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MINUTES OF THE 236TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2015

- PRESENT: His Excellency the Acting Governor, Mr Stanley Reid
- The Hon Acting Deputy Governor, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake
- The Honourable Jerome Roberts, Minister of Lands, Physical Planning, Human Rights, Environment, Gender Affairs and Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister of Education, Library Services, Sports, Youth and Culture
- The Honourable Evan Gumbs, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities and Housing
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones
- Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Haydn Hughes, Parliamentary Secretary
Mr Patrick Hanley, Former Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance
Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUH
Mr Vanroy Hodge, CEO, AASPA
Mr Sherman Williams, Finance Manager, AASPA
Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN
Mrs Evelyne Aspire-Hodge, CEO, WCA
- Representatives of Boat owners/operators
- Mr John Benjamin QC, Solicitor for Boat owners/operators
Mr Carlyle Franklin
Mr Warren Buddle
Ms Simone Connor
Mrs Kara Connor
- ABSENT: 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
- Council noted that the Hon Chief Minister was absent due to illness.

EX MIN 15/230 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 235th Meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2015.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 15/231 **DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOAT OWNERS/OPERATORS**

The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Hon Haydn Hughes, Parliamentary Secretary
 Mr Patrick Hanley, Former Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance
 Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUH
 Mr Vanroy Hodge, CEO, AASPA
 Mr Sherman Williams, Finance Manager, AASPA

Representatives of Boat owners/operators

Mr John Benjamin QC, Legal Counsel for Boat owners/operators
 Mrs Cara Connor
 Mr Carlyle Franklin
 Mr Warren Buddle
 Ms Simone Connor

Further to EX MIN 15/215 of 2nd April 2015, Council asked Mr John Benjamin to coordinate with his clients to determine their response to the letter from the AASPA and to communicate afterward with the AASPA on the way forward.

Action: PS, MICUH; HON AG; CEO, AASPA; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 15/232 **EX MEM 15/123 REQUESTING REGULAR MONTHLY PAYMENT FOR WATER BILLS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA (GOA), ITS AFFILIATES AND STATUTORY BODIES**

Parliamentary Secretary, Former PA to the Hon CM/Finance and PS, MICUH remained for discussion. Mrs Evelyne Aspire-Hodge, CEO, WCA and Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN joined the Meeting.

Further to EX MIN 15/225 of 2nd April 2015, Council agreed that:-

- (i) Ministries/departments should be encouraged to pay their monthly water bills in a timely manner; and
- (ii) the CEO WCA, PS MICUH and PS, FIN should collaborate on the possibility of setting off GoA's long term debt to the WCA in light of the WCA's debt to GoA.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; CEO, WCA; PS, MICUH; ACC GEN

EX MIN 15/233

EX MEM 15/124 MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council agreed that the paper should be deferred for further discussion with the Hon Chief Minister.

Action: HON CM; EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 15/234

EX MEM 15/125 FILLING OF VACANCIES AT CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT

Council noted that because of recent promotions in the Customs Department, two (2) posts of Assistant Customs Officer at the Customs Department had become vacant. Council additionally noted that the views of the Permanent Secretaries had been sought in relation to the filling of the posts and that a favourable response had been given.

Council agreed that the two (2) vacant posts of Assistant Customs Officer at the Customs Department should be filled.

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

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

EX MIN 15/235

EX MEM 15/126 FINALISATION OF GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA MANUFACTURING POLICY

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, former PA to the Hon CM/Finance and PS, FIN remained for discussion.

Council agreed the Government of Anguilla Manufacturing Policy, subject to the relevant officials making the necessary changes to further strengthen the policy to meet the overall objectives.

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

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

EX MIN 15/236

EX MEM 15/127 FILLING OF VACANT POSITIONS – PUBLIC RECORDS AND DATA OFFICER & MAGISTRATE’S COURT CLERK

Council noted that the position of Public Records and Data Officer in the Judicial Department had become vacant since December 2014 due to promotion of the previous holder and that an additional Clerk to the Magistrate’s Court had been approved to be filled in 2015.

Council further noted that the views of the Permanent Secretaries had been sought in relation to the filling of the posts and that a favourable response had been given.

Council agreed that the posts of Public Records and Data Officer and Clerk to the Magistrate's Court should be filled. Provision for both positions had been made in the 2015 Budget.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PS, PA; OFF MAN, JUDICIARY; PS, EDICT; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 15/237

EX MEM 15/128 OBSERVANCE OF 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOAT RACING

Council approved the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of organised boat racing. The activities to be undertaken to mark the occasion include:-

- 1) design of commemorative crest honouring boat racing in Anguilla. A competition would be held in primary and secondary schools;
- 2) a commemorative stamp issue depicting the 75th Anniversary;
- 3) Anguilla Summer Festival 2015 branding to feature 75th Anniversary of boat racing;
- 4) launch of a series of newspaper articles tracing the historical development of boat racing;
- 5) official reception and Awards Ceremony at Government House; and
- 6) all boat races for 2015 commemorating the Anniversary.

Action: PS, ELSYC; DIR, Y & C

EX MIN 15/238

EX MEM 15/129 PAYMENT OF HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOR MACHEL A. THOMAS

Council agreed that Mr Machel A. Thomas, Surveyor in the Department of Lands and Surveys should be paid the full housing allowance in the amount of EC\$1,000.00 per month for the duration of his new contractual period with the Government of Anguilla from March 18, 2015 to March 17, 2017.

