

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH [8TH] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2007] TERM HELD ON MARCH 27, 2007 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL #4 DOOKIE STREET, PENAL

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: -

Alderman	Dr. Allen Sammy	Chairman of Council
Councillor	Premchand Sookoo	Debe East/Barrackpore West (Vice Chairman)
Councillor	Premnath Boodoosingh	Palmiste
Councillor	Roy Kissoon	La Fortune/Hermitage
Councillor	Diptee Ramnath	Quinam/Morne Diablo
Councillor	Willvan Ramlakhan	Penal
Councillor	Sonnylal B. Manwah	Union Hall/Bronte
Councillor	Carl Dabideen	Debe West
Alderman	Roland A. Hall	

MEMBER OF COUNCIL EXCUSED: -

Councillor	Rampersad Hardial	Rochard/Barrackpore East
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MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-

Mr.	L. Espinoza	Chief Executive Officer
Ms.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant
Ms.	C. Gunness	Public Health Inspector Section
Mr.	K. King	Inspector – Municipal Police
Ms.	L. Chandoo Singh	Personnel Industrial Relations Officer
Mr.	R. Loknath	Planning Officer
Mr.	Z. Ali	Ag. Road Officer II
Mr.	G. Alexander	Transport Foreman
Ms.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Ms.	K. Ramlogan	Clerk II
Ms.	N. Ragbir	Clerk I

443. At 9:20 a.m. Municipal Police Corporal, J. Singh, announced the arrival of the Chairman of Council, Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy.

Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan led in prayer.

444. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:-**

The Chairman welcomed all to the Eighth [8th] Statutory Meeting.

He remarked that the request for Fifty-Four Thousand Dollars [\$54,000.00] made to the Ministry of Culture and Gender Affairs to commemorate Shouter Baptist Liberation Day was refused. This year marks the 200th year of freedom and the Corporation would like to celebrate this event and we should re-submit the request to the Ministry for inclusion as part of the Heritage Festival Week of activities.

Also a march was held from Debe to San Fernando to protest for water.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:-

Express Newspaper article entitled "Imbert blames Regional Corporation for poor road conditions in Debe" dated Thursday March 15, 2007. Page 22

What Minister Imbert did not tell you is under the materials and supplies vote, this Corporation received only Two point eight million dollars(\$ 2.8 m) for Financial Year 2006/2007.Under Act of 21 of 1990 – Municipal Corporation's Act – Penal/Debe Regional Corporation which is 240 sq km [as large as Barbados] with 90,000 people and 20,000 houses, is responsible for maintenance and delivery of road, drains(109km),bridges (83),markets(2), abattoirs (1) cemeteries (12) playgrounds (55).garbage disposal (20,000 houses), water trucking (2000 houses).

This \$2.8m has to be used to buy all materials for road infrastructure including gravel, oilsand/cold mix, box drains (sand, cement, steel rods),and to repair bridges, erect road humps, and road signs, buy safety equipment for workers ,erect booths for checkers, repair landslides, among other items.

Penal/Debe Regional Corporation has three hundred and five (305) roads measuring a total of 300km of which 245km are paved and 55km unpaved, 109 drains, 83 bridges of which 73 are wooden.

Of the \$2.8m, only about \$1.8m is available for actual road patching and general repair. It costs \$1,350 per truck load for Guaracara crushed metal so we can only afford 100 loads, \$608 per truck load of oil sand so that we can only afford 500 loads.

For road repairs alone, therefore, we can only get 1,100 loads of material for 300km of roads at a total of \$1,021,000 (under this recurrent budget) Under this vote, we build approximately 2000m of box drains per year at \$1000 per meter at the cost of \$2,000,000. [2M].This means a total expenditure of \$3.1M exceeding our budget for materials and supplies by \$300,000.00 which will be deducted/paid from the following year's budget.

I am now asking Minister Imbert, where we will get the money to repair Cuchawan Trace landslide which will cost an estimated \$2.25m.? Where will we get the money to erect speed humps which more communities are demanding as his government fails to build new road? Where will we get the money to buy roads signs, buy safety equipment for workers, build booths for checkers, among others?

The Penal/Debe Regional Corporation estimates that with its current workforce it needs not 1100 loads of road building materials but 3300 loads. Every year we fail to repair roads because they are denying the people what is rightfully theirs.

