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MINUTES OF THE 236TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH JUNE 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
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
PS, Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett
Director, Lands and Surveys, Mr Leslie Hodge
Labour Commissioner, Mrs Jo-Anne Hodge
PS, Health, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson

EX MIN 20/256 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 235th Meeting of Executive Council held on
Thursday 4 June 2020.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 20/257 **COVID-19 REPATRIATION OF ANGUILLIAN RESIDENTS**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
 Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
 Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
 Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson

Further to EX MIN 20/250 of 4 June 2020 Council:

- (i) noted the update by the Chief Medical Officer, specifically:
 - a. the pandemic continues with North America now the epicenter;
 - b. the situation in the Caribbean remains stable, despite four new cases in Barbados arising from repatriations;
 - c. repatriations to Anguilla introduced the risk of importing a case which emphasized the importance of the Health Authority's readiness to respond to any new cases;
- (ii) noted that as of 10 June, 410 persons had registered on portal for repatriation and 311 approved by the Immigration Department to return to Anguilla;
- (iii) reviewed progress on the repatriation process and:
 - (a) agreed to maintain the approved quarantine protocols at least until the first cohort of those repatriating from areas of high transmission had completed the required quarantine period and the epidemiological situation would be reviewed;
 - (b) agreed that the capacity of the government approved quarantine facilities should be increased;
 - (d) noted that four (4) Cuban health officials had been recruited to bolster the Health Authority's capacity to manage any cases on island.
- (iv) asked the Hon Deputy Governor for a stocktake on progress at the next meeting.

Council expressed its thanks and appreciation to the public servants for their hard work in the repatriation process.

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

EX MIN 20/258

EX MEM 20/122 APPLICATIONS FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed that twenty-one (21) persons should be granted the Permit of Permanent Residence in accordance with Section 24 of the Immigration and Passport Act.

Council further agreed to the development of a broader policy geared towards giving favourable consideration to St.Martiners/St.Maarteners.

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

EX MIN 20/259

EX MEM 20/123 REFUSAL TO GRANT WORK PERMITS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.
Labour Commissioner, Mrs Jo-Anne Hodge joined.

Council:

- (i) noted that in keeping with section 165(3) of the Labour (Relations) Act 2018, the Hon Minister for Home Affairs and Labour consulted with Executive Council before refusing to grant work permits; and
- (ii) considered and endorsed the proposal by the Hon Minister that ten (10) persons be refused work permits.

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

EX MIN 20/260

EX MEM 20/124 EXEMPTION FROM FEES FOR EXTENSION OF STAY (WORK PERMIT HOLDERS RECRUITED FROM OVERSEAS)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained. PS, Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett joined.

Council:

- (i) approved the exemption from payment of fees for extensions of stay for work permit holders (and their spouses and children) recruited from overseas in the hotel sector whose work permits have expired and are awaiting consideration for renewal;
- (ii) noted and authorised HE The Governor to sign the Immigration and Passport (Amendment) Regulations (No. 2), 2020, which should come into effect from 16 April when the first exemption from payment of fees for extensions of stay for persons visiting Anguilla who were unable to leave due to the closure of ports caused by the COVID-19 outbreak; and
- (iii) requested the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the necessary legislative amendments or other appropriate documentation to give effect to the decision with effect from 16 April 2020.

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

EX MIN 20/261

EX MEM 20/125 TRANSFER OF LANDS TO THE CROWN FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES & HOUSING (MICUH)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained. Director, Lands and Surveys, Mr Leslie Hodge joined.

