

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD [3RD] STATUTORY MEETING (2006-2007 TERM) HELD ON  
OCTOBER 31, 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
Councillor	Sonnylal B. Manwah	Union Hall/Bronte
Alderman	Roland A. Hall	

**MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-**

Mr.	L. Espinoza	Chief Executive Officer
Ms.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Mr.	C. Maharaj	Building Inspector
Mr.	J. Marfan	Works Supervisor I
Mr.	K. King	Inspector – Municipal Police
Ms.	L. Chandoo Singh	Personnel Industrial Relations Officer
Mr.	S. Heru	County Superintendent
Ms.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Ms.	K. Ramlogan	Clerk II
Ms.	S. Sinanan	Clerk I

117. At 9:10 a.m. Municipal Police Corporal, J. Singh, announced the arrival of the Chairman of Council, Alderman Allen Sammy.
118. Alderman Roland Hall led in prayer.

**CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:-**

119. The Chairman welcomed all to the third [3rd] Statutory Meeting and remarked that it was regrettable that a worker employed with a Scavenging Contractor, working in Penal/Debe was killed while on duty.  
Also a woman in her forties (40's) from Batchyia Trace, Branch #1 was raped for the second time and there were robberies at two business places -in Clarke Road and Mohess Road. He stressed that an urgent meeting was needed with Police Officers as early as next Monday.

120. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

- (i). The Clerk IV, Ms R. Ganga Persad announced that a meeting with PSAEL, PURE and RDC was scheduled for Monday 06 November, 2006 at 10:00 am.
- (ii). The Administrative Officer II announced that the Financial Officer called in sick.
- (iii). Inspector King announced that three of his Officers went on nine (9) months training in the Barracks, one was reassigned to Kent House and another retired. They will have to use alternative security services until such time.
- (iv) Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh announced that the dengue situation he spoke about had improved, however, he did not see any input by the Corporation because the Ministry of Health was spraying the area.

121. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND [2ND] STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Second [2<sup>nd</sup>] Statutory Meeting held on September 26, 2006 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

122. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kisson that the Minutes of the Special Statutory Meeting held on October 19, 2006 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: -**

**[i] PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

123. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Second [2nd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 06, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Second [2nd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 05, 2006 be adopted.

124. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 03 and October 18, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-65 of the Third [3rd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 03 and October 18, 2006 be accepted.

125. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 03 and October 18, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-65 of the Third [3rd]Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 03 and October 18, 2006 be adopted.

**[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

126. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Second [2nd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Second [2nd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006 be adopted.

127. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-34 of the Third [3rd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006 be accepted.

128. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Third [3rd]Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-34 of the Third [3rd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006 be adopted.

**[iii] PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

129. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Second [2nd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Second [2nd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be adopted.

130. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006**

**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 Third [3rd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006 be accepted.

131. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006**

**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 Third [3rd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006 be adopted.

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

132. **Adoption of the Minutes 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 Minutes of the Second [2nd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 14, 2006 be adopted.

133. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 25 and October 26, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-21 of the Third [3rd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 25 and October 26, 2006 be accepted.

134. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 25 and October 26, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-21 of the Third [3rd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 25 and October 26, 2006 be adopted.

[v] **SPECIAL FINANCE, PLANNING & ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING.**

135. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006 be accepted.

136. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006 be adopted.

[vi] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

137. **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 Kisson and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the Minutes of the Second [2nd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be adopted.

138. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kisson and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-11 of the Third [3rd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006 be accepted.

139. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kisson and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-11 of the Third [3rd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006 be adopted.

[vii] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

140. **Adoption of the Minutes 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 Minutes of the Second [2nd] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be adopted.

141. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on October 17, 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 Third [3rd] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006 be accepted.

142. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Third [3rd] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on October 17, 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 Third [3rd] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006 be adopted.

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

143. **Adoption of the Minutes the Second [2nd] Youth, Citizen Liaison and 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 Minutes of the Second [2nd] Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006 be adopted.

144. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 25, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-7 of the Third [3rd] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 25, 2006 be accepted.

145. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Third [3rd] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 25, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-7 of the Third [3rd] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 25, 2006 be adopted.

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

146. **Adoption of Minutes 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 Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Second [2nd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September, 2006 be adopted.

147. **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 Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-15 of the Third [3rd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2006 be accepted.

148. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-15 of the Third [3rd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2006 be adopted.

[x] **SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

149. **Adoption of the Minutes 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 Minutes of the Second [2nd] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be adopted.

150. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Third [3rd] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2006 be accepted.

151. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Third [3rd] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2006 be adopted.

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

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

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the First [1st] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 14, 2006 be adopted.

153. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Community Meeting held on September 14, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-17 of the Third [3rd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2006 be accepted.

154. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-17 of the Third [3rd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2006 be adopted.

[xii] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

155. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Second [2nd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the First [1st] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be adopted.

156. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Third [3rd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2006 be accepted.

157. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Third [3rd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2006 be adopted.

[xiii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

158. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Second [2nd] Building Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Second [2nd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2006 be adopted.

159. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Building Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. -13 of the Third [3rd] Building Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006 be accepted with the unmentioned inclusion.

- (i) Building Plan applications Nos. 1 to 7 dated October 31, 2006 in favor of Margaret Beekee and others.
- (ii) Layout Plan applications Nos. 1 to 6 dated October 31, 2006 in favor of Dhanraj Ramnath and others.
- (iii) Supplemental list of Building/ Layout Plan application Nos. 1 to 6 dated October 31, 2006 in favor of Vishnu Ramdeo and others.

160. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Third [3rd] Building Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-13 of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusions.

161. **CORRESPONDENCE: -**

- (i) Letter dated October 30, 2006 from Penal Properties Ltd, re: Status of rental of office based on a meeting with Property and Real Estate Division on 27 October 2006.

The Chairman remarked that the council has been aware that for over one year they have been looking for a building because it was clear that the present building is a hazard given the number of people and the space provided.

The Chief Executive Officer informed that there was no dialogue between Property Management Unit and the Corporation with regards to the change of ownership. One correspondence came to the Corporation from CLICO but there was no other.

**RECOMMENDED:-** Property Management Unit be invited to a meeting with Members of Council and to have a tour of the building with the various agencies, such as fire services, present.

Also administration to provide for the meeting, a comprehensive history with respect to identifying and moving into another building.

162. **MATTERS REFERRED:-** NIL

163. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:** NIL

**REPORTS AND REPLIES:**

164. Report dated October 30, 2006 from Chief Executive Officer, re: expenditure authorized by Heritage Week Committees & various Sup- committees.  
Noted

165. **PETITIONS:** NIL

166. **QUESTIONS:** NIL

167. **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS:** NIL

168. **MOTION:** NIL

**OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-**

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

- (i) Water and Sewage Authority (W.A.S.A) was laying lines in La Romaine and leaving the roads in a mess.  
The Chairman told Councillor Roy Kissoon he could contact Mr. Roger Ganesh of W.A.S.A for information.
- (ii) With regards to the Las Woodland Development, the people were misinformed. They were told that they would be regularized so they had to breakdown their houses in order to have them aligned.  
However, when Councillor R. Kissoon spoke to Mr. Jaimungal he was told that they were going to breakdown those houses. He and Mr. Jaimungal would set up a meeting with the people to clear up that issue and asked the Chairman to attend.
- (iii) Trinity Pavers promised to restore the roadway but they haven't and the pre-school, the school and the temple's fence were being threatened because of the way they were cutting the roadway.
- (iv) With regards to the Lagoon Cemetery, over that past three (3) years he had been getting conflicting information. However, he was recently told by the Chief Executive Officer to have someone apply for the post of Cemetery Keeper.
- (v) The sign for the Cemetery was already prepared and asked why it could not be installed.

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

- (i) The Decentralized Disaster Preparedness Plan would have been able to deal with the safety of workers and the death of the person working in the garbage truck would have been prevented.
- (ii) Members of Council were still not able to see or get copies of the Terms and Conditions of Contracts for projects taking place in their respective Electoral District and in the absence of information is unable to monitor perceived corruption in these projects.
- (iii) Requested a report on the purchase of 50 industrial fans but had not received it to date and wondered where were 50 fans going to be placed and who authorized the purchase of these fans definitely not council.

- (iv) Raised several questions with respect to people breaching the financial systems. Documents were submitted to meetings without relevant signatures; the Financial Officer was being bypassed and the proper system and procedures of store keeping were not followed nor controlled requested the terms and conditions of the Financial Officer.
- (v) Hoped the cemeteries were cut on time. Contractors keep coming from outside the region and the Penal/Debe Contractors are not given the opportunity same groups of contractors were given opportunities and contract year after year.
- (vi) The dengue situation in Palmiste was continuing and hoped the matter would be resolved and the area sprayed. There was now an invasion of rats and an outbreak of leptospirosis.
- (vii) No flooding relief money was spent in flood prone Bamboo Junction nor was work done in the Palmiste area with over \$210,000 spent and IRIA Supervisors whose responsibility was to supervise drainage construction was removed from those jobs.
- (viii) Gave notice that when he leaves the Council, whoever takes over would already have policies and guidelines to follow.

