

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH [36TH] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2009 TERM] HELD ON JULY 09, 2009 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL, 218 S.S. ERIN ROAD, DEBE.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: -

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

MEMBER OF COUNCIL EXCUSED:-

Councillor	Carl Dabideen	Debe West
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MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-

Mr.	L. Espinoza	Chief Executive Officer
Mr.	S. Heru	County Superintendent
Mrs.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Ms.	J. Charles-Joseph	Corporate Secretary
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant I
Mr.	C. Maharaj	Building Inspector
Inspector	K. King	Municipal Police
Mr.	J. Marfan	Works Supervisor I
Sgt.	D. Singh	Municipal Police
Mr.	A. Suphal	Public Health Inspector.
Mr.	K. Rambarran	Clerk I [Tenders]
Ms.	S. Badall	O.D.P.M.
Mr.	H. Ramnarine	Clerk IV
Ms.	T. Bridgelal	Clerk II
Ms.	N. Maraj	Clerk I
Ms.	F. Mahabir	Contract Worker

1969. The Meeting commenced at 9:05 a.m. with a prayer led by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan.

1970. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:-**

[a] The Chairman welcomed all to the Thirty-Sixth[36th] Statutory Meeting.

[b] **Governance**

Penal/Debe Regional Corporation's initiative, foresight and commitment to planned Regional and Local-Area growth and improvements in the quality of life of its public, are the basic incentives to promote and commission efficient planning functions. The Corporation views itself as a primary stakeholder and participant in the review exercise of the Spatial Development Plan.

The Penal/Debe Regional Corporation possess an excellent knowledge of the area which they represent. They understand the problems, the urgency of matters, and the need for immediate change. In addition, they are close relationships between the Councillors and the Administration of the Corporation. They have an understanding of the major problems and know what needs to be done to rectify these problems and strengthen the weaknesses within the community. Additionally, they are aware of the National Standards set out by Vision 2020 on the goals of efficient Governance and are keen on meeting these goals.

For instance, it is evident that the Corporation lacks the appropriate tools and equipment to undertake some basic routine functions, which are necessary for the sustainable development and maintenance of the region. There is a clear shortage of public relations, which essential for coordination with community members.

all of which is necessary to facilitate the dissemination of information and to assist in the mobilization efforts of the people. Additionally, there insufficient liaison with the business community. There is little or no marketing orientation and there is a lack of a division of the Corporation into specialized units. This, coupled with a lack of funding, manpower, equipment and technology hinder the growth of the Corporation in all aspects of its development.

As such, the services that the Corporation offers are threatened because the Government may have a division more fit to tend to these issues. None the less, members of the Corporation posses the will to advance with the development of the region, but without the essential resources, they lack the capacity to reach their goal of evolving into a self sufficient Regional Corporation, who are capable of ensuring successful and sustainable growth of the community and enhancing the lives of its people.

1971. [i] **Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy made the following announcements:-**

That the retreat held at Mayaro from July 03rd -05th 2009 was a success and the minutes will be produced at the next Committee Meeting.

[ii] Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following announcements:-

That he attended a meeting at the Ministry of Local Government on July 08, 2009 with Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh, Chief Executive Officer, Accountant I, Planning Officer, and the County Superintendent.

Re: Draft Estimate 2009/2010.

[iii] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following announcements:-

That a meeting was held and work commenced at Lachoos Road.

1972. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:-**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Statutory Meeting held on June 25, 2009 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings subject to the following amendment:-

[i] Page 4 item 1919 [V] delete “and the Police”

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:-

[i] PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:-

1973. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 02, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 02, 2009 be adopted.

1974. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on July 01, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-16 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on July 01, 2009 be accepted.

1975. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on July 01, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-16 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on July 01, 2009 be accepted.

[ii] **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

1976. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009 be adopted.

1977. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on July 02, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-7 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on July 02, 2009 be accepted with the following amendment:-

[a] Item #4 delete “red sand” and insert “red gravel.”

1978. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on July 02, 2009**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-7 of Thirty-Sixth [36th]Public Health Committee Meeting held on July 02, 2009 be adopted with the above amendment.

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

1979. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009 be adopted.

1980. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on July 06, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Thirty-Sixth[36th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on July 06, 2009 be accepted.

1981. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Thirty-Sixth [36th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on July 06, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Thirty-Sixth[36th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on July 06, 2009 be adopted with the above amendment:-

[iv] FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

1982 **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth[35th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009 be adopted.

1983. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on July 03, 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on July 01, & 06, 2009 respectively.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-10 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on July 03, 2009 with the inclusion of the Special Finance held on July 01, & 06, 2009 respectively be accepted.

1984. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on July 03, 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on July 01, & 06, 2009 respectively.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-10 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on July 03, 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on July 01, and 06, 2009 respectively be adopted.

[v] FESTIVALS COMMITTEE:-

1985. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth[35th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009 be adopted.

1986. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth[36th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on July 06, 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 Thirty-Sixth [36th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on July 06, 2009 be accepted.

1987. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on July 06, 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 Thirty-Sixth [36th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on July 06, 2009 be adopted.

[vi] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE.**

1988. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009 be adopted.

1889. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on July 06, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on July 06, 2009 be accepted.

1990. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on July 06, 2009 be adopted.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations No.1 of the Thirty- [36th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on July 06, 2009 be adopted.

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

1991. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B.Manwah that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009 be adopted.