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

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

EX MIN 15/239

EX MEM 15/130 APPROVAL OF THE ANGUILLA AIR AND SEA PORTS AUTHORITY (AASPA) 2015 BUSINESS PLAN

Parliamentary Secretary, former PA to the Hon CM/Finance, PS, MICUH; CEO, AASPA and Finance Manager, AASPA remained for discussion.

Council agreed that the paper should be deferred to enable dialogue between the Hon Minister, MICUH and the PS, MICUH on the Business Plan. Council further agreed that a copy of the Ex Co paper and Business Plan should be sent to the PS,

MICUH. Ex Co will consider the matter at the next Meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 16th April 2015.

Action: HON MIN, MICUH; PS, MICUH

EX MIN 15/240

EX MEM 15/131 HIRING OF THE PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL (CIVIL & COMMERCIAL)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and former PA to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion.

With reference to EX MIN 14/806 of 23 December, 2014, Council agreed that Public Administration should be asked to suspend the recruitment process until a further directive from the Executive Council.

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

EX MIN 15/241

EX MEM 15/132 APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Council agreed that the following persons should be granted the Permit of Permanent Residence in accordance with Section 24 of the Immigration and Passport Act, subject to checks by the Police that the police records of the individuals remain up to date:-

[note on publication: minutes redacted to remove personal residence information and information about banking arrangements]

- 1) Ms Ivenia Agnes Benjamin - National of Dominica, who has been residing in Anguilla since April 2010. She is employed by the Government of Anguilla as the Senior Magistrate. The police record on file shows no criminal offence.
- 2) Ms Jasmin Ann Phillip-Garraway - National of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, who has been residing in Anguilla since 2008. She is employed by the Government of Anguilla in the Ministry of Finance (Tourism Project). The police record on file shows no criminal offence.

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

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 15/242

EX MEM 15/133 APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Council agreed that the following persons should be granted the Permit of

Permanent Residence in accordance with Section 24 of the Immigration and Passport Act, subject to checks by the Police that the police records of the individuals remain up to date:-

[note on publication: minutes redacted to remove personal residence information and information about banking arrangements]

- 1) Mrs Hamewatie Narine - National of Guyana, who has been residing in Anguilla since 2008. The police record shows no criminal offence.
- 2) Mr Vinesh Anand Narine - National of Guyana, who has been residing in Anguilla since 2004. He is employed by Brian Hughes's Agency as a Labourer. The police record shows no criminal offence.
- 3) Mr Stephen Emmanuel Blaize - National of Dominica, who has been residing in Anguilla since 2006. The police record shows no criminal offence.
- 4) Mr Karan Ahir - National of India, who has been residing in Anguilla since 2007. He is presently employed at Nikhil's Fashion. The police record shows no criminal offence
- 5) Ms Cameca Simone Edwards-Wallace - National of Jamaica, who has been residing in Anguilla since 2001. She is presently employed at Cuisinart Resort and Spa. The police record shows no criminal offence.
- 6) Mr Staqlene Southemaine Nitemara Williams - National of St. Kitts, who has been residing in Anguilla since December 2004. He is employed by the Government of Anguilla at the Department of Agriculture. The police record shows that he received a CRO reference number 4065 and one traffic violation.
- 7) Ms Joan Sabrina Philip - National of St. Lucia, who has been residing in Anguilla since 2005. She is employed by Hughes Medical Center as a Secretary. The police record shows no criminal offence.
- 8) Mr George Frederick Lewis - National of Dominica, who has been

residing in Anguilla since March 2006. The police record shows no criminal offence.

- 9) Mrs Doreen Rowena Greenland Bucknor - National of Jamaica, who has been residing in Anguilla since June 2007. She is presently employed at the Health Authority of Anguilla. The police record shows no criminal offence.

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

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 15/243

NUMBER OF APPLICANTS FOR THE PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Council noted the figures pertaining to the applications for the Permit of Permanent residence. Council asked the Ministry to clarify the status of the total number of files pending (177) as to whether they are with the Ministry or at the Immigration Department.

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 15/244

THE 2015 STEP CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE TO BE HOSTED BY THE STEP ANGUILLA BRANCH BUT STAGED AT THE DAWN BEACH WESTIN HOTEL FROM THE 4TH TO THE 6TH MAY 2015

Council:-

- (i) noted a letter dated 9th April 2015 to the Hon Hubert Hughes, Chief Minister/Finance from Mr Carlyle K. Rogers, Chairman of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) Anguilla Branch requesting a financial contribution of US\$45,000.00 to the above-mentioned conference;
- (ii) agreed that the GoA should make a contribution of US\$40,000.00 from the Anguilla Finance Ltd. allocation to the conference;
- (iii) authorised the PS, FIN to ask Mr Carlyle Rogers to provide a budget for the event so that the GoA could get an idea of the amount that the GoA's contribution would represent to the overall expenses; and
- (iv) authorised the PS, FIN to advise Mr Rogers, that the GoA is mindful of its financial constraints and would not be able to make any further contributions to the conference should there be any shortfall in expected contributions.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 15/245

EXTENSION OF SOLID WASTE CONTRACTS

Council agreed to have a further discussion on the extension of solid waste contracts at the Meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 16th April 2015.

Action: PS, HSD; EXCO MEMBERS
