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**MINUTES OF THE 183<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 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 Sports and Education, Library Services, Sports, Youth and Culture

The Honourable Evan Gumbs, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,  
Utilities and Housing

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr James Wood QC

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Michelle Daley, Chief Parliamentary Counsel  
Ms Gina Brooks, Tourism Planner  
Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT  
Ms Jasmin Garraway, Co-ordinator, Tourism Sector Development Project  
Mr Patrick Hanley, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance  
Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS  
Hon Haydn Hughes, Parliamentary Secretary  
Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge, TIO  
Mr Brent Woodson, Consultant  
Mr Nigel Connor, Deputy Chief Engineer, MICUH  
Mr Shaynis Connor, Roads Engineer, MICUH

EX MIN 14/110

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 182<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>  
February 2014.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 14/111 None

EX MIN 14/112 **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2014**

Ms Michelle Daley, Chief Parliamentary Counsel joined the Meeting.

Council considered the table of possible areas for legislation in 2014, and agreed that GoA Ministers would have a discussion amongst themselves on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 on those matters they desired to move forward. This would be followed by a meeting with Permanent Secretaries to ensure a robust list of priorities.

The Parliamentary Counsel indicated that the AG's Chambers estimated that given current staffing resources it would be able to progress to the Assembly around 25 pieces of legislation during 2014, depending on the areas Ministers deemed to be priority.

Action: MINS OF GOV'T; AG; PERM SECS

EX MIN 14/113

**EX MEM 14/56 EXECUTION OF THE TOURISM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT, Ms Jasmin Garraway, Co-ordinator, TSDP and Ms Gina Brooks, Tourism Planner joined the Meeting.

Council:-

- (i) approved the proposals for the designation of the areas for the development of tourism products and attractions (attached), subject to collaboration with the Anguilla National Trust and other relevant agencies and the granting of the requisite approvals; and
- (ii) noted that the tourism development initiatives would be undertaken by using the 2014 Budget allocation to the TSDP. This is being supplemented by contributions from individuals and corporate donations as well as donor agencies including UNESCO.

Council deferred consideration of the:-

- a) Salt Pickers House; and
- b) The Valley Well

Action: PS, EDICT; PS, FIN; CO-ORD; TSDP; TP

EX MIN 14/114

**EX MEM 14/57 NEGOTIATION TO ACQUIRE LANDS – FOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK**

PS, EDICT, Co-ordinator, TSDP and TP remained for discussion. Messrs Patrick Hanley, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance and Leslie Hodge, DLS joined the Meeting.

Council agreed that the PS, EDICT and PS, MHA/LANDS should begin discussions with the land owners, aimed at acquiring parcels 53, 57, 63 and 61 in Block 59018 B at the earliest opportunity for the purpose of developing the Fountain National Park.

Action: PS, EDICT; PS, MHA/LANDS; DLS; CO-ORD, TSDP; TP

EX MIN 14/115

**EX MEM 14/58 THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM PERSONNEL**

PS, EDICT, Co-ordinator, TSDP and Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion. Hon Haydn Hughes, Parliamentary Secretary joined the Meeting.

Council:-

- (i) noted that the MoFEDICT was considering the reassignment of certain officers in the Ministry and the Tourist Board with special functions and skills; and
- (ii) tasked the PS, EDICT and Hon DG to work together to determine how best these functions and skills could be effected and to subsequently advise Executive Council on the way forward.

Action: PS, EDICT; DG; CO-ORD, TSDP

EX MIN 14/116

**EX MEM 14/59 INVESTIGATION OF AND ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CURRENT WASTE DISPOSAL ARRANGEMENT AT CORITO LANDFILL**

Parliamentary Secretary and the Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion.

Council agreed to await the report from the PS, HSD (as requested by the Hon DG) on the outstanding issues at the Corito Landfill Site.

Action: PS, HSD; PS, EDICT; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN/CHAIR, PB; PS, PA/DEP CHAIR, PB

EX MIN 14/117

**EX MEM 14/60 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR VICEROY SOF 82 ANGUILLA HOLDINGS LLC**

PS, EDICT, PARL SEC and Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance remained

for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) agreed, subject to para (ii) below, with the advice from the Customs Department regarding the items which should be duty paid and which should be exempted from duty (as indicated on the attached list);
- (ii) agreed that the Power/Sports boat should be also duty paid and that Customs should check whether the arrangements are consistent with the MoU; and
- (iii) agreed that the corrected figures be submitted to the House of Assembly.

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

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

EX MIN 14/118

**EX MEM 14/61 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – BRETT DEL FETTEROLF (REGISTRATION SECTION: EAST END; BLOCK: 99415 B; PARCEL 391 CONTAINING 0.30 ACRE)**

PARL SEC and Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) was minded not to approve the application;
- (ii) agreed that no definitive decision be taken until the Hon Chief Minister and the Hon Attorney General had further discussion on the matter.

