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MINUTES OF THE 38th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 8th APRIL 2021 AT 9.00AM

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam

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 (Ag), Mrs Nicola Webster

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 21/132 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 36th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 1st April, 2021 and the Special Meeting held on Tuesday 6th April, 2021.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

None

EX MIN 21/133 EX MEM 21/72 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17609 B, PARCEL 39 CONTAINING 0.60 OF AN ACRE

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 grant an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold property situated in Registration Section West End, Block 17609 B, described as Parcel 39 located in West End for private residential purposes, subject to:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

 (i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$1,155,926.00 	EC\$ 57,796.30
 (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$1,155,926.00 	EC\$ 72,245.38
(iii) Refundable Deposit 10% of EC\$1,155,926.00	EC\$115,592.60

TOTAL

EC\$245,634.28

- (b) the construction of the dwelling house is 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 of 50% will be forfeited if the construction is not completed within a further 6 months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla for a period of twenty-four (24) months;
- (c) the Applicant be granted an exemption from Government's Policy restricting Aliens to the purchase of no more than half an acre of land on the grounds that Parcel 39 is being sold as a whole and is within reason; and
- (d) with the express condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Lands.

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

EX MIN 21/134 EX MEM 21/73 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT - REGISTRATION SECTION SOUTH CENTRAL, BLOCK 38611 B, PARCEL 253 CONTAINING 0.50 ACRES AND REGISTRATION SECTION EAST CENTRAL, BLOCK 89218 B, PARCEL 178 CONTAINING 1.00 ACRE

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 grant an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold properties situate in Registration Section South Central, Block 38611 B, described as Parcel 253 containing 0.50 of an acre of vacant land located at Lockrum and Registration Section East Central, Block 89218 B, described as Parcel 178 containing 1.00 acre of vacant land located in Island Harbour, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

PARCEL 253

	TOTAL	<u>EC\$24,049.31</u>
(iii)	Refundable Deposit 10% of EC\$113,173.22	<u>EC\$11,317.32</u>
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$113,173.22	EC\$ 7,073.33
(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$113,173.22	EC\$ 5,658.66

PARCEL 178

(GRAND TOTAL	<u>EC\$66,892.50</u>
TOTAL		<u>EC\$42,843.19</u>
(iii)	Refundable Deposit 10% of EC\$201,615.00	<u>EC\$20,161.50</u>
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$201,615.00	EC\$12,600.94
(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$201,615.00	EC\$10,080.75

(b) the construction of the dwelling house is 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 of 50% will be forfeited if the construction is not completed within a further 6 months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla for a period of twenty-four (24) months;

- (c) the Applicant be granted an exemption from Governments Policy restricting Aliens to the purchase of no more than half an acre of land, on the grounds that the Applicants have resided on Anguilla for 10 years, have continued to operate a business in Anguilla and have declared their intention to make Anguilla their permanent home; and
- (d) with the express condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Lands.

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

EX MIN 21/135 COVID-19 & ASTRAZENECA/OXFORD VACCINE UPDATE

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 the meeting: -

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

Exit Planning Update

The Permanent Secretary briefed Council on the Exit Planning update as at April 7, 2021, which is presented below. He noted that the updated outline was based on the advice presented by the Hon. Attorney General. He further noted that these measures are subject to change dependent on the local and international epidemiological situation.

Vaccination	Control Measure	Timeline
Uptake est.		
(2 doses)		
(assumptions)		
30%	 The quarantine period for persons with evidence of full COVID-19 vaccination with final dose administered at least three weeks (21 days) before arrival date will be reduced to 7 days. Persons will still be required to submit a test 3-5 days before arrival date, tested on arrival and at the end of the quarantine period. Multi-generational families and/or groups with a mix of unvaccinated and vaccinated persons will all have to quarantine for a 10-day period utilizing only approved short stay services. PHE approved COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test will be approved for use for persons requiring test for onward travel only. These tests will not be utilized for persons entering Anguilla or to exit quarantine. Fees for visitors will be revised to \$300 for individual + \$200 for any subsequent persons \$600 for an individual +\$200 for any additional persons 2) vaccinated persons \$300 for an individual + \$200 for any additional persons 	April 12 th 2021
	persons.	
65-70%	 Persons travelling in groups (more than 10 persons) will be required to be vaccinated to enter and conduct any mass gatherings in Anguilla i.e. conferences, weddings etc. Spa, Gym and Cosmetology services will be permitted to short stay visitors if: Both staff and visitors are fully vaccinated i.e. three weeks have passed since the final dose of an approved vaccine Staff have completed an Infection Prevention and Control Training offered by Ministry of Tourism and HAA Fully vaccinated frontline workers will be permitted to offer services to mass gatherings for short stay visitors. Require COVID-19 vaccinations for frontline hospitality workers. Certification with vaccination requirement for port and transportation staff (first dose by May 1) 	May 1 st 2021 June 2021
PHASE 1	 All visitors to Anguilla who are eligible to be vaccinated against COVID- 19 are required to be fully vaccinated at least three weeks before arrival. Multi-generational families and/or groups with a mix of individuals who are not eligible for the vaccine (i.e. children), will not need to quarantine, but they will need a negative PCR test 3-5 days ahead of arrival, and may be tested on arrival and subject to subsequent testing. Persons entering Anguilla will be required to produce a negative COVID- 19 test 3-5 days before entry. Persons with evidence of full COVID-19 vaccination will not be required to quarantine on arrival if the final vaccine dose is administered at least three weeks before date of arrival. Fully vaccinated persons will not be tested upon arrival. Unvaccinated returning residents will be required to - Produce a negative COVID-19 test 3-5 days prior to arrival - COVID-19 test on arrival Quarantine for 10 days in approved accommodation 	July 1 st 2021

	 Select Public Servants and employees of statutory bodies required to be fully vaccinated. Permit Holders for festivals will be required to admit only fully vaccinated individuals to festivals. 	
PHASE 2	 Unvaccinated returning residents will be required to Produce a negative COVID-19 test 3-5 days prior to arrival COVID-19 test on arrival Quarantine for 7 days in approved accommodation When approved for use in persons under the age of 18, the COVID-19 vaccine will be added to the list of required vaccines for children to attend school under the existing Education Act. 	September 1 st 2021
PHASE 3	 Application for entry removed – transport operators will be legally required to ensure that passengers have all necessary documentations for entry including: Evidence of completed COVID-19 vaccination Pre-arrival test for unvaccinated returning residents. All phase 2 provisions for unvaccinated persons remain in place. Legal requirement for businesses applying to provide services to short stay visitors removed entirely. 	October 1 st 2021

Council:

- 1) thanked the Permanent Secretary and his team for the hard work done thus far;
- 2) noted the legality of the Hon Attorney General's advice;
- agreed that the communique drafted by the Deputy Governor concerning the Exit Plan shall be issued to the Public Service, Statutory Bodies and the relevant stakeholders, on Monday 12th April;
- agreed that during the Government of Anguilla's press conference they would sensitize the general public on the COVID-19 exit plan and the need to vaccinate; and
- 5) further agreed that a paper on the vaccination ID Cards shall be prepared and presented to Council on Thursday,15th April.

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC, GEN; HON, DG; HON, AG; MINS OF GOV'T
