

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND [22<sup>ND</sup>] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2008 TERM]  
HELD ON MAY 29, 2008 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL, 218 S.S. ERIN ROAD, DEBE.**

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: -**

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

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL EXCUSED:-**

Councillor	Carl Dabideen	Debe West
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**MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-**

Ms.	A. Adimoolah-Ramjohn	Corporate Secretary
Ms.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Ms.	P. Cain	Personnel & Industrial Relations Officer
Mr.	A. Bassarath	Road Officer II
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Mr.	V. Moonasar	Workshop Foreman
Mr.	C. Maharaj	Building Inspector
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant
Ms.	C. Gunness	Public Health Inspector Section
Ms.	J. Thompson	Inspector- Municipal Police
Mr.	J. Singh	Municipal Police
Ms.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Ms.	K. Ramlogan	Clerk II
Ms.	N. Ragbir	Clerk I

1227. The meeting commenced at 9:10 am with a prayer by Councillor Premchand Sookoo.

1228. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS: -**

1228.01 The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

1228.02 He was advised that the Corporation, in the mid year review, is entitled to receive \$4,189,091.00. Under: Wages and COLA -\$1,671,300.00; Rent - \$1,097,314.00 [\$96,860.00 plus vat per month]; Short Term Employment - \$500,000.00 [8 persons for rat baiting]; Street Lighting - \$920,477.00 [arrears to T & T.E.C]. He requested Administration to confirm the sum and move expeditiously to acquire the funds, especially for rat baiting.

1228.03 Expressed concerns about the issue of decentralization against devolution in the proposed local government reform. It is important to have a workshop with all the practitioners in South, where Councillors and Aldermen would discuss the whole issue.

The Prime Minister stated that Local Government would be implementing policies taken at Central Government level. We've questioned the validity of this and we've said the Local Government Representatives know best the needs of their areas and would be the best planners and policy makers.

1228.04 In the Mid year review we've asked for Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14m) including \$3.3m for road building material and other contracted services. We've been told that PURE is responsible for paving roads and that their main criterion for prioritizing paving works is the frequency of vehicular traffic use. However we've raised concerns with respect to the minor roads where there are dozens of households in each. Does this mean that their roads would not be paved?

1229. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

1229.01 Councillor Premchand Sookoo announced that there would be a meeting with the Leader of the Opposition, Members of Council and the residents of Penal/Debe on June 07, 2008 at 5.00 p.m. at the Council Hall, and requested Two Thousand, Five Hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for refreshments and other arrangements.

1229.02 Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan announced that Councillor Carl Dabideen asked to be excused and requested on his behalf Three Hundred (\$300.00) for refreshments for a meeting with Somai Trace Action Group on June 04, 2008.

1229.03 Councillor Diptee Ramnath announced that he would be having a meeting with farmers at Scotts Road on June 02, 2008 and requested Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00) for refreshments. He also stated that he had no knowledge of any meeting with the Leader of the Opposition.

1229.04 The Administrative Officer II announced that the Chief Executive Officer asked to be excused.

1230. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND [22<sup>nd</sup>] STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON May 29, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty-Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Statutory Meeting held on May 29, 2008 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings thereof.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **[i] PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

1231. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty-Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on May 06, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the Minutes of the Twenty-Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on May 06, 2008 be adopted.

1232. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 03, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-38 of the Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 03, 2008 be accepted.

1233. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 03, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-38 of the Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 03, 2008 be adopted.

### **[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

1234. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on May 19, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on May 19, 2008 be adopted.

1235. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-18 of the Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2008 be accepted.

1236. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-18 of Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] the Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2008 be adopted.

### **[iii] PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

1237. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:-**Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2008 be adopted.

1238. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-13 of the Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008 be accepted.

1239. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-13 of the Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008 be adopted.

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

1240. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:**-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2008 be adopted.

1241. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Finance, Planning, & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-22 of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2008 be accepted with the under-mentioned inclusions: -

*[i] Recommendations made at Special Finance Committee Meeting held at Special Committee Meeting held on June 10 & 17, 2008.*

*[ii] List of Vouchers Dated 17-23/06/08.*

1242. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councilor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-22 of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2008 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusions.

**[v] FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

1243. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2008 be adopted.

1244. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendation of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-7 of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008 be accepted.

1245. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-7 of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008 be adopted.

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

1246. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2008 be adopted.

1247. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008 be accepted.

