

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTH [6<sup>TH</sup>] STATUTORY MEETING OF THE PENAL /DEBE REGIONAL CORPORATION (2016-2019 TERM) HELD ON MAY 22, 2017 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL #218A S.S. ERIN ROAD, PENAL**

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Councillor Diptee Ramnath	Quinam/Morne Diablo ( <i>Vice Chairman of Council</i> )
Councillor Roland Hall	Palmiste/Hermitage
Councillor Sheldon Lal	La Fortune
Councillor Kumarie Kuarsingh	Barrackpore West
Councillor Kheymwetti Chulan	Rochard Road/Barrackpore East
Councillor Brian Julien	Bronte
Councillor Shanty Boodram	Penal
Councillor Marsha Jaimungal-Khan	Union Hall/Esperance/Debe East
Alderman Brian Mohan	
Alderman Hyacinth Rampersadsingh	
Alderman Purushottam Singh	

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL EXCUSED:**

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy	( <b>Chairman of Council</b> )
Councillor Vijay Rampersad	Debe West

**MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Mr. Motilal Ramsingh	Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Danielle Gene Leben	Principal Medical & Health Officer
Mrs. Sheriffa Heru	Administrative Officer II (Ag)
Mr. Nazim Ameerl	Engineering and Surveying Officer
Mr. Steve Heru	County Superintendent
Mr. Sunil Ramnarine	Road Officer I/ Building Inspector (Ag)
Mr. Zaffar Ali	Works Supervisor/Road Officer II
Mr. Vishnu Seunarine	Personnel & Industrial Relations Officer (Ag)
Mr. Andrew Dipchand	Accountant I
Mr. Ballyram Lalla	Municipal Police Inspector
Ms. Satisha Persad	Municipal Woman Police Constable
Mr. Ravindra Bachoo	Municipal Police Constable
Mrs. Tara Bridglal	Clerk IV
Mr. Ramdhan Goberdhan	Transport Foreman
Mrs. Vashtie Ramsumair	Chairman Secretary
Ms. Pamela Motilal	Clerk I
Ms. Melisa Siew	Clerk I
Mrs. Indira Jaglal	Clerical Assistant (Contract)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 02**

232. The meeting commenced at 9:45am with a prayer led by Alderman Purushottam Singh

**233. VICE CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:**

- a. Councillor Ramnath informed that in the absence of the Chairman Dr. Allen Sammy he will be chairing the meeting. He welcomed all present to the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Statutory Meeting and asked that Members of Council and Administration cooperates to ensure a speedy and fruitful meeting.

**234. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**1. Councillor Kheymwetti Chulan:**

- a) Informed that she received complaints from residents that there was no garbage collection at Platanite Trace on 01/05/17.

**2. Councillor Brian Julien:**

- a) Informed of health problems at Ciperio Road, Golconda. (Ricky Ramdeo 475-7482) and also at #83 Circle Drive, Friendship Village. (Desmond Batoo 785-7646)

**3. Councillor Roland Hall:**

- a) Informed of an accident at the intersection of Renn Avenue and Dumfries Road. He also informed that the sign for Renn Avenue was broken and requested that it be re- installed.

**4. Councillor Marsha Jaimungal Khan:**

- a) Requested a supply of truck borne water for Tommy Ajadwali of #29 Lazzari Lands, Palmiste Drive, Phillipine. (737-3992)

**5. Councillor Diptee Ramnath:**

- a) Informed that all Members of Council are invited to a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer at 1.30 pm on 22/05/17 (today) at the Council Hall.
- b) Informed that the beautification project will be launched on 23/05/17 at 9.30 am at Clarke Rochard Government School.
- c) Informed that the Mother's Day Function will be held on 24/05/17 at 11.00 am at the Council Hall. He also informed that all Members of Council are asked to invite one (1) person and all Councillors are asked to invite one (1) outdoor worker.
- d) Informed that the National Water Public Consultation will be held on 24/05/17 at 5.30 pm at the Council Hall.
- e) Informed that the Indian Arrival Day Lecture will be held on 26/05/17 at 9.30 am at the Council Hall and all Secondary Schools within the region are invited.

