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MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH MAY 2015

- PRESENT:
- Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott
 - The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,
Economic Development, Commerce, Lands & Physical Planning and Tourism
 - The Hon Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid
 - The Hon Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development
 - The Honourable Cora Richardson-Hodge, Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration,
Labour, Environment, Human Rights, Gender Affairs, Constitutional Affairs and
Information and Broadcasting
 - The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,
Utilities, Housing, Agriculture and Fisheries and Information Technology
 - The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones
 - Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council
- IN ATTENDANCE:
- Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary
 - Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT
 - Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS
 - Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUH
 - Mr Bancroft Battick, Chief Engineer, DICUH
 - Mr Fabian M. Fahie, Chairman, AASPA
 - Mr Vanroy Hodge, CEO, AASPA
 - Mr Sherman Williams, Finance Manager, AASPA

EX MIN 15/322

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary joined the Meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 4th Meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2015.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 15/323

EX MIN 15/312 EX MEM 15/163 APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE ANGUILLA TOURIST BOARD

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 15/312 of 21st May 2015, Council agreed that:-

- (i) **Mr Chesney Hughes** should be appointed to the Anguilla Tourist Board as an employee of the tourist industry other than an owner or a manager who the Minister believes best represents the interests of persons employed in the tourist industry; and
- (ii) **Ms Myrna Sasso**, retired Assistant Bank Manager should be appointed to the Anguilla Tourist Board under Section 5 (1) (f) of the Act.

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

Action: PS, EDICT; HON CM/TOURISM; PARL SEC; CO-ORD, TSDP; TP

EX MIN 15/324

EX MIN 15/319 EX MEM 15/170 APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSIONER TO THE BOARD OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted the Hon Minister of Infrastructure's intention to appoint Mr Christonie Fleming as a Commissioner to the Board of the Public Utilities Commission; and
- (ii) asked the Hon Minister to submit a proper paper to Council on Thursday 4th June for consideration.

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

Action: PS, MICUH; HON MINISTER, MICUH

EX MIN 15/326

EX MEM 15/171 APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL MINISTERIAL ASSISTANTS

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 15/276 of 30th April 2015, Council:-

- (i) approved the attached agreement to effect the appointment of Mr Othlyn Vanterpool as a Ministerial Assistant for the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications and Utilities with effect from 1st May 2015; and

- (ii) agreed that the Hon Deputy Governor and GoA Ministers should have a further discussion on the appointment of Mrs Evalie Bradley as a Ministerial Assistant for the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Action: HON DG; MINS OF GOV'T; PS, MHA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; OTHER PERM SECS; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 15/327

EX MEM 15/172 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – JAMIE CHRISTOPHER FIELDS – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99519 B, PARCEL 73, CONTAINING 0.94 ACRE

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. PS, EDICT and DLS remained for discussion.

Council agreed that an Aliens Land Holding Licence should be issued to Jamie Christopher Fields to hold, on a freehold basis, 0.94 acre of vacant land described as Registration Section East End, Block 99519 B, Parcel 73, located at Captains Ridge to construct a single dwelling house thereon on the grounds that the applicant's reasons for requesting an exception to Government's Policy on restricting aliens to hold no more than half an acre of land are justifiable, and subject to the following:-

a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:-

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$403,230.00	EC\$ 20,161.50
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulations Act – 12.5% of EC\$403,230.00	EC\$ 50,403.75
(iii)	refundable deposit of 10% of EC\$403,230.00	EC\$ 40, 323.00
	TOTAL	EC\$110,888.25

- b) the construction of the dwelling house to be completed 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) 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, Commerce, Tourism and Lands & Physical Planning (FEDICTLP).

Action: PS, LANDS; PS, FIN; DLS

EX MIN 15/328

EX MEM 15/173 EXEMPTION FROM WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that EXODUS HD would be holding a fundraising event to be held on Saturday 30th May 2015 to assist with their costs as they endeavour to produce their 2015 Carnival Album while contributing to Anguilla's culture, musically and socially;
- (ii) additionally noted that EXODUS HD had partnered with Poison Band from St. Thomas, USVI to assist with the fundraising event to be held on Saturday 30th May; and
- (iii) agreed that the members of the Poison Band (list attached) should be exempted from the requirement of a work permit in accordance with Section 3 (g) of the Control of Employment Act.