C.E.P.E.P. got \$1.6 billion in four [4] years at \$400m per year. The Penal/Debe Regional Corporation gets a miserable \$2.8m for 300km of road, 305km of road, bridge repair, [83] build over 100km of drains, repair landslides in an area as large as Barbados with 20,000 houses or 90,000 people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

445. The Clerk IV announced that the Public Health Inspector III was attending a meeting a Committee from Ministry of Public Utilities, and the Works Supervisor I was on three (3) days Casual Leave. She also reminded everyone about the meeting to be held with the W A S A. and the RIC on the March 28, 2007 (day after).
446. Councillor Premchand Sookoo announced:-
- [i] That there was mud covering the roadway in Lalbeharry Branch Trace hindering the students who have to reach on time for the S.E.A. exams, and asked if the Corporation had any authority to take any action against the Contractor.
 - [ii] The walk for water was very successful. W A S A adhered to the Corporation request to have the meeting at the Corporation instead of Port-of-Spain and hoped that it will be meaningful and successful and in the interest of the people.
 - [iii] Ramai Trace Hindu School would be having its Sports Day on April 27, 2007 at Congo Village Recreation Ground.
447. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan announced:-
- [i] He was asked to look for a supply of earthfill for recreation grounds but out of three (3) places no one was willing. Two persons were willing to sell and one person was willing to mine only.
 - [ii] Invited everyone to the opening ceremony for the Govindra Roopnarine Recreation Ground pavilion on Easter Sunday.
 - [iii] Invited everyone to the Teemul/Naipalia Trace Annual Sports Day on March 30, 2007 – Shouter Baptist Liberation Day.
 - [iv] The walk for water was successful.
448. Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh announced:-
- [i] Received phone calls from Mr. Ramroop Ramdial & Mr. Jinkoo about Mr. Rambally who blocked off a street and installed his own street sign named “Rambalie Avenue”. Mr. Jinkoo was fearful that he might not be able to enter his property. He moved a motion regarding naming of a street and Administration failed to act upon this.
 - [ii] There is infestation of rats in the vendor’s booth along Palmiste Park.
 - [iii] There is an outbreak of dengue in the Palmiste area which was not receiving attention.
449. Alderman Hall announced:
- [i] Councillor Rampersad Hardial asked to be excused.
 - [ii] What the Minister said in Parliament about the Corporation regarding Cuchawan Trace was embarrassing and a response should be made urgently, via a press conference or a letter to the editor.

450. Councillor Diptee Ramnath announced that three (3) bridges (in Goodman Trace, Shivnarine Trace and Gooljar Trace) have become impassable and something should be done urgently.

451. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Manwah and seconded by Alderman Hall that the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Statutory Meeting held on February 27, 2007 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings thereof.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:-

(i). **PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

452. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007 be adopted.

453. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on March 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-45 of the Eighth [8th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on March 06, 2007 be accepted.

454. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on March 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-45 of the Eighth [8th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on March 06, 2007 be adopted.

[ii] **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

455. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be adopted.

456. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal .B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-11 of the Eighth [8th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2007 be accepted.

457. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-11 of the Eighth [8th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2007 be adopted.

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

458. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be adopted.

459. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-21 of the Eighth [8th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007 be accepted.

460. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-21 of the Eighth [8th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007 be adopted.

[iv] **FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

461. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007 be adopted.

462. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on March 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-17 of the Eighth [8th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on March 08, 2007 be accepted with the under mentioned inclusions:-

1. *List of Vouchers from 22-23 March 2007*
2. *List of Vouchers dated March 26, 2007*

463. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on March 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-17 of the Eighth [8th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on March 08, 2007 be adopted subject to the above mentioned inclusions.

[v] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

464. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 .**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be adopted.

465. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-5 of the Eighth [8th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007 be accepted.

466. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Eighth [8th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007 be adopted.

[vi] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

467. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be adopted.

468. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendation Nos.1-2 of the Eighth [8th] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007 be accepted.

469. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Eighth [8th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-2 of the Eight [8th] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007 be adopted.

[vii] **YOUTH, CITIZEN LIAISON & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

470. **Adoption of the Minutes the Seventh [7th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be adopted.

471. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1 of the Eighth [8th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2007 be accepted.

472. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Eighth [8th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1 of the Eighth [8th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2007 be adopted.

[vii] **COMMUNICATION, SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

473. **Adoption of Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007 be adopted.

474. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on March 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Eighth [8th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on March 06, 2007 be accepted.

475. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on March 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Eighth [8th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on March 06, 2007 be adopted.

[ix] **SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

476. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007 be adopted.

477. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-14 of the Seventh [7th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007 be accepted.

478. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-14 of the Eighth [8th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007 be adopted.

[x] **PLANNING, THE ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

479. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007 be adopted.

480. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on March 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-7 of the Eighth [8th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on March 08, 2007 be accepted.

481. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on March 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-7 of the Eighth [8th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on March 08, 2007 be adopted.

[xi] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

482. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on February 20, 2006.**

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RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on February 20, 2007 be adopted.

484. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held March 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-6 of the Eighth [8th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007 be accepted.

484. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-6 of the Eighth [8th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2007 be adopted.

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

485. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Building Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Seventh [7th] Building Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be adopted.

486. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighth [8th] Building Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Eighth [8th] Building Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2007 be accepted with the unmentioned inclusions.

[i] Building Plan Applications Nos. 1 to 6 dated 27/03/07 in favour of Dharamdai Boodram-Sinanan and others.

[ii] Layout Application No. 1 dated 27/03/2007 in favour of Amitabh Kanhai

487. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the March [8th] Building Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Eighth [8th] Building Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2007 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusions.

488. **CORRESPONDENCE: - NIL**

489. **MATTERS REFERRED: - NIL**

490. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS: - NIL**

491. **REPORTS AND REPLIES: - NIL**

492. **PETITIONS: - NIL**

493. **QUESTIONS: -**

Councillor Sookoo enquired if any approval was given by the Ministry to Penal/Debe for development of recreation grounds.

The Chief Executive Officer answered that a release of funds was made and we have initiated procedures for approval from the Minister to start.

494. **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS:- N I L**

495. **MOTION: N I L**

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-**496. Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the undermentioned comments/requests:-**

The practice in the Personnel & Industrial Relations Officer's Section was that the former P.I.R.O. employed his wife and brother-in-law in the Corporation and Members of Council were not given opportunities to make recommendations. No advertisement was done to advertise or inform the public of vacant positions. Drivers were employed and Council raised concerns regarding the criteria.

Mr. Newton Joseph who resides in Point Fortin is employed in the Corporation as a temporary driver. He asked if it was because Mr. Joseph has a close relationship with someone in the P.I.R.O. section that he was employed and if this was the criteria used for his employment. Mr. Joseph along with other persons came through illegal practices when Mr. Boodram was the P.I.R.O. Mr. Joseph made false allegations and based on an investigation carried out by the Personnel Committee against Mr. Alexander this Council made a clear decision with regards to Mr. Alexander. It was concluded that the Chief Executive officer carried out a flawed investigation and transferred Mr. Alexander without even interviewing him on allegations made against him.

The Council had asked that all those drivers be re-interviewed since he was of the view that people who served the Corporation over 25-30 years were not given the opportunity to have their children considered for employment. He stated that the policy for employment continues to change to accommodate corrupt practices by the PIRO Section.

Councillor Boodoosingh said that he moved a Motion with respect to naming of a street. Mr. Rambally sold property to Mr. Jinkoo with an existing road reserve and now Mr. Rambally was saying the road is his. Mr. Rambally has deep connections in the Corporation and now he has put up a street sign – "Rambally Avenue" and was in the process of building a gate blocking off Mr. Jinkoo who has been living in his land over 20 years. Mr. Rambally is an American citizen who came here and it seems that his law is above the Corporation.

The Municipal Corporation's Act is clear about Council's responsibilities, and Administration was told to act immediately with regards to the Motion for naming of the street according to the Act 21 of 1990 and open for other users to have access to their property.

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh remarked that Administration continues to act in its own interest and not the people. There are instances where people's houses are broken down without approval of Council. He understood that the Building Inspector did not re-submit the plan to Town and Country Planning. The Council took a decision for the plans to be re-submitted to Town and Country Planning but the CEO instructed the Building Inspector not to re-submit the said plan. Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh asked that a copy be re-submitted to the Director of Surveys, Town and Country Planning along with the relevant Agencies. This is the first time in the history of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation that the Director of Surveys has responded in two days time.

