

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH [17TH] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2008] TERM HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2007 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL, 218 S.S. ERIN ROAD, DEBE

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: -

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

MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-

Mr.	L. Espinoza	Chief Executive Officer
Ms.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Mr.	S. Heru	County Superintendent
Ms.	L. Chandoo Singh	Personnel & Industrial Relations Officer
Mr.	C. Maharaj	Building Inspector
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant
Mr.	V. Moonasar	Workshop Foreman
Mr.	J. Marfan	Works Supervisor I
Ms.	C. Gunness	Public Health Section
Mr.	K. King	Inspector- Municipal Police
Mr.	G. Alexander	Transport Foreman
Ms.	A. Adimoolah-Ramjohn	Corporate Secretary
Mr.	R. Loknath	Planning Officer
Ms.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Ms.	K. Ramlogan	Clerk II
Ms.	T. Maharaj	Clerk 1
Ms.	N. Ragbir	Clerk 1
Ms.	V. Roopnarine	Checker

1003. The meeting commenced at 9:15 am with a prayer by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan.

1004. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS: -**

[i] Welcomed all to the meeting.

[ii] Pointed out that the Tobago retreat was a very valuable exercise and they were trying to implement some of the decisions. Councillor Carl Dibideen led in a session where they identified lines of responsibilities for Members of Council. Since the retreat all Staff for the Penal office are fully in this building and now departments have full accommodation and should now be comfortable.

However, sociologist will tell that moving from cramped to open space takes time to adjust. Nevertheless, council and Administration are continuing with programmes to enhance workers' performance. For Example, the personal enhancement seminars led by Ms. Marguerite Gordon, which by all reports were very successful.

[iii] There is also the impending move of the Roads section from Debe sub office to the additional building on this compound. The Corporation received the keys on last Monday (28/01/08) and the goal to have all under one compound has materialised.

The bottom line he asked is are we improving our productivity; are documents moving more swiftly; are complaints dealt with better and faster.

[iv] Two section meetings were held and the target set at the Tobago retreat were used for measurability and this is optimistic for the future now that there is a document to use. Members of Council have to put additional efforts to monitor their areas and portfolios.

[v] The Corporation has already had two successful heritage festivals and another is targeted from 10th - 17th May, 2008 and we have applied to NOS for additional funding.

1005. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

[i] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan announced that the backhoe and a gang did work in Lowkie Trace, Penal and the telephone lines and a tree fell on a resident's parlour. The lines were removed but the tree remained on the resident's parlour to date.

1006. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH [17TH] STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Statutory Meeting held on December 13, 2007 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

[i] PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

1007. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2007 be adopted.

1008. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-24 of the Eighteenth [18th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2008 be accepted.

1009. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-24 of the Eighteenth [18th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2008 be adopted.

[ii] **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

1010. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2007 be adopted.

1011. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 10, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-16 of the Eighteenth [18th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 10, 2008 be accepted.

1012. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 10, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-16 of the Eighteenth [18th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 10, 2008 be adopted.

RESOLVED: - Unanimously, at 9:50am on a motion moved by Councillor Carl Dibideen and seconded by Diptee Ramnath that the meeting be adjourned to caucus.

RESOLVED: - Unanimously, at 10:25am on a motion moved by Carl Dibideen and seconded by Diptee Ramnath that the Statutory meeting be resumed.

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

1013. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on December 10, 2007.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on December 10, 2007 be adopted.

1014. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 22, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-19 of the Eighteenth [18th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 22, 2008 be accepted pending the undermentioned amendments:-

(i) Recommended #16 Stem I and ii be withdrawn and revisited then resubmitted for approval.

(ii) Recommended #18 should read “Council recommended to Administration that the contract for Public Health Inspector III be terminated with immediate effect pending item 12 from the memorandum from the Chief Executive Officer to the Chairman and dated 21st January, 2008. Subject- Employment Contract- Mr. Ramdeo Badal Public Health Inspector III which reads “In discussions with ministry of Local government and Service Commission, I have been informed that the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation will be given a definite response in the filling of the vacant Public Health Inspector’s position by the 25th January, 2008.

1015. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 22, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-19 of the Eighteenth [18th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 22, 2008 be adopted pending the above mentioned amendments.

