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**MINUTES OF THE 174th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2024 AT 9.00 AM**

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Julia Crouch
- The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment and Health, Dr Ellis Webster
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
- 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 of Sustainability, Innovation and Environment, Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie
- Acting Attorney General, Ms Erica Edwards
- Clerk to Executive Council, Ms Dumisa Webster
- IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Merrick Richardson
- Financial Advisor, Mr. Evarist Mwesigye
- AGC Office Manager, Ms. Jennyville Smith
- ABSENT: The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

EX MIN 24/047

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Adviser, Head of Governor's Office and AGC Office Manager remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 173rd Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 15th February 2024 and Council decision agreed by Round Robin on Friday 16th February 2024.

EX MIN 24/048

EX MEMO 24/020 Approval of Groundwater and Seawater Abstraction Regulations 2024

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Adviser, Head of Governor's Office and AGC Office Manager remained.

The Honorable Minister MICUH&T briefed Council. The Ministry for Infrastructure, Communication, Utilities, Housing, and Tourism plays a significant role in ensuring the sustainable use and protection of Anguilla's Groundwater and Seawater resources through enforcing legislation such as the Water and Wells Act which defines the Administrative and application process of constructing a well. However, the current Water and Wells Act does not speak to the abstraction of groundwater and seawater from the same. The implementation of the Groundwater and Seawater Abstraction Regulations 2024 will foster a conducive regulatory environment to managing this finite resource and maximize the Government of Anguilla revenue potential.

Council approved the draft Groundwater and Seawater Abstraction Regulations R.A 2024 and made the following recommendations:

- 1) Amendment to Section 9 (j) to include "reasonable" and to read as follows, "any other reasonable terms and conditions the Technical Officer Utilities considers appropriate."
- 2) The removal of section 24 (3).
- 3) Acting AG to review penalties to check they are in the parent Act.

Action: PS, MICUH&T; HON MIN, MICUH&T; HON AG

EX MIN 24/049

EX MEMO 24/30 Inclusion of Tasers in the Anguilla Police Force's Kit of Arms and Accoutrements

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Adviser, Head of Governor's Office and AGC Office Manager remained.

Ex Min 23/367 notes the Executive Council's approval of the amendments to the Firearms (Amendment) Act which will allow the introduction and deployment of a less lethal option in the kit of arms and accoutrements of the Royal Anguilla Police Force to be used in carrying out their duties. Subsequently, the recent passage of the Firearms (Amendment) (No.2) Act, 2024, has expanded the category of restricted weapons under the Firearms Act to include Tasers.

Council noted the update on the roll out of Tasers in line with the Firearms (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2024.

Action: HON DG; COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

EX MIN 24/050

EX MEMO 24/31 Application For Issue of Licence Under The Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- – Dubishana Limited – Registration Limited Section, Block 99519 B, Parcel 19 Containing 1.00 Acre.

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Adviser, Head of Governor's Office and AGC Office Manager remained.

Council agreed to approve the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Dubishana Limited to hold on a freehold basis property situated in Registration Section: East End, Block 99519 B, described as Parcel 19 for residential purposes, located in Captain Ridge, subject to the following:

(a)	Stamp duties payable are as follows:	
	(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$930,117.20	EC\$46,505.86
	(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$930,117.20	<u>EC\$46,505.86</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$93,011.72</u>

- (b) The property is to be used for residential purposes.
- (c) The Applicant Company must obtain a Business Licence from the Ministry of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology & Natural Resources in order to rent the said property.
- (d) Parcels 19, and 106 should be amalgamated within 3 months, and upon such, a new Aliens Land Holding Licence

will be reissued.

- (e) The Applicant Company shall be granted an exemption based on the Government's Policy restricting Aliens to the purchase of no more than half an acre of land on the grounds that the property forms part of the distressed properties owned by the National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Ltd. The Applicant owns the adjoining Parcel 106.
- (f) The Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla in force from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Work Permit Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

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

EX MIN 24/051

EX MEMO 24/32 Application For Issue of Licence Under The Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- Sofia Spiros Milonas-Registration Section: North, Block 58716 B, Parcel 38 Containing 0.50 of An Acre

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Adviser, Head of Governor's Office and AGC Office Manager remained.

Council agreed to approve the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Sofia Spiros Milonas to hold on a freehold basis, property situated in Registration Section: North, Block 58716 B, described as Parcel 38 being 0.50 of an acre located in the Black Garden, with a dwelling house thereon, subject to the following:

- (a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties
 - (i) under the Stamp Act – 5%
of EC\$1,075,280.00 EC\$ 53,764.00
 - (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – 5%
of EC\$1,075,280.00 EC\$ 53,764.00
- TOTAL** **EC\$107,528.00**
- (b) The property must be used for residential purposes.

- (c) The Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology & Natural Resources in order to rent the said property.
- (d) The Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla enforced from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Work Permit Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

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