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

- (i) Water continued to be a problem and the residents continued to suffer.
- (ii) The problem with rat infestation continued and asked if the health section could urgently deal with this.
- (iii) A bridge was being constructed in his area and was being supervised by the Engineering Unit of the Ministry. He was of the opinion that it was not being built properly and suggested a site visit be made at the project.
- (iv) The grass was overgrown in the jogging track at the Apollo Recreation Ground. The gravel was dropped but no oilsand as yet. Also, he had to borrow 5 lengths of PVC pipes but as yet he could not return them.
- (v) Complained again about the finishing up of the box drains. The backfilling was not done neatly.
- (vi) The crime situation continued to spiral out of control and with the loss of Municipal Officers and Police Officers they have to look at the situation seriously.

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

- (i) Happy to be back but sad to say that no work was done in his district. Funds were allocated to each Electoral District but not one cent was spent for him. One project was done in Golconda and that was done by Unemployment Relief Programme (URP).
- (ii) The project in Picton Settlement had not started yet and we are already in the new financial year.
- (iii) The electrification of Golconda Recreation Ground also was not done nor was a simple crossing able to be done.

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

- (i) That was not the first time he raised the issue of safety with garbage collection. Members of the media and the police were present but no Municipal Police was present at the scene of the accident with the garbage truck employee.
- (ii) Why was the terms and conditions of contracts not followed by the garbage trucks. They work bareback and bare foot and often they are very abusive.
- (iii) With regards to the water distribution, he hoped that all the concerns raised by Members of Council would be addressed.
- (iv) With respect to briefcases and stationary he hoped all Members of Council are given equal treatment.
- (v) With respect to security, he hoped the funds allocated for Penal/Debe are not used to hire security because it was the responsibility of the Ministry.

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

- (i) With respect to a copy of a memo from the Chief Executive Officer to the Chairman dated October 17, 2006 re: Sonny Ramadin Trophy. It was obvious from the Statutory Meeting on July 12, 2006 that Members of Council would donate a trophy, but to date it was not paid for because it was to be paid from the Chairman's fund and ask why can't it be paid in the current financial year.
- (ii) The Minutes would reflect why a vote of 'no confidence' was moved on the Chief Executive Officer. Information presented by the Chief Executive Officer was often inaccurate and untimely and therefore Member of Council were unable to make decisions. We asked Members of Council to micro-manage Administration until confidence was restored.
- (iii) With respect to health and safety and according to the OSHA and the penalties the corporation was in serious violation and would be charged for failure to uphold the law and for being reckless with people's lives.

175. **Alderman Roland Hall made the undermentioned comments/requests:-**

- (i) He listened to Members of Council cry out for the people they serve for the little things such as street signs and were not getting it, whilst the signs were lying in the Sub-office.
- (ii) He went on site visits with Members of Council and heard the complaints of the people and wondered what took place over the past years especially in the areas of Finance, Policies and Procedures set up by the Council.
- (iii) He supported some of the reports submitted by the Administration but was concerned that some of them have hidden agendas.

- (iv) Request Members of Council to get the youths in their respective areas mobilized and prepared for when workshops and training began.

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

- (i) Recently an elderly lady visited him at his home for advice because she had no where to turn. She lived in a house in Debe Junction over the past thirty five to forty years and was destroyed by fire and, whilst she was trying to rebuild, she was being terrorized by the police who told her she could not build. The lady had a deed of comfort signed by former Minister Sadiq Baksh. He hoped it was not the Municipal Police who were terrorising the lady.
- (ii) With respect to a bridge in Bunsee Trace, the Member of Parliament, Kamla Persad Bissessar made representation for that bridge which was now being built by the Ministry, and thought it only appropriate that the Ministry have dialogue with the Council about the work being done on that bridge or any where else in the Corporation.
- (iii) The Minister saw it appropriate to award seven contracts for box drains in Penal/Debe. Councillor Sookoo did not know if the jobs had started or not or if it was another sham by the Minister.
- (iv) Moved that the Corporation pay for the Sonny Ramadin Trophy.

177. The Clerk IV, Ms. R. Ganga Persad gave an update of the planning for the Civic Reception to be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2006.

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

The Chairman informed that the document on the three year performance of the Members of Council was completed in draft and will be brought for review by Members of Council.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 2:15 p.m.

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**Chairman**  
**Statutory Meeting**