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MINUTES OF THE 225TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2020
AT 1:00 PM

PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development,
Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

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
Anguilla Christian Council, Chairman, Rev Dr Wycherley Gumbs
Anguilla Christian Council, Rev Wilmoth Hodge
Anguilla Evangelical Association, President, Pastor Phillip Gumbs
Anguilla Evangelical Association, Secretary, Apostle Elmead Allen
PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Chief Executive Officer, HAA, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson
Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers
PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan
PS, Economic Development, Investment & Commerce, Mr Larry Franklin

EX MIN 20/121

PRAYERS FOR THE COVID-19 VIRUS

The following persons joined the meeting:

Anguilla Christian Council, Chairman, Rev Dr Wycherley Gumbs
 Anguilla Christian Council, Rev Wilmoth Hodge
 Anguilla Evangelical Association, President, Pastor Phillip Gumbs
 Anguilla Evangelical Association, Secretary, Apostle Elmead Allen

Opening prayers were given in Executive Council as part of the incessant national prayers for the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 20/122

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 223rd Meeting held on Thursday 5 March, Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Friday 6 March, Minutes of the 224th Meeting held on Thursday 12 March and Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Sunday 15 March 2020.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 20/125

POLICY ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES

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

With reference to EX MIN 19/431 of 12 September 2019, the Hon Deputy Governor undertook to remind the PS, EDICTIT to develop a policy on electric and hybrid vehicles for Council's consideration.

Action: HON DG; PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; FO

EX MIN 20/126

STATUTORY BODIES – BUSINESS ACCOUNTS, BUSINESS PLANS AND BUDGETS

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

The Hon Deputy Governor reported that all permanent secretaries have related their positions on this matter. A timetable would be presented on further actions subsequently.

Action: HON DG; PS, PA; PS, FIN; OTHER PERM SECS; BD; CIR; ACC GEN

EX MIN 20/130

EX MEM 20/76 APPLICATION FOR DUTY AND TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAIRE AND MEADS BAY VILLAS

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

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to Solaire and Meads Bay Villas on the attached list of items to be imported for the expansion of the property;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$204, 709.14.

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

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

EX MIN 20/131

EX MEM 20/77 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR CARIBBEAN EYECARE

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

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Caribbean Eyecare (c/o Mr Anthony Gordon) on the attached list of items to be imported by Caribbean Eyecare;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$907.96.

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

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

EX MIN 20/132

EX MEM 20/78 APPLICATION FOR DUTY AND TAX EXEMPTION FOR SPIN HAVEN

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

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to Spin Haven (c/o Mr Desroy Findlay) on the attached list of items to be imported by Spin Haven for the establishment of a health and fitness centre in the Valley area. Agreed that the exemption should be on the capital items, but not on the supplements;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and

(iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$20,530.72.

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

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

EX MIN 20/133

EX MEM 20/79 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR ANGUILLA SAILING ASSOCIATION

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

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty exemption should be granted to the Anguilla Sailing Association on 6 used RS Vision sailboats and sails from St. Martin to be used in their programme activities for youths;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$5,484.16.

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

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

EX MIN 20/134

EX MEM 20/80 PROPERTY TAX DRAFT REGULATIONS

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

Council approved the following draft regulations:

1. Property Tax (Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2020
2. Property Tax (Incentive for Early Payment) Regulations 2020

Action: PS, FIN; HON AG; PC; CIR; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; DCIR; ACC GEN

EX MIN 20/135

EX MEM 20/81 EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK AGREEMENT (AMENDMENT) 2020

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

Council ratified Anguilla's entry into the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement (Amendment) 2020 as signed by the Hon Premier/Minister for Finance on 14 February 2020.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; HON AG; DIR, FSC; ACC GEN;
MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 20/136

EX MEM 20/82 EASTERN CARIBBEAN SECURITIES REGULATORY COMMISSION (ECSRC) REVISED AGREEMENT, 2020 & INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF ECSRC AGREEMENT, 2020

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

Council:

- (i) granted approval for Anguilla to enter into the Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission (ECSRC) Revised Agreement, 2020; and
- (ii) authorised the Hon Premier/Minister for Finance to sign on behalf of the Government of Anguilla.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; HON AG; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 20/137

EX MEM 20/83 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST CENTRAL, BLOCK 28309 B, PARCEL 236 CONTAINING 0.53 OF AN ACRE

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

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold property situated in Registration Section West Central, Block 28309 B, described as Parcel 236 containing 0.53 of an acre, located at Cul-de-Sac, Anguilla for residential purposes with a house thereon, subject to the following:

- (a) stamp duties payable are as follows:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$515,865.58	EC\$ 25,793.28
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$515,865.58	EC\$ 32,241.60
(iii)	refundable deposit of 10% of EC\$515,865.58	<u>EC\$ 51,586.56</u>
TOTAL		<u>EC\$109,621.44</u>
- (b) the construction of the dwelling house to be completed within thirty (30) months. If said dwelling house is not completed at the end of thirty (30) months, 50% of the refundable deposit would be forfeited to the Government of Anguilla. The balance 50% would be forfeited if the construction is not completed within a further six (6) months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property would be commenced by the Government of Anguilla for a period of twenty-four (24) months; and

- (c) with the expressed condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent the dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Lands.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, FIN

EX MIN 20/139

EX MEM 20/85 APPROVAL OF DRAFT TREATY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA ESTABLISHING A MARITIME BOUNDARY BETWEEN ANGUILLA AND ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

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

Council:

- (i) approved the draft treaty between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda establishing a maritime boundary between Anguilla and Antigua and Barbuda; and
- (ii) granted approval by resolution of the draft treaty in the House of Assembly, if necessary.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; HON AG; DIR, ENV; DIR, FISH; DIR, AGR, CL, HOA

EX MIN 20/140

EX MEM 20/86 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR KENROY HERBERT AND GLENNIS CONNOR FOR OLYMPUS CHAUFFEUR SERVICES

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

Council:

- (i) agreed that duty and tax exemption should be granted to Olympus Chauffeur Services, a licensed transportation company (c/o Messrs Kenroy Herbert and Glennis Connor) on the importation of two vehicles to upgrade their fleet;
- (ii) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply; and
- (iii) noted that the estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$55, 481.36.

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

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

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 20/141

UPDATE ON COVID-19 VIRUS

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

PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
 Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
 Chief Executive Officer, HAA, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
 Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson
 Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

Further to EX MIN 20/119 of 17 March, Council noted:

- (i) the global update on the COVID-19 Virus;
- (ii) Anguilla Updates
 - third sample sent to CARPHA for testing – previous 2 samples were negative
 - decision on Daycare Facility closure – not to close at this time
 - procurement of possible drugs to treat COVID-19 – some drugs currently on the market for other diseases are being researched for COVID-19 treatment
 - port closures – agreed that ports need to put out their own press release
 - elder care facilities – health officials met with managers for four (4) senior homes on the island and provided them with guidance
 - quarantining update

Council additionally noted that Mr Bernard Wattle and Thoughtful Media in keeping with EX MIN 20/117 of 12 March had been hired as the GoA's communicators on social media for the next six months.

Council continued to praise the Ministry of Health and the Health Authority of Anguilla for their outstanding work and commitment.

Action: PS, HLPP; CMO; CEO, HAA; HON MIN, HSD
