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MINUTES OF THE 145TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH JUNE 2018

- PRESENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE
- The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,
Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Cora Richardson-Hodge, Minister of Home Affairs and Education
- The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,
Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr John McKendrick QC
- Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council
- IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Evalie Bradley, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA
Mr Stephen Turnbull, Financial Specialist
Mr Kiel Connor, Comptroller, Inland Revenue
- ABSENT: The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands
and Physical Planning

EX MIN 18/290 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 144th Meeting held on Thursday 31 May 2018 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Monday 4 June 2018.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 18/291

EX MIN 18/285 EX MEM 18/152 APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR THE 2018 ANGUILLA SUMMER FESTIVAL

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/285 of 31 May 2018, H E The Governor urged the Hon Deputy Governor to have a conversation with the Chief of Staff, Governor's Office with regards to possible funding from the Anguilla Country Programme for repairs to the Landsome Bowl Cultural Centre.

Action: PS, SDSYC; DIR, Y & C; HON DG; HON MIN, SDSYC

EX MIN 18/292

EX MEM 18/155 DESIGNATING ANGUILLA STRONGER AS A CHARITABLE ORGANISATION (TEMPORARY)

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) agreed in principle to grant the charitable status to Anguilla Stronger for an approved period and extend the exemption for Anguilla Stronger until 30 September 2018;
- (ii) agreed in principle that Customs should facilitate a refund of the reconciled amount of duty paid by Anguilla Stronger and its related accounts; and
- (iii) agreed that the Comptroller of Customs should liaise with the Hon Attorney General to give effect to (i) and (ii).

The Governor noted the very significant financial consequences of this decision. The financial position was very tight and the loss of revenue associated with this decision would inevitably carry consequences for many ordinary Anguillans in terms of the education and health services. He requested the Hon Deputy Governor to ensure that a protocol covering the type, nature and duration of any exemptions in the period following a hurricane is clearly and quickly established with Customs.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; COC; HON AG; FO; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/293

EX MEM 18/156 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE OF CROWN LAND – SHARMAINE BROWNE – PART OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS REGISTRATION SECTION SOUTH CENTRAL BLOCK 38813 B PARCEL 190 (PART OF) CONTAINING 5,950 SQ. FT (0.14 ACRE OF LAND)

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council agreed that the matter be deferred.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS

EX MIN 18/294

EX MEM 18/157 CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council:

- (i) noted the comments from the Anguilla Bar Association on the proposed Bill for the Criminal Justice Reform Act, 2018;
- (ii) agreed that following the meeting between the Hon Minister, MHA and the Hon Attorney General, they should meet with the Bar Association (H E The Governor had been invited to join and would do so); and
- (iii) noted the intention that the Bill be laid before the House of Assembly on Friday 29 June for its first reading.

Action: HON AG; CL, HOA; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/295

EX MEM 18/158 PERMANENT RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT AGENT FEE

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/258 of 16 May 2018, Council approved the amendment to the Trades, Business, Occupation and Professional Licensing fee schedule.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; HON AG; PAS, FIN; DEP; BD; CIR; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/296

EX MEM 18/159 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT ACT

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance. Mr Kiel Connor, Comptroller, Inland Revenue joined.

Council:-

- (i) thanked the Comptroller for his very detailed submission and approved the proposed amendments to the Inland Revenue Department Act;
- (ii) instructed the MFEDICT to send drafting instructions to the Attorney General's Chambers for the amendments to be made to the Act;

(iii) agreed that officials should aspire to introduce this to the House of Assembly at its meeting on Friday 29 June for first reading; and

(iv) agreed that public consultation should begin as soon as practicable.

Action: PS, FIN; CIR; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; HON AG; CL, HOA;
ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 18/297

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council noted the following dates of official overseas travel:

- 1) Hon Chief Minister - Thursday 7 June - Friday 15 June 2018,
Joint Ministerial Council Meeting, UK
- 2) H E The Governor - Tuesday 11 June - Sunday 17 June 2018,
Joint Ministerial Council Meeting, UK

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 18/298

EX MIN 18/190 EX MEM 18/107 PERMANENT RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT (ECONOMIC RESIDENCY)

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/190 of 12 April 2018, Council reminded officials of the policy paper to be submitted to Executive Council for consideration.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; HON AG; PAS, FIN; DEP; BD; CIR; MINS OF
GOV'T

EX MIN 18/299

OUTSTANDING LEGISLATION

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

The Hon Attorney General spoke of the following pieces of outstanding legislation:-

- 1) Property Tax Reduction Regulations
- 2) Prison Act
- 3) IBC Amendment Act
- 4) Health Professions Act
- 5) ALHL Amendment Act

- 6) Criminal Justice Reform Act
- 7) Inland Revenue Department Act
- 8) Child Protection Bill
- 9) Elections Act

Council noted that, if at all possible, legislation listed in nos. 1-6 above should be prepared to be laid before the Meeting of the House of Assembly on Friday 29 June and week beginning 9 July for their first and second readings respectively.

Action: HON AG; CL, HOA; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/300

CARIBBEAN FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE (CFATF) MUTUAL EVALUATION REPORT

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

The Hon Attorney General informed Council that he would be meeting sometime with the CFATF team for a mutual evaluation report on Anguilla. He noted the importance of Anguilla responding quickly and purposefully to previous recommendations.

Action: HON AG; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; DIR, FSC; BD

EX MIN 18/301

TRIPARTITE MEETING BETWEEN ANGUILLA AND ST. MARTIN/ST. MAARTEN OFFICIALS

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

The Hon Attorney General informed Council that Criminal Justice officials in Anguilla along with French St. Martin/Dutch St. Maarten officials would be holding a tripartite meeting in the Executive Council Chambers in Anguilla on Tuesday 12 June in relation to border control and cooperation, and other matters of interest. A joint press conference was scheduled to take place at the Chambers at 11:00 am.

Action: HON AG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/302

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council agreed that there would be no meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 14 June.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