1992. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on July 02, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports & Recommendations Nos.1-6 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on July 02, 2009 be accepted.

1993. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on July 02, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1 – 6 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on July 02, 2009 be adopted.

[viii] COMMUNICATION, SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE.

1994. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Communication, Security and Safety Committee Meeting held on June 02, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 02, 2009 be adopted.

1995. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Communication, Security and Safety Committee Meeting held on July 01, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on July 01, 2009 be accepted.

1996. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on July 01, 2009.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on July 01, 2009 be adopted.

[ix] SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:-

1997. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2009 be adopted.

1998. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on July 03, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on July 03, 2009 be accepted.

1999. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on July 03, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on July 03, 2009 be adopted.

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

2000. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009 be adopted.

2001. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on July 03, 2009.**

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 Thirty-Sixth [36th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on July 03, 2009 be accepted.

2002. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on July 03, 2009.**

RESOLVED: -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4of the Thirty-Sixth[36th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on July 03, 2009 be adopted.

[xi] GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

2003. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 15, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 15, 2009 be adopted.

2004. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on July 06 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Report and Recommendation Nos. 1-2 of the Thirty-Sixth[36th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on July 06, 2009 be accepted.

2005. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on July 06, 2009.**

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 Thirty-Sixth [36th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on July 06, 2009 be adopted.

[xii] BUILDING COMMITTEE:

2006. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Building Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Building Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009 be adopted.

2007. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Building Committee Meeting held on July 02, 2009.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Building Committee Meeting held on July 02, 2009 be accepted with the following inclusion:

- [i] List of Building and Layout Plan Nos. 1-9 for July 09, 2009
- [ii] Lochan Willy sub division plan 93/09, Lot C Mohess Road, Penal Residential Plot
 - a. Item #3 insert after date “Nos. 1-3”

2008. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Building Committee Meeting held on July 02, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Thirty-Sixth [36th] Building Committee Meeting held on July 02, 2009 be adopted with the above inclusions and amendment.

2009. **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

- [i] Letter dated June 29, 2009 from Mr. Ispahani Ali, Deputy Programme Manager, Ministry of Works and Transport Unemployment Relief Programme South Operation.

Re: Hurricane Season – Manpower Support

RECOMMENDED:- Clerk IV to schedule a meeting with Mr. Ispahani Ali and Members of Council as early as possible.

- [ii] Letter dated June 30, 2009 from Ms. Florita E. Kentish, Food and Agriculture Organization Representative of the United Nations.

Re: World Food Day October 16, 2009 Noted.

- [iii] Letter dated June 16, 2009 from Mr. Darren Miller, Executive Director, SPORTT.
Re: Apology letter for not attending the meeting held on April 16, 2009 to discuss the Policy for the upgrade of Recreation Grounds and construction of Play Parks due to the late receipt of the letter.

RECOMMENDED:- Clerk IV to re-schedule a meeting with Mr. Darren Miller and Members of Council.

- [iv] Letter from Mr. Steve Dipnarine, General Manager, Trinidad Broadcasting.

Re: Request the use of Francis Seupaul, Debe Grounds on August 30, 2009 to host Sangeet 106.1F.M. 14th Anniversary Celebrations.

RECOMMENDED:- Approval granted.

- [v] Letter dated July 06, 2009 from Mr. Elphege Joseph, Chief Executive Officer, National Training Agency.

Re: Request for Transportation for Secondary School students for Career and Recruitment Fair on October 20th & 21st October, 2009

RECOMMENDED:- Approval granted for Maxi Taxi.

- [vi] Letter from Mr. Dhanraj Ramsubhag Forman II C.M.E., Penal/Debe Regional Corporation Re: Exhumation of Corpse at Monkey Town, Public Cemetery C/O Mr. Kelvin Ragbir.

RECOMMENDED:- Approval granted.

- [vii] Letter dated July 08, 2009 from Mr. Kevin Ratiram, President of Rotary Club of Penal.

Re: Request for permission to erect a bill-board at Francis Seupaul Recreation Ground.

RECOMMENDED:- Chairman to arrange a meeting and site visit with Mr. Kevin Ratiram and Councillor Premchand Sookoo.

2010. **MATTERS REFERRED:- NIL**

2011. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:- NIL**

1. Local Government Bill, 2009 - Noted
2. The Report on the Draft White paper on the Local Government Boundaries Review Exercise dated June 2009. - Noted
3. Stores Department Report dated July 09, 2009
4. [i] List of Outstanding Commitments for the Financial Year 2008-2009 as at July 09, 2009 – Noted.
- [ii] List of Outstanding Development Programme Commitments for the Financial Year 2008-2009 as at July 09, 2009 – Noted.
- [iii] Details of Expenditure as at July 09, 2009 - Noted
- [iv] Details of Expenditure as at July 09, 2009 –Development Programme 2008-2009. – Noted.
- [v] Draft Development Estimate 2009/2010 stage “A” Estimate.

RECOMMENDED:- Some changes to be made [a] #3 Sirju Trace in La Romaine.

[b] #4 Renn Avenue is completed, Seemungal Trace to be placed instead.

[c]#5 Katwaroo Trace Bridge – Sunrees Road #1 placed instead.

Moved by Councillor – Premchand Sookoo
Seconded by Councillor – Sonnylal B. Manwah

[vi]List of Vouchers as at July 06th – 09th 2009 – Approved.