[iv] FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

1016. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2007.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2007 be adopted.

1017. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the eighteenth [18th] Finance Planning, & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-12 of the Eighteenth [17th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2008 be accepted with the undermentioned inclusions:

[ii] Special Finance held on 15/01/08

[ii] Special finance held on 22/01/08

[iii] List of Vouchers dated 23rd -25th January, 2008

[iv] List of Vouchers dated 28th January, 2008

[v] Policy: that the Workshop Foreman in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and Accountant be given the authority for emergency funding in the sum of \$3000.00 in cases of breakdown of vehicles.

1018. **Adoption of the of Reports and Recommendations the Eighteenth [18th] Finance Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that all that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-12 of the Eighteenth [18th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2008 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusions:

[v] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

1019. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on December 10, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on December 10, 2007 be adopted.

1020. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendation of the Eighteenth [18th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 22, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-9 of the Eighteenth [18th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 22, 2008 be accepted.

1021. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 22, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and Seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Eighteenth [18th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 22, 2008 be adopted.

[vi] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

1022. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on December 10, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on December 10, 2007 be adopted.

1023. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 22, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Eighteenth [18th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 22, 2008 be accepted.

1024. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Eighteenth [18th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 22, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendation Nos.1-9 of the Eighteenth [18th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 22, 2008 be adopted.

1025. **[vii] YOUTH, CITIZEN LIAISON & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Adoption of the Minutes the Seventeenth [17th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2007.

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2007 be adopted

1026. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations No.1 of the Eighteenth [18th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2008 be accepted.

1027. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Eighteenth [18th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations No.1 of the Eighteenth [18th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2008 be adopted.

[viii] COMMUNICATION, SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE

1028. **Adoption of Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2007 be adopted.

1029. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 10, 2008.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-6 of the Eighteenth [18th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 10, 2008 be accepted.

1030. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 10, 2008.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Eighteenth [18th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 10, 2008 be adopted.

[ix] SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:-

1031. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2007 be adopted.

1032. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 17, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-11 of the Eighteenth [18th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 17, 2008 be accepted.

1033. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 17, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-11 of the Eighteenth [18th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 17, 2008 be adopted.

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

1034. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2007 be adopted

1035. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 10, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Eighteenth [18th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 10, 2008 be accepted.

1036. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 10, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-4 of the Eighteenth [18th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 10, 2007 be adopted.

[xi] GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

1037. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2007 be adopted.

1038. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 17, 2008.**

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 Eighteenth [18th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 17, 2008 be accepted.

1039. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Gender Development Committee Development Committee Meeting held on January 17, 2008.**

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 Eighteenth [18th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 17, 2008 be adopted.

[xii] BUILDING COMMITTEE

1040. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Building Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Seventeenth [17th] Building Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2007 be adopted.

1041. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Building Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2008.**

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 Eighteenth [18th] Building Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2008 be accepted with the under mentioned inclusion.

[i] Building plan Application Nos. 1-7 in favor of Kissonlal Deokienath and others.

1042. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Eighteenth [18th] Building Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2008.**

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 Seventeenth [17th] Building Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2008 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusion:-

1043. **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

- (i) Letter from Patrice Soogrim requesting permission to operate a bar from 4th- 6th February, 2008 at Quinam Beach.

RESOLVED: - Unanimously approved.

- (ii) Letter from Roy Solomon requesting to operate a bar from 4th- 6th February, 2008 at Quinam Beach.

RESOLVED: - Unanimously approved.

- (iii) Letter from the Principal, Picton Presbyterian School requesting approval to use the Kennedy Park on the 11th and 12th February, 2008 instead of the 12th and 13th February, 2008.

RESOLVED: - Unanimously approved.

- (iv) Letter from Senior Superintendent of Police, South Western Division requesting the use of two Corporation vehicles with drivers for the Carnival period from 6:00pm on Sunday 3rd February, 2008 to 8:00am on Wednesday 6th February, 2008.

RESOLVED: - Unanimously approved pending payment by the Police department.

