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MINUTES OF THE 218TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2020
AT 9:00 AM

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

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks

The Honourable Deputy Governor (acting), Mr Karim Hodge

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
Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Supervisor of Elections, Ms Aurjul Wilson

ABSENT: The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

EX MIN 20/35

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 217th Meeting held on Thursday 23 January 2020.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 20/37

UPDATE ON THE CORONAVIRUS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin

Council noted a comprehensive update by the Chief Medical Officer, on the Coronavirus. The CMO indicated that the outbreak of the virus which started in Wuhan, China is a very rapid evolving situation affecting persons mainly in China, but that some cases have now been identified in Europe and the USA. She added that the World Health Organisation (WHO) was advising against the application of any restrictions of international travel or trade at this time. However, the WHO will be meeting shortly and may revise its standing on the spread of the disease if necessary. The CMO went on to say that the WHO had confirmed that there were no cases in the Caribbean presently.

Dr Andrewin briefed members on the strategic approach agreed by the Ministry of Health and key counterparts which include fortification of the existing surveillance system to detect persons with communicable respiratory illness; reinforcement of hygienic and infection control practices at ports of entry and health care facilities and traveller education in respiratory etiquette and hygiene. Furthermore, residents of Anguilla have been advised to delay all non-essential travel to China, particularly to Wuhan City and the Hubei Province. The CMO shared that efforts were underway to bring the health system to a state of readiness should the need for an isolation facility suddenly arise and that this was after due consideration of the state of play of the health infrastructure post Hurricane Irma, and extensive reparations currently underway at the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

The CMO said that the Anguillian public was encouraged to continue to practice proper general personal hygiene.

The Ministry felt it prudent at this juncture to review its strategy and approaches on this matter. In addition to the foregoing, efforts are underway to secure a suitable establishment which may be used for quarantine if necessary. The Ministry believes it particularly prudent at this juncture to elaborate Anguilla's position on the questions of travel bans and restrictions within the legislative framework of the laws of Anguilla and the implications thereof.

Action: PS, HLPP; CMO; HON AG; CEO, HAA; HON MIN, HSD

EX MIN 20/38

ELECTIONS REGISTRATION REGULATIONS, 2020

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained. Supervisor of Elections, Ms Aurjul Wilson joined.

Council:

- (i) reviewed the Elections Registration Regulations, 2020; and

- (ii) noted that the Regulations should be brought back to Executive Council for further consideration simultaneously with the amended Elections Act which should be tabled at the Council's next meeting on 6 February.

Action: PS, MHA/IMM; HON AG; SOE; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 20/39

EX MEM 20/26 GRANT OF PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE VIA INVESTMENT

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist 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 20/40

EX MEM 20/27 GRANT OF PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE VIA INVESTMENT

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist 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 20/41

ANGUILLA PROGRAMME – PRIORITISATION OF REMAINING FUNDS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) noted the financial update of the various ongoing projects under the Anguilla Programme;
- (ii) noted that out of the £60 million available, £31.8 million was already fully committed leaving £28.2 million to be spent. These sums exclude work on the Road Bay Jetty which is being funded from a different source;
- (iii) noted that initial estimated allocations – as set out in the Governor’s letter of 21 January - for the remaining priority projects were as follows:
 - (a) Alben Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School (ALHCS)
 - Part 1 £ 2.9 million
 - Part 2 £ 10.6 million
 - Part 3 £ 3.9 million
 - Part 4 £ 5.5 million
 - Part 5 £ 4.4 million
 - (Total £ 27.3 million)
 - (b) Blowing Point Terminal £6 million
 - (c) Valley Health Clinic £3.9 million
- (iv) noted that these costs in total came to £37.2 million resulting in a funding gap of £9 million; and
- (v) recognizing the need to fit within the funding envelop Council agreed as follows:

ALHCS

With respect to Parts 1 - 3 – work should be undertaken with design consultants to identify changes to scope and value to realize economies of £1.5 million but without affecting the quality of the education services;

With respect to Part 4 – this component would need to be put on hold until additional funds could be identified;

With respect to Part 5 – this component would be capped at £3 million.

Blowing Point Terminal

Council agreed that spending on this project should be capped at £5 million recognizing this was sufficient to build a fully functioning new terminal of significant size and that non-essential, but desirable features could be phased in at a future point in time without compromising the facility’s functionality.

Action: PS, MHA/ED; PS, MICUHAFE; APM; CPO; BD; MINS OF GOV’T

EX MIN 20/42

MARKETING LEVY INCREASE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council noted the request for the Hon Attorney General's Chambers to liaise with the MFEDICT to finalise the appropriate regulations to effect an increase in the user fees for persons using the Anguilla terminal in Phillipsburg, St. Maarten.

Council requested that a formal paper be submitted to Executive Council on Thursday 6 February for consideration.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; HON AG; PS, FIN; BD; TIO; COM MAN; ACC GEN
