

MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH [16TH] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2008] TERM HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 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	Carl Dabideen	Debe West
Alderman	Roland A. Hall	

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL EXCUSED:-

Councillor	Premnath Boodoosingh	Palmiste
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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.	A. Bassarath	Road Officer II
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Mr.	V. Moonasar	Workshop Foreman
Mr.	J. Marfan	Works Supervisor I
Mr.	M. Gajadhar	Public Health Section
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.	S.Naipaul	Checker
Ms.	V. Roopnarine	Checker

892. The meeting commenced at 9:15 am with a prayer by Councillor W. Ramlakhan.

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

[i] Welcomed all to the sixteenth [16th] Statutory Meeting.

[ii] Yesterday (Wednesday 28 November, 2007) the first meeting with the new Minister of Local Government – Mrs. Hazel Manning was held. She already indicated that this would be a year of delivery in the Local Government and already gave instructions that documents are to be directed straight to the Permanent Secretary's office. Alderman Sammy hoped that this system would work. The Minister also noticed that out of the fourteen [14] Corporations, Penal/Debe had the least working relationship with the other organizations.

[iii] He received a document with reference to PSIP [DP] where this Corporation received 19% of the releases the only Corporation which received any releases. The Chairman commented that in spite of the differences this Corporation is ahead in the fourteen [14] Corporations and extended congratulations to the Chief Executive Officer and the entire staff for delivery of such services.

[iv] There is a Stage 'A' estimate 2008 under IRIAD (DP) for approval since the deadline date was the same day.

RESOLVED: 'Stage 'A' estimate proposed 2008' in the sum of \$1,600,000.00 be approved pending the change in #19:- Shrinarine Trace to Mendez Trace.

894. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

[i] Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah announced that Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh asked to be excused.

[ii] The Clerk IV announced that Inspector King asked to be excused.

[iii] The Clerk IV announced that the CEO's meeting would be held at the Corporation on December 07, 2007.

[iv] The County Superintendent announced that the Corporation received the new backhoe and it was already working.

[v] The Chairman announced the End of Year party would be held on December 21, 2007 at the same venue (Raju Trace)

[vi] The Chairman announced the Civic Award Function would be held on December 12, 2007 at Paria Suites.

895. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH [15TH] STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Statutory Meeting held on October 25, 2007 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

[i] PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

896. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 09, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 09, 2007 be adopted.

897. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-32 of the Sixteenth [16th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2007 be accepted.

898. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-32 of the Sixteenth [16th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2007 be adopted.

[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

899. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 11, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 11, 2007 be adopted.

900. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-25 of the Sixteenth [16th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2007 be accepted.

901. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-25 of the Fifteenth [15th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2007 be adopted.

[iii] PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

902 **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on October 23, 2007.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Sixteenth [16th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on October 23, 2007 be adopted.

903 **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-10 of the Sixteenth [16th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2007 be accepted.

904 **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-10 of the Sixteenth [16th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2007 be adopted.

[iv] FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

905 **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 09, 2007.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premchand Sookoo and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 09, 2007 be adopted.

906 **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premchand Sookoo and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-16 of the Sixteenth [16th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2007 be accepted with the undermentioned inclusions:

[i] Recommendations #1-4 made at Special Finance Planning and Allocation of Resources Meeting held on November 27, 2007.

[ii] \$4000.00 for decoration of offices.

907. **Adoption of the of Reports and Recommendations the Sixteenth [16th] Finance Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premchand Sookoo and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that all that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-16 of the Sixteenth

[16th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2007 be adopted.

[v] FESTIVALS COMMITTEE

908. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 23, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 23, 2007 be adopted

909. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Festivals`Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-14 of Sixteenth [16th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2007 be accepted.

910. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-14 of the Sixteenth [16th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2007 be adopted.

[vi] HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

911. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on October 23, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on October 23, 2007 be adopted.

912. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2007.**

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 Sixteenth [16th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2007 be accepted.

913. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Sixteenth [16th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendation Nos.1 of the Sixteenth [16th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2007 be adopted.

914. **[vii] YOUTH, CITIZEN LIAISON & ADVISORY COMMITTEE****Adoption of the Minutes the Fifteenth [15th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 11, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 11, 2007 be adopted

915 **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations No.1-3 of the Sixteenth [16th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2007 be accepted.

916 **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Sixteenth [16th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations No.1-3 of the Sixteenth [16th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2007 be adopted.

[viii] COMMUNICATION, SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE917 **Adoption of Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on October 16, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on October 16, 2007 be adopted.

918 **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on November 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-15 of the Sixteenth [16th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on November 22, 2007 be accepted.

919. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on November 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-15 of the Sixteenth [16th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on November 22, 2007 be adopted.

[ix] SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:-

920. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on October 23, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on October 23, be adopted.

921. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Sixteenth [16th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2007 be accepted.

922. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Sixteenth [16th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2007 be adopted.

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

923. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on October 16, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on October 16, 2007 be adopted

924. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on November 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-19 of the Sixteenth [16th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on November 22, 2007 be accepted.

925. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on November 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-19 of the Sixteenth [16th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on November 22, 2007 be accepted.