1248. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-6 of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008 be adopted.

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

1249. **Adoption of the Minutes the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 19, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 19, 2008 be adopted.

1250. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos.1-10 of the Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2008 be accepted.

1251. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos.1-10 of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2008 be adopted.

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

1252. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on May 06, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on May 06, 2008 be adopted.

1253. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Committee Meeting held on June 03, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 03, 2008 be accepted.

1254. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 03, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 03, 2008 be adopted.

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

1255. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2008 be adopted.

1256. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2008 be accepted.

1257. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2008 be adopted.

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

1258. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2008 be adopted

1259. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2008 be accepted.

1260. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-12 of the Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2008 be adopted.

**[xi] GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

1261. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on May 20, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>]-Gender Development Committee Meeting held on May 20, 2008 be adopted.

1262. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-2 of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008 be accepted.

1263. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-2 of the Twenty- Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2008 be adopted.

**[xii] BUILDING COMMITTEE:**

1264. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on May 19, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty-Second [22<sup>nd</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on May 19, 2008 be adopted.

1265. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Development Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Twenty-Third

[23<sup>rd</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2008 be accepted with the under mentioned inclusions:-

*[i] Building plan Application Nos. 1-7 in favor of Peter Jones and others.*

1266. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Twenty-Third [23<sup>rd</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2008 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusions.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1267. [i] Letter from Communications Unit, Ministry of Local Government, dated May 21, 2008 re: Another round of Public Consultations on the Green Paper on Local Government Reform for Penal/Debe Regional Corporation on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 from 8.30 am to 2.30 p.m.

Administration to make arrangements.

1268. **MATTERS REFERRED:** - NIL

1269. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:** - NIL

1270. **REPORTS AND REPLIES:** -

1270.01 Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh enquired whether there was any report on Recommendation #13 of the Finance Committee Meeting held on May 05, 2008 which read: Municipal Police to provide a report on the missing refrigerator, microwave, and other kitchen utensils from the office upstairs the market building.

The Inspector, Ms. Thompson reported that, upon enquiries, she was told that Mr. Marfan was instrumental in the move from the office in Penal to this office. However, there are no official reports on this matter.

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh requested a detailed report on this matter from the Municipal Police.

1270.02 Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan reported that he's been asking for a Public Health Inspector for the Corporation and met former Public Health Inspector, Mr. Ramphal, who indicated his interest if the

remuneration is Eight Thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) with Fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) traveling. The Corporation should look into acquiring his services as quickly as possible.

1270.03 Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh reported that a meeting was held with the Water Checkers and several discrepancies were noted at that meeting. He requested that Chairman of Public Health Committee make recommendations on the way forward.

Councillor Manwah stated that as Chairman of Public Health, he noticed there is room for the perception of corruption and a number of other discrepancies. He had asked that certain contractors do not be given the same areas as last year, but the same thing happened.

He requested the Chairman of the Finance Committee launch an investigation into the entire Truck Borne Water Distribution programme.

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh, as Chairman of Finance requested from the Personnel and Industrial Relations Officer Section, the Contract document for each Water Checker with the specimen signature; copies of cartage receipts where the contract worker signed and their attendance register.

- 1270.04 The Chairman reported that he raised two [2] issues with Mr. Ramesh Maharaj and sought the Council's approval to incur expenditure.

The first issue was the absence of any public playfield for over eleven thousand (11,000) residents in La Romain and environs. The Corporation asked the EMBDC for twenty [20] acres of land off the M2 Ring Road, near Lagoon. However, he was advised by Planviron [working on behalf of EMBDC] that the said space is to be used for Housing. This means the residents of La Romain will have no place for recreation and Mr. Maharaj advised that we should work with the Corporate Secretary and Council to do what is required [Judicial Review] to prohibit this development, or at least the area where two [2] recreation grounds will be created.

The second issue was the occupation of houses within Penal/Debe and Mr. Maharaj advised that we also seek a legal opinion in this and other matters thereto. He said not many attorneys can do this kind of work and we should use the Corporate Secretary and Council to find junior counsel with the appropriate skills for both matters. Members agreed to the hiring of junior counsel to pursue both matters.

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh indicated that these are matters long outstanding with out any response and we need to take a strong view on this matter.

Councillor Roy indicated that there is no facility for the current eleven thousand (11,000) residents and this could worsen with the new housing developments.