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh also stated that he was looking at the Parliament Channel when the Chairman of Couva Tabaquite Talparo Regional Corporation indicated the Council has a responsibility and must act on it. (3 ½) years have gone by and we continue to get no answers from Administration. He cannot get a report on dengue and rat infestation in the Palmiste area.

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh also made the following comments/requests:-

- [i] Requested the backhoe for the Church of God Prophecy to clear Parking Lot.
- [ii] Requested the truck be sent to Pundit Ravi Bharati temple to remove old galvanize and other white waste.
- [iii] Requested estimate for the fencing of the Muslim cemetery in La Romaine.
- [iv] Requested a letter be sent to Ministry of Works with respect to road paving in Palmiste Electoral District. He received no funds last year nor this year and he took money under his recurrent allocation to pave Jewel Drive.
- [v] Requested one (1) tractor or grader for the Palmiste Park Management Committee to do some work in the Park. The Committee however will be accountable for the work being done with with the equipment.
- [vi] A meeting was held with the Palmiste Park Committee, T. & T.E.C. & Self Help Commission and certain commitments were made for lighting of the jogging track, the boulevard among others but nothing has been done to date.
- [vii] Dissatisfied with the response from the Water & Sewerage Authority with regards to the water situation in the region.
- [viii] Dissatisfied with the response of the Ministry of Works with regard to their response to requests made to them.
- [ix] Dissatisfied with the health section response to the dengue and rat infestation in Palmiste.
- [x] Dissatisfied with the inaction of Administration with regards to the removal of galvanize blocking a drain in Palmiste. The normal response is inaction and no one seemed to care about the safety of the traveling public.
- [xi] Dissatisfied with the Survey Section in dealing with the Hillpiece Pavilion. He had indicated that some Members of Council were not confident in the Survey Technician who he said was, was not supportive. They had asked for private surveying services.
- [xii] Disappointed that his fellow Councillors did not attend the (3) nights of prayers at Palmiste and thanked the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for his attendance.
- [xiii] Thanked Mr. Jack Warner for his support and contribution towards Phagawa Celebrations in Palmiste.
- [xiv] Complimented Transport Foreman for his transformation of his section especially with work done with the new vehicles. He knows Mr. Alexander for (6) years.

497. **Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah made the undermentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] Had to speak to the Work Supervisor I who told him to talk to the Road Officer about a diesel spill in a roadway. He did liaise with Mr. Zaffar Ali and got the job done.
- [ii] He spoke at the Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting about electrification of the recreation ground in Golconda and the County Superintendent said he would look into the matter. When the County Superintendent went he looked at something else and advised the Council how much money to pay the contractor not where the boundary was.
- [iii] Minister Imbert was saying he never received any information from this Corporation but this was not the first time the Minister was caught lying.
- [iv] Also Road Improved Fund was removed from Local Government so how are we to get funds to pave roads.

498. **Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following comments/requests:-**

- [i] Invited all again to the opening of the pavilion at Govindra Roopnarine Recreation Ground. Also requested the ground to be cut.
- [ii] The Sunrees Road Recreation Ground also needed to be cut and electricity supplied for its Easter Sunday Sports Day.
- [iii] Invited everyone to the Teemul Trace Annual Easter Sports and requested the presence of the Municipal Police.
- [iv] At the march for water he was amazed at the number of police officers present. However, he was glad the residents got water after the meeting with WASA.
- [v] He knows that the Transport Foreman is a very hard worker who goes beyond the call of duty and those false allegations made against him was very disheartening to Mr. Alexander. What was even more serious was that the allegations were forwarded to the police without proper investigations by Administration.
- [vi] Required the backhoe and truck to pick up debris at the Penal Presbyterian Church.

499. **Alderman Roland Hall made the following comments/requests:-**

- [i] Wondered why simple things take so much time to do example: The removal of galvanize blocking a drain. Also someone got their ankle broken while jogging along the track. “ Why” he asked can’t a letter be sent to the Management Committee of Palmiste Park telling them of the situation.
- [ii] Something needed to be done about illegal vending of fish and shrimp along the Palmiste Park leaving a stench behind.

