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MINUTES OF THE 216TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2020 AT 9:00 AM

PRESENT: The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development,

Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical

Planning, Mr Evans Rogers

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-

Hodge

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing,

Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Mr Curtis Richardson

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming, MBE

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor

Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

PS, Economic Development, Investment & Commerce, Mr Larry Franklin

Economist, Ms Amber Woodley

Compliance Manager, Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge Trade and Investment Officer, Mr Khari Goddard

PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan

Comptroller, Inland Revenue, Mr Kiel Connor Comptroller of Customs, Mr Travis Carty

PS, Social Development, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake

ABSENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

EX MIN 20/10 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 215th Meeting held on Thursday 9 January 2020.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

EX MIN 20/11 <u>EX MEM 20/06 GRANT OF PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE VIA</u> INVESTMENT

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Economic Development, Investment & Commerce, Mr Larry Franklin Economist, Ms Amber Woodley
Compliance Manager, Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge
Trade and Investment Officer, Mr Khari Goddard

Council:

- (i) considered an application in respect of a Permit of Permanent Residence in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 (1) of the Immigration and Passport Act and the Permanent Residence Permit (Amendment) Regulations 2018; and
- (ii) advised His Excellency the Governor to grant the Permit of Permanent Residence, subject to the payment of the permit fee and all other requirements being fulfilled.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; DEP; HON AG; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COM MAN

EX MIN 20/12 <u>EX MEM 20/07 GRANT OF PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE VIA INVESTMENT</u>

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist, PS, Economic Development, Economist, Compliance Manager and Trade and Investment Officer remained.

Council:

- (i) considered an application in respect of a Permit of Permanent Residence in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 (1) of the Immigration and Passport Act and the Permanent Residence Permit (Amendment) Regulations 2018; and
- (ii) advised His Excellency the Governor to grant the Permit of Permanent Residence, subject to the payment of the permit fee and all other requirements being fulfilled.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; DEP; HON AG; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COM MAN

EX MIN 20/13 EX MEM 20/08 GRANT OF PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE VIA INVESTMENT

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist, PS, Economic Development,

Economist, Compliance Manager and Trade and Investment Officer remained.

Council:

- (i) considered an application in respect of a Permit of Permanent Residence in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 (1) of the Immigration and Passport Act and the Permanent Residence Permit (Amendment) Regulations 2018; and
- (ii) advised His Excellency the Governor to grant the Permit of Permanent Residence, subject to the payment of the permit fee and all other requirements being fulfilled.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; DEP; HON AG; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COM MAN

EX MIN 20/14

EX MEM 20/09 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE THE REVISION AND RENEWING OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WITH ST. JAMES SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FOR THE OPERATION OF A MEDICAL SCHOOL IN ANGUILLA

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist, PS, Economic Development, Economist, Compliance Manager and Trade and Investment Officer remained.

Council:

- (i) considered the Corporate Report concerning the revision of some of the terms and conditions outlined in the original Memorandum of Agreement with the Government of Anguilla and St. James School of Medicine (SJSM) for the operation of a medical school in Anguilla; and
- (ii) agreed as follows:

ANALYSIS OF KEY TERMS PROPOSED/CONCESSIONS REQUESTED

(1) **Student Levy Fee**

Council agreed with the TIC's recommendation that the student levy fee of US\$200.00 per trimester should remain the same and should not be reduced.

Student Levy Waiver

Council agreed that the IRD be asked to verify the amounts owed on the student levy.

(2) **Exclusivity**

Council agreed with the TIC's recommendation that the Government of Anguilla should not grant a further period of exclusivity to the SJSM for another ten (10) years. Other Developers have expressed interest in developing and operating medical schools in Anguilla.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, SD; PS, FIN; TIO; COM MAN; COC; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 20/16

EX MEM 20/11 REQUEST TO MODIFY THE PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT POLICY IN FISCAL 2020 AND PRESENTATION OF PROPERTY TAX **RESULTS FOR 2019**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist, PS, Finance, Comptroller, Inland Revenue and Comptroller of Customs remained.

Council:

(i) considered, and endorsed the following:

Incentive for early payment of property tax and opening arrears

- where both the tax levied in respect of the current financial year and the (a) opening arrears are paid in full in a single payment by the due date of the first installment, the tax payable for the current year will be reduced by 5%; and
- where both the tax levied in respect of the current financial year and the (b) opening arrears have been paid in full before the passage of these Regulations, the reduced amount referred in subsection (a) would be credited to the property tax account of the enrolled person.
- authorised the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the regulations for the (ii) Hon Premier and Minister of Finance under section 65 of the Property Tax Act, 2015 to reflect this. Noted that the regulations would begin in 2020.