Council:

- (i) agreed that the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities and Housing and Lands inspect all right of ways prior to transfer to determine right of way boundary lines and actual right of way conditions;
- (ii) agreed to the Crown receiving the transfers for:
 - (a) property situated in Registration Section East Central, Block 89217 B, described as Parcel 274;
 - (b) property situated in Registration Section East Central, Block 89317 B described as Parcel 203; and
 - (c) properties situated in Registration Section Cauls Pond, Block 69014 B described as Parcels 277, 278, 291 and 356 being 0.20 ac, 0.14 ac, 0.72 ac and 0.36 of an acre.
- (iii) agreed that once the right of ways are transferred to Crown, a declaration be made under the Roads Act R.S.A. c. R65 to designate right of ways as part of the public road;
- (iv) agreed that provision is made in the budget allocations going forward for maintenance of said new roads;
- (v) agreed that the registration fee for the application to rectify the boundaries of Block 89217 B Parcels 274, 21, 22 and 23 and the fee for a certificate of good standing be waived conditionally that the transfers are onward to the Crown; and
- (vi) agreed that properties registered on Block 89317 B described as Parcel 203 and Block 69014 B described as Parcels 277, 278, 291 and 356 that the fee for a certificate of good standing be waived conditionally that the transfers are onward to the Crown.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, MICUHAFE; CHIEF ENG; ROADS ENG; CIR;
HON MIN, MICUHAFE

EX MIN 20/262

EX MEM 20/126 TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO CROWN – PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS REGISTRATION SECTION NORTH, BLOCK 58815 B, PARCEL 166

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and DLS remained.

Council:

- (i) accepted the Crown's acceptance of the gift of land;
- (ii) approved the transfer of property situated in Registration Section North, Block 58815 B, described as Parcel 166 to the Crown;
- (iii) agreed that the property should be designated as road reserve and registered as open space on the land register; and
- (iv) agreed that registered proprietors be exempted from the purpose of paying for a certificate of good standing.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, MICUHAFE; CHIEF ENG; ROADS ENG; CIR;
HON MIN, MICUHAFE

EX MIN 20/263

EX MEM 20/127 GRANTING OF A PERIODIC TENANCY OF CROWN LAND, PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS REGISTRATION SECTION SOUTH CENTRAL, BLOCK 38812 B, PARCEL 131 (PART OF)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and DLS remained.

Council:

- (i) approved the granting of a lease for land situated in Registration Section South Central, Block 38812 B described as Parcel 131 (part of) being a total of two (2) acres of land at Corito as delineated on Survey Plan LS02-20 being Lot 14;
- (ii) agreed that Lot 14 be used for stock piling for a period of one (1) year to allow material from the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School to be relocated to the industrial zone at Corito;
- (iii) agreed to rent per annum in the amount of US\$4,800.00/EC\$12,903.36 to be payable annually in advance; and
- (iv) agreed that the Attorney General's Chambers finalise a Tenancy Agreement for execution by the lessee and the Crown for one (1) year.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; HON AG; PC; PPO; PS, MHA/ED; PS, FIN; ACC GEN

EX MIN 20/264

EX MEM 20/128 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17810 B, PARCEL 233 CONTAINING 0.28 OF AN ACRE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and DLS remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis, property situate in Registration Section West End, Block 17810 B, described as Parcel 233 containing 0.28 of an acre of vacant land to construct a villa located at West End, Anguilla for tourism purposes, subject to the following:

- (a) payment of the following stamp duties:
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| (i) | under the Stamp Act – 5%
of EC\$497,317.00 | EC\$ 24,865.85 |
| (ii) | under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – 6.25%
of EC\$497,317.00 | EC\$ 31,082.31 |
| (iii) | refundable deposit
10% of EC497,317.00 | <u>EC\$ 49,731.70</u> |
| | TOTAL | <u>EC\$105,679.86</u> |
- (b) the construction of the dwelling house to be completed within thirty (30) months. If said dwelling house is not completed at the end of thirty (30) months, 50% of the refundable deposit will be forfeited to the Government of Anguilla. The balance 50% will be forfeited if the construction is not completed within a further six (6) months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla for a period of twenty-four (24) months; and
- (c) the expressed condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent the dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Lands.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, FIN

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EX MIN 20/266

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA (GOA) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT (UKG) FOR UK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed that the Hon Premier should sign the MoU between the GoA and the UKG for UK financial assistance.

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