

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND [2ND] STATUTORY MEETING (2006-2007 TERM) HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 26, 2006 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	Diptee Ramnath	Quinam/Morne Diablo
Councillor	Roy Kissoon	La Fortune/Hermitage
Councillor	Rampersad Hardial	Rochard/Barrackpore East
Councillor	Willvan Ramlakhan	Penal
Councillor	Carl Dabideen	Debe West
Alderman	Roland A. Hall	

MEMBER OF COUNCIL EXCUSED:-

Councillor	Sonnylal B. Manwah	Union Hall/Bronte
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MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-

Mr.	L. Espinoza	Chief Executive Officer
Ms.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Mr.	C. Maharaj	Building Inspector
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant
Mr.	J. Marfan	Works Supervisor I
Mr.	K. King	Inspector – Municipal Police
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Mr.	G. Alexander	Transport Foreman
Mr.	H. Mohammed	County Superintendent
Ms.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Ms.	K. Ramlogan	Clerk II
Ms.	T. Maharaj	Clerk I

60. At 9:10 a.m. Municipal Police Constable M. Ramdeo, announced the arrival of the Vice Chairman of Council, Councillor Premchand Sookoo.

61. Alderman Roland Hall led in prayer.

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

The Vice Chairman Councillor Premchand Sookoo welcomed all to the Second [2nd] Statutory Meeting of the Council. He said the Chairman was present but he had other commitments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:-

63. The Clerk IV, Ms R. Ganga Persad introduced the two OJT's assigned to the Secretariat and welcomed Tricia Maharaj back from her vacation.

64. Councillor Roy Kissoon announced that Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah was out of the country and asked to be excused.

65. Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh welcomed the Financial Officer, Ms. Lela Lalgee to the Corporation.

66. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST [1ST] STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2006.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the First [1st] Statutory Meeting held on August 17, 2006 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: -

67. [i] **PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Adoption of the Minutes of the First [1st] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 03, 2006.

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the First [1st] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 03, 2006 be adopted.

68. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 05, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-58 of the Second [2nd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 05, 2006 be accepted.

69. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 05, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-58 of the Second [2nd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006 be adopted.

[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

70. **Adoption of the Minutes of the First [1st] Public Health Committee Meeting held on August 08, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the First [1st] Public Health Committee Meeting held on August 08, 2006 be adopted.

71. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-14 of the Second [2nd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006 be accepted.

72. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-14 of the Second [2nd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006 be adopted.

[iii] PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

73. **Adoption of the Minutes of the First [1st] Personnel Committee Meeting held on August 15, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the First [1st] Personnel Committee Meeting held on August 15, 2006 be adopted.

74. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Second [2nd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be accepted.

75. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Second [2nd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be adopted.

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

76. **Adoption of the Minutes of the First [1st] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on August 10, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the First [1st] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on August 10, 2006 be adopted.

77. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 14, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-17 of the Second [2nd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 14, 2006 be accepted subject to the undermentioned amendment:-

Rec #14 to delete 'be approved' and insert 'be noted'.

78. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 14, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-17 of the Second [2nd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 14, 2006 be adopted subject to the above mentioned amendment.

[v] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

79. **Adoption of the Minutes of the First [1st] Festivals Committee Meeting held on August 10, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the First [1st] Festivals Committee Meeting held on August 10, 2006 be adopted.

80. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-7 of the Second [2nd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be accepted.

81. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-7 of the Second [2nd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be adopted.

[vi] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

82. **Adoption of the Minutes of the First [1st] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 10, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the First [1st] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 10, 2006 be adopted.

83. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendation Nos. 1-3 of the Second [2nd] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be accepted.

84. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Second [2nd] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Second [2nd] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be adopted.

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

85. **Adoption of the Minutes the First [1st] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 03, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the First [1st] Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 03, 2006 be adopted.

86. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Second [2nd] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006 be accepted.

87. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Second [2nd] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Second [2nd] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006 be adopted.

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

88. **Adoption of Minutes of the First [1st] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on August 03, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Carl Dabideen that the Minutes of the First [1st] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on August 03, 2006 be adopted.

89. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 05, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Carl Dabideen that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-18 of the Second [2nd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 05, 2006 be accepted.

90. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 05, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Carl Dabideen that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-18 of the Second [2nd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 05, 2006 be adopted.

[ix] **SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

91. **Adoption of the Minutes of the First [1st] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on August 15, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the First [1st] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on August 15, 2006 be adopted.

92. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Second [2nd] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be accepted.

93. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006.**

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 Second [2nd] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be adopted.

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

94. **Adoption of the Minutes of the First [1st] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on August 15, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the First [1st] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on August 15, 2006 be adopted.

95. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Community Meeting held on September 14, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Second [2nd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 14, 2006 be accepted.

96. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 14, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Second [2nd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 14, 2006 be adopted.

[xi] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

97. **Adoption of the Minutes of the First [1st] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on August 08, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the First [1st] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on August 08, 2006 be adopted.

98. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1 of the Second [2nd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be accepted.

99. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1 of the Second [2nd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be adopted.

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

100. **Adoption of the Minutes of the First [1st] Building Committee Meeting held on August 08, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the First [1st] Festivals Committee Meeting held on August 08, 2006 be adopted.

101. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Building Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1 of the Second [2nd] Building Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006 be accepted.

102. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Second [2nd] Building Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1 of the Second [2nd] Building Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006 be adopted.

103. **CORRESPONDENCE: -** NIL

104. **MATTERS REFERRED:-** NIL

105. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:** NIL

Building Plan applications Nos. 1 to 9 dated September 26, 2006 in favor of Satish & Sabita Sookdeo and others.

