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MINUTES OF THE 20TH MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2020 AT 9.00AM

- PRESENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE
- The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance 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 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 Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,
Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie
Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social
Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

EX MIN 20/479

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 19th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 19th November 2020.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Council noted that:

- 1) work continued on the report on the reform of the Interim Stabilization Levy;
- 2) work was being done to accelerate the report on the work of the Supply Officer;
- 3) two laboratory technicians from PHE would be visiting Anguilla to support our PCR testing and a second PCR machine had been sourced and ordered;
- 4) the Government of Anguilla must enter into a contract for services with Blue Sea Anguilla. The Attorney General's Chambers should prepare the amendments to the Regulations to facilitate hotels remitting the arrival fees to the Government of Anguilla on behalf of guests; and
- 5) in relation to EX MIN 20/468 work is being done to ensure the smooth transfer of responsibility for the administration of unemployment assistance benefit from the Ministry of Finance to the Ministry of Social Development and also the reallocation of associated funds.

EX MIN 20/480

PLANS FOR DELIVERING COVID-19 VACCINATION

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Chief Executive Officer of HAA, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
EPI Manager HAA, Ms Janice Hodge
Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

The Health team briefed Council on the COVID-19 vaccination deployment plan.

Several candidate vaccines have been under development since January 2020. Three have reported high efficacy in trials. There is potential for one or more to be approved by safety regulators in the near future. The Ministry of Health and Health Authority had met to discuss issues related to vaccine deployment, as noted below.

Procurement and Financing

The United Kingdom Government and the COVAX facility could both provide vaccines. The UKG would not charge for vaccines, but had requested information on the number of doses Anguilla needed. COVAX had committed to provide coverage for 20% of the population, but required an initial down payment of approximately US\$11,500. A decision was needed on which route – or both – Anguilla wished to follow.

Prioritisation

A decision was needed on the priority population for vaccine distribution. The HAA/Ministry of Health recommended that priority be given to the following groups with the aim of completion by mid-2021 at the latest:

- Health workers
- Persons with underlying non-communicable health conditions, those over 65 years and older and adults living in residential facilities
- Civil protection, border protection & ports staff
- Hospitality workers

Thereafter, vaccination could be extended with a goal of 70% population coverage by December 2021.

Vaccine deployment team

The Ministry of Health and Health Authority recommended establishing a team dedicated to plan, coordinate and implement vaccine deployment, comprising:

From the public health sector:

- Merwyn F. Rogers, Permanent Secretary Health, MOH
- Aisha Andrewin, Chief Medical Officer, MOH
- Maeza Demis-Adams, CEO HAA
- Rochelle Rogers, Health Planner, MOH
- Alicia Haywood, Director of Nursing Services, HAA
- Janice Hodge, Community Nursing Coordinator/EPI Manager HAA
- Fay Thomas-Astaphan, Eastern Health District Manager/Public Health Nurse HAA
- Zamender Smith-Lake, Central Health District Manager/Public Health Nurse HAA

From the private sector:

- 1 public sector physician – Dr. R Perkins or Dr. Barron
- 1 private sector physician – Dr. Carbon, Dr. Bryan or Dr. Brooks
- Nisha Dupuis, Communications Specialist, MOH
- Community Representative – Health NGO representative e.g. Diabetes Association

Communications strategy

Given vaccine hesitancy the Ministry/Health Authority recommended a communication strategy.

Following discussion Council agreed:

- 1) to pursue only the UKG procurement mechanism at this time;
- 2) to adopt the proposed recommended prioritisation;

- 3) to the establishment of the vaccine deployment team and the proposed membership;
- 4) to the implementation of a communications strategy; and
- 5) that a policy decision should be made on whether or not in the future vaccination will be a pre-requisite for visitors travelling to Anguilla.

Action: PS, EDCITENR; PS, HLTH; PARL SEC; ED;
HON MIN, HLTH; HON, MIN EDCITENR; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 20/481

EX MEM 20/241 LEGISLATION FOR ECONOMIC RESIDENCE PROGRAMME

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

Council considered draft legislation pertaining to the following matters.

The Select Anguilla Agency Act came into force on 3 June 2019. This established the Select Anguilla Agency responsible for administration of the economic residence programme. The proposed amendment seeks to transfer responsibility from the Ministry of Finance to the Ministry of Economic Development and Investment.