Moved by Councillor – Premnath Boodoosingh
Seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan

2012. **REPORTS AND REPLIES:-**

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh reported that it was embarrassing and disturbing at yesterday meeting [July 08, 2009] on the exorbitant price difference of materials compared to the market price, especially to the quality of Disaster Unit Materials.

The County Superintendent explains and clarify the situation on the Estimates and Releases of Funds. He explained that quotations with estimated cost were submitted in November 2008 using old documents and old prices, these figures had to be adjusted in 2009 using the new quotations and prices changed.

The Chief Executives Officer explained that projects under Development Programme were prepared by estimates and not by tender documents, only when Releases of Funds are received will the tender procedure be in effect.

The County Superintendent reported on the successful meeting with officials at the Ministry of Local Government, the Permanent Secretary, and staff of the Budget Division on July 08, 2009 to present and discuss the Draft Estimate for 2009/2010. Other members present were Councillor Premchand Sookoo, Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh, the Chief Executive Officer, the Planning Officer and the Accountant I.

He reported that there is a 1.5M balance allocation for Penal Market. That all Projects under Drainage and Irrigation Projects were completed. That 4M dollars were allocated under the Local Roads and Bridges Programme but no bridges were included. The Ministry requested Penal/Debe Regional Corporation to prepare and submit a list of Bridges Programme in the sum of 6 M dollars, he added that Penal/Debe Regional Corporation request for 4M dollars has increase to 10M dollars to reinforce concrete bridges.

That under the Holistic Development Plan 1.2M was requested for Tourism and Heritage Plans. This figure was increased to 2M. He added that the Ministry be invited to visit Penal/Debe Regional Corporation Heritage and Tourism Sites and Councillor Premchand Sookoo to made the necessary arrangements. He added that National Disaster Preparedness plans were discussed.

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh reported that Penal/Debe Regional Corporation is ahead of planning and congratulates all involved for the good work. He added that the Unspent Balances payment to Genivar is not to be taken from the Allocation for the market.

The Chief Executive Officer informed that by next year the Permanent Secretary will inform us of the status of Unspent Balances for the Penal Market.

Councillor Premchand Sookoo express his dissatisfaction that under the Roads and Bridges Programme, Penal/Debe Regional Corporation request for funds did not include Bridges. He added that all Roads and Bridges would cost approximately 60M and the Ministry agree to increase its allocation from 4M to 10M

Administration to submit a list of Road and Bridges to be repaired and the list to be circulated to members of Council.

He reported that the Allocation of Penal Market will be received by next week. That due to the reduction in budget 1M was given for allocation of vehicles instead of 1.5M as was requested. He agreed that no Unspent Balances to be paid to Genivar.

He will invite the Officials at the Ministry of Local Government to visit the sheds at Digny Mud Volcano and Bara City in Debe and make their visit worthwhile .

That under the Development Programme that estimates be done for all Roads, Bridges and landslips.

Chairman Dr. Allen Sammy reported that a list of request for wooden bridges be submitted to Mr. Sarwan of Rural Development Company.

1958. **MATTERS REFERRED:-** NIL

1959. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:-**

- [i] List of Outstanding Development Programme Commitments for the Financial Year 2008-2009 as at June 25, 2009. - Noted
- [ii] List of Outstanding Commitments for the Financial Year 2008-2009 as at June 25, 2009. - Noted.
- [iii] Details of Expenditure – June 24, 2009 - Noted
- [iv] Development Project – 2008/2009

RECOMMENDED:- [a] That the balance of Sixty-Four Thousand, Five hundred Dollars (\$64,500.00) Under Recreation Grounds be utilized on the restoration of Palmiste Park pond and a statue of Sonny Ramadin.

[b] That the balance of Twenty Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$20,600.00) under Cemeteries be utilized for the construction of a shed at Lagoon Cemetery

[c] That the following inclusion be made for Penal District under Development of Recreation Facilities – Completion of the Jogging Track and Turf Wicket at Govindra Roopnarine Recreation Ground.

- [v] List of Vouchers as at June 18th – 25th June, 2009
Approved except vouchers for Alisha Marketing and Batchasingh Quarry.

The County Superintendent reported that the portfolio of Store Keeper did not fall under his jurisdiction.

Councillor Carl Dabideen, upon investigation on the invoices of the delivery of blocks from Alisha Marketing, that the blocks were received after the completion of the project and requested further investigation in this matter.

RECOMMENDED:-

Electoral [a] That Councillors investigate and report on box drains constructed in their District.

[b] That copies of the “Materials Received” and “Distribution” books be made available to Members of Council.

[c] That the County Superintendent conduct an investigation on blocks “In and Out” at Stores in order to account for their proper use on projects.

1960. **REPORTS AND REPLIES:-**

[i] The Chairman, Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy stated that at a previous meeting the Chief Executive Officer stated that Ms. Fazeeda Mohammed was more ‘Out’ than ‘In’ the office and that he had a sting operation and her hand was caught in the cookie jar.

RESOLVED:- On a motion moved by Councillor Carl Dabideen and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the meeting be adjourned, for Secretariat to submit the notes of the meeting the above comment was made.

Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Re-convened at 11:25 a.m.

Move: Councillor Premchand Sookoo

Seconded: Councillor Rampersad Hardial

The Corporate Secretary reported that the following remarks were made by the Chief Executive Officer at the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Finance, Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009.

“That Fazeeda Mohammed had ten [10] books to complete which she was doing at a rate of two [2] books per week. That nothing was being done in Stores Department and she was caught red handed. Not doing work.”

