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MINUTES OF THE 213TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 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 Education, Library Services, Sports, Youth and Culture

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

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr Wycliffe Fahie, PAS, FIN

Mr Patrick Hanley, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance

Ms Kafi Gumbs, Director of Fisheries

Mr Karim Hodge, Director of Environment

Mr Kenneth Hodge, PAS, MHA

Mr William Vanterpool, Director of Agriculture

Dr Patrick Vanterpool, Chief Veterinary Officer

Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT

Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS

EX MIN 14/652

EX MEM 14/377 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MR R

[note on publication: name redacted to protect personal health information]

Council approved the payment of the deferred salary, in the amount of
EC\$8,900.52 to Mr R to enable him to assist his wife with some of her financial
obligations as a result of her medical condition.

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; ACC GEN; CIR

EX MIN 14/653

EX MEM 14/378 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS X*[Note on publication: name redacted to protect personal health information]*

Council approved the payment of the deferred salary, in the amount of EC\$14,616.89 to Ms X, in the Customs Department to enable her to meet some of the costs associated with her medical condition.

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; ACC GEN; COC

EX MIN 14/654

EX MEM 14/379 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR ANGUILLA RED CROSS

Dr Wycliffe Fahie, PAS, FIN joined the Meeting.

Council agreed that duty exemption be granted to the Anguilla Red Cross (c/o Mr Ricky Roupine) on a wheelchair bus. Council exceptionally agreed to waive the 5% administrative charge given the charitable status of the organisation.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$35,581.65.

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

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

EX MIN 14/655

EX MEM 14/380 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION BY GREIG HUGHES

PAS, FIN remained for discussion. The Hon Chief Minister/Finance declared an interest due to parental ties and absented himself from the discussion.

Council agreed that duty exemption be granted to Greig's Trucking and Heavy Equipment (c/o Mr Greig Hughes) on two hydraulic excavators. Council additionally agreed that the 5% administrative charge should be applied.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$83,884.74.

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

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

EX MIN 14/656

EX MEM 14/381 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION BY THOMAS "TALL BOY" BRYAN

PAS, FIN remained for discussion.

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Mr Thomas Bryan, a ferryboat operator and taxi driver on a Town and Country Chrysler van to upgrade

his taxi service. Council further agreed a duty rate of 12½%. Council additionally agreed that the 5% administrative charge should be applied.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$22,800.80.

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

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

EX MIN 14/657

EX MEM 14/382 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION BY WADAC CO. LTD.

PAS, FIN remained for discussion.

Council agreed that duty exemption be granted to Wadac Co. Ltd. (c/o Mr Wilmoth Richardson) on construction materials and furnishings for the construction of a commercial complex in the Quarter.

Council further agreed that the 5% administrative charge be applied.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is US\$81,765.13.

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

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

EX MIN 14/658

EX MEM 14/383 FILLING OF A JUVENILE CARE WORKER POST DUE TO RESIGNATION

Council noted that a Juvenile Care Worker at the Zenaida Haven, the Juvenile Rehabilitation Centre had resigned due to family obligations. Council further noted that the views of the Permanent Secretaries had been sought in relation to the filling of the post and that a favourable response was given.

Council agreed to the immediate filling of the Juvenile Care Worker post at the Zenaida Haven when it becomes vacant.

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

Action: PS, HSD; PS, PA; PS, FIN, PS, EDICT; BD

EX MIN 14/659

EX MEM 14/384 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION ON ELECTION CAMPAIGN MATERIALS BY THE HON. EVAN McNEIL ROGERS LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

PAS, FIN remained for discussion.

Council noted an application for duty exemption on election campaign materials for all the political parties and independent candidates contesting the elections.

Council agreed that:-

- (i) duty exemption be granted on election campaign materials for all the political parties and independent candidates contesting the elections;
- (ii) there should be one representative for each political party and each independent candidate representing herself/himself;
- (iii) the precise logistics for who was eligible for the duty exemptions, on what sorts of materials, and how duty exemptions should administratively be handled, should be reflected in the motion to be presented to the HoA **and/or** in guidance to candidates to ensure clarity on all sides; and
- (iv) the 5% administrative charge should be applied.