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

Action: PS, IMM; CIO; LAB COM

EX MIN 15/329

EX MEM 15/174 FILLING THE VACANT POSTS OF IMMIGRATION OFFICER I AND II

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that a vacancy was created when an Immigration Officer II was promoted to the post of Senior Immigration Officer and, that as a result of the promotion, another vacancy had been created for the post of Immigration Officer I;
- (ii) noted that the positions would not necessitate additional funding;
- (iii) additionally noted that the views of the Permanent Secretaries had been sought on the filling of the posts and that a favourable response was given; and
- (iv) agreed that the posts of Immigration Officer I and Immigration Officer II in the Immigration Department should be filled.

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

Action: PS, IMM; PS, PA; CIO; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 15/330

EX MEM 15/175 SCHOLARSHIPS TO PURSUE MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that Executive Council previously approved five (5) scholarships in the area of Educational Leadership at the Master's Level (EX MIN 14/710);
- (ii) noted that six (6) public Officers (mainly Principals and Deputy Principals) had applied for the scholarships;
- (iii) additionally noted that the cost of training for the officers would not exceed the budgetary allocation of EC\$75,000.00 a year; and
- (iv) approved six (6) scholarships in the area of a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership.

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

Action: PS, ELSYC; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; CEO; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 15/331

EX MEM 15/176 MAINTAINING THE COMMODITY SUPPLY CHAIN OF GOODS TO ANGUILLA

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. PS, EDICT and DLS remained for discussion. The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUH
 Mr Bancroft Battick, Chief Engineer, DICUH
 Mr Fabian M. Fahie, Chairman, AASPA
 Mr Vanroy Hodge, CEO, AASPA
 Mr Sherman Williams, Finance Manager, AASPA

Council:-

- (i) noted the power point presentation on the status of the Road Bay Jetty;
- (ii) approved the recommendations in the Royal Engineers Report (Option 1, paragraph 40, pages 8-9) for the urgent and priority implementation of critical remedial repairs to the Road Bay Jetty at an estimated £665,000 (EC\$3,060,000), as a first essential phase to avert structural failure and the attendant economic and social costs;
- (iii) approved the Royal Engineers recommendation (Option 3, paragraph 42, pages 9-10) for the construction of "new RO-RO berthing platforms at the end of the jetty and along the southern edge" at an estimated cost of £2.5

million (EC\$11,503,759) as the second phase of the rehabilitation of the Jetty to meet Anguilla's medium term cargo port RO-RO needs;

- (iv) agreed that funding needed to be urgently sourced to undertake the critical remedial repairs to Road Bay Jetty and to construct the RO-RO berthing platforms by means of a grant;
- (v) agreed that, in the event a grant is not obtained, a soft loan should be sought. If this method is unsuccessful, recurrent revenue surpluses should be used, which, if that proves also to be unavailable, a portion of the reserves should be used; and
- (vi) agreed that the UKG should be asked if technical assistance could be provided for the design phase and the remedial repairs to the Road Bay Jetty.

In a further discussion, Council acknowledged that the AASPA needed to be self financing and should not continue to rely on the GoA for funding. Council mandated the Ministry of Finance and the MICUH along with the AASPA to have a discussion on the AASPA's ability to finance a loan for the immediate repairs to the Road Bay Jetty. AASPA Executive Officers were asked to look at the long term options for the Road Bay Jetty and additionally to work through what a contingency plan would look like if the Road Bay Jetty was no longer available for use.

Action: PS, MICUH; CHIEF ENG; CEO, AASPA; CHAIR, AASPA

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 15/332

DEDUCTION FROM DEFERRED SALARY

[note on publication: name redacted]

Council noted a letter dated 27th May 2015 to the Hon Mr. Victor Banks, Chief Minister/Finance from Mrs G regarding the above captioned matter.

The Hon Attorney General undertook to discuss the matter with the Senior Crown Counsel (Civil) in the Attorney General's Chambers and to report back to Executive Council.

Action: HON AG; HON CM/FIN

EX MIN 15/333

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

The Hon Chief Minister/Finance informed Council that he would be off island from 2 – 9 June 2015 on leave.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