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh stated that Ms. Fazeeda Mohammed was transferred out of the section and enquired why. He added that she then proceeded on twenty-eight [28] days sick leave. He continued that there was no handing over to the current Store Keeper and he should not be made to sign for materials received when he was not there.

1961. **PETITIONS:- NIL**

1962. **QUESTIONS:-**

[i] Councillor Carl Dabideen enquired on the Directors of Alisha Marketing.

The Tenders Clerk stated that the current file on registration of contractors had no records of Alisha Marketing, however he will look through Registry for any other records that they may have.

[ii] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan enquired on the status of persons transporting earthfill.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy stated that a Notice was placed in the newspapers and that "Take Notices" would be soon issued.

[iii] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan enquired on the status of hiring the Surveyor, Mr. Ali.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy stated that the Chief Executive Officer had to have discussions with Mr. Ali in relation to his employment and subject to the availability of funds.

[iv] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan enquired on whether the Municipal Police did any investigation on an illegal building at Clarke Road bridge, which he reported since April.

Inspector Kelvin King stated that he was awaiting a "Show Cause Notice" from the Building Inspectors' Department.

The Building Inspector informed that the "Show Cause Notice" would be done when a site visit is made.

[v] Councillor Premchand Sookoo enquired on the following:-

[a] The status of the Awards of Contracts for Recreation Grounds and Cemeteries.

[b] The status of the list of projects re: Virement in the sum of One Million Dollars.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting re-convened at 1:12 p.m.

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-

1963. **Councillor Roy Kissoon made the following comments:-**

[i] He requested the backhoe to clean the waterway along Nancoo Street, to prevent flooding during in the rainy season.

[ii] That three hundred [300] loads of backfill was given to the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation from Estate Management Business Development [E.M.B.D.] however, Penal/Debe Regional Corporation was required to provide transport. He requested that transport be made available. He also stated that backfill was to be transported from the vicinity of CNN Bar.

[iii] That more Police patrols be conducted in the La Romaine area since the level of crime was increasing.

1964. **Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following comments:-**

[i] Thanked some of the Officers for their support and co-operation for the past six [6] years, especially Mr. Soogrim Bellasario and that if a promotional post was to arise that he be considered. He also thanked Mr. G. Alexander, Mr. A. Bassarath and Ms. R. Ganga Persad.

[ii] Thanks to the Chairman for an open door policy in his office.

[iii] That if diesel was required by other sections, that they utilize the stocks at the Debe Sub Office Transport Department.

[iv] That Oliverie Drive continues to flood and to date nothing has been done to alleviate the problem.

[v] That due to no proper signage at Grand Bazaar an accident occurred where a husband and wife died.

[vi] That after so many years the Prime Minister only realized that cocoa and coffee were selling at a good price.

1965. Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the following comments:-

[i] That reports are not being submitted by the Municipal Police, on what they do, as done in the past.

[ii] That a Health and Safety Committee had been formed, however nothing has been done, adding that the Muster Point had to be corrected.

[iii] That action need to be taken on vendors with tents at Palmiste Park as it was unfair to the other vendors.

[iv] That the installation of the Sonny Ramadin sign at Palmiste Park was long outstanding.

1966. Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following comments:-

[i] That a site visit was made with the Business community on June 20, 2009 in the Lower Barrackpore area and that they were in the process of constructing four [4] bus sheds.

[ii] That at the end of the fiscal year there would be a surplus under wages and this should not be.

[iii] Enquired on the Bridges Programme the Ministry promised that would be done and to date nothing has been done adding that there were bridges in the Penal/Debe Region that were broken down for the past fifteen to twenty years.

[iv] That there was victimization and discrimination towards the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation.

[v] That no one in Trinidad and Tobago benefited from the Summit of the Americas.

[vi] That all the N.H.A. houses in the Golconda area were unauthorized but yet distributed to La Brea and Point Fortin residents.

[vii] Requested a fortnightly report for the fiscal year on wages with persons names, and vacant posts.

1967. The Administrative Officer II informed that there was no file for Alisha Marketing.

1968. There being no further business the meeting terminated at 2:10 p.m.

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1901. **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

[i] Letter dated May 01, 2009 from B. Moonilal, 8A Rochard Road, Penal re; Invitation to Raksha Yatar on May 30, 2009 at 7:30 a.m.

- Noted

[ii] Letter dated April 28, 2009 from Mooniram Heru, Community Builders, Unity Court, Southern Main Road, Fyzabad.

RECOMMENDED:- Approval be granted for \$1,000.00 to be taken from Chairman's Fund.

[iii] Letter dated May 26, 2009 from Chief Executive Officer to Collin Nymn, Operations Manager, Water & Sewerage Authority [W.A.S.A.] are: Informing on the number of trucks for water distribution on a daily basis and cost.

- Noted.

[iv] Fax dated May 22, 2009 from Chairman, Princes Town Regional Corporation re: Legal opinion on Unspent Balances.

RECOMMENDED:- That the Chief Executive Officer forward this to the Permanent Secretary, and Minister of Local Government.

[v] Memorandum dated May 26, 2009 from Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government to Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance re; Approval for Virement and Request for Release of Funds.

RECOMMENDED:- Approval granted.

[vi] Letter dated May 19, 2009 from Chairman, Penal/Debe Regional Corporation to Minister, Local Government re; Objection to payment to GENIVAR from Unspent Balances.

