

MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH [30TH] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2009 TERM] HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2008 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL, 218 S.S. ERIN ROAD, DEBE. MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: -

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

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ABSENT: -

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| Councillor | Diptee Ramnath | Quinam/Morne Diablo |
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MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-

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| Mr. | L. Espinoza | Chief Executive Officer |
| Mrs. | T. Deodath | Administrative Officer II |
| Mr. | S. Heru | County Superintendent |
| Ms. | P. Harewood | P.I.R.O |
| Ms. | J. Charles-Joseph | Corporate Secretary |
| Ms. | L. Lalgee | Financial Officer |
| Mr. | R. Mahadeo | Accountant I |
| Mrs. | R. Ganga Persad | Clerk IV |
| Mr. | G. Alexander | Transport Foreman |
| Inspector | K. King | Municipal Police |
| Constable. | A. Hosein | Municipal Police |
| Mr. | V. Moonesar | Workshop Foreman |
| Mr. | C. Bullock | Public Health Inspector |
| Mr. | M. Gajadhar | F.O.S. |
| Mr. | C. Maharaj | Building Inspector |

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| Ms. | C. Ramphal | Ag. Clerk II |
| Ms. | N. Maraj | Clerk I |
| Ms. | V. Dwarika-Roopnarine | Council Secretary |

1639. The Meeting commenced at 9:40 a.m. with a prayer led by Councillor Roy Kissoon.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:-

1640. Alderman, Dr. Allen Sammy welcomed all to the meeting.

He then made the following remarks:

It is becoming patently obvious to me that the cabinet is bent on destroying the spirit and purpose of local government, judging by the manoeuvres to redraw political boundaries and the reducing of the number of Electoral Districts for administrative convenience.

There is a principle of good governance called subsidiarity which declares that decisions which affect peoples' lives on a daily or long term basis, should be taken by a public authority closest to the people. This is my interpretation and my words to illustrate that as the corporation's centre is removed from the people, that these very people will no longer be allowed to participate freely and on a weekly and on going basis in the decisions which affect their lives.

Councillors represent a collection of contiguous communities which subscribe to common character and soul shaped over time. Barrackpore is different to La Romaine, as Penal is to Palmiste. Each district therefore has a common agenda for development which the new Act seeks to destroy and now lump communities together for administrative convenience rather than good governance.

What a waste. The Wooding and Sinanan reports and the 1946 local government acts were works in progress as communities took shape over time. The Municipal Corporations Act of 1990 [Act 21 of 1990] further refined the demands of the people and arrived at eighteen[18] municipal entities. In 1992, the P.N.M. Government reduced these to fourteen [14] and now intend to reduce this further to twelve [12] in 2009. The centre of decision making is now gravitating back to Port-of-Spain and people at points beyond will be left again in the wilderness. Sixty years of struggle will be lost by one stroke of a conniving pen.

The government is deliberately squandering an opportunity to collaborate with the new energy generated by a people who understand the principles of good governance and who are no longer willing to wait patiently for public service bureaucracy and lethargy. They want action now.

Experience and time saving have become critical in making decisions and the centre of authority now further removed from citizens will exacerbate the steaming resentment to the state which people harbour. Our business is to build livable communities. There is a real danger that proposed local government reform will lead to the lost joy of community co-habitation and reduce historic synergy to robotic relationships.

The Chairman said the following:

- i. That the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation was on its winding down stage to being closed, however officers should continue serving the region at their optimum level.
- ii. That the essence of Local Government is being destroyed.
- iii. That the Debe Doubles shed consulting was on-going but the Tourism Development Authority has indicated that their cut in the budget will not allow the implementation of the proposed design.
- iv. That the reduction in garbage collection and water distribution will lead to an increase in varmint, rats and diseases.
- v. That the ten (10) bridges to be built by R.D.C will no longer be done because of the cut in the 2008/2009 budget.
- vi. That twelve (12) persons have been trained in the dengue and litter wardens' work force.
- vii. Complimented staff in rallying to make adjustments with the \$14 million budget cut.

1641. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- [i] Councillor W. Ramlakhan announced the following:
 - That there was a serious problem being caused by a Land Developer in Lachoo's Road and Dabedial Road.
 - That something should be done to ease the flooding at the corner of Oliverie Drive & Clarke Road.

