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Legislative Council
Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 10 October 2002 at 8:20 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP (Chairman)
Hon LAU Ping-cheung (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP

Members absent : Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon WONG Sing-chi

Clerk in attendance : Miss Salumi CHAN
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)5

Staff in attendance : Mr Andy LAU
Acting Assistant Secretary General (1)

Mrs Queenie YU
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)6

Ms Caris CHAN
Senior Legislative Assistant 1

Miss May LEUNG
Legislative Assistant

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Dr TANG Siu-tong, Chairman of the Panel for the 2001-02 session, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel for the 2002-03 session and invited nomination for the chairmanship.

2. Dr TANG Siu-tong was nominated by Mr TAM Yiu-chung and the nomination was seconded by Mr IP Kwok-him. Dr TANG accepted the nomination.

3. As Dr TANG Siu-tong was nominated, Mr LAU Ping-cheung, Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2001-02 session, presided over the election. There being no other nominations, Dr TANG Siu-tong was declared elected as Chairman of the Panel for 2002-03 session. He then took over the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr LAU Ping-cheung was nominated by Ir Dr Raymond HO Chung-tai and the nomination was seconded by Mr TAM Yiu-chung. Mr LAU accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr LAU Ping-cheung was declared elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2002-03 session.

5. The Chairman took the opportunity to welcome Mr James TIEN Pei-chun and Miss CHOY So-yuk, the two members who had newly joined the Panel.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2002-2003 session

6. Members noted the proposed schedule of meetings tabled at the meeting and agreed that regular meetings of the Panel for the 2002-2003 session be held on the first Friday of each month at 8:30 am. Members also agreed on the following arrangements for the regular meetings for November 2002 and February 2003:

- (a) As members were not available in the morning of 1 November 2002, the regular meeting for that month would be rescheduled for Friday, 8 November 2002 at 8:30 am; and

- (b) As the first Friday of February 2003 was the seventh day of the Chinese New Year, the regular meeting for that month would be rescheduled for Tuesday, 11 February 2003 at 2:30 pm.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(LC Paper No. CB(1)12/02-03 (Appendix V) -- List of outstanding items for discussion)

Items for discussion at the meeting on 8 November 2002

7. Members noted the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion and agreed to discuss the Administration's proposed amendments to the Land Registration Regulations on Removal of Stopped Deeds at the next regular Panel meeting on 8 November 2002.

8. Members also agreed that the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (SETW) be invited to the meeting on 8 November 2002 to brief the Panel on her vision and mission as the Secretary responsible for the effective planning, management and implementation of the public works programme and her work plans in this aspect. At the suggestion of Mr Albert CHAN Wai-yip and Ir Dr Raymond HO, members agreed that SETW be requested to provide a position report on the public works programme, covering at least the following information:

- (a) List of Category B items;
- (b) List of potential public works items to be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) in the 2002-03 legislative session; and
- (c) List of previously approved public works items the implementation of which would be deferred and the reasons for the deferral.

Members further agreed that the Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Transport and Works) should also be invited to the meeting.

Other discussion items

9. The Chairman advised that as in the previous session, meetings would be arranged in November for him to discuss with the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (SHPL) and SETW on the work plans of the Panel for the 2002-03 session. Members who had any proposed items for discussion at the Panel meetings within the session were invited to inform the Clerk in writing on or before 25 October 2002.

10. Miss CHOY So-yuk suggested that a joint meeting be held with the Panel on Environmental Affairs to discuss the subject of sustainable development. The Chairman said that the subject was on the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion. He also pointed out that in the reply to an oral question on the implementation of the principle of sustainable development raised by Ms Emily LAU Wai-hing at the Council meeting on 9 October 2002, the Chief Secretary for Administration had advised that the Administration hoped to make an announcement on the formal establishment of the Council for Sustainable Development shortly. Members considered it more appropriate to discuss the subject after the establishment of the Council.

11. Referring to the recent news on possible changes to the Land Supply Policy and Land Sale Programme for 2002-03, Mr Albert CHAN said that the Administration should be requested to brief the Panel on any such changes before finalizing its decision. The Chairman agreed that the request be conveyed to the Administration.

(Post-meeting note: The Clerk wrote to SHPL on 15 October 2002, conveying to him the request mentioned in paragraph 11 above.)

Meeting arrangements

Special meetings

12. Mr James TIEN noted that special meetings of the Panel had been held frequently during the 2001-02 session. He considered the situation unsatisfactory, as special meetings should only be held under very special circumstances and with full justifications. He suggested that this arrangement be strictly observed from 2002-03 session onwards. Other members supported Mr TIEN's view.

Timing for provision of papers by the Administration

13. Referring to an information paper on "Proposed Conversion of Six Supernumerary Posts in Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau, Lands Department and Planning Department to Permanent Posts" circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2654/01-02 on 7 October 2002, Mr LAU Ping-cheung noted that members were invited to consider by 15 October 2002 whether the proposal should be discussed at a meeting of the Panel prior to its submission to the Establishment Subcommittee (ESC) for consideration at the meeting on 23 October 2002. Mr LAU considered that the paper should have been provided to the Panel earlier to allow more time for members to study the proposal. Members agreed that information papers on financial proposals should be forwarded to the Panel by the Administration well in advance of the relevant Finance Committee, PWSC or ESC meetings.

14. Responding to Mr LAU Ping-cheung's enquiry, Ir Dr Raymond HO, Mr IP Kwok-him, Mr TAM Yiu-chung and Mr Albert CHAN considered it not necessary for the Panel to discuss the information paper mentioned in paragraph 13 above prior to its submission to ESC.

(Post-meeting note: The Clerk wrote to SHPL and SETW on 10 October 2002, conveying to them the arrangements agreed by members as mentioned in paragraphs 12 and 13 above.)

IV Any other business

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8:40 am.

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