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**MINUTES OF THE 212TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2019
AT 9:00 AM**

- PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor (acting), Mr Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks
- The Honourable Deputy Governor (acting), Mr Foster Rogers
- The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Evans Rogers
- The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-Hodge
- The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Mr Curtis Richardson
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
- Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming, MBE
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor
Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan
PS, Economic Development, Investment & Commerce, Mr Larry Franklin
Tourism Investment Officer, Mr Khari Goddard
Deputy Comptroller, Inland Revenue, Ms Tameika Fleming
Tax Adviser, Inland Revenue, Ms Pauline Peters
Director, Economic Planning, Mrs Shantelle Richardson
Economist, Ms Amber Woodley
Chief Project Officer, Mrs Anthea Ipinson-Connor
Budget Officer, Ms Jamila Gumbs
PS, Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett
PS, Social Development, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake
- ABSENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

EX MIN 19/530

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 211th Meeting held on Friday 22 November 2019.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 19/533

EX MEM 19/242 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MOU WITH CARIBBEAN BEACON LIMITED

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan
PS, Economic Development, Investment & Commerce, Mr Larry Franklin
Tourism Investment Officer, Mr Khari Goddard

Following on from EX MIN 19/521 of 22 November, Council agreed that:

- (i) the matter be further deferred;
- (ii) a new study should be considered;
- (iii) the Department of Environment and external telecommunication personnel should be involved in the discussions with officials from the MFEDICT and other ministries and departments; and
- (iv) public consultation should take place.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; TIO; COM MAN; DIR, ENV; PS, HLPP;
PS, MICUHAFE; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/535

EX MEM 19/250 DEFERMENT OF THE COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF DOMESTIC EXCISE TAX

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, PS, Finance and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

Deputy Comptroller, Inland Revenue, Ms Tameika Fleming
Tax Adviser, Inland Revenue, Ms Pauline Peters

Council directed that:

- (i) the commencement date for the administration of the Domestic Excise Tax be deferred to the implementation date of Phase II i.e. January 2021; and
- (ii) the appropriate amendment(s) be made to the Excise Tax Legislation (Act No. 20/2019 and RA 26/2019) to reflect the new commencement date for the

administration of the domestic Excise Tax.

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

Action: PS, FIN; HON AG; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; CIR; COC; DEP; BD;
ACC GEN

EX MIN 19/539

EX MEM 19/254 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – DAVID SELKRIDGE JR. - REGISTRATION SECTION SOUTH CENTRAL, BLOCK 38611 B, PARCELS 127, 129, 169, 171 & 339, CONTAINING 0.50, 0.50, 0.49, 0.49 OF AN ACRE AND 1.56 ACRES RESPECTIVELY

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

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to David Selkridge Jr., to hold, on a freehold basis, property situated in Registration Section South Central, Block 38611 B, described as Parcels 127, 129, 169 and 171, being 0.50, 0.50, 0.49, 0.49 of an acre being vacant parcels, and Parcel 339 containing 1.56 acres with a dwelling house thereon located in Lockrum subject to:

(a) Payment of the following stamp duties:

1.	Parcels 127, 129, 169, 171	
	(i) under the Stamp Act –5% of EC\$601,427.80	EC\$30,071.39
	(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$601,427.80	<u>EC\$37,589.24</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$67,660.63</u>
2.	Parcel 339 House	
	(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$473,852.20	EC\$ 23,692.61
	(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$1,781,201.32	<u>EC\$ 89,060.07</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$112,752.68</u>
	GRAND TOTAL	<u>EC\$180,413.30</u>

- (b) with the expressed condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Lands; and
- (c) additionally, Parcels 127, 129, 169, 171 to be held in trust by Mr. Selkridge for his five (5) named Anguillian children: Genesis Selkridge, Empress Selkridge, Solomon Selkridge, Nyrobie Selkridge and Davinci Selkridge.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, FIN

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 19/540

EDF ROADS PROGRAMME – RENDEZVOUS ROAD – CLAIM BY REGISTERED PROPRIETOR FOR ROAD ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY SITUATED IN REGISTRATION SECTION WEST CENTRAL, BLOCK 28211 B, PARCEL 77 (PART OF)

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

Council:

- (i) noted that this was a long outstanding matter;
- (ii) noted that the relevant persons had accepted the total sum of US\$90,000.00 as proposed in full and final settlement of this matter, subject to receipt of this sum on or before 23 December 2019; and
- (iii) authorised the Ministry of lands to liaise with the Ministry of Finance that this amount be paid.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PS, MICUHAFE; HON AG;
ACC GEN

EX MIN 19/541

2020 BUDGET

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, PS, Finance, PS, Economic Development, Investment & Commerce and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

Director, Economic Planning, Mrs Shantelle Richardson
Economist, Ms Amber Woodley
Chief Project Officer, Mrs Anthea Ipinson-Connor
Budget Officer, Ms Jamila Gumbs
PS, Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett
PS, Social Development, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake

Council:

- (i) noted the following scenarios as presented:

2020 Budget Scenario 1 – based on requests for EC\$30.71m in new recurrent expenditure spending;

2020 Budget Scenario 2 – based on cap on new recurrent expenditure spending of EC\$10m.

- (ii) noted that if Scenario 2 is the approved option it would be necessary to revisit the spending submissions to prioritise the recurrent expenditure within the approved envelope of EC\$224,567,298 – a cut in submissions of EC\$20.7m;
- (iii) further noted that it would be very challenging to submit a budget to the House of Assembly before the end of the year given the considerable amount of work required to bring the estimates into some measure of balance;
- (iv) agreed that:
 - (a) there should be no new taxes in 2020 and no increase in the rates of existing taxes and fees;
 - (b) the 2020 Budget should not be submitted until January;
 - (c) Embarkation Tax and Airline Ticket Tax should not be repealed before the end of the year; and
 - (d) no consideration of the decision to AASPA be given before year-end.

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

EX MIN 19/542

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

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

Council noted the following dates of overseas travel:

- 1) Hon Minister for Infrastructure - 30 November – 4 December, Parliamentary Secretary New York
- 2) Hon Minister for Health - 3 – 6 December, St. Lucia, OECS Ministers of Health Conference
- 3) Hon Minister of Education - 2 – 6 December, leave

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