**235. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Alderman Purushottam Singh** and seconded by **Alderman Hyacinth Rampersadsingh** that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Statutory Meeting held on April 24, 2017 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings thereof.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Alderman Purushottam Singh** and seconded by **Councillor Kheymwetti Chulan** that the Minutes of the Special Statutory Meeting held on May 04, 2017 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings thereof.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**[i] PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCUTRE COMMITTEE:**

**236. Adoption of Minutes of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on April 03, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Brian Julien** and seconded by **Councillor Marsha Jaimungal Khan** that the Minutes of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on April 03, 2017 be adopted.

**237. Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on May 01, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Brian Julien** and seconded

by **Councillor Marsha Jaimungal Khan** that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on May 01, 2017 be accepted.

238. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on May 01, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Brian Julien** and seconded by **Councillor Marsha Jaimungal Khan** that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on May 01, 2017 be adopted.

**[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

239. **Adoption of Minutes of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Public Health Committee Meeting held on April 06, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Roland Hall** and seconded by **Alderman Hyacinth Rampersadsingh** that the Minutes of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Public Health Committee Meeting held on April 06, 2017 be adopted.

240. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Public Health Committee Meeting held on May 04, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Roland Hall** and seconded by **Alderman Hyacinth Rampersadsingh** that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Public Health Committee Meeting held on May 04, 2017 be accepted.

241. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Public Health Committee Meeting held on May 04, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Roland Hall** and seconded by **Alderman Hyacinth Rampersadsingh** that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-4 of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Public Health Committee Meeting held on May 04, 2017 be adopted.

**[iii] PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

242. **Adoption of Minutes of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Personnel Committee Meeting held on April 10, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Marsha Jaimungal- Khan** and seconded by **Councillor Shanty Boodram** that the Minutes of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Personnel Committee Meeting held on April 10, 2017 be adopted.

243. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Personnel Committee Meeting held on May 08 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Marsha Jaimungal- Khan** and seconded by **Councillor Shanty Boodram** that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Personnel Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017 be adopted.

244. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Personnel Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Marsha Jaimungal- Khan** and seconded by **Councillor Shanty Boodram** that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-4 of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Personnel Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017 be adopted.

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

245. **Adoption of Minutes of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Finance, Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on April 13, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Alderman Purushottam Singh** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Julien** that the Minutes of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Finance, Planning and Allocation of Resources Meeting held on April 13, 2017 be adopted.

246. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Finance, Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on May 11, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Alderman Purushottam Singh** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Julien** that the Reports and Recommendations, Nos. 1-7 of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Finance, Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on May 11, 2017 be accepted.

247. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on May 11, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Alderman Purushottam Singh** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Julien** that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-7 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on May 11, 2017 be adopted.

**[v] FESTIVALS, HERITAGE & TOURISM COMMITTEE**

248. **Adoption of Minutes of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Festivals, Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on April 06, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Shanty Boodram** and seconded by **Councillor Sheldon Lal** that the Minutes of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Festivals, Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on April 06, 2017 be adopted.

249. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Festivals, Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Shanty Boodram** and seconded by **Councillor Sheldon Lal** that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-3 of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Festivals, Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017 be accepted.

250. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Festivals, Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Shanty Boodram** and seconded by **Councillor Sheldon Lal** that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Festivals, Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017 be adopted.

**[vi] SPORTS, YOUTH & GENDER COMMITTEE:-**

251. **Adoption of Minutes of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Sports, Youth and Gender Committee Meeting held on April 13, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Alderman Brian Mohan** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Julien** that the Minutes of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Sports, Youth and Gender Committee Meeting held on April 13, 2017 be adopted.

252. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Sports, Youth and Gender Committee Meeting held on May 11, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:-**Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Alderman Brian Mohan** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Julien** that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-4 of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Sports, Youth and Gender Committee Meeting held on May 11, 2017 be accepted.

253. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Sports, Youth and Gender Committee Meeting held on May 11, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Alderman Brian Mohan** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Julien** that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-4 of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Sports, Youth and Gender Committee Meeting held on May 11, 2017 be adopted.

**[vii] CITIZEN LIAISON, COMMUNICATIONS, SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

254. **Adoption of Minutes of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Citizen, Liaison, Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on April 10, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Kumarie Kuarsingh** and seconded by **Councillor Kheymwetti Chulan** that the Minutes of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Citizen

Liaison, Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on April 10, 2017 be adopted.

**255. Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Citizen, Liaison, Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Kumarie Kuarsingh** and seconded by **Councillor Kheymwetti Chulan** that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-5 of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Citizen Liaison, Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017 be accepted.