- Noted.

1902. **MATTERS REFERRED:-** N I L

1903. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:-** N I L

List of Outstanding Commitments 2008-2009 as at May 27, 2009

- Noted.

Details of Expenditure as at May 27, 2009

- Noted.

1904. **REPORTS AND REPLIES:-**

- [i] Councillor Premchand Sookoo reported that a box drain was currently under construction along Mohess Road but ends in the middle of a residents driveway and requested that an additional 50 feet be awarded.

RECOMMENDED:- Approval granted

- [ii] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan reported that earth mining along Lachoo's Road was still on- going and 200 feet of box drain had been collapsed.

The Corporate Secretary reported that charges cannot be made if the law is not breeched, adding that dialogue can be entered into or legal action taken.

RECOMMENDED:- That a letter be sent to E.M.A. informing them of the situation and requesting their assistance as a matter of urgency.

- [b] That a "Take Notice" be drawn up and distributed to truckers in all affected areas.

1905. PETITIONS:- N I L

1906. QUESTIONS:- N I L

1907. PERSONEL EXPLANATIONS:- N I L

1908. MOTIONS:- N I L

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-

1909. **Councillor Roy Kissoon made the following comments:-**

- [i] That he was experiencing problems with American Pipeline Industries [A.P.I] personnel to alleviate the flooding problem. A.P.I. has an oil lease-out block to which access is via a lodged gate, thereby preventing contractors from entering to clear the public water courses.

Councillor Diptee Ramnath stated that he would have dialogue with Mr. Harold Jagdeo of A.P.I. to render any assistance.

- [ii] That a letter be sent to the Police Commissioner, South and Minister of National Security on the escalating crime situation in the La Romaine area.

1910. **Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah made the following comments:-**

- [i] That the Ministry of Agriculture was responsible for the deplorable condition of Cottage Road, St. John's and nothing was being done regarding the long outstanding repairs.

- [ii] That the overburden to backfill the Diamond Recreation Ground was long outstanding.
- [iii] Thanked the Road Officer II, for the completion of all the projects in his Electoral District.

1911. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following comments:-

- [i] Thanked everyone for their co-operation for the past six [6] years adding that it was difficult with limited resources but utilized whatever he had.
- [ii] That Suchit Trace was in a deplorable condition and that he was willing to give one [1] load of gravel and oilsand from his allocation for repairs.
- [iii] That he would be out of the country 3rd-13th June, 2009.

1912. Councillor Diptee Ramnath made the following comments:-

- [i] Apologized to anyone that may have been offended by his actions for the past six [6] years.
- [ii] That bridges were in a total state of disrepair and should be repaired and repaved as a matter of urgency.
- [iii] That mining were being done in Penal Rock Road and requested that the County Superintendent investigate and take necessary action.

1913. Alderman Roland Hall made the following comments:-

- [i] That the School's Music Festival, semi-finals was a successful event on May 25, 2009.
- [ii] That the finals would be held on May 29, 2009 at San Sec at 12:00 p.m. and invited all.

1914. Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following comments:-

- [i] That a Notice was placed on the newspaper on approvals of buildings and layouts, however no action was being taken.
- [ii] That a letter dated February 02, 2009 was written by the residents of Derrick Road, Debe on the storing of old iron and the hazards it had caused, adding to date nothing has been done.
- [iii] Enquired on the Bridges Programme by the Ministry of Works and the Projects by PSAEL, RDC, and Genivar.
- [iv] Enquired if Penal/Debe Regional Corporation would have to reduce the working days of employees as Chaguanas Borough Corporation.
- [v] That a decision was taken by Penal/Debe Regional Corporation on how to utilize Unspent Balances and Genivar cannot be paid from this.

1915. **Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy made the following comments:-**

- [i] That a tour would be held with Tourism Development Company on May 29, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. and all interested were invited to the Debe Doubles Shed to examine the proposal for upgrade of same.

1916. There being no further business the meeting was terminated at 12:00 p.m.

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masculation remains unchecked and is symptomatic of the Prime Ministers obvious desire to determine without consultation, the future directions of the country's development.

Our people have developed survival strategies over time to surmount the many adversities which they faced in shaping the Penal/Debe economic, social and cultural landscape. They have developed values of resilience, patience, resourcefulness, tolerance and fortitude in the process of building communities out of the forests and lowlands. They have tackled issues of drainage, the trapping of water for domestic and agricultural use, the harvesting of carat, timite, vines and mud to build their homes, the historical knowledge of their ancestors to plant and rotate crops, to experiment with seeds, to adapt musical instruments and create new musical scores, as part of their growth and development.

The people will survive the current political onslaught which is seeking to deprive them of their hard won rights to be equal partners with the state and civil society in shaping their future. The Penal/Debe Heritage Festival week of activities seeks to re-affirm the people's belief in themselves through their expressions in dance, music, culinary creations, story telling, art, craft, and artistic creativity. Their very rich symbols of expressions will be on display during the month of May for the nation and world to savour and cherish.

We take our achievements for granted perhaps because we do not realize that our individual industry in home making and community development are indeed the seeds for making life better for future generations. Let us celebrate our rich legacy together.

[b] The Chairman continued to make the following comments:-

[i] That Penal/Debe Regional Corporation has emerged as a complaining Corporation and has never been recognized for its achievements such as the development of Heritage sites, Civic Award Functions or its annual Heritage Festival Week.