- [iii] There is a dumping situation in Block 5. The place was cleared but the resident of #3 Sunridge took all his rubble and dumped it there. Ask the police to intervene.
- [iv] He has Repeatedly asked for the plans for the Tulsa Trace Picnic Site but had not received any to date and asked again if it could be furnished
- [v] On September 12, 2006 he distributed a document to Members of Council with respect to Youth Empowerment and was disappointed that not one Member of Council responded.

500. **Councillor Diptee Ramnath made the following comments/requests:-**

- [i] He recalled that there is a bridge program at Ministry's level which was utilized towards Teemul Trace bridge and Laltoo Trace bridge – and the Corporation should contact that unit for them to indicate their plans for bridges in Penal/Debe.
- [ii] Councillor Diptee remarked that all roads are the responsibility of Penal/Debe and there is no longer any agricultural access roadway. Caroni used to maintain the access roads but there is no Caroni and the Ministry must be made aware of these issues.
- [iii] With the recent showers some places had flooding and this is a clear indication that we are not prepared for the rainy season. The Minister of Local Government and the Ministry of Works needed to be made aware to continue excavation works of the water courses.

501. **Councillor Roy Kissoon made the following comments/requests:-**

- [i] The Chaguanas Borough Corporation stopped an agency from damaging their roadway and this Corporation needed to follow the same pattern. The roadway in Jacksingh Street was damaged so badly that the dust has turned into mud and school children had to pass through this.
- [ii] A company named Operational Support was doing work in La Romaine and their weep holes was throwing water into people premises.
- [iii] Required the grader to spread (100) loads of earthfill in the recreation ground in La Romaine.
- [iv] Still awaiting meeting with Estate Management and Business Development Company Ltd (EMBDC) regarding the Lagoon Cemetery and other issues.
- [v] He had never seen so much red tape to get the Self Help Water Project in Hermitage Village, started.
- [vi] The dumping of garbage in the Ring Road was getting worse.

502. **Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following comments/requests:-**

- [i] Wondered whether Penal/Debe was treated with contempt by the Government. A newspaper front page headline saying no water for (1) day in Port-of-Spain. However, in Penal/Debe people was suffering for months for water and nobody cares.
- [ii] There is a correspondence from Caroni stating that all roads, traces, and recreation grounds were transferred to Penal/Debe and a designated liaison officer was appointed. However that person had never met with the Corporation.
- [iii] The Minister of Works was saying in the newspaper that Penal/Debe never submitted documents for Cuchawan Trace landslip. However, all document were sent to the Minister of Local Government who did not communicate with the Minister of Works.
- [iv] The Prime Minister went to Barrackpore fooling the resident by saying he could not believe their suffering when only recently the people blocked the roadway and hundreds of police army personnel flocked to the place and beat and arrested people.
- [v] The records will show that under the United National Congress [U.N.C.] Government many things were built in Penal/Debe such as Debe High School, NAMDEVCO, Debe Police Post, Post Office, Library among others. But under the P.N.M. Government only one bridge [in Suchit Trace} was built at the cost of \$10M.

503. **CHAIRMAN CLOSING REMARKS:**

The Chairman thanked the Members of Council for continuing to serve their electoral district given the challenges. All agencies have been written to but they are not responding. Therefore we should take the example of Chaguanas Borough Corporation and use our authority.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for attendance and terminated the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

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Chairman
Statutory Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS: -

364. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan expressed his disgust with the water supply in the electoral district of Penal. He had to call in on a radio program to give an update of what was done at Council's level. One Mr. Bhola from WASA called the radio station and promised to do all in his power to get a supply. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan said last year they protested and received water for two (2) weeks and they are thinking about doing the same this year.
365. Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah announced that he was receiving phone calls from Aaron John and Moti and other residents about the encroachment on roadway at Mendoza Drive. Since 2002 notice was served and nothing was being done and the person continued to threaten the residents in the area
366. Councillor Roy Kissoon announced that Councillor Hardial was unable to attend the meeting and asked to be excused. Also he announced that there is no water in Gandhi Village.

367. Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh announced that the Pandavas would be hosting a three nights Vishnu Puran Desh Yagna at Palmiste National Park from 01 – 03 March, 2007 followed by Pagwa celebrations. The President of the Republic would be the guest speaker on the first night and other distinguished leaders along with the public are also invited.