- [ii] Councillor P. Sookoo announced that he represented the Chairman at a meeting on 21.01.2009 Kent House Maraval with the Minister of Local Government and other Chief Executive Officers and Chairmen.

- [iii] Councillor R. Kissoon stated that a protest was expected to take place in Gandhi Village with regards to roads.

- [iv] Councillor R. Hardial announced that he had heard that the Ministry of Agriculture was cutting land at Phillip Trace and damaging the roadway.

Alderman Dr. A. Sammy stated that no permission was given to Ministry of Agriculture and requested that the Municipal Police investigate and take necessary action.

- [v] Alderman Dr. A. Sammy stated that a presentation on a Special Plan and study of the Penal/Debe Region would be held by Genivar on 30.01.2009, 10.00 a.m. He invited Members of Council to attend.

1642. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:-**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall seconded by Councillor S.Manwah that the minutes of the Twenty-Ninth [29th] Statutory Meeting held on December 11, 2008 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings pending the following amendments:-

- i. Page 1 Councillor Sonnylal Manwah – Excused.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:-

[i] PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE :-

1643. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on December 01 and December 02,2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty-Ninth 29th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on December 01 and December 02, 2008 be adopted.

1644. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 06, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-18 of the Thirtieth [30th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 06, 2009 be accepted.

1645. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 06, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-18 of the Thirtieth [30th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 06, 2009 be adopted.

[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

1646. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty-Ninth [29th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on December 02, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Will van Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on December 02, 2008 be adopted.

1647. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirtieth [30th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009 be accepted.

1648. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-9 of Thirtieth [30th] the Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009 be adopted.

[iii] PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1649. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2008.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2008 be adopted.

1650. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 20, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirtieth [30th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 20, 2009 be accepted.

1651. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Thirtieth [30th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 20, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirtieth [30th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 20, 2009 be adopted.

[iv] FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee meeting held on December 03, 04, & December 05, 2008 respectively.

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on December 03, 04, & December 05 inclusive of Special Finance held on January 15 & 20, 2009 be adopted.

1652. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on January 15 & 20, 2009 respectively.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-14 of the Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on January 15 & 20, 2009 respectively be accepted inclusive of the following:

- i. List of Vouchers – 21st -27th January, 2009.
- ii. Virement 2008/2009 in the total sum of four hundred and ninety seven thousand two hundred and ninety-nine dollars (\$497, 299.00).

1653. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on January 15 & 20, 2009 respectively.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-14 of the Thirtieth [30th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on January 15 & 20, 2009 respectively be adopted inclusive of items i. – ii above.

[v] FESTIVALS COMMITTEE:-

1654. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on November 18, 2008 be adopted.

1655. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 20, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-4 of the Thirtieth [30th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 20, 2009 be accepted.

1656. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 20, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Thirtieth [30th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 20, 2009 be adopted.

[vi] HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE.

1657. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2008 be adopted.

1658. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 20, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-2 of the Thirtieth [30th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 20, 2009 be accepted with the following amendments:

- i. 3rd bullet delete “Gran Chemin”
- ii. 3rd bullet insert “1. Status report to be submitted.”

1659. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 20, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-2 of the Thirtieth [30th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 20, 2009 be adopted with the above amendments.

[vii] YOUTH, CITIZEN LIAISON & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1660. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 02, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 02, 2008 be adopted.

1661. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations No.1 – 11 of the Thirtieth [30th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009 be accepted.

1662. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations No.1 – 11 of the Thirtieth [30th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009 be adopted.

[viii] COMMUNICATION, SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE.

1663. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on December 03, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on December 03, 2008 be adopted.

1664. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports Recommendations Nos. 1-10 of the

Thirtieth [30th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009 be accepted.

1665. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-10 of the Thirtieth [30th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009 be adopted.

[ix] **SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:-**

1666. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on December 5, 2008 be adopted.

1667. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2009.**

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 Thirtieth [30th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2009 be accepted.

1668. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2009.**

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 Thirtieth [30th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2009 be adopted.

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

1669. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on December 03, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on December 03, 2008 be adopted.

