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MINUTES OF THE 35th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 18th MARCH 2021 AT 9.00AM

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
- The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,
Dr Ellis Webster
- The Honourable Deputy Governor (Ag), Mr Merwyn F Rogers
- 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 Economic Development, Commerce,
Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources,
Mr Kyle Hodge
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
- Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social
Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
- ABSENT: The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,
Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie

EX MIN 21/109

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 34th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 11th March 2021 and the Special Meeting held on Friday 12th March 2021.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 21/110

EX MEM 21/59 RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER TO THE BOARD OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) approved the re-appointment of Mrs Keesha Carty as Chairman and Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission, for a term of two (2) years, with effect from March 17, 2021, in accordance with section 3 of the Public Utilities Commission Act, subject to confirmation of her passing the required board governance examination;
- 2) instructed the AG's Chambers to prepare the appropriate instrument of appointment for publication in the Gazette; and
- 3) noted that the PUC must inform the Ministry of ICUHT three (3) months in advance of the expiry of any and all PUC members appointments or resignations from the PUC.

Action: PS, MICUHT; EX DIR, PUC; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 21/111

EX MEM 21/60 APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC) BUDGET 2021

Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for MICUHT briefed Council. The board of the Public Utilities Commission has approved its budget which was amended in accordance with Ex Min 20/510. The PUC does not require any subvention from the Government of Anguilla.

Council:

- 1) noted the 2021 budget of the Public Utilities Commission with forecasted expenditure of XCD\$772,963;
- 2) noted that the total personnel costs set out in the supplementary information sheet were inclusive of all associated salary related costs such as statutory contributions, insurances and allowances;
- 3) the total wage costs in the supplementary information sheet were recorded in the maintenance subhead; and
- 4) approved the 2021 budget of the Public Utilities Commission, subject to confirmation that the total personnel costs supplementary sheet is corrected to be consistent with the budget.

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 21/113

EX MEM 21/62 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST CENTRAL, BLOCK 89218 B, PARCEL 329 CONTAINING 0.25 ACRES

Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) noted that under section 14(3) of the Aliens Land Holding Licence Regulations Act, where an alien acquires land or an interest in land by intestacy from his father, the amount of stamp duty payable is \$200.00; and

2) agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis, property situate in Registration Section East Central, Block 89218 B, described as Parcel 329 containing 0.25 acres of land, located at Island Harbour, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

(i)	under Section 14(3) of the Aliens Land Holding Licence Act	EC\$200.00
(ii)	Stamp Duty on Transfer	<u>EC\$ 20.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$220.00</u>

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

EX MIN 21/114

COVID-19 & ASTRAZENECA/OXFORD VACCINE UPDATE

Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Vaccination Deployment Update

The second batch of AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccines, a total of 4,000 doses, were received by the Government of Anguilla via air courier on March 17, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Anguilla has received to date 12,000 doses of the vaccine.

As of March 17 at 4.00 pm, there were 6281 persons registered of which 5,248 persons have received their first dose. This represents 42% of the target population figure of 12,600 persons. The breakdown by occupation is as follows:

- 252 Healthcare workers
- 311 Civil, border protection and port staff
- 1006 Hospitality workers

- 742 Retired
- 2937 Others

Using 2011 census age demographics, the breakdown of individuals who have received the vaccine by age, is as follows:

- 1566 persons age 18 - 34 (32% of target)
- 1851 persons age 35 - 49 (40 % of target)
- 1781 persons age 50 - 64 (62 % of target)
- 1041 persons age 65+ (67% of target)

This indicates that vaccination uptake is lower among the younger age groups. The Health team will continue outreach and promotional efforts directed towards groups where vaccination uptake is not as high as desired (18 - 45 year olds and hospitality workers) and provide more options for vaccination in the community. This week a second vaccination site was opened in South Hill, and arrangements are also being made to provide vaccinations at the Hughes Medical Centre.

The Health team has partnered with Digicel to offer mobile vaccination sites in Island Harbour and at Best Buy East, starting on Saturday 20th March, 2021.

The telecoms companies are disseminating agreed promotional texts. IWAS will also collaborate with the Ministry of Health and host a mixer for social media influencers and other young persons on Friday 26th March. Outreach in the community continues.

Exit Planning Update

The formulation of the Covid-19 exit planning strategy continues, with input from other sectors at this stage.

Council:

- 1) noted that both the first and second batch of vaccines received have an expiration date of May 2021. A continuous supply of the vaccine is not guaranteed;

- 2) noted that the 12,000 doses of vaccine received are sufficient to provide the second dose required for all persons who have already received one dose, and to provide some additional vaccinations thereafter;
- 3) noted that an updated breakdown of vaccination uptake by District would be beneficial; and
- 4) further noted that prolonged closure of Anguilla's borders is not sustainable and that the measures taken to control the importation and transmission of COVID-19, that is all existing COVID-19 related Regulations, will have to be reduced and then eventually come to an end. By April 1, the Ministry of Health anticipates being in a position to announce the proposed timeline for relaxation and removal of the COVID-19 measures.

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD;
ACC, GEN; HON, DG; HON, AG; MINS OF GOV'T