1044. **MATTERS REFERRED: -** NIL

1045. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS: -** NIL

1046. **REPORTS AND REPLIES: -** NIL

1047. **PETITIONS: -** NIL

1048. **QUESTIONS: -** NIL

1049. **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS: -** NIL

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-

1050. **Councillor Roy Kissoon made the under mentioned comments/requests:-**

[i]Appealed for assistance for residents who were relocated from Jacksingh Street. Those people, he said were living in dilapidated conditions without a supply of water, lights and roads.

[ii]Wanted pipe borne water for all the streets in his Electoral District.

[iii]The scourge of crime has extended so far that one cannot differentiate between police and criminals, since the criminals dress in police uniform to rob people. The PNM is breaking new records in crime with Mr. Martin Joseph continuing as Minister of National Security. The country is to expect new records in crime.

[iv]Commended the Chairman and his staff; fellow Members of Council, Chief Executive Officer and Staff, Police, and wished everyone a joyous Christmas season.

996. **Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the under mentioned comment/requests:-**

- [i] Food prices were sky rocketing and wandered, at this Christmas Season, whether many people could afford to give their children a merry Christmas.
- [ii] Was very surprised that the Police reported that they could offer very little assistance during the Christmas season. The private security that the Corporation hired would certainly be welcomed and appreciated by the public at large.
- [iii] This government is spending a lot of money on HIV Aids while people are suffering for food. There should be one central place for housing all of them.
- [iv] There is need to have proper supervision of the box drains during construction. Let us put qualified persons who know the work.
- [v] Was astonished to read that this government bought a ferry for the water taxi service but cannot find the owner of the ferry.
- [vi] In the New Year, this Corporation should diligently pursue getting a fire station to service the Region.
- [vii] Commended the Chairman and his Staff, fellow Members of Council, Chief Executive Officer and staff, Police; and wished everyone a joyous Christmas season.

997. **Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah made the under mentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] Made many request to cut some trees at Bryansgate, even the Chairman had to intervene. However, Mr. Zaffar Ali was meeting with Mr. Ragoo in order to obtain some assistance and wanted to thank Mr. Zaffar Ali for his efforts.
- [ii] Meeting after meeting, he requests things for recreation grounds in his Electoral District and all go unheeded. He and the County Superintendent made a visit to Sugar Road and Jordan Hill recreation grounds with regard to a crossing, but not one piece of pipe went there.
- [iii] With regard to Ramalie's plan, two different surveys were done showing different things and no one could say which is the correct one. It was very sad that the owner had to leave his home in Canada to attend court on this matter. Mr. Ramalie was charged by the court. Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah believed that whoever did the last survey sheet removed the roadway before submitting it to the Lands and Survey Department. This happened to a resident in his Electoral District, where changes were made before submitting the survey sheet to the 'Red House'.
- [iv] Commended the Chairman and his Staff: fellow Members of Council, Chief Executive Officer and staff, Police; and wished everyone a joyous Christmas season.

998. **Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the under mentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] He requested the legal implications with regard to unqualified persons performing the duties of the Public Health Inspector. His concern is based on the OHSA and as Chairman of the Safety Committee and on behalf of the residents of Penal/Debe.

- [ii] He expressed the same concerns with the absence of the Building Inspector who was on jury service but Building Plans and layouts keep getting approvals. All those issues were dealt with at the Tobago's retreat but he was totally disappointed that nothing has been implemented nor improved in this regard.
- [iii] Expressed satisfaction with the accounting systems as far as financial statements and complimented Mr. Mahadeo and his staff.
- [iv] Two network administrators came into the system without any handover and had to relocate and ensure that everything was in place and did an extremely good job. He said they were being underpaid and should be paid accordingly.
- [v] Extremely disappointed with the Corporation's handling of the Ramalie plan. He believed that someone was paid off because as the Councillor for the area he brought a petition with signatures of the affected people and also moved a motion on the said matter. He expected the Corporation would have acted based on the petition. He indicated that he had no problem whatsoever with the approval of Mr. Ramalie's plan, however he did have a problem with the blockage of the roadway where all the parties should have access to the road. He thanked the members who voted against and who abstained and also thanked those who approved the plan for their conspiracy.
- [vi] Congratulated Councillor Roy Kissoon and the Road Officer II on their re-election.
- [vii] When he started seven and a half years ago, there was a vision but after so long there is no plan and since this would be his last Christmas here, since he would not be offering himself for re-election, he thanked the people of his Electoral District and said he would continue to work for them.
- [viii] WASA did work in Dumfries Road and left it dilapidated and they should be told to restore the roadway.
- [ix] Requested a letter be sent to the Palmist Park Management Committee regarding placing garbage bins throughout the park and ensuring they are emptied on a timely basis.
- [x] People are of the opinion that, as Chairman of Finance Committee, he has a say on who is employed as a worker or a contractor. He made recommendations for people to be contractors but not one was ever given any opportunity. He requested that the community groups in Palmiste Electoral District be given the opportunity to tender for contracts to be done in that district.
- [xi] Wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

