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MINUTES OF THE 199TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH JUNE 2014

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

The Honourable Hubert Hughes, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,
Economic Development, Investment, Commerce and Tourism and Minister
of Labour and Immigration and Minister of Social Development and Health

The Honourable Acting Deputy Governor, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake

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

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr James Wood QC

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS
Mr Vincent Proctor, PPO

ABSENT: The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

The Honourable Jerome Roberts, Minister of Lands, Physical Planning, Human
Rights, Environment, Gender Affairs and Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister
of Sports and Education, Library Services, Sports, Youth and Culture

EX MIN 14/388 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council agreed that the Minutes of the 198th Meeting held on Thursday 19th June 2014 should be confirmed at the Meeting of Executive Council on Monday 30th June 2014 when the Hon Minister of Home Affairs would be present.

EX MIN 14/389

EX MEM 14/211 BILL FOR CREMATION ACT, 2014

Council:-

- (i) approved the draft Bill for the Cremation Act, 2014 for Gazetting; and
- (ii) agreed to the 1st reading of the Bill at the next sitting of the House of Assembly.

Council noted that the implementation of this Act would provide the Government of Anguilla with additional revenue as fees would be charged for the issuance of the licence to operate the crematorium.

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

Action: PS, HSD; AG; CLERK, HOA

EX MIN 14/390

EX MEM 14/212 FILLING OF SENIOR JUVENILE CARE WORKERS DUE TO EXPIRATION OF CONTRACT

Council noted that one of the Senior Juvenile Care Workers in the Department of Probation is on a contract, which will expire in August 2014.

Council further noted that the views of the Permanent Secretaries had been sought and that they supported the filling of the post and, also noted that the filling of the post would not increase personal emoluments or the level of expenditure, as it is an already established post for which budgetary provision had been made.

Council agreed that the post of Senior Juvenile Care Worker in the Department of Probation should be filled.

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

Action: PS, HSD; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 14/391

EX MEM 14/213 FILLING OF VACANCIES AT CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT

Council agreed that the following vacancies at the Customs Department should be filled:-

- (i) 3 Senior Customs Officers;
- (ii) 1 Customs Officer; and
- (iii) 1 Assistant Customs Officer

Council noted that the views of the Permanent Secretaries had been sought and their support given to the filling of the posts. Council further noted that provision had been made in the 2014 Budget for the positions.

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

Action: COC; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 14/392

EX MEM 14/214 APPEAL AGAINST PLANNING PERMISSION – SUSAN WEBSTER

Messrs Leslie Hodge, DLS and Vincent Proctor, PPO joined the Meeting.

Council agreed that the paper should be deferred to the Meeting of Executive Council on Monday 30th June 2014 when the Hon Minister of Lands would be present.

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; PPO; DLS

EX MIN 14/393

EX MEM 14/215 SALARY FOR MR STAFFORD JOHN WHILE ON STUDY LEAVE

DLS and PPO remained for discussion.

Council exceptionally agreed that Mr Stafford John, Planner at the Department of Physical Planning should be paid his full salary while on study leave for one (1) year. Mr John was accepted o pursue the one (1) year MSc. Development Planning programme at the University of Reading in the UK.

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

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; PPO; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 14/394

EX MEM 14/ 216 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – SUMMITT ISLAND PROPERTIES LLC (REGISTRATION SECTION NORTH CENTRAL; BLOCK 48814 B; PARCEL 69, CONTAINING 0.50 OF AN ACRE)

DLS remained for discussion.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Summitt Island Properties LLC, to hold property described as situate in Registration Section North Central, Block 48814 B Parcel 69 containing 0.50 acre of land, on a freehold basis located at The Valley with Merchants Market business thereon, subject to the payment of the following fees:-

(i)	Stamp Duty on Licence @ 12.5% of EC\$1,989,268.00	=	EC\$248,658.50
(ii)	Stamp Duty on transfer @ 5% of EC\$1,989,268.00	=	EC\$ 99,463.40
	TOTAL	=	EC\$348,121.90
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Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; DLS

EX MIN 14/395

EX MEN 14/217 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – NATALIA WALTER-EISENBEISS REGISTRATION SECTION: SOUTH CENTRAL; BLOCK: 38409 B; PARCEL 50, CONTAINING 0.24 ACRE WITH DWELLING HOUSE)

DLS remained for discussion.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Natalia Walter-Eisenbeiss, to hold, on a freehold basis, 0.24 acre of land, located in Blowing Point, with a dwelling house thereon situate at Registration Section South Central, Block 38409 B Parcel 50, subject to the payment of the following fees:-

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$1,451,628.00	EC\$ 72,581.40
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulations Act – 12.5% of EC\$1,451,628.00	EC\$181,453.50
	TOTAL	EC\$254,034.90

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

EX MIN 14/396

EX MEM 14/218 ACQUISITION OF LANDS BY GOVERNMENT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

DLS remained for discussion.

