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MINUTES OF THE 218TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 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 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 Education, Library Services, Sports, Youth and Culture
- The Honourable Evan Gumbs, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,
Utilities and Housing
- Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Haydn Hughes, Parliamentary Secretary
Mr Patrick Hanley, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance
Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT
Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN
Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUH
Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett, PS, ELSYC
Mrs Shona Proctor, Budget Director
Ms Anthea Ipinson, Chief Projects Officer
Ms Jamila Gumbs, Budget Officer

EX MIN 14/725 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Wednesday 12th November 2014 and the Minutes of the 217th Meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2014.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 14/726 None

EX MIN 14/727

EX MIN 14/722 EX MEM 14/418 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MRS X & MR Y*[names redacted on publication to protect personal health information]*

Council confirmed the decision taken by round robin on Monday 17th November 2014 to approve the payment of the deferred salaries for both Mrs X, Teacher at the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School and her husband, Mr Y, at Her Majesty's Prison to enable them to meet some of the costs associated with Mrs X's medical condition. (EX MIN 14/722)

The amount due to Mrs X was EC\$51,776.92 and to Mr Y was EC\$54,534.55, totalling EC\$106,311.50.

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

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

EX MIN 14/729

EX MEM 14/419 FILLING OF THE POSTS OF SENIOR MAGISTRATE AND MAGISTRATE, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Council noted that the posts of Senior Magistrate and Magistrate in the Judicial Department would expire on the 5th April 2015 and the 3rd May 2015 respectively. 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 was given.

Council agreed that the posts of Senior Magistrate and Magistrate should be filled in accordance with established procedures.

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

Action: PS, PA; REG, JUD; OFF MAN, JUD; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD

EX MIN 14/730

EX MEM 14/420 WORK PERMIT REFUSALS – RESCINDED

Council agreed that the paper should be deferred for further review. Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, IMM; PAS, MHA/IMM

EX MIN 14/731

EX MEM 14/421 EXEMPTION FROM THE WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Council agreed that Auditors from KPMG Barbados (list attached) who would be representing the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank in Anguilla should be exempted from the work permit requirement under Section 3 (f) of the Control of Employment Act.

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

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 14/732

EX MEM 14/422 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR THE ANGUILLA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to the Anguilla Football Association (c/o Ms Monica L. Guishard) on the attached list of items.

Council further agreed that the matter should be placed on the agenda for the meeting of the House of Assembly scheduled for Wednesday 17th December 2014.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$179,338.56.

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

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

EX MIN 14/733

EX MEM 14/423 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS X

[name redacted on publication to protect personal health information]

Council agreed that Ms X, in the Department of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities and Housing should be paid her deferred salary of EC\$14,122.69 to assist her in defraying the cost of some of her financial obligations as a result of her past medical condition and resulting costs.

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

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

EX MIN 14/734

EX MEM 14/424 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARIES – MR X & MR Y

[names redacted on publication to protect personal health information]

Council agreed that Mr X, Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School and Mr Y, Department of Information, Technology and E-Services should be paid their deferred salaries of EC\$57,887.54 and EC\$43,676.64 respectively to enable them to meet some of the costs associated with the medical condition of Mr Z, (son of Mr X and brother of Mr Y) and for his continued rehabilitation.

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; ACC GEN; CEO; DIR, DITES

EX MIN 14/735

EX MEM 14/425 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – CLARE HAGERTY GROSS - REGISTRATION SECTION: EAST END; BLOCK: 99516 B; PARCEL 129, CONTAINING 0.45 OF AN ACRE WITH A DWELLING HOUSE THEREON)

Council agreed that the matter should be deferred for further review.

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

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; DLS

EX MIN 14/736

EX MEM 14/426 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – ANDREW ALPHONSUS BIGGIO (SECTION WEST END; BLOCK 17609 B; PARCEL 27, CONTAINING 0.50 OF AN ACRE)

Council agreed that an Aliens Land Holding Licence should be issued to Andrew Alphonsus Biggio, to hold, on a freehold basis, 0.50 of an acre of vacant land described as Registration Section West End, Block 17609 B, Parcel 27, to construct a dwelling house thereon subject to the following:-

- (a) Payment of the following fees:-
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| (i) | under the Stamp Act – 5%
of EC\$483,876.00 | EC\$ 24,193.80 |
| (ii) | under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulations Act – 12.5%
of EC\$483,876.00 | EC\$ 60,484.50 |
| (iii) | Refundable Deposit of 10% of
EC\$483,876.00 | EC\$ 48,387.60 |
| | TOTAL | EC\$133,065.90 |
- (b) the construction of the dwelling house within twenty-seven (27) months (i.e. twenty-four (24) months for construction plus three (3) months for the relevant permits to be obtained); and
- (c) the Licence holder shall not rent the dwelling house unless an application is made and written permission is obtained from the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, Investment and Trade, Commerce and Tourism (FEDICT).