**256. Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Citizen, Liaison, Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Kumarie Kuarsingh** and seconded by **Councillor Kheymwetti Chulan** that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-5 of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Citizen Liaison, Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017 be accepted.

**[vii] THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:**

**257. Adoption of Minutes of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Environment Committee Meeting held on April 06, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Kheymwetti Chulan** and seconded by **Councillor Kumarie Kuarsingh** that the Minutes of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Environment, Meeting held on April 06, 2017 be adopted.

**258. Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Environment Committee Meeting held on May 04, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Kheymwetti Chulan** and seconded by **Councillor Kumarie Kuarsingh** that the Reports and Recommendations No.1 of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Environment Committee Meeting held on May 04, 2017 be accepted.

**259. Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Environment Committee Meeting held on May 04, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Kheymwetti Chulan** and seconded by **Councillor Kumarie Kuarsingh** that the Reports and Recommendations No.1 of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Environment Committee Meeting held on May 04, 2017 be adopted.

**[viii] BUILDING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

**260. Adoption of Minutes of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Building and Planning Committee Meeting held on April 10, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Sheldon Lal** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Julien** that the Minutes of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Building and Planning Meeting held on April 10 2017 be adopted

**261. Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Building and Planning Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Sheldon Lal** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Julien** that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-2 of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Building and Planning Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017 be accepted.

**262. Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Building and Planning Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017.**

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Sheldon Lal** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Julien** that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-2 of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Building and Planning Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2017 be adopted.

**263. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter dated 28/04/17 from Sharda Maharaj- Ramjattan, Principal of Parvati Girls' Hindu College. Re: Sincere gratitude and appreciation for assistance rendered from the Corporation.  
**Noted.**
2. Letter dated 02/05/17 from Kelvin Ramsook, General Manager of Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission. Re: Request to repair the perimeter lights at the Friendship Recreation Grounds.  
**Noted.**
3. Letter dated 08/05/17 from Prabha Sharma, Assistant Secretary of Maha Sabha Sanatan Dharma of Trinidad and Tobago South Regional Council, S.S Erin Road, Debe. Re: Seeking permission to use the Corporation yard for assembling of participants for street procession on 30/05/17 (Indian Arrival Day Celebrations). Also requesting assistance with one hundred (100) cases of water, tents, toilet facilities, and a 24 x 24 stage at Parvati Girls' Hindu College.  
**Approved.**
4. Letter dated 08/05/17 from Makeda Antoine, Senior Manager, Commercial Operations of TSTT. Re: Request to use facilities at Francis Seupaul Recreational Ground on 27/05/17 from 1.00 pm to 6.00 pm to host a family day oriented Bmobile event.  
**Approved pending availability, Corporate Secretary to liaise with the applicant to ensure the criteria is met.**
5. Letter dated 09/05/17 from George Comissiong, Head-Corporate Social Responsibility & Stakeholder Relations of Petrotrin. Re: Maintenance support- Penal Recreation Ground.  
**Referred to Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting.**
6. Letter dated 11/05/17 from Sherry Ann Ollivierre, Administrative Secretary of TTALGA. Re: Sustainable Development Goals- Request for Council Approval.  
**Referred to Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting.**
7. Letter dated 12/05/17 from Rampersad Sieuraj, Vice President of Penal/ Debe Chamber of Commerce. Re: Requesting permission to use the Corporation Conference Hall on 14/07/17 from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm to conduct Election of Officers.  
**Approved.**
8. Memorandum dated 17/05/17 from Principal Medical and Health Officer to Chief Executive Officer. Re: National Clean-up Campaign 2017- Summary.  
**Referred to Public Health Committee Meeting.**
9. Letter from Yucklan Ayoung, Parish Secretary of St. Dominic's R.C Church of #5 Oliveire Drive, Penal. Re: Requesting permission to use the parking lot adjacent to the Police Station to host Annual Corpus Christi Celebration on 15/06/17.  
**Informed applicant to contact the office of the Member of Parliament for Siparia Constituency for permission.**
10. Letter dated 15/05/17 from MP for Oropouche West, Ms. Vidia Gayadeen-Gopeesingh. Re: Oropouche West Premier League Opening Ceremony on 20/05/17.  
**Noted.**

**264. PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:**

- a. List of Vouchers dated 22/05/17 – Recurrent Scavenging, Item Nos. 1-37, **\$485,456.29**  
**Approved.**
- b. List of Vouchers dated 22/05/17- Recurrent Expenditure, Item Nos. 1-20, **\$144,797.02**  
**Approved.**
- c. List of Vouchers dated 22/05/17- Development Programme, Item Nos. 1-16, **\$52,202.68**  
**Approved.**