Council agreed to the exchange of Crown land, being 0.56 acre of land, part of Parcel 253 on Block 48814 B in Registration Section North Central as delineated on Survey Plan LS12-14 being Lot 6 in exchange for 0.85 acre of land from Mr Albert A R Lake in Registration Section North, on Block 58917 B as delineated on Survey Plan LS06-14 being Lot 1.

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; DLS; PS, MICUH; CHIEF ENG; DCE; RE

EX MIN 14/397

EX MEM 14/219 AMENDMENT TO EXCO MINUTE 13/556 GRANTING APPLICATION TO RENEW LEASE - DELTA PETROLEUM (ANGUILLA) LTD. OVER CROWN PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS REGISTRATION SECTION SOUTH CENTRAL, BLOCK 38812 B, PARCEL 87, CONTAINING 3.11 ACRES OF LAND

DLS remained for discussion.

The Hon Attorney General declared an interest due to sociable ties with the owning family of Delta Petroleum.

Council noted that were some legal issues concerning this matter and agreed that the paper should be deferred to the Meeting of Executive Council on Monday 30th June 2014. Council noted that Mr Ivor Greene, Senior Crown Counsel would be able to speak to those issues. Council requested the DLS to inquire from the Inland Revenue Department whether the rental and lease payments were up to date.

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

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; DLS; AG

EX MIN 14/398

INF 14/05 ANGUILLA REVOLUTION RE-ENACTMENT PROPOSAL

In EX MIN 14/324 of 15 May 2014, Council asked for an update on the progress in developing the initiative for re-enactment of segments of the Anguilla Revolution as part of the Anguilla Day Celebrations Activities.

Council noted the update provided which was that on 18th June 2014, a meeting had been convened with a cross section of people including historians, playwrights, actors and community persons interested in the Arts to discuss the subject. The idea was well received and a commitment to explore further the best way forward to bring the idea to fruition was obtained. Council additionally noted that a further meeting had been scheduled for the 1st July 2014 to advance the idea.

Action: PS, MHA; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 14/399

EX MEM 14/220 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS P

[NOTE ON PUBLICATION: name and position redacted to protect personal health information]

Council agreed that Ms P should be paid her deferred salary, totaling EC\$14,395.70 to assist with medical expenses for her eleven year old daughter.

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; ACC GEN

EX MIN 14/400

EX MEM 14/221 FILLING THE POST OF VECTOR CONTROL OFFICER

Council:-

- (i) agreed that the post of Vector Control Officer should be filled;
- (ii) noted that the views of the Permanent Secretaries had been sought and their support given to the filling of the post; and
- (iii) further noted that this post was approved as new spending and that budgetary provisions were made for the post.

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

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

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 14/401

WATER CORPORATION OF ANGUILLA

Council noted that the deadline for the removal of GE equipment from the Crocus Bay Plant was 30 June. Council additionally noted that the Water Corporation was currently running a procurement exercise for a replacement operator which also had a deadline of 30 June. The Hon Minister, MICUH has written to the Water Corporation on 14 April to remind them of their responsibilities under the WCA Act and asking that they produce for Executive Council's consideration a revised 2014 business plan. To date, the Water Corporation had failed to do this. As a statutory body in receipt of public funds Council was concerned that the Corporation should not enter into any commercial arrangements without first having a revised business plan approved by Council. Council therefore agreed that the CEO, WCA should be reminded of Executive Council's request to see the Corporation's Business Plan.

Action: PS, MICUH; CEO, WCA; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 14/402

MEETINGS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Ministers expressed their intention to arrange sessions of the Assembly to take place in the weeks commencing 14 July and 11 August. The Hon Chief Minister planned to arrange this with the Speaker.

Action: HON CM

EX MIN 14/403

ELECTION BILL

Council agreed that a press notice should be issued in the next week giving the public additional information about the provisions in the draft Elections (Amendment) Bill currently before the Assembly, in particular to address concerns about the use of voter identification ink.

Action: HON DG

EX MIN 14/404

EXTENSION OF BRITISH PASSPORTS

HE The Governor explained that given delays in the processing of British passports, the UK Government had decided that for passport holders living overseas, the validity of passports could be extended by one year by the application of a special 'wet stamp'. For Anguilla, this would be carried out by the Governor's

Office, which would be accepting applications for passport extensions from Monday 30 June. GoA's Immigration Department had been informed, and had kindly agreed to notify staff to accept any passengers arriving with the new stamps. A key outstanding issue was whether neighbouring countries, in particular St. Martin and Sint Maarten would accept the extended passports.

Action: HE; CIO