The Anguilla Economic Residence Act also came into force on 3 June 2019. The Act established both the residency by investment programme and the residency for tax purposes programme. However, the Regulations were not implemented.

In EX MIN 20/215 Executive Council gave approval for the retroactive phase of the residency by investment programme to continue indefinitely. Legislation is required to give effect to this decision.

Following discussion Council agreed the following:

- 1) Select Anguilla Agency (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2020;

- 2) Anguilla Economic Residence (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2020;
and
- 3) Anguilla Economic Residence Regulations 2020;

and instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the Bills for tabling at the next session of the House of Assembly and the Regulations for signature.

Action: PS, EDCITENR; HON, AG; HON, MIN EDCITENR

EX MIN 20/482

MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020

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

The Hon Attorney General indicated that once the first reading of the Bill occurs the intervening period before the second reading can be utilised for public consultation and finalizing any required amendments. The Bill can be passed in the House of Assembly but it will not commence until the Regulations are implemented.

Council:

- 1) approved the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 2020;
and
- 2) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the Bill for tabling at the next session of the House of Assembly.

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, AG; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 20/484

EX MEM 20/242 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17810 B, PARCEL 201 STRATA LOT SL L101 BEING 3,099 SQ. FT.

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

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis a luxury condominium unit of approximately 3,099 sq. ft. forming part of Resorts & Residences of Anguilla Home Owners Association Ltd., a Condominium development at Four Seasons Anguilla Ltd., described as Registration Section West End, Block 17810 B, Parcel 201 SL L101 being Unit L101/TH137, subject to the following:

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| a) | Stamp Duties payable are as follows: | |
| | (i) under the Stamp Act – 5%
of EC\$3,261,805.24 | EC\$163,090.26 |
| | (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – 5%
of EC\$4,224,452.54 | <u>EXEMPT</u> |
| | TOTAL | <u>EC\$163,090.26</u> |

b) that Strata Lot described as Unit C304A (being Unit Suite 307) situate in Block 17810 B, Parcel 201 in Registration Section West End be exchanged with SOF 82 Anguilla Holdings LLC; and

c) Regulations to be issued for Exemption.

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

EX MIN 20/485

EX MEM 20/243 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17810 B, PARCELS 67, 73 & 88 CONTAINING 0.80, 0.27 & 1.00 ACRE RESPECTIVELY

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

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold property situated in Registration Section West End, Block 17810 B, described as Parcels 67, 73 & 88 located at Barnes Bay, West End, Anguilla for tourism purposes with a Villa, Tennis Court and Golf practice hole thereon, subject to the following:

- a) Stamp duties payable are as follows:
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| (i) | under the Stamp Act – 5%
of EC\$24,731,440.00 | EC\$1,236,572.00 |
| (ii) | under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – 5%
of EC\$26,895,441.00 | EC\$1,344,772.05 |
| TOTAL | | <u>EC\$2,581,344.50</u> |

- b) the Applicant Company must obtain a Business Licence from the Ministry of Finance in order to rent the said property; and
- c) the Applicant Company must comply with the Labour Department Act R.S.A. C. L15 and Section 16(1) and (2) of the Fair Labour Standards Act, R.S.A. C. F15.

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

EX MIN 20/486

EX MEM 20/237 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT (REMISSION) (FRANKLYN, CHARLES AND FLORENCIA WEBSTER) REGULATIONS, 2020

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

In relation to EX MIN 20/474 Council:

- 1) approved the Financial Administration and Audit (Remission) (Franklyn, Charles and Florencia Webster) Regulations, 2020, subject to inclusion of the amount remitted; and
- 2) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the Regulations for tabling at the next session of the House of Assembly.

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

EX MIN 20/487

EX MEM 20/238 AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC POUNDS ACT, DOGS ACT AND DOGS (INJURY TO POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK) ACT

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

Council:

- 1) approved the amendments proposed to the Public Pounds Act, Dogs Act and Dogs (Injury to Poultry and Livestock) Act, in the drafting instructions; and
- 2) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare amendments to the Public Pounds Act, Dogs Act and Dogs (Injury to Poultry and Livestock) Act, in accordance with the drafting instructions from the Ministry of EDCITENR.

Council authorized the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the minutes.

Action: PS, EDCITENR; HON, AG; HON, MIN EDCITENR

EX MIN 20/488

IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020

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

Council:

- 1) approved the Immigration and Passport (Amendment) Act, 2020; and
- 2) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the Bill for tabling at the next session of the House of Assembly.

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