A NATIONAL FUNERAL FOR THE LATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, MR LEROY ROGERS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council noted the passing of Mr Leroy Rogers, Hon Speaker of the House of Assembly on Sunday 28 October 2018. Mr Rogers served as Speaker during the period 1994 – 2005 and from 2015 up until his passing. He also served as Second Nominated Member from 2010 - 2015. Mr Rogers served as a representative of the Caribbean Region on the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association up until his passing, and previously during his 2000 - 2005 tenure as Speaker.

Council endorsed the following recommendations:

- (i) the holding of a National Funeral for the late legislator on Friday November 9th, 2018 at the Mount Fortune Seventh Day Adventist Church at East End beginning at 12 noon;
- (ii) funeral arrangements to be coordinated by the Ministry of Home Affairs in conjunction with the RAPF, Rey's Funeral Home, the Mount Fortune Seventh Day Adventist 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 legislator;
- (iv) a Police Guard of Honour to be drawn up at the Church and a contingent of 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 Monday October 29th, 2018 until Wednesday October 31st, 2018 and again from Wednesday November 7th, 2018 to Friday November 9th, 2018 until immediately after the funeral;
- (vi) an Official Period of Mourning from Wednesday November 7th, 2018 to Friday November 9th, 2018;
- (vii) time off on Friday November 9th, 2018 to be granted to public servants wishing to attend the funeral service:
- (viii) the body of the late Speaker, Mr Leroy Rogers to Lie-in-State at the Court House Building during the period Wednesday November 7th, 2018 to Friday 9th, 2018. (The House of Assembly was extensively damaged during Hurricane Irma);

- (ix) a Special Sitting of the House to be convened on Wednesday November 7th, 2018 beginning at 10am. This is to provide for the Hon Members of the House as well as former legislators to view and make tribute. H.E. Governor be invited to join the dignitaries viewing and making tribute. Viewing by the general public follows from 1:00 pm up until 6:00 pm;
- viewing of the body by the general public on Thursday November 8th, 2018 from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. Viewing of the body by family from 6:00 pm 8:00 pm. (closed to general public);
- viewing of the body on Friday November 9th, 2018 (day of the funeral) by visiting dignitaries and visiting family members from 8:00 am 9:00 am. (closed to general public);
- (xii) procession from the House of Assembly to the Mount Fortune Seventh Day Adventist Church at East End beginning at 9:00 am. (Procession to include past and present legislators, visiting dignitaries, uniformed bodies, family, members of the public. Will be led by the RAPF and Police Band; and
- (xiii) following the Thanksgiving Service, procession as per xiii and to include Clergy, from the Church to the burial site at Sandy Hill.

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

(i)	Contribution to funeral expenses including building of vault	6,000.00
(ii)	Floral arrangements - Court House	880.00
(iii)	Contribution to Anguilla Jubilee Choir	200.00
(iv)	Refreshments for police officers and ushers	1,200.00
(v)	PA System at Court House	150.00
(vi)	PA System at Church	329.00
(vii)	Contribution to the RAPF Band + water	633.00
(viii)	Transport of RAPF Band	100.00
(ix)	Contribution to the Anguillian Newspaper	300.00
(x)	Miscellaneous	<u>208.00</u>
	TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS IN US DOLLARS	10,000.00

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

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

EX MIN 18/567 <u>EX MEM 18/277 DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT – ANGUILLA SPECIAL</u> ECONOMIC ZONE FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES (FT)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the decision taken on Wednesday 31 October as follows:

- (i) noted that the BDO has been engaged to undertake the Economic and Social Impact Assessment Study and that once completed shall be used to inform government of the range of concessions to be offered to the Chord Group (Anguilla);
- (ii) noted that the Chord Group (Anguilla) has paid the deposit to BDO for the Economic and Social Impact Assessment Study; and
- (iii) approved the signing of the Definitive Agreement with Chord Group (Anguilla) on Wednesday 31 October 2018.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COM MAN; DEP; BD; MINS OF GOV'T

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 18/568 SIGNING OF LEASE FOR TEMPORARY FERRY TERMINAL ACCOMMODATION AT THE BIG JIM BUILDING

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council noted that the lease for temporary ferry terminal accommodation at the Big Jim Building was signed on Wednesday 31 October 2018.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; PS, HLPP; DLS; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/569 <u>COURTESY CALL BY DR. PHYLLIS FLEMING-BANKS AND</u> <u>MR JEREMY COLLYMORE</u>

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

Dr Phyllis Fleming-Banks, Manager for the UWI Open Campus, BOTs Mr Jeremy Collymore, Adviser for Disaster Resilience in the Office of the Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies (UWI) & former Executive Director of CDEMA

Council noted that the Anguilla Social Security Board in partnership with the University of the West Indies Open Campus, Anguilla was hosting its annual social security week of activities. As part of this year's distinguished lecture, Mr Jeremy Collymore was invited to deliver the lecture captioned, "A Resilient Caribbean: Context, Concept and Policy".

Mr Collymore pointed out that the events of last year's natural disasters throughout the Carribean have triggered his presentation, which would focus on national development, the underlying vulnerabilities of societies, and the need to create a resilient Caribbean.

Both officials invited GoA Ministers and other members of Executive Council to attend the lecture that evening at La Vue Conference Room, South Hill at 6:00pm.

Council thanked the officials for their visit.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