He stressed that the stage forms should be transported to the site and the health gang be assigned to clean up on Monday after.

368. Councillor Premchand Sookoo announced that Park Avenue was not receiving truck borne water although it is in the schedule, and other areas include Transfer Village, Digny, high points in Congo Village, Ramai Trace, Lalbeharry Trace, Mahadeo Trace, Ragbir Trace, Boodoo Trace, Laltoo Trace and several other roads and traces that continue to suffer for a lack of water.
He also announced that over the last 2 – 3 weeks, 15- 20 trucks were transporting earthfill via Lalbeharry Trace into Ramai Trace and Ragbir Trace.

369. The AO II announced that the Chief Executive Officer was attending another meeting and asked to be excused.

370. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTH [6TH] STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Statutory Meeting held on January 30, 2007 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: -

[i]PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

371. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal. B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007 be adopted.

372. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal. B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-36 of the Seventh [7th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007 be accepted.

373. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-36 of the Seventh [7th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007 be adopted.

[ii] **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

374. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007 be adopted.

375. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-20 of the Seventh [7th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be accepted.

376. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-20 of the Seventh [7th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be adopted.

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

377. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007 be adopted.

378. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-15 of the Seventh [7th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be accepted with the undermentioned inclusions.

1. *Recommendations #16: - "Following an investigation by Members of Council, by Minutes dated February 26, 2007, it was found that allegations made against Transport Foreman, Grafton Alexander, was unfounded and the investigation carried out by Administration was flawed. It is recommended that action be taken against complainant, Newton Joseph, and those who were responsible for conducting this flawed investigation. It is also recommended that Grafton Alexander be reinstated to his original position as transport Foreman with immediate effect."*
2. *Minutes of the Special Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 26, 2007*

379. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-15 of the Seventh [7th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be adopted subject to the abovementioned inclusions.

[iv] FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

380. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 11, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 11, 2007 be adopted.

381. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-16 of the Seventh [7th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007 be accepted with the undermentioned inclusions:-

1. *Recommendations #1-2 - Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007*
2. *Recommendations #1-5 made at the Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.*
3. *Recommendations #1-8 made at the Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007.*
4. *Recommendation #1 made at the Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.*

382. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-16 of the Seventh [7th] Finance,

Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007 be adopted subject to the above mentioned inclusions.

[v] FESTIVALS COMMITTEE

383. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixth [6th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007 be adopted.

384. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-6 of the Seventh [7th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be accepted.

385. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Seventh [7th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be adopted.

[vi] HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

386. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007 be adopted.

387. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendation Nos. 1-5 of the Seventh [7th] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be accepted.

388. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Seventh [7th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Seventh [7th] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be adopted.

[vii] YOUTH, CITIZEN LIAISON & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

389. **Adoption of the Minutes the Sixth [6th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007 be adopted.

390. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Seventh [7th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be accepted.

391. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Seventh [7th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1- 4 of the Seventh [7th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be adopted.

[vii] **COMMUNICATION, SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

392. **Adoption of Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007 be adopted.

393. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-14 of the Seventh [7th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007 be accepted.

394. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-14 of the Seventh [7th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007 be adopted.

[ix] **SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

395. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007 be adopted.

396. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Seventh [7th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007 be accepted.

397. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-12 of the Seventh [7th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007 be adopted.

[x] **PLANNING, THE ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

398. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 11, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 11, 2007 be adopted.

399. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Community Meeting held on February 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Seventh [7th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007 be accepted.

400. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Seventh [7th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007 be adopted.

[xi] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

401. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007 be adopted.

402. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held February 15, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-4 of the Seventh [7th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007 be accepted.

403. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-4 of the Seventh [7th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007 be adopted.

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

404. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Building Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Building Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007 be adopted.

405. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Building Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Seventh [7th] Building Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be accepted with the unmentioned inclusion.

[i] Building Plan and Layout Plan applications Nos. 1 to 2 dated 30/01/07 in favour of Chanardeo Singh and others.

406. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Building Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Seventh [7th] Building Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusion.

407. **CORRESPONDENCE: - NIL**

408. **MATTERS REFERRED: - NIL**

409. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS: - NIL**

410. **REPORTS AND REPLIES: - NIL**

411. **PETITIONS: - NIL**

412. **QUESTIONS: -**

Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan enquired about the status of truck borne water.