Layout Plan applications Nos. 1 to 5 dated September 12, 2006 in favor of Fort Tech Limited and others.

RESOLVED:- Approved

106. **REPORTS AND REPLIES:** NIL

107. **PETITIONS:** NIL
108. **QUESTIONS:** NIL
109. **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS:** NIL
110. **MOTION:** NIL

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-

111. **Requests/comments made by Councillor Roy Kissoon:-**

Councillor Roy Kissoon reminded Members of Council of the outstanding work to be done in the La Fortune Recreation Ground. His request was not fulfilled and the funds which was allocated to his Electoral District was used elsewhere. He wanted an explanation as to why no work was done and where was the funds spent.

112. **Requests/comments made by Councillor Rampersad Hardial:-**

Councillor Rampersad Hardial stated that a decision was taken to utilize balance of funds to clear drains using backhoes and trucks. That work was not done satisfactorily since many people e.g. in G.P road, complained that, instead of clearing the drain, they left holes and the drains were cleaned up to a point but did not continue, e.g. in Satnarine Trace. One backhoe driver was caught doing work for Petrotrin while another was caught picking coconuts and was very abusive.

113. **Requests/comments made by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh:-**

- (i) Congratulated Councillor Premchand Sookoo on his elevation as Chairman for the meeting.
- (ii) There was an outbreak of dengue at Rambert and Palmiste, Block 7, and asked the Public Health Inspector to spray the area urgently.
- (iii) Reminded Administration of his request for a statement from the Chief Executive Officer on the demolition of the structure owned by Mr. Edward Narine.
- (iv) Observed that financial matters were brought up at other Committee Meetings. There is a clear policy regarding financial matters and insisted that this be followed. No list of vouchers would be approved when it was presented in the morning of the meeting. He needed prior notification.
- (v) At the eleventh month Members of Council were told that there was 1.5 million dollars balance and wondered where the money came from so late in time.
- (vi) Thanked the Chief Executive Officer and Councillor Diptee Ramnath for assistance rendered towards the Ramleela Celebrations.

- (vii) The retreat held in Tobago was successful. However, there was a problem with transportation and a request by Members of Council was denied by the Chief Executive Officer. He recommended that all payments with respect to rental of vehicles, that bills be submitted and people be reimbursed.
- (viii) Request a list of contracted jobs and the contractors awarded, with respect to the IRIAD fund.
- (ix) Box drains were not being done to specification, for example, at the corner of Pundit Street and Hermitage Road.
- (x) Hoped that there is some liaison with Mr. Marfan and officials from NGC to organize a meeting with regards to the promises made by NGC.

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

- (i) Apologized for the late arrival. The reason being that he had to arrange for the sod turning at the Govindra Roopnarine Recreation Ground Pavilion. He thanked those responsible in making the project a reality.
- (ii) Water supply continued to be a problem. The communal tanks in Digity Trace were not being filled and the residents continued to suffer. W.A.S.A laid lines at Lower Lachos Road but it was not commissioned yet and hoped that happened soon.
- (iii) With respect to clearing of drains two (2) backhoe and two (2) trucks worked in his Electoral District for five (5) days. However, this was a waste of time since a better job could have been done in the dry season.
- (iv) The crime situation was reaching its pinnacle and soon there would be an entire collapse in this country. Four youths were arrested during the protest at Barrackpore and in Chatham, the protesters were actually being dragged by the police, while the Prime Minister was holding meetings with the crime lords in Crowne Plaza.
- (v) Requested another 10 days contract labour in the Apollo Recreation Ground for the jogging track because of the nature of the work.

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

- (i) Whenever he called upon the Chief Executive Officer and Staff he got good response and results and thanked them for the work they were doing given the circumstances.
- (ii) Complimented the Chief Executive Officer and Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh for the success of Ramleela celebrations in Palmiste which, he remarked, is the only one in the Region.
- (iii) New equipment were bought but productivity had decreased. There needed to be structures and policies in place in order to maximize productivity per day. With the truck transporting the roller and the wheel tractor transporting the weed whacker this was keeping back the work of those vehicles.

- (iv) The stalls in the Penal market should be completely overhauled to match the standard of those in the Tobago Market. The abattoir in the Penal market needed a lot of work also.
- (v) The wages of the Daily Rated workers was amongst the lowest in the country. Therefore those workers should be encouraged and welcomed into doing contracted services because the larger contractors were unwilling to enter into the petty contracts awarded by the Corporations.

116. **Councillor Carl Dabideen made the undermentioned comments/request: -**

- (i) Councillor D. Ramnath stated that from time to time he would call the Officers and the work would get done. Again this has proven the point he had been making that one does not need the Committee meetings to get things done and they were a waste of time. Nobody was happy with the way the Council was running.
- (ii) He gave warning that if he had to do it alone, he would ensure that the law was upheld, and he would continue to speak out on the injustices.
Procedurally they were allowing things to go in the wrong direction for e.g. they were approving financial matters at all meetings instead of the relevant meeting.

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

- (i) Thanked Members of Council for their confidence in allowing him to chair the meeting.
- (ii) Commended Inspector King’s performance in safeguarding him as the Ag Chairman during the retreat held in Tobago.
- (iii) Mohan Chadee from the RIC requested a meeting with Members of Council and W.A.S.A with respect to water problems.
- (iv) Having acted for 2 weeks, it was alleged that there were site visits for the construction of box drains. He enquired at which meeting approval was given to conduct those site visits.
- (v) Requested a report on the La Fortune Recreation Ground development job.
- (vi) The Acting Chairman then thanked all sincerely for the opportunity to act as Chairman.

116. There being no further business the meeting terminated at 10:40 a.m.

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Chairman
Statutory Meeting