

MINUTES OF EMERGENCYCOUNCIL MEETING Friday March 13th, 2015 Belize City Hall Council Chambers

Present:

1.	Mr. Darrell Bradley	Mayor
2.	Ms. Alifa Elrington	Councillor
3.	Mr. Alain Gonzalez	Councillor
4.	Mr. Dion Leslie	Councillor
5.	Mr. Dean Samuels	Councillor
6.	Mr. Kevin Singh	Councillor
	Mr. Michael Theus	Councillor
8.	Mr. Philip Willoughby	Councillor
	Mr. Jason Edwards	Councillor (arrived 9:30)
10.	Mrs. Hyacinth Latchman Cuellar	Councillor (arrived 9:30)
11.	Mr. Bernard Pitts Jr	Councillor (arrived 9:40)
1. 2.	Ms. Candice Miller Mr. Jermaine Hyde	City Administrator Administrative Officer

Minutes of Meeting

- 1. The meeting commenced at 9:20 a.m.
- 2. Councilor Dr. Alain Gonzalez opened the meeting with a prayer.
- 3. The Mayor welcomed Councilors to the first meeting of the Council 2015-2018.

Mayor Matters

- 4. The Mayor informed Councilors that the meeting would be brief and the main purpose of the meeting was to elect the Deputy Mayor and to fix the remuneration of Councilors pursuant to Section 12 of the Belize City Council act Chapter 85 of the Laws of Belize.
- 5. The Mayor opened the floor for nominations for the post of Deputy Mayor.
- Councilor Dr. Alain Gonzalez nominated Councilor Philip Willoughby for the post of Deputy Mayor.
 The Mayor asked Councilor Willoughby if he accepted the nomination to which he replied "yes".
- Councilor Dion Leslie nominated Councilor Dean Samuels for the post of Deputy Mayor. The Mayor asked Councilor Samuels if he accepted the nomination to which he replied "yes".
- The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations, there was none so the Mayor asked for a
 motion to close nominations. Councilor Elrington motioned to close nominations and this was
 seconded by Councilor Theus.

- The City Administrator then issued a blank sheet of paper to each Councilor and the Mayor for them
 to write the name of the Councilor they wanted to support as Deputy Mayor. The Councilors casted
 their votes and the City Administrator then collected the folded sheets from each Councilor.
- 10. The City Administrator then opened each sheet to reveal the name of the person voted for by each Councilor and she read out their names and showed the ballot to the floor. The votes was tallied and recorded. Nine Councilors and the Mayor voted yielding the following results:

Councilor Dean Samuels 5 votes Councilor Phillip Willoughby 5 votes

11. Mayor Bradley explained that in the case where there is a tied vote the Mayor has the casting vote and as such he chooses Councilor Samuels. Councilor Samuels was then acknowledged as Deputy Mayor and the Mayor and Councilors offered congratulations to him as Deputy Mayor.

[Councilor Pitts arrived]

- 12. The Mayor announced that at the first Council meeting the Council must fix remuneration for Councilors pursuant to Section 12 of the Belize City Council Act. The Councilors then voted for and agreed unanimously to fix a monthly stipend of \$2,000.00 together with a monthly vehicle allowance of \$400.00 and a monthly telephone allowance of \$400.00 for each Councilor, and for the Mayor a stipend of \$6,000.00 together with an expense allowance of \$500.00.
- The City Administrator reminded the Councilors of the decision to discontinue issuance of fuel. Any Council mandated trips will only allow them mileage.
- 14. The Councilors voted and agreed that each Councilor would be allotted a fixed budget of \$500.00 monthly for social assistance and \$2,500.00 monthly for the Mayor subject to the availability of funds and after consultation with the Director Finance. The use of these funds must be approved by the City Administrator after written submission and invoices are handed in and all payments are to be made directly to the charitable entity or organization. The purpose of this is to control and account for donations and limit the amount of donations that is given by the Council. The Mayor urged Councilors to use the allocation wisely reminded them that they are limited to this amount.
- 15. The City Administrator emphasized that once the social assistance allowance is exhausted then no Councilor can request any other assistance from the Council. The social assistance is not transferable.
- 16. The Councilors also voted to approve a donation of \$5,000.00 for the Band Fest subject to the reduction for payment for four banners and \$5,000.00 for Cross Country.
- 17. The Mayor moved for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Leslie motioned that the meeting stands adjourned, Councilor Willoughby seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Confirmation of Minutes

DARKELL BROOK

These minutes, which are the minutes of a Council Meeting of the Belize City Council duly convened and held on 22 January 2015 were reviewed and approved by a Resolution of the Council dated (13) March, 2015

CANDICE BURGE, City Administrator

Mayor





BELIZE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 5 of 2015

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DONATIONS TOWARDS ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY CYCLING RACE

WHEREAS, the Belize City Council, is a body corporate established by Sec 3 (1) of the Belize City Council Act, CAP 85 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,

AND WHEREAS, the Belize City Council having been duly elected by the residents of Belize City mandated to serve the citizenry and entrusted with the general rule and good governance of Belize City,

AND WHEREAS, the Council is desirous of sponsoring sporting events within the community for the benefit of residents of Belize City,

AND WHEREAS, the Council has been approached by Cycling Association of Belize for financial assistance towards the Annual Holy Saturday Cross Country Cycling classic,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council supports, approves, and confirms

 A donation of Five Thousand Dollars \$5,000.00 towards the annual Cross Country Cycling Race.