- d. List of Vouchers dated 22/05/17- Unspent Balances. Item Nos.1-16, **\$91,702.23 Approved.**
- e. List of Vouchers dated 22/05/17- Water Trucking. Item Nos. 1-20, **\$159,981.80 Approved.**
- f. Building and Layout Plan dated 22/05/17- Item Nos. 1-28, Surujlal Gebodh & ors **Approved EXCEPT item nos. 19 and 20 pending a site visit.**
- g. Completion Certificate dated 22/05/17- Item Nos. 1-6, Roopnarine Singh & ors. **Approved.**

- 265. **MATTERS REFERRED:** NIL
- 266. **REPORTS AND REPLIES:** NIL
- 267. **PETITION:** NIL
- 268. **QUESTIONS:** NIL
- 269. **PERSONAL EXPLANATION:** NIL
- 270. **MOTION:** NIL

**OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:**

**271. Councillor Shanty Boodram:**

- a) Informed that she as well as concerned citizens went to rally for the opening of the Children’s Hospital in Couva. She stated that she told Television Presenter Hema Ramkissoon from the Television Programme “The Morning Brew” in an interview that this is a democratic country and citizens have a right to speak out. She mentioned that her four (4) year old nephew has a pacemaker in his heart, got treatment at Jacksonville Hospital in Florida and he has to do this every year. She stated that the Minister of Health said that there is no need for a Children’s Hospital and the Government also shut down the Children’s Life Fund. She added that health care is the most important sector in this country and she wants to see her nephew and all other children live because they are the future of the nation. She informed that they were at the side of the road in the presence of Police Officers during the rally at the Children’s Hospital. However, Police blocked the traffic for the Minister and his entourage to pass to go to the Brian Lara Stadium. She stated that she will go all out to ensure that the Children’s Hospital opens.
- b) Said that fifteen (15) houses were demolished under this present Government, but the People Partnership (PP) Government never demolished any homes. She mentioned that Ramlal Street where people were squatting was developed with lights, water, road and they were also given grants to improve their standard of living. She congratulated Mr. Anand Ramlogan, the Honourable Kamla Persad Bissessar and all who are working together to ensure that this Government come out of power sooner than later. ‘Enough is enough,’ she stated that when the PP Government was in power citizens did not have to block roads and burn tyres for a basic necessity such as water.
- c) Stated Minister Shamfa Cudjo proud of her phone bill. She informed that Members of Council receive a stipend of three hundred dollars (\$300) for their phone package and those who took the five hundred dollars (\$500) package have to pay the excess. She further informed that they also have to pay the bill if the amount exceeds. She mentioned that as Councillors they are working just like the Member of Parliament to help the burgesses.
- d) Informed that the Government cut the allocation and they cannot provide the services to the burgesses of the region. She added that materials to patch the road were utilized to put speed humps because the coal mix finished.
- e) Thanked the Chief Executive Officer for extending employment to ten (10) days for workers. She stated that the burgesses are crying out and they want more but they as Councillors have to work with limited resources. She added that they will rally for the Minister of Finance to provide more funding in the new financial year for Penal/ Debe.

**272. Councillor Brian Julien:**

- a) Stated that the burning issue in Trinidad and Tobago is property tax. He mentioned that as a young boy who grew up in Barrackpore he learned to sacrifice and save. He added that when he was twenty years old he bought a piece of land in Chatam. He also bought a piece of land in San-Fernando when he was twenty-eight years old. He said that he wondered now if he did the correct thing because the Government want to implement property tax. He added that now he will have to pay for something he sacrificed and earned. He thinks that this is very unfair. He mentioned that citizens south of the Caroni Bridge who worked hard and sacrificed for their family will feel the burden of the property tax because Evaluators will not go into Morvant or Laventille. He questioned if it will be cheaper to have nothing but rather rent or squat. He added that this Government do not understand the plight of poor people, the Country is already suffering and to put added pressure on the poor is very unfortunate. He stated that the People National Movement (PNM) Government are not good Managers of anything and the only people who can run this country is the PP Government under the stewardship of the Honourable Kamla Persad Bissessar.
- b) Informed that there are forty-two plots of land in Diamond under the Land Settlement Agency (LSA). He added that he wrote to Mr. Hazam several times and called him to plot out the land so that people can build and live comfortable but to no avail. He stated that the Government are forgetting the citizens in South and they are only concentrating on certain areas.

