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MINUTES OF THE 230TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 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, 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

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley

Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull Parliamentary Counsel, Ms Keri Horsford

PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin

PS, Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett

EX MIN 20/188 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 229th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 23 April 2020 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Monday 27 April 2020.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 20/189 PUBLIC HEALTH (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC GATHERINGS) REGULATIONS, 2020

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

Parliamentary Counsel, Ms Keri Horsford PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin

Following on from EX MIN 20/186 of 27 April, Council:

- (i) agreed new regulations under section 8 of the Public Health Act, R.S.A.c. P125 as an important measure of Anguilla COVID-19 response;
- (ii) agreed that for the next month, between Thursday 30 April to Sunday 31 May 2020 restriction on public gatherings are as follows:
 - (a) the assembly or meeting of more than twenty-five (25) persons in a public place; and
 - (b) the assembly or meeting of more than twenty-five (25) persons in a private place;
- (iii) agreed that for this specific period, no person shall host or attend:
 - (a) public parties on the beach or on the mainland;
 - (b) a recreational or competitive sporting event;
 - (c) a meeting of a fraternal society, a private or social club or civic association or organisation; or any other social event in a public place other than the following:
 - (i) persons attending churches, weddings and funerals;
 - (ii) persons assembling for work purposes;
 - (iii) persons attending schools; or
 - (iv) persons attending company meetings
- (iv) agreed that social distancing during this specified period where there is an assembly or meeting of persons shall at all times remain at a minimum of 3ft. away from any other person; and
- (v) additionally agreed that physical distancing requirements during this specified period for every establishment be as follows:

- (a) determine the number of persons that may be permitted in any establishment at any one time by permitting one person for every 30 square feet of floor space; and
- (b) to ensure that distance markers are placed at a minimum of 3 ft. apart on the floor space of such establishments, including where customers must stand while waiting inside the establishment.

Council authorised the Hon Minister for Health and Social Development to sign the Public Health (Temporary Restrictions on Public Gatherings) Regulations, 2020 on Thursday 30 April 2020.

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

EX MIN 20/191 REVENUE, EXPENDITURE & CAPITAL PERFORMANCE

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

Council noted the revenue, expenditure and capital performance report for January to March 2020 from the Fiscal Review Team at the Ministry of Finance.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 20/196

EX MEM 20/101 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ADDENDUM TO THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT AND THE REGULATIONS TO THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT, 2020

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

Council considered and approved:

- (i) an addendum to the Definitive Agreement between the Government of Anguilla and the Chord Group (Anguilla) Limited; and
- (ii) Regulations to the Special Economic Zone Act 2020.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; TIO; HON AG; PC; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; ACC GEN

EX MIN 20/198

EX MEM 20/103 REPEAL OF EMBARKATION TAX ACT, 2000 AND AIRLINE TICKET TAX ACT, 2010 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PASSENGER SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES REGULATIONS AND AIRLINE TICKET FEES REGULATIONS UNDER THE SECTION 86 (3) 1 OF THE AASPA ACT

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

Further to EX MIN 20/180 of 23 April, Council considered and approved the following:

- (i) Airline Ticket Tax Repeal Act, 2020 to repeal the Airline Ticket Tax Act;
- (ii) Airline Ticket Tax (Amendment) Act, 2020 to allow AASPA to collect Airline Ticket Tax on behalf of the Comptroller and to validate any collections of same by AASPA before the Act entered into force;
- (iii) Embarkation Tax (Amendment) Act, 2020 to allow AASPA to collect Embarkation Tax on behalf of the Comptroller and to validate any collections of same by AASPA before the Act entered into force;
- (iv) Embarkation Tax (Repeal) Act, 2020 to repeal the Embarkation Tax Act;
- (v) Passenger Services Fee Regulations, 2020 to enact regulations under Section 86 (3) 1 of the AASPA Act to allow for a fee to be applied for specified passenger services;
- (vi) Airline Ticket Fees Regulations 2020 to enact Regulations under the Section 86 (3) 1 of the AASPA Act to allow for a fee to be charged on tickets issued for embarkation and disembarkation in Anguilla;
- (vii) Financial Administration and Audit (Remission) (Airline Ticket Tax)
 Regulations 2020 to waive the payment of the airline ticket tax collected by
 AASPA on behalf of the Comptroller in the period November 2016 to April
 2020 and not remitted to the Government of Anguilla; and
- (viii) Financial Administration and Audit (Remission) (Embarkation Tax)
 Regulations 2020 to waive the payment of the embarkation tax collected by
 AASPA on behalf of the Comptroller in the period November 2016 to April
 2020 and not remitted to the Government of Anguilla.

Action: PS, FIN; HON AG; PC; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; CIR; COC; AUD MAN; CEO, AASPA; AIR MAN; ACC GEN

EX MIN 20/200

EX MEM 20/105 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION: NORTH, BLOCK 58817 B, DESCRIBED AS PARCELS 98, 99, 100, 101 CONTAINING 0.50 ACRE, 0.50, 0.50 AND 0.57 ACRES RESPECTIVELY

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

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold property situated in Registration Section North, Block 58817 B, described as Parcels 98, 99, 100 & 101 containing 0.50 acre, 0.50, 0.50 and 0.57 acres respectively, located at Brimegin, Anguilla for the development of a golf course and club house for tourism purposes, subject to the following:

- (a) stamp duties payable are as follows:
 - (i) under the Stamp Act 5% of EC\$1,155,926.00

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$1,155,926.00

EC\$ 57,796.30

TOTAL

EC\$115,592.60

- (b) the applicant company must obtain a business licence from the Ministry of Finance in order to rent the said property;
- (c) the construction of the golf course and club house be completed within thirty-six (36) months. If said development is not completed at the end of thirty-six (36) months, a charge of US\$3,500.00/EC\$9,408.70 per month being charged for each month the project remains uncompleted for up to a period of twenty-four (24) months. Thereafter, the commencement of forfeiture proceeding, immediately forthwith; and
- (d) that the Ministry of Lands writes to the applicants of Parcels 92, 93, 94, 103 and 104, notifying them that their refundable deposit would be forfeited and that they should enter into a Supplementary Agreement for the completion of the development.

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

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, FIN; CIR

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley left the meeting.

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 20/202 **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Further to EX MIN 20/187 of 27 April, Council agreed to a reduction on Ministers of Government salaries of 15% for up to six (6) months beginning from July 2020. Legislation to be prepared to facilitate this reduction.

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