1670. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009.**

RESOLVED: -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-8 of the Thirtieth [30th]

Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009 be accepted with the following amendment:

- i. Item # 2. Insert “All items purchased be recorded in Stores Department and then issued to the job.”

1671. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009.**

RESOLVED: -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Thirtieth [30th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009 be adopted with the above ammendment.

[xi] GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

1672. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2008 be adopted.

1673. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Report and Recommendation Nos.1-3 of the Thirtieth [30th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2009 be accepted.

1674. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Thirtieth [30th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2009 be adopted.

[xii] BUILDING COMMITTEE:

1675. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Ninth [29th] Building Committee Meeting held on December 02, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Minutes of the Ninth [29th] Building Committee Meeting held on December 02, 2008 be adopted.

1676. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Building Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Thirtieth [30th] Building Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009 be accepted with the following inclusion:

- i. List of Building and Layout Plan Nos. 1-13 for January 27, 2009.

1677. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirtieth [30th] Building Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Twenty Thirtieth [30th] Building Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009 be adopted with the above inclusion.

1678. **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

- [i] Status Report on Local Government Reform Programme 2008-2009

RECOMMENDED:- Noted.

- [ii] Letter dated 16.01.2009 from Ryan John, B.K Holdings Limited, #35 Preysal Crown Trace West, Mission Road, Freeport re: Scavenging of Area #7 – Indarsingh Road, Diamond.

RECOMMENDED:- Noted.

- [iii] Letter dated 23.01.2009 from Mohan Chadee, Regulated Industries Commission re: Establishment of a Temporary Office at your Corporation

RECOMMENDED:- Approved.

- [iv] Letter dated 25.01.2009 from Woman's Institute for Alternative Development re: Request to use Council Hall on 5.02.2009 to host a seminar on Crime and abuse against women 10:00a.m – 2:00p.m

RECOMMENDED:- Approved.

- [v] Memo dated 27.01.2009 from the County Superintendent to the Chief Executive Officer re: Supply of Swing Fog Machine.

RECOMMENDED:- Approved subject to tendering procedures.

1679. **MATTERS REFERRED:-** N I L

1680. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:-**

- [i] Estimate to supply and delivery on spot cricket pitch sand in the sum of four thousand, six hundred dollars (\$4,600.00).

RECOMMENDED:- Approved.

- [ii] Estimate for the purchase of Safety Equipment for Transport Department in the sum of thirty-six thousand, six hundred and seventy-three dollars (\$36,673.00)

RECOMMENDED:- Approved.

- [iii] Estimate for the purchase of Safety Equipment for Mehcanical/Workshop Department in the sum of seventeen-thousand, seven hundred and seventy three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$17,773.25.)

RECOMMENDED:- Approved.

1681. **REPORTS AND REPLIES:-**

- [i] Councillor Sonnylal Manwah reported that the sewer from the HDC Development along Golcondo, Ridgewood Towers is being pumped every five (5) hours along the M2 Ring Road adding that he hoped that this development was not approved by the P.D.R.C due to safety and health hazards.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy requested that the Public Health Inspector submit a report and recommendations to rectify this problem by the 30.01.2009.

The Public Health Inspector stated that sewer system was pointed out before the start of the development but it was continuing. He added that he required more time for the report to be done.

Alderman Dr. A. Sammy stated that the report was only required recommendations to resolved the problems and suggested the following:-

- [a] Truck to take away the sewer
- [b] Sewer to be treated
- [c] Any other corrective action

Councillor Sonnylal Manwah stated that the purpose of C.M.O.H and the P.H.I were to find solutions and take action.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy stated that preventative measures should be taken.