[ii] That Heritage Week Festival was operating at twenty-five [25%] percent of its normal allocation and that a lot of events had to be cut eg. Car Rally, Chairman's Reception, Museum, Media Coverage etc. He added that the core events had been retained.

[iii] That \$908,000.00 had been cut from water trucking distribution and citizens are suffering. He added that fifty [50] years ago water had been filled in barrels and water was still being filled in barrels after billions of dollars had been spent from the Treasury.

1806. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

- [i] Chairman Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy stated that the Penal/Debe Region was faced with a water crisis as the hydrants were not operating at full capacity. He added that a public statement should be made.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that the Water & Sewerage Authority [W.A.S.A.] indicated that there was nothing they can do to make the situation better. He added that only two [2] pumps were in operation at the hydrant and that there were forty-five [45] areas to be serviced and areas would have to be cut.

Councillor Premchand Sookoo stated that Penal/Debe Regional Corporation was forced to service the areas that the Water and Sewage Authority [W.A.S.A.] is responsible for. He added that a Press Conference should be held and the water allocation should be given back to the Corporation.

During the meeting, a phone call was made to Mr. Raffic Davbid, Senior Water Distributions Enquiries at Water and Sewage Authority [W.A.S.A.], in St. Joseph who was appraised of the water situation. Mr. David promised to address the matter urgently.

[ii] **Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following announcements:-**

- [a] That a meeting was held with the Ombudsman on April 29, 2009 at Dabiedial Road adding that the Chief Executive Officer and the entire Technical Staff was present. He continued that a report had to be submitted, by the County Superintendent, to the Ombudsman for a decision to be made.
- [b] That a meeting was to be held with Geeta Ramdeen, re: Land Development at Lahoo's Road, at 1:00p.m. on April 30, 2009 and requested the County Superintendent and Corporate Secretary to be present.

[iii] **Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following announcements:-**

- [a] That electricity was disconnected at Lower Barrackpore Recreation Ground on April 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and upon investigation by the Trinidad & Tobago Electricity Commission [T. & T.E.C.] it was discovered that it was a wiring problem. He requested that the problem be rectified in time for his Heritage Festival to be held on May 08, 2009 and the official opening of the ground on May 16, 2009.

Councillor Diptee Ramnath stated that the internal wiring at the Lower Barrackpore Recreation Ground was faulty and that the SPORTT Company and N.G.C. should be informed adding that it was an expensive job to rectify the problem.

The Works Supervisor I stated that the Engineer would conduct an inspection on May 06, 2009 and the matter would be pursued further. He added, however, that the supply was sufficient for a lighting and sound system for the events.

- [b] That Lalbeharry Trace #1 and #2 was impassible.
- [c] That a meeting should be scheduled with the Land Developer who is conducting earth mining works at Laltoo Trace, because he was damaging the roadway.

1807. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:-**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Statutory Meeting held on March 26, 2009 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings subject to the following amendment:-

[i] Page 1 Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy was excused because he was out of the country attending a West Indies Cricket Board Sub-Committee Meeting.

[ii] Page 7 item #1834 2nd paragraph delete “4” and insert “5”

[iii] Page 9 item #1842 2nd paragraph insert “Councillor” before “Rampersad.”

[iv] Page 9 item #1843 1st paragraph delete “inclusive of Special Meeting held on March 17th 2009”.

[v] Page 9 item #1843 2nd paragraph delete “third” and insert “second”

[vi] Page 12 delete items #1801h and insert the following as an omission.

“That under the Bridges Programme, it was unfortunate that the wooden bridges in the Morne Diablo Electoral District was in a state of disrepair and that the Councillor should have no excuses for the standards of the bridges repaired.

“He continued that the threat was made by the representative for Morne Diablo that he will “kick up my ass” in the presence of all Members of Council, Municipal Police and Members of Administration. He added that he pleaded with the then Chairman for protection and for the member to withdraw his statement but was totally ignored.

He concluded that in the state of crime in the country he took threats to his life and family very seriously and requested police protection to his home.”

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:-

[i] **PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:-**

1808. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second[32nd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on March 03, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on March 03, 2009 be adopted.

1809. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-48 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009 be accepted.

1810. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-48 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009 be adopted.

[ii] **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

1811. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on March 10, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on March 10, 2009 be adopted.

1812. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on April 23, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-10 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on April 23, 2009 be accepted.

1813. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on April 23, 2009**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-13 of Thirty-Third [33rd] the Public Health Committee Meeting held on April 23, 2009 be adopted.

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

1814.. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd Personnel Committee Meeting held on March 17th 2009.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on March 17, 2009 be adopted.

1815. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on April 21st, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-15 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009 be accepted.

1816. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Thirty-Third [33rd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-15 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009 be adopted.

[iv] FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

1817. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second[32nd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee meeting held on March 12th 2009.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on March 12th 2009 be adopted.

1818. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on April 12th 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on April 07, 21 & 28th 2009 respectively.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-11 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on April 12th 2009 with the inclusion of the Special Finance held on April 07, 21 & 28th 2009 respectively.

1819. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on April 12th 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on April 07, 21 & 28th 2009 respectively.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-11 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on April 12, 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on April 07, 21 & 28th 2009 respectively.

[v] FESTIVALS COMMITTEE:-

1820. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on March 17, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on March 17, 2009 be adopted.

1821. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on April 21st 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 Thirty-Third [33rd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009 be accepted.

