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**MINUTES OF THE 138<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2023 AT 9.00 AM**

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam

The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment and Health, Dr Ellis Webster

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services, Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers

The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Kenneth Hodge

The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes

The Honourable Minister for Sustainability, Innovation and Environment, Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes

IN ATTENDANCE: Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Merrick Richardson

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**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 137<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and the Minutes of a decision taken by Round Robin on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.

Noted that this was the last Executive Council Meeting for H.E. the Governor. The Hon Premier thanked H.E. the Governor for her service and commitment to Anguilla.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 23/176

**EX MEMO 23/138 WAIVER OF DUTY AND TAX ON IMPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANGUILLA SUMMER FESTIVAL (ASF)**

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) noted the information regarding the background to duty and tax exemptions;
- 2) noted that the grant of the proposed duty exemptions may potentially result in a total duty and tax loss of EC\$0.11 million and the estimated value of the items to be imported is EC\$1.19 million;
- 3) noted that to support persons participating in the ASF, it is proposed that an exemption be granted under the Conditional Exemptions under the Integrated Customs Tariff (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2022;
- 4) agreed that duty and tax exemptions should be granted to persons who must fall within the proposed classes of persons and items to be imported shall be restricted as follows:
  - **Pageant contestants** - male & female formal wear, costumes, accessories & shoes

- **Persons in organised Troupes** - costumes & accessories
  - **Bands** - temporary imports of trailers & sound systems
  - **Fringe events** - promotional items
- 5) noted further, persons must bear a letter of support from the Department of Youth and Culture confirming their participation in the event and confirming that the items are associated with such participation;
  - 6) noted the DYC support must not extended beyond the specified classes of persons and the associated items; and
  - 7) noted the period for clearing imports should be limited until August 31, 2023.

Council noted that it would be prudent for the Ministry of Finance to present any duty and tax exemption papers, in relation to the Poker Run and Eyes Wide Shut, for consideration as soon as possible. Noted also that information should be shared with the public on the criteria and process to apply for duty and tax exemptions for ASF related matters.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; HON, AG; COC; HON, PREM

EX MIN 23/177

**EX MEMO 23/139 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT — REGISTRATION SECTION NORTH, BLOCK 58716 B, PARCEL 451 BEING 0.25 OF AN ACRE**

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold vacant property situated in Registration Section North, Block 58716 B, described as Parcel 451 being 0.25 acres located in Black Garden, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

**Option C**

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$47,043.50	EC\$2,352.18
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$47,043.50	Waiver
(iii)	refundable deposit – 10% of EC\$47,043.50	<u>Waiver</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>EC\$2,352.18</u></b>

(b) the Applicant shall be granted a waiver from the Government’s Policy on requiring a 10% refundable deposit and a waiver on the Aliens Land Holding Licence Stamp Duty;

(c) Regulations to be issued to grant the waiver on the Aliens Land Holding Licence Regulations Act and the Refundable Deposit; and

(d) the Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla in force from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Work Permit Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA

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