Action: HON CM; AG; PS, MHA/LANDS; DLS

EX MIN 14/119

**EX MEM 14/62 APPROVAL OF THE THEME FOR CELEBRATIONS MARKING THE 47<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANGUILLA REVOLUTION AND ANGUILLA DAY**

Council approved the following theme for 2014 for celebrations marking the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Anguilla Day Revolution and Anguilla Day:-

“Reflecting on 1967, Reviving the Spirit of Unity, Anguilla at 47”

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

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; PAS, MHA

EX MIN 14/120

**EX MEM 14/63 UPGRADE OF THE CARTER REY BOULEVARD AND VALUE FOR MONEY (VFM) STUDY FOR THE MANGO GARDEN ROAD**

PARL SEC remained for discussion. Messrs Nigel Connor, Deputy Chief Engineer, MICUH and Shaynis Connor, Roads Engineer, MICUH joined the Meeting.

Council approved:-

- (i) the project proposal document;
- (ii) the proposed implementation plan;
- (iii) a project budget of EC\$6.0m (option 3) of which EC\$5.6m will be provided from the 2014 Budget and the remaining amount from the 2015 Budget;

Council mandated the MoFEDICT in collaboration with the MICUH to begin looking at other projects and to request from the UK, technical assistance to carry out a VFM Study for the Mango Garden Road relative to other projects.

Action: PS, MICUH; CHIEF ENG; DEP CHIEF ENG; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD; CPO; ACC GEN

EX MIN 14/121

**EX MEM 14/64 RESIGNATION OF MRS SHEILA HASKINS OF THE ANGUILLA AIR AND SEA PORTS AUTHORITY**

Council:-

- (i) noted the resignation of Mrs Sheila Haskins as a member of the Board of the Anguilla Air and Sea Ports Authority Board; and
- (ii) noted that the resignation of Mrs Haskins would be gazetted in accordance with section 7(5) of the Anguilla Air and Sea Ports Authority Act.

Action: PS, MICUH; AG; CEO (Ag.), AASPA

EX MIN 14/122

**EX MEM 14/65 REAPPOINTMENT OF MRS SHEILA HASKINS AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE ANGUILLA AIR AND SEA PORTS AUTHORITY**

Council:-

- (i) approved the reappointment of Mrs Sheila Haskins to the Board of the Anguilla Air and Sea Ports Authority for a term of two (2) years effective 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014; and

- (ii) agreed that the allowances for all Board members should remain unchanged.

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

Action: PS, MICUH; AG; CEO (Ag.), AASPA

EX MIN 14/123

**EX MEM 14/66 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC) –  
APPOINTMENT OF GRANT THORNTON INTERNATIONAL LTD. AS  
AUDITORS**

Council agreed that Grant Thornton International Ltd of Antigua should conduct the audit of the Public Utilities Commissions accounts for the year 2013.

Action: PS, MICUH; DIR, PU

**ORAL MENTION**

EX MIN 14/124

**P.P.P WALLBLAKE AIRPORT**

PS, EDICT, PARL SEC, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance, and DLS remained for discussion. Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge, TIO and Mr Brent Woodson, Consultant joined the Meeting.

The Consultant made a brief presentation to Executive Council with regard to the further expansion and development of the Wallblake Airport.

Action: PS, EDICT; PS, FIN; TIO; DLS

EX MIN 14/125

**ZEMI BEACH ROAD**

PS, EDICT, PARL SEC, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance, DLS and TIO remained for discussion.

Further to EX MIN 14/108 of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014, Council noted the update from the TIC on the discussion with the TIC and Zemi Beach representatives concerning the Zemi Beach Road. Council agreed that a proper paper be submitted to Executive Council on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014 for further consideration.

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

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

EX MIN 14/126

**ACQUISITION OF ALTAMER RESORT BY TEI ANGUILLA VILLA  
EQUITIES LLC AND TEI ANGUILLA UPLAND EQUITIES LLC (THE  
“PURCHASERS”)**

PS, EDICT, DLS and TIO remained for discussion.

Council approved a comfort letter (attached) from the Hon Chief Minister to be sent to Mr Francis Greenburger, Chairman, Time Equities Inc. of New York, USA acknowledging receipt of (a) an application for Foreign Direct Investment approval and (b) applications for Aliens Land Holding Licence approval from the Purchasers, to enable them to own and operate the Altamer Resort.

The Hon Chief Minister was pleased to advise that the above-mentioned applications by the Purchasers had been approved by the GoA.

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

EX MIN 14/128

**EX MIN 14/85 EX MEM 14/41 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – TELMA G. DUZANT, FRANCOIS R. DUZANT, ALAIN E. DUZANT & CATHERINA C.S. DUZANT (REGISTRATION SECTION: EAST CENTRAL; BLOCK: 89218 B PARCEL 540, CONTAINING 2.65 ACRES)**

Council agreed that EX MIN 14/85 of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014 should be amended to read:-

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Telma G. Duzant, Francois R. Duzant, Alain E. Duzant and Catherina C. S. Duzant to jointly hold, on a freehold basis, vacant land described as Registration Section East Central, Block 89218 B Parcel 540, containing 2.65 acres of land located at Tom Ground, subject to the payment of the following stamp duties:-

(i)	under the Stamp Act - 5% of EC\$362,907.00	EC\$18,145.35
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulations Act - waived	EC\$ - 0 -
(iii)	refundable deposit of 10% - waived	EC\$ - 0 -
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EC\$18,145.35</b> =====

Council further agreed that the applicants should be granted a waiver from the restriction of acquiring only 0.50 acre of land and also from the requirement to complete construction in twenty-four (24) months.

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

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

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