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

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

EX MIN 14/737

EX MEM 14/427 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – CHRISTOPHER BACCHIEGA (REGISTRATION SECTION: ROAD; BLOCK: 08412 B; PARCEL 326; CONTAINING 0.57 OF AN ACRE; WITH DWELLING HOUSE THEREON)

Council agreed that an Aliens land Holding Licence should be issued to Christopher Bacchiega to hold, on a freehold basis, 0.57 of an acre, described as Registration Section Road, Block 08412 B, Parcel 326 with dwelling house thereon located at South Hill, for private residential purposes subject to the following:-

(a) Payment of the following stamp duties:-

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$604,845.00	EC\$ 30,242.25
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulations Act – 12.5% of EC\$604,845.00	EC\$ 75,605.63
	TOTAL	EC\$105,847.88

(b) With the expressed condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent his dwelling house unless an application is made and written permission is obtained from the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, Investment and Trade, Commerce and Tourism (FEDICT).

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

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

EX MIN 14/740

EX MEM 14/430 INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2014

Council:-

- (i) approved the execution, by H E the Governor, of the Insurance (Amendment) Regulations, 2014; and
- (ii) agreed that the Insurance (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 should be gazetted.

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

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

EX MIN 14/742

EX MEM 14/432 REVISION OF EX MEM 14/416: ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OVERSEAS FOR MRL

[name redacted on publication to protect personal health information]

Further to EX MIN 14/718 of 13th November 2014, Council noted that incorrect figures were submitted to Executive Council and that the amount of US\$3,536.00 was required for the airfare only. Council additionally noted that an additional 1,500 pounds (approximately US\$2,353.00) was required for accommodation for the two-month period. Council also noted that upon actual booking of the airfare, it was now slightly lower than originally estimated i.e. US\$3,241.00.

Council therefore approved the loan for the cost of the airfare (US\$3,241.00) plus an additional 1,500 pounds (approximately US\$2,353.00) for accommodation.

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

Action: PS, HSD; CSD; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; ACC GEN

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 14/743

EX MIN 14/711 DISCUSSIONS ON THE DRAFT 2015 BUDGET AND FORWARD ESTIMATES (2016-2017) NEW SPENDING AND SAVINGS OPTIONS

Parliamentary Secretary, PA to the Hon CM/FIN, PS, FIN and PS, EDICT remained for discussion. The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUH
Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett, PS, ELSYC
Mrs Shona Proctor, Budget Director
Ms Anthea Ipinson, Chief Projects Officer
Ms Jamila Gumbs, Budget Officer

Further to EX MIN 14/711 of 12th November 2014, Council approved the final figures for the 2015 Budget to be presented to the House of Assembly as follows:-

a)	Recurrent Revenue	-	EC\$192,286,464
b)	Recurrent Expenditure	-	EC\$192,176,067
c)	Capital Expenditure	-	EC\$19,810.00

Council:-

- (i) agreed that the Interim Stabilisation Levy (ISL) should be extended for a further year i.e. 1 – 31 January 2015;
- (ii) authorised the Hon Attorney General's Chambers to draft the necessary legislation to effect the extension; and
- (iii) agreed that the extension of the ISL should be gazetted.

Council thanked the entire team for their hard work and commitment.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; PAS, FIN; OTHER PERM SECS; BD; CPO

EX MIN 14/745

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Council was informed of the following travel dates:-

- 1) Hon Minister of Infrastructure - 22 – 30 November, Jamaica –
Meteorological Conference

Miami to meet with Consultant
- 2) Hon Minister of Home Affairs - 23 – 29 November, El Salvador –
CFATF Conference
- 3) H E the Governor - 25 November – 8 December, London
– JMC Meeting
- 4) Hon Chief Minister - 29 November – 9 December, London
– JMC Meeting

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 14/746

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Council agreed that there would be no Meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 27th November 2014 due to the absence of Ministers on official overseas travel. Council agreed that the next regular meeting of Executive Council would be held on Thursday 4th December 2014.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