**273. Councillor Roland Hall:**

- a) Complimented Councillor Boodram and Julien on their presentations and he endorsed what they said. He stated that instead this present Government is leading the Country to success, they are misleading us with lies and this is the reason why people have fear of trusting the Government.
- b) Stated that the problems faced by WASA and T&TEC are affecting our burgesses.
- c) Referred to a Memorandum from the County Superintendent (CS) to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) which stated the responsibility of the WS function. He continued that at the bottom of the document, the CS wrote that he strongly recommended Mr. Zaffar Ali, Road Officer II to carry the function of the Works Supervisor (WS I). He informed that nothing official was announced to Members of Council and he added that there is room for correction. He enquired if the recommendation was taken from the CEO.
- d) Stated that he felt happy that the CEO will meet with Members of Council this afternoon (22/5/17) concerning the state of finances at the Corporation. He informed that it appeared that sometimes Members of Council were misled with the finances of the Corporation and he asked for an explanation regarding this. He quoted from another document from the CS to the CEO which stated the status report on PSIP 2016/2017 and the unspent balances on the project. He enquired what happened based on this document.
- e) Enquired why the Electrician is now being paid the correct rate after so long.
- f) Stated that Members of Council await to hear about the finances of the Corporation, proper announcements of the WS I and also the resumption of the PIRO.
- g) Enquired the status of the travelling and sick leave bonus payments for workers.
- h) Enquired what happens when a Development Programme (DP) job is not completed and another job started. He added that sometimes good relationships are maintained with workers outside and they will inform and guide you with certain issues. He stated that he likes to be diplomatic, courteous and operate with high ethical standards. He mentioned that it is bad human relation when people try to set divisions between workers and Councillors.
- i) Requested two (2) Street signs for Rosetta Street.

**274. Chief Executive Officer:**

- a) Informed that the WS I, Mr Sunil Ramnarine was reassigned to the Building Inspector so he has a full schedule. He further informed that the RO II, Mr. Zaffar Ali was doing the WS I schedule so he would have been the best person to continue along that line and that was the recommendation that he will put forward to the CS. He mentioned that there is an additional RO I. He informed that all public Officers are aware of their responsibilities and the manner in which they are supposed to deal with issues. He said that sometimes a person may make a representation directly to other



persons to put forward their agendas. He said that this is a meeting and a public body, so therefore he advised that all information must be done in writing before from the person who is responsible for addressing it. He informed that if a document does not come before him to bring to the Council, then it will not be entertained or laid at the Council Meeting. He added that this is consistent with requirements of the standing order and the law by which we operate. He reiterated that Mr Zaffar Ali is responsible for the WS I Department.

**275: Councillor Diptee Ramnath:**

- a) Informed that Captain Carl from the Army will be conducting a site visit with the Coastal Protection Unit at Quinam Beach on 23/05/17 at 1.00 pm. He requested that the Technical Officers and the Engineer accompany him.
- b) Commended Councillors for the tremendous work they are doing with respect to ensuring that all the development work are in progress. He also commended Administration for the work they are doing with regards to the in house jobs and the Clean-up Campaign that was held recently. He mentioned that he noticed there is dumping especially in Satnarine Trace, Sou Sou and Ring Road and requested to have these areas monitored on a weekly basis.
- c) Enquired the status with regards to the car park at Francis Seupaul Recreation Ground and the Expression of Interest letter pertaining to this.
- d) Requested that fees and policies with respect to the Picnic Site and Recreational Facilities be forthcoming so that decisions can be made regarding this.
- e) Requested that assistance with backhoe, trucks and filling of sand bags be given to the Coastal Protection Unit with respect to temporary work to prevent further erosion at Quinam Beach.
- f) Commended the Building Inspector (BI) for the fantastic job he is doing at this time at the Corporation. Also commended the Municipal Police, Transport and Workshop for the good job they are doing as well as the PIRO Department for providing the manpower to complete all these jobs on time.
- g) Thanked the CEO and Administration for the tremendous work and the extra time being put out to ensure that Penal/Debe complete all their work on a timely manner.

**276.** Thanked everyone for a fruitful meeting and terminated same at 10:55 am.

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Chairman  
Statutory Meeting