[xi] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:-**

926. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on October 23, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on October 23, 2007 be accepted.

927. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-2 of the Sixteenth [16th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2007 be accepted.

928. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-2 of the Sixteenth [16th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2007 be adopted.

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

929. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Building Committee Meeting held on October 11, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Diptee Ramnath that the Minutes of the Fifteenth [15th] Building Committee Meeting held on October 11, 2007 be adopted.

930. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Building Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Diptee Ramnath that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Sixteenth [16th] Building Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2007 be accepted with the under mentioned inclusion.

[i] Building Plan Applications Nos.2/8/07 in favour of Barbara Thompson and Ramesh Ramoutar of Seemungal Trace.

Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Sixteenth [16th] Building Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2007.

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RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Diptee Ramnath that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Sixteenth [16th]

Building Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2007 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusion:-

932. CORRESPONDENCE: - N I L

933. MATTERS REFERRED: - N I L

934. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS: -**

[i] Revised Scavenging schedule for period 30/11 – 30/12/07.

RESOLVED: The above be approved.

935. **REPORTS AND REPLIES**

[i] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan reported that based on a request made by Penal Properties Limited for the use of Bhupsingh Park (paved area) for a flea market and the dirt area to be developed into a parking lot, he visited the area with the Road Officer II and he held discussions with the proprietor and recommended that approval is given by Council.

RESOLVED: The above be approved pending submission of documentation reflecting the above report.

[ii] Also a meeting be arranged with the Penal/Debe Chamber of Commerce and Police officials – Penal/San Fernando/Siparia for Tuesday 04 December, 2007 to discuss security measures.

936. PETITIONS:- N I L

937. QUESTIONS:- N I L

938. PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS N I L

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-

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

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

[ii] Requested the backhoe, truck and backfill for the continuation of the Self Help water project at Hermitage Settlement.

[iii] The scourge of crime has extended so far that one cannot differentiate between police and criminals, since the criminal dress in police uniform to rob people. In Pond Street, La Romaine a young wife was kidnapped and the people could hardly pay \$20,000.00. The Country is at it's lowest state.

[iv] The pavilion at Woodland Recreation Ground was already electrified, however it needs an independent water supply because the Community Centre, which currently supply water to the pavilion, may ask the Corporation for reimbursement.

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

- [i] Past 6-9 months requests were made to cut some trees located at Bryansgate, but Technical Officers were not taking heed to his request. One tree fell and caused damage to someone's vehicle.
- [ii] Requested the Work Supervisor I to construct entrances to Jordan Hill and Friendship Recreation Ground, but to date nothing was done.
- [iii] Requested over one (1) year ago a report on funds allocated to his Electoral District under recreation grounds from 2002-2005 but has not received this to date.
- [iv] Requested the Work Supervisor I prepare estimates for water connection to all the Recreation Ground in the region.

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

- [i] Requested previously that someone be assigned to the Penal stock pile and to date no one was assigned and as a result materials were being stolen from there.
- [ii] He supported the initiative for extra security measures because crime is in full swing in the region and especially in Penal. People were being raped and robbed at will and, as a council, we need to try our best to protect our citizens.
- [iii] He read a newspaper article where the fire service was installing water hydrants every where. However, there is no supply of water to those hydrants. Similarly, two water projects were done in his Electoral District before election but no water was supplied to these lines.

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

- [i] There was no picture of the new Minister of Local Government in the Hall. He hoped this Corporation would receive some benefits in terms of delivery with this new Minister.
- [ii] Expressed concern with the crime situation in the country. He visited the Municipal post and saw that much work still needed to be completed. Also the Corporation should indicate to the Minister of their dissatisfaction with the slow pace of strengthening of this service to its full capacity.

Similarly, the general police in the region was depleted thereby affecting their efficiency to fight crime. The praedial larceny division is relocated to Guapo thereby affecting its capacity in Penal/Debe.

- [iii] This region's sporting facilities were being ignored when they should be taken advantage of. The Wilson Road Recreation Ground was one of the best in the Country but was being surpassed because we are not upgrading accordingly.

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

- [i] The former Minister of Local Government visited several projects in Penal/Debe and made promises but none has become a reality. So too Minister Jarette Narine made visits and promises but spoke about Poodai Lagoon only.
- [ii] RDC, PURE, PSAEL, are some of the new companies established by this government. However, no one was able to say what were their responsibilities nor what works have been done for Penal/Debe. In the coming year he hoped some positives could be done by those companies.
- [iii] It is a crisis looming in this country when one cannot afford to take care of his family by providing the basic necessities. When one looks at the steady increases of food prices it was no wonder that people resort to banditry.
- [iv] The people of Penal/Debe were taken advantage of because they are being denied a fire station which is very necessary. The current service was provided by Siparia and Mon Repos Stations.
- [v] Hoped Administration put all things in place to ensure Recreation Grounds are fully prepared in time for the cricket season.

944. **CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS:-**

- [i] Reminded everyone of the Implementation meeting to be held on the upcoming Monday.

945. There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 11:30 a.m.

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Chairman
Statutory Meeting