1822. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1- of the Thirty-Third [33rd]Festivals Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009 be adopted.

[vi] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE.**

1823. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on March 17th 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on March17th 2009 be adopted.

1824. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009 be accepted.

1825. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009.

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

1826. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 10th 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second[32nd] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 10th 2009 be adopted.

1827. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports & Recommendations No.1 – 12 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 09, 2009 be accepted.

1828. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports & Recommendations No.1 – 12 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 09, 2009 be adopted.

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

1829. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on March 03rd 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on March 03rd 2009 be adopted.

1830. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports Recommendations Nos. 1-25 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on April 07th 2009 be accepted.

1831. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-25 of the Thirty-Third[33rd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009 be adopted with the above inclusion.

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

1832. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on March 19th 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on March 19th 2009 be adopted.

1833. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on April 23rd, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on April 23rd 2009 be accepted.

1834. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third[33rd] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on April 23rd 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on March 19th 2009 be adopted.

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

1835. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on March 12th 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on March 12th 2009 be adopted.

1836. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009.**

RESOLVED: -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-12 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009 be accepted.

1837. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third[33rd] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009.**

RESOLVED: -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009 be adopted.

[xi] GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

1838. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on March 12th 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on March 12th 2009 be adopted.

1839. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on April 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Report and Recommendation No. 1 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009 be accepted.

1840. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009 be adopted.

[xii] BUILDING COMMITTEE:

1841. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Building Committee Meeting held on March 17th, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal M. Manwah that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Building Committee Meeting held on March 17th 2009 be adopted.

1842. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Building Committee Meeting held on April 23rd 2009.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Building Committee Meeting held on April 23rd 2009 be accepted with the following inclusion:

- [i] List of Building and Layout Plan Nos. 1-18 for April 30th 2009

1843. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Building Committee Meeting held on April 23rd 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Building Committee Meeting held on April 23rd 2009 be adopted with the above inclusion.

1844. **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

- [i] Letter dated April 27th 2009 from Randolph Sankar, Senior Hydrologist, Water & Sewerage Authority [W.A.S.A.] re: Request for the use of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation Conference Hall on May 01, 2009 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and

1:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDED:- Approval granted.

- [ii] **Letter dated April 14, 2009 from Oudit Ramjattan 4 ¼ mile post, Jhulai Trace, Penal Rock Road re: Requesting approval for parking of one Leyland Flat Bed Reg:#TBP-4414-18000 kgs.**

A site visit was made by Planning Officer and reported that the area was sufficient to accommodate the size.

RECOMMENDED:- Approval granted.

- [iii] **Memorandum dated April 14th 2009 from Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance re: Release of Funds No: 34 of 2009 – Development Programme 2009, Head 42 Ministry of Local Government – Penal/Debe Regional Corporation**

– Noted.

- [iv] **Letter dated 29.04.2009 from Diaraj Goberdhan, Principal, Woodland Hindu School, LA Fortune Pluck Road, Woodland re: Requesting permission to use Kennedy Park and Francis Seepaul Recreation Ground for the hosting of semi-finals of the La Romaine/Debe Mixed Cricket Competition.**

RECOMMENDED:- Approval granted.

1845. **MATTERS REFERRED:-** N I L

1846. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:-**

- [i] List of Outstanding Commitments 2008-2009 as at April 23,2009 - Noted
- [ii] Details of Expenditure – April 24th 2009 - Noted
- [iii] Estimate in the sum of four thousand, eight hundred, thirty-three dollars and forty-five cents (\$4,833.45) to purchase material for electrification of Bakal Recreation Ground. - Approved
- [iv] List of Vouchers – 27th – 30th April 2009 - Approved
Except Ag #20803 –Box drain at Pond Street – On hold.
- [v] Memorandum dated November 11th 2008 from Chief Executive Officer to Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local re: Request for Release of fund Development Programme 2008/2009. - Noted
- [vi] Report dated April 27th 2009 from Andrew Suphal, P.H.I. re: Dengue Cases in the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation. - Noted

1847. **REPORTS AND REPLIES**

- [i] The Chairman Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy stated that the Local Government Conference to be held in the Bahamas had been rescinded and that only three [3] Chairmen would be attending, adding that two [2] were from the P.N.M. Party and One [1] from U.N.C.

1848. **PETITIONS:- NIL**1849. **QUESTIONS:-**

- [i] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan enquired on the status of the Short Term employees adding that the work team in his district had to be ceased due to lack of funding to continue.

**Report submitted from Personnel & Industrial Relations Officer [P.I.R.O.] Section
- Funds Under Short Term 02/001/22 – Projection for April – September 2009.**

RECOMMENDED:- That a statement be submitted on a fortnightly basis for this fiscal year to date for Short Term and Daily Paid.

1850. **PERSONNEL EXPLANATIONS:-**

- [i] Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah expressed his disappointment in the Payroll Department that his pay was being sent to the wrong bank on a monthly basis and had to pay late fee each month on his loan installment and requested this matter be rectified.

1851. **MOTIONS:- NIL****OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS**1852. **Councillor Rampersad Hardial made the following comments:**

- i. That box drains when constructed are not backfilled such as at Charan Maharaj Trace and Ramsabad Trace.
- ii. That Clarke Road had been without water for the past three (3) weeks.
- iii. That twenty (20) lengths of rail line had been placed in the drain along Charan Maharaj Trace and that the Corporation should store it at the Debe Stores office.
- iv. That the Ministry of Health boast of being prepared for Swine flu but if the USA and Mexico are not equipped how can Trinidad be ready.
- v. Wished all Members of Council success in their Heritage Week Festival Celebrations.