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

EX MIN 20/17

EX MEM 20/12 REQUEST TO DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR IRD TO **CHARGE INTEREST ON PROPERTY TAX**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist, PS, Finance, Comptroller, Inland Revenue and Comptroller of Customs remained.

Council agreed that the paper be withdrawn.

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

EX MIN 20/18

EX MEM 20/13 CHILD JUSTICE BILL

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained. PS, Social Development, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake joined.

Council:

- (i) noted that the Child Justice Bill was shared with the Attorney General's Chambers, the Judiciary and the Royal Anguilla Police Force;
- approved the Child Justice Bill for public consultation; and (ii)

(iii) agreed that a separate consultation be held with the Anguilla Bar Association.

Action: PS, SD; CSD; HON AG; REG, JD; COP; HON MIN, HSD

EX MIN 20/19 EX MEM 20/14 UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIAL PROTECTION ACTION PLAN

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and PS, Social Development remained.

Council:

- (i) noted the progress on the National Social Protection Action Plan;
- (ii) noted that the Plan is the result of a series of stakeholder consultations led by the Ministry of Social Development and the UNICEF Consultant; and
- (iii) thanked the relevant officials for the good work on the National Social Protection Action Plan.

Action: PS, SD; CSD; HON MIN, HSD

EX MIN 20/20 <u>EX MEM 20/15 REBUILDING OF THE OLD COURT HOUSE AT CROCUS</u> HILL

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and PS, Social Development remained.

Council approved the following, subject to confirmation regarding the location of the Anguilla National Trust Building:

- (a) the restoration of the Old Court House at Crocus Hill;
- (b) acceptance of funding for the restoration from Mr Michael Taylor, a US national and part-time resident of Anguilla who has offered to fully fund the restoration of the Old Court House:
- (c) direct payments to suppliers from Mr Taylor for labour and materials;
- (d) the appointment of Mr Audley Carty as the contractor for the project;
- (e) duty-free concessions;
- (f) the future use of the building as a national museum; and
- (g) the creation of a National Museum Development Policy.

Action: PS, SD; DIR, Y&C; COC; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PS, MICUHAFE; ACC GEN; HON MIN, HSD

EX MIN 20/21 **EX MEM 20/16 DRAFTING OF A NATIONAL SPORTS ACT**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and PS, Social Development remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that a National Sports Act should be drafted; and
- (ii) agreed that the Ministry/Department should provide the Attorney General's Chambers with drafting instructions.

Action: PS, SD; HON AG; DIR, SPORTS; HON MIN, HSD

EX MIN 20/22 **EX MEM 20/17 APPLICATIONS FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed that thirty-six (36) persons should be granted the Permit of Permanent Residence in accordance with Section 24 of the Immigration and Passport Act.

Council did not approve the Permit of Permanent Residence for two (2) persons who did not meet the requirements for permanent residence in accordance with Section 24 of the Immigration and Passport Act. Council however noted that one of the persons may qualify for the Permit of Permanent Residence via investment.

Action: PS, MHA/IMM; LAB COM; CIO; HON MIN, MHA/IMM

EX MIN 20/23 EX MEM 20/18 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR FRANGIPANI RESORTS (PARADISE HOLDINGS)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist, PS, Economic Development, Economist, Compliance Manager, Trade and Investment Officer, PS, Finance, Comptroller, Inland Revenue and Comptroller of Customs remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed to grant an extension of the customs duty exemption period until 31 December 2020 on behalf of Frangipani Resorts (Paradise Holdings) (c/o Mr Scott Kircher) on the attached list of items to be imported for the expansion of the property;
- (ii) approved an amendment to the Paradise Holdings MOA to extend the customs relief period to 31 December 2020;
- (iii) agreed that the waiver should be for the Excise Tax, Interim Goods Tax, Import Customs Duty and Customs Service Fee. The administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act would apply; and
- (iv) noted the duty loss to be US\$1,469,189.00.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; COM MAN; COC; FO

EX MIN 20/24 EX MEM 20/19 THE CREATION OF A CUSTOMS GUARD FORCE AND RESULTING IMPLICATIONS FOR CUSTOMS STAFFING

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist, PS, Finance and Comptroller of Customs remained.

Council approved the creation of a skilled Guard Force within the Customs Department.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, PA; PS, EDICTIT; COC; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 20/25 **EX MEM 20/20 UNAUDITED 2019 BUDGET OUTTURN**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and PS, Finance remained.

Council noted the update on the preliminary unaudited Budget Outturn for 2019.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; BD; DEP; MINS OF GOV'T