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

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

EX MIN 14/660

EX MEM 14/385 APPROVAL TO MERGE THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Mr Patrick Hanley, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance
 Ms Kafi Gumbs, Director of Fisheries
 Mr Karim Hodge, Director of Environment
 Mr Kenneth Hodge, PAS, MHA
 Mr William Vanterpool, Director of Agriculture
 Dr Patrick Vanterpool, Chief Veterinary Officer

Council supported the concept for the merging of the Departments of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment into the Department of Natural Resources and commended the team for their initiative and input in this matter.

Some of the significant factors that remained to be resolved job objectives and business plan for the proposed newly merged team, and logistical issues including office space, the need for discussions with FEDICT officials regarding budgetary implications, and agreeing the key positions to be filled.

Council directed the team to continue their deliberations and to liaise with other relevant departments.

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; PAS, MHA; PA, CM/FIN; DIR, FISH; DIR, ENV;
 DIR, AGR

EX MEM 14/386 2014 CAPITAL BUDGET – URGENT EXPENDITURE

Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion. Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT joined the Meeting.

Council:-

- (i) noted the request for implementation of further projects from the 2014 Capital Budget;
- (ii) agreed the list of projects for implementation from the 2014 Capital Budget as follows:-
 - a) **Health Authority of Anguilla (HAA)** of which the purchase of hospital beds is the most crucial

<u>Project Name</u>	EC\$
Blood Bank	171,000
Beds	50,300
Roof Upgrade	31,500
Security	59,400
Tools	23,700
Furniture/Fittings	40,000
Call Bell	<u>85,500</u>
TOTAL	<u>461,400</u>

- b) **Rehabilitation works at the Post Office**

Removal of rugs, tiling of three (3) offices & installation of air-conditioned units	EC\$20,000
Construction of a Generator House	EC\$50,000

- c) **Passport Issuance System** EC\$55,000 for 2014
- d) **Clinic at the Prison** EC\$100,000

Council further noted that the cost of these projects would be subtracted from the 2015 Capital Budget of EC\$22,919,900.00.

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

Action: PS, EDICT; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; CPO; BD; ACC GEN; PA, CM/FIN

EX MIN 14/662

EX MEM 14/387 EXTENSION OF CONSULTANCY – SUSTAINABLE TOURISM MASTERPLAN (STMP) IMPLEMENTATION

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

Council:-

- (i) commended the sterling efforts of the consultant in ensuring the implementation of the various components of the Master Plan;
- (ii) noted that the Commonwealth Secretariat was requested to extend the technical assistance for a further two years;
- (iii) additionally noted that by letter dated 9 September 2014 that the Ministry of FEDICT was informed that the Commonwealth Secretariat had recently reorganised and that support for Tourism Development had waned;
- (iv) supported in principle the GoA's proposal to finance the extension of the consultant's contract for a two-year term effective January 2015 – January 2017; and
- (v) mandated the PS, EDICT to provide to Ex Co a detailed breakdown of costs to be reflected in the 2015 budget for consideration.

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

Action: PS, EDICT; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; BD; ACC GEN; PA, CM/FIN

EX MIN 14/663

EX MEM 14/388 SHOAL BAY ROAD COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY TO THE FOUNTAIN CAVERN

Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance and PS, EDICT remained for discussion. Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS joined the Meeting.

Council:-

- (i) agreed to the establishment of the Project Team consisting of representatives from the Roads Registration Committee, the Principal Planning Officer, the Director of Lands and Surveys, the Chief Engineer, Principal Assistant Secretary Finance and PS, MHA/LANDS to review draft proposals and recommend the best option for consideration to all parties;
- (ii) agreed that the procedure under section 7 to 16 of the Roads Act, R.S.A. c. R65 should be followed; and
- (iii) agreed to the establishment of an Assessment Committee as prescribed under Section 10 of the Roads Act, R.S.A. c. R65.

Council noted that PS, EDICT had declared an interest because of familial ties and had declined to be a part of the project team. Council therefore agreed that PS, MHA/LANDS should replace him on the project team.

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; DLS; PPO; CHIEF ENG; PAS, FIN; PS, EDICT

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 14/665

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Council was informed of the following dates of travel:-

- 1) Hon Minister of Education - 21 – 26 October, Ministers of Education Meeting - St. Lucia
29 October – 4 November
- 2) Hon Chief Minister - 3 – 6 November, 13th Annual General Meeting of the Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV & AIDS - Guadeloupe
- 3) HE the Governor - 5 – 7 November on annual leave

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 14/666

POLICING ISSUES

Council agreed that the Commissioner of Police should be invited to Executive Council to discuss general policing issues and gun related crime and violence.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS; COP