The Public Health Inspector III informed that Truck Borne Water commenced on Thursday 15, February 2007, however only seven trucks reported for work on that day. Eventually twenty (20) trucks took up the awards and he was able to get two (2) additional working days in order to satisfy all the areas. Only on Monday 26 February 2007 all areas could be serviced.

Councillor Premchand Sookoo stated that up to the Sunday, Park Avenue and Congo Village were not receiving truck borne water and Ramdhanie Trace received twice. The truck for Area 39 was giving water outside the area and residents from everywhere kept calling him for water. He said if there is any shortfall to please have it corrected because everyone deserved a water supply.

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh commented that he received phone calls that checkers were not allowed to sign the register at the hydrant. Since there was no policy regarding signing of register all Checkers who reported for work should be paid.

The Public Health Inspector remarked that all the Checkers were paid and subsequently the fortnightly list of workers would be done from the PIRO Section.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy reminded Members that Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah, as Chairman of Public Health Committee and Councillor Premchand Sookoo, as Vice Chairman have the authority to visit the hydrant at all times.

413. **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS: NIL**

414. **MOTION: NIL**

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS: -

415. **Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah made the undermentioned comments/requests: -**

[i] Before 2002 the former Alderman Patricia Grant, brought up the issue and, since then, the Building Inspector, County Superintendent and Survey Technician served Notices to Mr. Valmiki of Mendoza Drive to remove a fence he constructed in the roadway but nothing was done since then. He asked if the Corporation was waiting for someone to be injured before something gets done. People were continually calling him about the abusive treatment meted out to them by Mr. Valmiki.

[ii] Six weeks ago as Chairman of Public Health, he requested a meeting with the Public Health Inspector but this had not happened yet. Also as Chairman of Public Health, he felt the Public Health Inspector did not give him the respect, for instance he wasn't even informed about the commencement of truck borne water commencement nor rat baiting.

- [iii] His bills were not paid because the Chief Executive Officer told Council that he was cutting grass and heard a public announcement about a political meeting held by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah. However the Chief Executive Officer gave a cheque to a contractor before completion of the work and he said the contractor required the cheque because his family was going abroad. Only when he was questioned about this then a letter was produced. The Chief Executive Officer went ahead and transferred the Transport Foreman based on allegations but nothing was done about the allegations on the Work Supervisor. He said all these are double standards.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy again reminded everyone that Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah is Chairman of Public Health Committee and if he requested a meeting with the PHI, then it must be entertained. Administration to arrange a meeting with Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and the Public Health Inspector within seven (7) days. Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah to indicate an agenda inclusive of "other business." He said the same policy should be adopted for Chairman of all Committees. The Chairman also stated that he indicated to the Chief Executive Officer that Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah felt he was being bypassed in the conduct of his business.

416. **Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the undermentioned comments/requests: -**

- [i] Thanked the Ministry of Works for a good job in cleaning the drains along Clarke Road.
- [ii] Thanked those who were responsible for repairing the landslip in Clarke Road.
- [iii] He had to speak on the radio about the water problems faced by the residents. He requested another meeting with WASA - (Wayne Joseph) as early as possible or else the residents may have to take protest action against WASA.
- [iv] A drain was being constructed in Dookie Street and the materials were dropped dangerously on the roadway. Without any caution signs serious accidents could occur.
- [v] Complaints from outside the Councillors' district were referred to them and some guidance regarding the boundaries should be given to the complaints personnel.
- [vi] The Transport Foreman was transferred from his post because of allegations. However many other complaints came about other workers but not one was investigated. Mr. Alexander is one of the most approachable and co-operative workers and he was targeted because of allegations made against him. Not even the County Superintendent nor the Inspector of Police were aware of the matter, leading one to assume that there is some sort of sabotage. He hoped what happened to the Officer can be reversed.

417. **Councillor Roy Kissoon made the undermentioned comments/requests: -**

- [i] An IRIAD job in Woodland was completed but the materials remained stored on the people's premises.

- [ii] The outfall drains leading into the Caroni lands needed to be cleared.
- [iii] Trinity Asphalt Pavers continued to destroy the roadway along with resident's premises, leaving the area in a very deplorable condition. He wanted some photos taken out of the place.
- [iv] Reminded everyone that he would need the backhoe and backfill for the Self Help water project at Hermitage.
- [v] API had promised to restore the roadway from the Ring Road to La Fortune on completion of their project of running lines, but this has not yet been done.

