

# THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OFFICIAL AGENDA - REVISED

Thursday, August 28, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 A.M.

**Call to Order:** Honorable Milton E. Potter, Chairman, Committee of the Whole

**Roll Call:** Shenika Dowe-Serrano, Chief Journal Clerk

#### **CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA:**

The 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature will convene in a Committee of the Whole to receive testimony on the following:

Bill No. 36-0147 An act approving the Hotel Development Agreement between the

Government of the Virgin Islands and Haven Development, LLC

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

Shaun Miller, Member, Haven Development, LLC

Wayne Biggs, CEO, Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority

**Bill No. 36-0145** An act ratifying the Governor's approval of the Modification and Extension

of Consolidated Major Coastal Zone Management Permit Nos. CZJ-04-14

(W) and CZJ-03-14 (L)

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning & Natural Resources Marlon Hibbert, Director, Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Division, Department of

Planning & Natural Resources

Chaliese Summers, Managing Member, Summer's End Group

Atty. John Benham, Counsel, Summer's End Group

**Andrew Penn**, Chairman, St. John Coastal Zone Management Board

May Adams Cornwall, Chairperson, VI Coastal Zone Management Commission

David Cattie, Attorney, Cattie Law Firm, PC

Boyd Sprehn, Attorney, Cattie Law Firm, PC

Garret Graves, Consultant, Perkin Oaks

**Jeff Boyd**, Consultant, Marine Management & Consulting

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### **REGULAR SESSION - OFFICIAL AGENDA**

Date: Thursday, August 28, 2025

Time: 1:00 P.M.

**Location:** Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

Call to Order: Honorable Milton E. Potter

Senate President, 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature

**Anthems:** National Anthem and Virgin Islands March

**Invocation:** Reverend Charles L. Brown, Jr., Chaplain

Honorable Avery L. Lewis, Legislative Secretary **Roll Call:** 

**Committee Reports:** 

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(W) and CZJ-03-14 (L)

# BILL NO. 36-0145

# Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

### **August 26, 2025**

An act ratifying the Governor's approval of the Modification and Extension of Consolidated Major Coastal Zone Management Permit Nos. CZJ-04-14 (W) and CZJ-03-14 (L)

**PROPOSED BY:** Senator Milton E. Potter, by Request of the Governor

WHEREAS, Consolidated Major Coastal Zone Management Permits Nos. CZJ-04-14 (W) and 1 2 6 CZJ-03-14 (L) were modified under Act No. 8407, enacted on December 31, 2020; and WHEREAS, development of the permitted project has been delayed by numerous legal 3 actions as well as modifying the project to meet the requirements of the United Staes Army 4 Corps of Engineers ("USACE") to receive approval of Permit Application #SAJ-2004-12518; 5 6 and WHEREAS, since ratification, the permittee has made substantial environmental and 7 regulatory progress, including securing a favorable section 106 determination and implementing 8 numerous environmental enhancements; and 9 WHEREAS, the USACE is expected to issue the corresponding federal permit in the 10 upcoming quarter; and 11 WHEREAS, the modification and extension must be approved to ensure the permit 12 remains in full force and to avoid jeopardizing federal approval and project financing; and 13 WHEREAS, the Summer's End Marina project is anticipated to bring over \$130 million 14 in private investment, hundreds of construction and permanent jobs and long-term growth to 15 16 the Virgin Islands, especially the island of St. John; and

- 1 WHEREAS, the project will also improve disaster preparedness and maritime resilience
- 2 in Coral Bay by providing critical emergency access and staging infrastructure in collaboration
- 3 with the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency and the Federal
- 4 Emergency Management Agency; Now, Therefore,
- 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:
- 6 SECTION 1. Pursuant to 12 V.I.C. § 911(g), the Legislature of the Virgin Islands ratifies
- 7 the Governor's approval of the Modification and Extension of Consolidated Major Coastal Zone
- 8 Management Permit Nos. CZJ-04-14 (W) and CZJ-03-14 (L), as documented in the Governor's
- 9 letter to Ms. Chaliese Summers, Managing Member of the Summer's End Group, LLC, dated
- 10 July 31, 2025, titled "Modification and Extension of Consolidated Major Coastal Zone
- Management Permit Nos. CZJ-04-14 (W) and CZJ-03-14 (L); the Summer's End Group, LLC",
- 12 for the construction of a marina and various supporting facilities in Coral Bay, St. John.

### 13 <u>BILL SUMMARY</u>

- 14 This bill ratifies the Governor's approval of the Modification and Extension of
- 15 Consolidated Major Coastal Zone Management Permit Nos. CZJ-04-14 (W) and CZJ-03-14 (L).
- 16 BR25-0761/August 20, 2025
- 17 **G36-026**

# BILL NO. 36-0147

## Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

August 26, 2025

An act approving the Hotel Development Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Haven Development, LLC

**PROPOSED BY:** Senator Milton E. Potter, by Request of the Governor

- WHEREAS, on July 15, 2025, the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority
- 2 approved the Hotel Development Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands
- and Haven Development, LLC for the construction of a branded hotel located at Parcel No. 2
- 4 Estate Thomas, 6F New Quarter, St. Thomas consisting of 126 guestrooms, a pool, indoor and
- 5 outdoor bar patio, small kitchen facility for limited breakfast services, fitness center and
- 6 meeting room space; and
- WHEREAS, the Government of the Virgin Islands will make available for use 100
- 8 percent of the Designated Hotel Room Occupancy Tax and a 7.5 percent Economic Recovery
- 9 Fee, to pay and secure Hotel Development Notes for a period of 30 years or until such time as
- the direct investment of \$44,105,254.61 is reimbursed, whichever occurs earlier; and

- WHEREAS, pursuant to title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23, section 1307,
- 2 subsection (c), any project approved by the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority
- 3 under the Hotel Development Program must be approved by the Governor of the Virgin Islands
- 4 and ratified by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands; and
- 5 WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025, the Governor of the Virgin Islands approved the Hotel
- 6 Development Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Haven
- 7 Development, LLC; Now, Therefore,
- 8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:
- 9 **SECTION 1.** Pursuant to 29 V.I.C. § 1307(c), the Legislature of the Virgin Islands
- 10 ratifies the Hotel Development Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and
- Haven Development, LLC for the construction of a branded hotel located at Parcel No. 2 Estate
- 12 Thomas, 6F New Quarter, St. Thomas consisting of: 126 guestrooms; a pool; indoor and
- 13 outdoor bar patio; small kitchen facility for limited breakfast services; fitness center and
- meeting room space, with the Government of the Virgin Islands making available for use 100
- percent of the Designated Hotel Room Occupancy Tax and a 7.5 percent Economic Recovery
- 16 Fee, to pay and secure Hotel Development Notes for a period of 30 years or until such time as
- the direct investment of \$44,105,254.61 is reimbursed, whichever occurs earlier.

### 18 <u>BILL SUMMARY</u>

- The bill ratifies the Hotel Development Agreement between the Government of the
- 20 Virgin Islands and Haven Development, LLC approved by the Virgin Islands Economic
- 21 Development Authority on July 15, 2025.
- 22 BR25-0781/August 25, 2025/GC
- 23 **G36-027**