1682. **PETITIONS:-** **N I L**

1683. **QUESTIONS:-** **N I L**

1684. **PERSONNEL EXPLANATIONS: -** **N I L**

1685. **MOTIONS:-** **N I L**

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-

1686. **Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following comments:-**

- [i] That he was awaiting Ministry of Works assistance for the crossing at Oliverie Drive to alleviate the flooding problem but he was not getting any response from them and requested that P.D.R.C submit an estimate for the road to be cut and a crossing built.
- [ii] That work commenced along Clarke Road to alleviate the flooding problems.
- [iii] That an estimate be submitted for a 100 feet box drain to be constructed along Lachoo's Road.
- [iv] That the water tender wash the road in front of Mr. Sampath, Lachoo's Road on the 29.01.2009 as he had prayers on the 30.01.2009 and was badly affected by the silt and slush caused by the Land Developer in Lachoo's Road.
- [v] That discussions were being held with the Land Developer and the Building Inspector and he was willing to construct box drains and walls along Lachoo's Road.
- [vi] That a meeting was held with the Land Developer L.P. #57 at Dabiedial Road on the 22.01.2009 and Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan requested the assistance of the Corporate Secretary to draft a letter for the Developer to comply and she gave the impression that it was not her job.
- [vii] That the earth-fill from Phillip Trace, be stored at the stock pile Clarke Road to be utilized in the dry season.

1687. **Councillor Roy Kisson made the following comments:-**

- [i] That W.A.S.A laid pipe lines along Temple Street, La Romaine and they did not repair the roadway. He requested that a meeting be held with the contractor and the Road Officer to discuss the matter.
- [ii] That the Building Inspector have a meeting with the owner of Chandroo Development as there were no approvals for this development and persons were building houses along the road reserve and trespassing on other persons properties.
- [iii] That it has been two (2) years since a request was made to P.U.R.E for Pond Street and Gandhi Village to be paved and to date nothing has been done.
- [iv] That the streets in La Romaine were narrow and when drains are cleaned the debris is placed alongside the roadway, however when rain falls it just washes back down into the drain.

1688. **Councillor Sonnylal Manwah made the following comments:-**

- [i] That it was not justified that the P.H.I cannot take action against those who were committing an act of injustice to others at the Ridgewood H.D.C Development. He requested that the Building Inspector, Public Health Inspector and the Corporate Secretary advise on the matter what action can be taken on the raw sewage being pumped onto the drain along the M.2 Ring Road.

1689. **Councillor Premnath Bodoosingh made the following comments:-**

- [i] That Inspector King should fast track the installation of cameras throughout the Penal/Debe Region.
- [ii] That economic problems were faced worldwide and not just at the P.D.R.C. and that it was Penal/Debe Regional Corporation's business to deliver by utilizing what was available
- [iii] That it was a simple process to call in the vendors at Palmiste Park booths with their documents to log them in, however, this was not being done and enquired why it was taking so long.
- [iv] That the Chairman of the Self Help Commission who is also the Chairman of Palmiste Park gave permission to a man to put up a tent to vend for Christmas but it still existed and is posing a danger to persons walking in the park.
- [v] That the Inspector serves a notice on persons dumping at the stockpile at Palmiste Park.
- [vi] That a \$1,000.00 contribution was made for the restoration of the Palmiste Park pond and that this be given attention.
- [vii] That employees should be more productive and capitalize on all available resources as C.E.P.E.P, U.R.P, P.U.R.E, P.S.A.E.L and all other agencies are posing a threat to jobs in Ministry of Local Government.
- [viii] That he supported Local Government Reform.
- [ix] That stray dogs at PETROTRIN, Penal be removed.
- [x] That there was a commitment by the Minister for the market, security cameras and workforce to be increased. However, the workforce cannot be blamed on the Minister because if H.R used its limited resources wisely and deliver there would not be a problem.

1690. **Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following comments:-**

- [i] That whatever resources are available should be utilized for the elimination of dengue adding that there were over 100 dengue cases but only 8 deaths were reported in the newspaper.
- [ii] That it was alleged that Penal/Debe, Princes Town and Siparia Regional Corporation will soon become two (2) Corporations and both monthly and daily paid workers will be transferred.
- [iii] That in eight (8) Electoral Districts \$30,000.00 will be allocated monthly for paving of roads, repair of bridges and workforce and this was insufficient.
- [iv] That the economic downturn would lead to an increase of crime in the country.
- [v] That Administration identify where the 404 employees are and that they be utilized to strengthen the outside workforce.
- [vi] That there were several unauthorized Land Developers within the Region and no action is being taken against them despite advertisements placed in the newspapers hence the reason why it continues.

1691. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting and terminated same at 11:50 a.m.

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