999. **Alderman Roland A. Hall made the under mentioned comments/ request:-**

- [i] Endorsed all the concerns expressed by his colleagues. However, some simple things that could have been done to enhance the place were not done. For example, a trolley for the Hall, a proper phone system, furniture for the Conference room and Vice Chairman's office. This was very disappointing.

- [ii] He was assigned to get the chairs for the hall and hoped the samples he brought would meet the satisfaction of members so the matter could be resolved since it is months now this matter is pending.
- [iii] Complimented those who were responsible for the success of the Civic Awards function.
- [iv] During the Christmas Season he prayed for harmony, unity and peace and wished all a Merry Christmas.

1000. **Councillor Diptee Ramnath made the undermentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] The Committees are really to oversee the different aspects of work of the Corporation and at all times the Chairman of Committees should be in charge of their Committees.
- [ii] He continued to see prompt response from the Public Health Inspector department without Mr. Badall and complimented those workers.
- [iii] There should be a review of the water schedule. Some households have more than one family unit and sometimes the roadways are deplorable or impassable and people have to walk long distances to carry their water.
WASA indicated that they would be drilling water wells, but they haven't so they cannot provide the volume of water required.
- [iv] This Corporation needs to put up a case to the Ministry for lifeguards at Morne Diablo Beach and for additional ones at Quinam Beach.
- [v] The Tenders Section is a very delicate section with the highest level of confidentiality and we must make every effort to ensure that we keep it so. He saw OJT's doing the work in that section in the absence of the Clerk.
- [vi] Complimented the Council for their initiative with regard to additional security and scavenging during the Christmas season.
- [vii] Invited everyone to his Christmas Treat on Friday 17/12/01 at 3:00pm at 5mm Penal Rock Road. Also to a presentation function on Saturday 18/12/07 at the Scotts Road Recreation Ground.
- [ix] Wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

1001. **Councillor Carl Dabideen made the undermentioned comments/request:-**

- [i] Like Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh, he indicated that he would not be offering his services anymore as this would be his last Christmas and thanked everyone who supported and encouraged him. He also thanked those who impeded and tried to pull him down because they made him stronger.
- [ii] As we celebrate Christmas let us please remember that Christmas is about the birth of the Christ Child and let us think of the less fortunate and not continue along the path of overspending and overindulgence, but move forward to bring about peace and harmony for all.

1002. **Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the undermentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] Let us term 2008 the ‘Year of delivery’ with everyone working as a team towards common goals and objectives. Let us meet with supervisors very early in the new year in order to set some policies and guidelines.
- [ii] Also to initiate meetings with other ministers such as Agriculture, Public Utilities, WASA, etc.
- [iii] Hoped all things are in place for water distribution and the cricket season.
- [iv] Was very disgusted that he has moved into his new office months ago but still has no chair or desk to work on.
- [v] It was alleged that instructions were given to PIRO’s to trim the workforce but to achieve the same work. The URP now moved to the Ministry of Works and all paving works are done by PURE.
- [vi] Invited everyone to the Sports day to be held at Ramai Trace on New Years day (01/01/08) and requested the Corporation pay for two trophies.
- [vii] Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

1001. **CHAIRMAN’S CLOSING REMARKS:-**

- [i] Reminded everyone that the market would remain open until 5:00pm and to ensure the workers are paid the additional hours.
- [ii] Thanked all who assisted in the Civic Award function held the night before (12/12/07)
- [iii] Reminded everyone about the Eid function, the Christmas service, and the End of Year function at Raju Trace on December 21, 2007.

1002. There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 12: 45 p.m.

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Chairman
Statutory Meeting