1853. **Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following comments:**

- i. That the Corporate Secretary should prepare the legal documents for persons mining earth.
- ii. That when the Municipal Police were contacted to give warning to persons earth mining they indicated that they had no transport available to go to the site.
- iii. That production has increased in his Electoral District.
- iv. Thanked the Transport Foreman for the work done at Apollo Recreation Ground in having it prepared for his Heritage Week Festival.

- v. Enquired if jobs were inspected upon completion because a job had been completed at Lachoo's Road for more than a month and no inspection had been done to date.
- vi. Congratulated the three (3) Members of Council who attended the Summit.
- vii. That the Opposition had requested a state of emergency two (2) years ago to help alleviate the state of crime in the country, however it was not done. Adding that a declaration of Port-of-Spain was taken for the Summit and enquired if approval was given through Parliament for this.
- viii. That the opening of the Summit did not depict anything relating to the culture of the West Indies.
- ix. That the signature of the Declaration was only done by the Prime Minister and disappointment was shown in his face by this.
- x. Extended invitation to all to his Heritage Week Festival Sports and Family Day to be held on 2.05.2009 at Apollo Recreation Ground.

1854. Councillor Sonnylal Manwah made the following comments:

- i. That nine million dollars (\$ 9,000,000.00) had been spent on the Lower Barrackpore Recreation Ground which could have been spent on eight pavilions, yet Councillor P. Sookoo was experiencing problems at the said recreation ground.
- ii. Requested the Works Supervisor Section to put everything in place to have a clean up before and after the Heritage Week Festival to be held on 6.05.2009 at Golconda recreation Ground.

1855. Alderman Allen Sammy made the following comment:

- i. That Mr. Raffie David from WASA contacted him and indicated that water supply would be boosted by the said afternoon.

1856. Councillor Roy Kissoon made the following comments:

- i. Thanked the Works Supervisor I, in advance, for the lights to be installed at LA Fortune Recreation Ground for the Heritage Festival to be held on 5.05.2009.
- ii. That Pond Street, La Romaine had no water.
- iii. That box drains were not being backfilled in his Electoral District.
- iv. That the crime in the La Romaine area had been low during the Summit but the activities had increased there after.

1857. Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the following comments:

- i. Thanked the W.S I for the work done in alleviating the health hazard in the vicinity of Cedar Grove School.
- ii. Requested that the problem of garbage collection at Renn Avenue be rectified.
- iii. That garbage was only being picked up two days per week in Jones Development.
- iv. That there was a pile up of solid waste in the Pond Street area and St. Benedicts College.
- v. Thanked the Corporate Secretary and the Clerk IV for the networking they did on getting all the documents for Members of Council to attend the Summit.
- vi. That a petty contract be awarded for Palmiste Park pond to be cleaned.
- vii. That documentation for permission to use the Palmiste Park with a bar was being forwarded to him and enquired if permission can be granted.
- viii. That the Palmiste Park vendors' booth issue was still outstanding and that this was creating a problem to users of the park.

- ix. That his Heritage Festival would be held on 9.05.2009 with All fours competition and Treasure Hunt.
- x. That this may be his 2nd to last Statutory Meeting as he would not be seeking re-election.
- xi. That all members should respect one another's views and conduct ourselves within the Council Hall with high standards.
- xii. That the responsibility of the Chairman was to protect members of Council and Administration.
- xiii. That a resident of #4 Boulevard Crescent Block 7, Palmist had called the P.D.R.C on several occasions to make a complaint on a blocked drain and for it to be cleaned, but were given a run around.
- xiv. That additional roads be included under the funding of Development Programme.
- xv. That Allahar Street, Rahaman Development and Pond Street to be done on Direct labour.

1858. **Councillor Diptee Ramnath made the following comment:**

- i. That his Heritage Festival would be held on 3.05.2009 at Bunsee Trace commencing at 9:00 a.m.

1859. **Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following comments:**

- i. That a Checker should verify garbage collection and someone be held responsible if the contractor did not complete the job 100%.
- ii. That at the end of the fiscal year there would be a balance of two million dollars under wages.
- iii. That the last day of water distribution was scheduled for the 8.05.2009 because the allocation was cut by \$908,000.00 and all Members of Council would be affected.
- iv. That a meeting was held with the Regulated Industries Commission at Transfer Village Temple on 27.04.2009 at 10:00 a.m.
- v. Requested that Lower Barrackpore Recreation Ground be cleaned after the Heritage Festival to be held on 8.05.2009.
- vi. That no courtesy was extended to Members of Council for the proposed jobs under Development Programme.
- vii. That nothing had been done to date for the fiscal year in the Penal/Debe Region by the RDC, PSAEL and PURE agencies and that this showed victimization and discrimination.
- viii. That URP had been placed under the jurisdiction of Local Government but no representative attends Regional Coordinating Meetings.
- ix. That a meeting should be scheduled to inform employees on the position of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation in respect of employment.
- x. Extended invitation to Heritage Festival to be held on 8.05.2009 and the official opening of Lower Barrackpore Recreation Ground on 16.05.2009.

1860. There being no further business the meeting was terminated at 12.06 p.m..

Chairman
Statutory Meeting