418. **Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the undermentioned comments/requests: -**

- [i] Congratulated Councillor Diptee Ramnath on his marriage.
- [ii] This Administration building was deemed unsafe by the OSHA Committee, however, for the length of time recommendations were made to move out, it seemed that Administration was not putting things in place as swiftly as needed.
- [iii] He never complained about the Transport Foreman, Mr. Alexander but about the lack of resources in the section. One casual employee was trying to destroy the entire organization. Everyone except Mr. Alexander was interviewed but only Mr. Alexander was transferred without any investigations and this put the Council in a position where it is open for lawsuit. He strongly felt it was a case of victimization.
- [iv] At the last statutory meeting he commented on a serious situation in Palmiste Boulevard but nothing was done and no reason given. The Act 21/1990 is very clear about blockage of roadway.
- [v] A pharmacy located at Palmiste junction was installing signs throughout Palmiste advertising its business. This practice has to be stopped immediately because residents were complaining.
- [vi] He also spoke about rat infestation in Palmiste area but got no response to date.
- [vii] Since the inception of Council the issue of stray dog was brought up but nothing was done to date.
- [viii] The Minister needed to be aware that he indicated that the Palmiste sewer system would be fixed. In the meantime the residents and school children of the Cedar Grove Primary School continue to live under those hazardous conditions.
- [ix] The Minister should also be reminded of his promise for the Barrackpore market when he said to submit a proposal and he would release funds.
- [x] A meeting was held with the Palmiste Park Committee, T.& T.E.C. & Self Help Commission and certain commitments were made such as lights in the jogging track and the Boulevard, lights to Pinard Court, Hillpiece Recreation Ground and others, however nothing has been done to date.

- [xi] Request one tractor to grade the roadway from the jogging track to clear vegetation that is posing a security threat. He was told that the jogging track would be extended.
- [xii] Wished Councillor Rampersad Hardial speedy recovery and requested a card be sent.

19. **Councillor Diptee Ramnath made the undermentioned comments/requests: -**

- [i] Extended speedy recovery to Councillor Rampersad Hardial.
- [ii] Requested one trip of water to #1 Goodman Trace and water to Quarry Road, Morne Diablo.
- [iii] Requested transport to Port of Spain for a visit to the Minister of Local Government.
- [iv] While they were told that everything was working well with truck borne water distribution, some traces such as Jagroop Trace were still not receiving water.
- [v] Mendoza Drive needed to have a turning point.

20. **Councillor Carl Dabideen made the undermentioned comments/requests: -**

Sometime last year he moved a motion of 'no confidence' in the Chief Executive Officer, but he was adding to that the incompetence and inability of the Chief Executive Officer to deal with matters. All things were put in place for the implementation of a dog catching unit but, like others, any item that impacts on the life of the burgesses was handled foolishly by the Chief Executive Officer.

Recent acting arrangements in the Health section was working very well, but the Chief Executive Officer transferred people from the position they deserve to be in leaving them demotivated. Again the Chief Executive Officer was showing his incompetence and inability to administer.

There are so many references in terms of non delivery of services by administration and that was the reason why he always says he gets more done out of Committee stage because the Chief Executive Officer, who knows what has to be done, tries to stifle and frustrate Council. All works that were done in his electoral district was put in the Programme of Works and approved at meetings.

He reinforced the point that he has no confidence in the Chief Executive Officer who is deliberately trying to make the Council look bad, as clearly evidenced by the handling of the Transport Foreman issue.

21. **Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the undermentioned comments/requests: -**

- [i] Many of the truck borne water contractors who were delinquent last year were again given contracts this year. He asked why was Cuchawan Trace receiving water from a truck assigned to Bunsee Trace.

[ii] Estimates kept coming for Council's approval but no place of shelter were provided for the workers at the water hydrant nor were any toilet facilities provided. At least a park disposal unit should be provided.

[iii] The gang structure needed to be revisited in order to avoid duplication.

22. **CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chairman reminded all about the prayer session at Palmiste, which would be followed by Phagwa celebrations at various venues around the country.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for attendance and terminated the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

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