In pursuance of an order of the Belize City Council made on the 13th day of March 2015, the Common Seal was hereunto affixed by:

DARRELL BRADLEY MAYOR

CANDICE MILLER CITY ADMINISTRATOR COUNCE



BELIZE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 4 of 2015

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DONATIONS TOWARDS BAND FEST

WHEREAS, the Belize City Council, is a body corporate established by Sec 3 (1) of the Belize City Council Act, CAP 85 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,

AND WHEREAS, the Belize City Council, having been duly elected by the residents of Belize City mandated to serve the citizenry and entrusted with the general rule and good governance of Belize City,

AND WHEREAS, the Belize City Council is desirous of sponsoring sporting events within the community for the benefit of residents of Belize City,

AND WHEREAS, the Belize City Council has been approached by the Band Fest Planning Committee for financial assistance towards the Band Fest Competition.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council supports, approves, and confirms

 A donation of Five Thousand Dollars \$5,000.00 towards the annual Band Fest Competition.

In pursuance of an order of the Belize City Council made on the 13th day of March 2015, the Common Seal was hereunto affixed by:

DARRELL BRADLEY MAYOR

CANDICE MILLER CITY ADMINISTRATOR





BELIZE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 3 of 2015

A RESOLUTION TO FIX A BUDGET FOR SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Belize City Council, is a body corporate established by Sec 3 (1) of the Belize City Council Act, CAP 85 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,

AND WHEREAS, the Belize City Council, having been duly elected by the residents of Belize City mandated to serve the citizenry and entrusted with the general rule and good governance of Belize City,

AND WHEREAS, Section 23 (1) of the Belize City Council Act CAP 85 of the Substantive laws of Belize provides for the submission of estimates of expenditure of the Council,

AND WHEREAS, the Belize City Council is desirous of providing social assistance for the benefit of residents of Belize City,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council supports, approves, ratifies, passes and confirms

- (i) A fixed budget of \$500.00 assigned to each Councilor monthly for social assistance subject to the availability of funds and after consultation with the Director Finance.
- (ii) A budget of \$2,500.00 monthly assigned to the Mayor for social assistance subject to the availability of funds and after consultation with the Director Finance.

In pursuance of an order of the Belize City Council made on the 13th day of March 2015, the Common Seal was hereunto affixed by:

DARRELL BRADLEY MAYOR

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CANDICE MILLER CITY ADMINISTRATOR





BELIZE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2 of 2015

A RESOLUTION TO FIX A REMUNERATION PACKAGE FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Belize City Council, is a body corporate established by Sec 3 (1) of the Belize City Council Act, CAP 85 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,

AND WHEREAS, the Belize City Council, having been duly elected by the residents of Belize City mandated to serve the citizenry and entrusted with the general rule and good governance of Belize City,

AND WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Belize City Council Act CAP 85 of the substantive laws of Belize provides for the Council by means of resolution to fix an allowance to be paid to members from monies constituting the Belize City Fund,

AND WHEREAS, the newly constituted Belize City Council of 2015- 2018 agreed to and voted for a remuneration package for the Mayor and Councilors elect,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council supports, approves, ratifies, passes and confirms

 A fixed monthly stipend of \$2,000.00 together with a monthly vehicle allowance of \$400.00 and a monthly telephone allowance of \$400.00 for each Councilor, and for the Mayor a stipend of \$6,000.00 together with an expense allowance of \$500.00.

In pursuance of an order of the Belize City Council made on the 13th day of March 2015, the Common Seal was hereunto affixed by:

DARRELL BRADLEY
MAYOR

CANDICE MILLER CITY ADMINISTRATOR

COUNCIL



BELIZE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 1 of 2015

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY MAYOR

WHEREAS, the Belize City Council, is a body corporate established by Sec 3 (1) of the Belize City Council Act, CAP 85 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,

AND WHEREAS, the Belize City Council having been duly elected by the residents of Belize City mandated to serve the citizenry and entrusted with the general rule and good governance of Belize City,

AND WHEREAS, Section 10 (2) of the Belize City Council Act CAP 85 of the substantive laws of Belize directs that on the first meeting of a newly constituted Council, the members of that Council shall elect a Deputy Mayor from among their number,

AND WHEREAS, the newly constituted Belize City Council of 2015- 2018 held nominations and voted for a member from their number,

AND WHEREAS, Councilor Dean Samuels received the majority of votes casted in a balloted election held March 13, 2015,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council elects, supports and confirms

COUNCILOR DEAN SAMUELS as the DEPUTY MAYOR of the Belize City Council for the assigned
period of one (1) calendar year, and all authority is conferred onto him where he shall exercise and perform
all powers and duties conferred upon the Mayor in the Mayor's absence.

In pursuance of an order of the Belize City Council made on the 13th day of March 2015, the Common Seal was hereunto affixed by:

DARRELL BRADLEY MAYOR

CANDICE MILLER
CITY ADMINISTRATOR