- 1270.05 The Building Inspector reported that the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Utilities would be visiting his office with respect to EMBDC on Wednesday June 04, 2008 at 11.00 a.m.

1271. **PETITIONS: -** NIL

1272. **QUESTIONS: -**

- 1272.01 Councillor Premchand Sookoo noted that an accumulated sum of \$1.7m was not spent by the Corporation. He requested the period during which this sum was accumulated and brought to Council's attention.

- 1272.02 Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah requested, in writing, if any Notice was served to Mr. Kumar Rajbally since the situation remained the same.

- 1272.03 Councillor Roy Kissoon enquired why his Electoral District did not receive any of the tubular pipes from Petrotrin since the Corporation twice received pipes.

- 1272.04 Councillor Premchand Sookoo stated that on May 15, 2008 for the Cookout at Bakal Recreation Ground the police were not able to acquire the keys for the police vehicle that were lodged at the Debe Sub office, and requested a full investigation and report.

1273. **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS: -** NIL

1274. **MOTION: -** NIL

**OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS****1275. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the under mentioned comments / requests:-**

There was a serious fire in Penal endangering the whole of Penal. The fire department came but there was no water. He moved a motion for a Fire Station in Penal but nothing was done to date. He asked the Building Inspector to take a look at the nearby damaged building.

**1276. Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the under mentioned comments / requests:-**

Raised concerns when Council makes recommendations and Administration fails to act. Especially in the instance where Mr. Mahadeo Bissoon was not paid for work done although his payment was approved by Council. If Mr. Bissoon's recommendations were implemented we would be far advanced in alleviating flooding.

The Chief executive officer refuses to implement decisions made by council. There is no proper system in place to avoid corruption/perception of corruption. The Health Section has collapsed, the water trucking programme is in chaos, junior checkers are given monthly paid position, and many more such activities are taking place.

The Chief Executive Officer does not attend meeting nor do the Technical Officers. Over the past three terms he noticed a similar trend whenever council comes to an end.

**1277. Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah made the under mentioned comments / requests:-**

Over four [4] months the residents of Golconda and environs are suffering because of non-action by the County Superintendent and Works Supervisor in the Golconda Recreation Ground. How long will the resident have to wait before the lights are restored so they could use the facilities for sporting activities.

**1278. Councillor Roy Kissoon made the under mentioned comments / requests:-**

1278.01 Requested backhoe and truck to remove white waste from George Street and environs.

1278.02 Jacksingh Street was finally paved after all the work done by the Chairman; Corporate Secretary and Member of Parliament for the area.

1278.03 Two T&T.E.C poles were condemned at the Woodland Recreation Ground and he requested that they be used at La Fortune Recreation Ground for perimeter lighting. However the poles were removed from Woodland Recreation Ground but never reached La Fortune Recreation Ground.

1278.04 The residents were still asking him about the pipes received from Petrotrin and he has no answer to give because there is no answer from the officers.

**1279. Councillor Diptee Ramnath made the under mentioned comments / requests:-**

Expressed concerns about water for the poor. The Corporation needs some funds to ensure these people get water since at this time of the dry season they cannot use the rain water. We should be submitting requests to the Ministry for funding to continue water trucking.

**1280. Alderman Roland Hall made the under mentioned comments / requests:-**

Regularly hear Councillors pleading on behalf of their areas in order to bring some relief to the people however he hasn't seen many improvements by Administration. Some Councillors are even treated with lackadaisical concern. As Council comes to an end let us work together for the benefit of Penal/Debe.

1281. **Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the under mentioned comments / requests:-**

1281.01 Most of the water trucking are areas in the Penal Rock Road area. The ponds and springs are dried up and not even the rain water is suitable for drinking and we should start at Rock Road to highlight our plight for water.

1281.02 Commented on the very successful Heritage Week although the Corporation had to beg the Minister for additional funds without getting any. People of all races and cultures were united realizing the goals and objectives of the occasion. He could not understand why Penal/Debe had to go on bended knees to get some extra funds when the Cities and Boroughs expend millions of dollars on similar occasions.

1281.03 Could not understand why the Ministry would give us \$500,000.00 to repair wooden bridges and patch roadway, and then say Penal/Debe is unable to spend that money and take it back. The Ministry has already taken the road paving from us.

1282. **CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS:-**

The Chairman reminded everyone about the reception taking place later that evening.

1283 . There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending and terminated the meeting at 12.05 p.m.

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**Chairman**  
**Statutory Meeting**