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Dear Councilor's

RULE 38 QUESTION: MOTION TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT AN ACTION PLAN TO RESOLVE BOTH SAFETY AND NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AT THE MANGAU8NNG LANDFILL SITES IN A SUSTAINABLE AND FEASIBLE MANNER.

With reference to your letter received on the 02 October 2018 regarding the above-mentioned matter bears reference

BACKGROUND

Landfill site management division, under the Directorate Waste and Fleet is currently manning all the landfill sites in Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, The Northern, Southern, Botshabelo, Wepener, Dewetsdorp and Soutpan landfill sites. Three of the landfill sites have permits issued by the Department of Water and Environmental Affairs. To comply with the permit conditions, it is imperative to ensure a sound and effective waste disposal at the sites.

There has been various challenges identified at Mangaung's landfill sites over the recent years, which mainly include:

- Un-regularised reclaiming activities
- Criminal activities by users of the landfill sites
- Lack of control relating to access in the landfill sites
- Non-compacting of waste
- Non-covering of waste

Whereas some of the identified challenges were as a result of some management deficiencies, some were caused by lack of resources. The top management of the division has identified innovations through which the challenges can be overturned and such re laid out in this document.

KEY PILLARS FOR REGULARISATION

- Access Control
- Fencing
- Entrance gates
- Security
- Improving Operations
- Availability of machinery
- Cover material
- Cleaning in and around the landfill sites
- Management and control of fires
- Regularising Reclaiming Activities
- Establishment of multi sector forum
- Consultation and profiling of reclaimers
- These are laid out in paragraphs below

ACCESS CONTROL

To ensure that the entrance gates are manned during the hours of operation and locked outside the hours of operation. There is a notice board at the entrance stating hours of operation and the Private Security ensures effective access control.

CURRENT PLANS

Fencing: Fencing is to start now in October 2018 as the supply chain processes is already started in Southern and Northern landfill sites.

Entrance gates: To ensure effective access control, the entrance gates are manned during the hours of operation by recording all the vehicles entering the landfill sites and locked outside the hours of operation by private security.

Security: General security services from access control is done by private security, Northern landfill site is Mafoko Security and Southern landfill site is Tiger Security.

IMPROVING OPERATIONS

To ensure that the site is operated in a manner which shall prevent the creation of nuisance conditions or health hazards. Waste disposed of on the site should be compacted and covered on daily basis.

Availability of machinery: Broken landfill equipment and machinery is a huge problem, but now there is a prompt and timeous repair of machines to ensure efficiency in landfill operations and more machines are repaired.

Cover material: Covering of waste is a crucial in landfilling operations. To ensure sufficient cover material is available at all times soil will be sourced from South Park Cemetery to the landfill sites. Currently there is enough soil at the Southern landfill site and the main focus will be to transport it to the Northern landfill site.

CLEANSING IN AND AROUND THE LANDFILL SITES

Working together with the provincial Department of Police, Roads and Transport, the city was able to successfully cleanse the outside of both the north and southern landfill sites. The Litter picking and clean-ups in and around the landfill sites is carried out on a daily basis by the general workers. However, a plan of action to tackle problematic areas such as the area towards the South Park Cemetery involves the public cleansing team. Machinery (TLB'S, tipper trucks) and personnel from other divisions in solid waste will be deployed once a week, on Fridays, to assist with litter picking and cleaning around the landfill site.

REGULARISATION OF RECLAIMING

Situation Analysis

Unlawful waste reclaimers were uncontrollable and as a result they caused unrest and disrupted landfill site operations. The public were often attacked and mugged whilst bringing waste into the site. Some of these reclaimers erected shacks in the premises of the landfill site and they were also sleeping there.

Progress Made

To date, the following progress has been made:

Regularisation of working hours for reclaimers - Every day at 07h30, reclaimers wait at the entrance gate until officials allow them in. They are adhering to times and days of reclaiming (Monday to Friday from 07h30 to 17h00, Saturday from 08h00 to 15h00, and Sundays & Holidays is closed for reclaiming.

Reduction in crime – Crime has been reduced to close to 0%, working with SAPS and Department of Home Affairs, which also included deportation of illegal immigrants

Erected shacks were demolished – shacks were housing families and criminals in the landfill sites, in particular the Southern landfill site.

Education to reclaimers: The Department has educated the reclaimers on the dangers and illegalities of starting fires at the landfill sites and it has been a week with no fires at landfill sites as a result of this.

Profiling of reclaimers: took place from the 23rd to the 30th of August 2018, at the Southern Landfill Site. The purpose was to obtain information about each reclaimers working in the landfill site and to determine citizenship and needs of each reclaimers. Total number of reclaimers that were profiled is 222, and this profiling activity is going to be repeated and the template will also include ID and passport numbers.

Establishment of Multi Sector Forum/Task Team to deal with reclaimers: There is monthly meetings of the forum to present reports on the management of the reclaimers in Mangaung landfill sites. The following Organisations/Departments but not limited to, are members of the forum/task team: Department of Home Affairs; Department of Social Development; Department of Health; Department of Correctional Services; DESTEA;

SAPS; MMM Law Enforcement; MMM Environmental Management; MMM Environmental Health; MMM Economic Development; MMM Social Development; MMM Human Settlement

The essence of the task team is to approach the issues from socio-economic and regularization perspective. Enforcement and regularisation Departments deal with mainly the legalisation of the activities of the reclaimers, the social departments deal with the social interventions required by the reclaimers, and the economic departments deal mainly with the economic interventions for the reclaimers.

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF FIRES

Fires on landfill sites is not permitted and must be extinguished immediately. Appropriate operational procedures, involving the spreading and smothering of burning waste with soil as soon as possible, is and will be implemented. Therefore, sourcing of cover material from the cemetery will provide enough to ensure covering of waste and to control sporadic fires.

CONCLUSION

The city aims at attaining regularisation of landfill sites with the following key milestones:

- **Regularisation of Reclaiming:** Ongoing, with end of November 2018 being the key milestone for completion of the multi face process
- **Regularisation of compacting:** Will be ongoing
- **Regularisation of Covering:** Will be ongoing
- **Regular cleansing outside the landfill sites:** Every Friday
- **Enhancement of access controls:** Will be ongoing, but will be enhanced by – erection of Fence in October/ November 2018, Enhancement of Security activities in November 2018, and an ongoing profiling exercise with other Departments

Yours faithfully


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City Manager

Date: 1 October 2018

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- To: **The Municipal Manager**
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RE: MOTION TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT AN ACTION PLAN TO RESOLVE BOTH THE SAFETY AND NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AT THE MANGAUNG LANDFILL SITES IN A SUSTAINABLE AND FEASIBLE MANNER.

Please take note that I Cllr David Mc Kay and Cllr Selmé Pretorius on behalf of the Mangaung Democratic Alliance Caucus hereby submit a Motion to immediately implement an action plan to resolve both the safety and negative environmental impact at the Mangaung landfill sites in a sustainable and feasible manner. As described in the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, which states: under Rights and duties of municipal councils, the municipality must use its authority and resources in the best interests of the local community and strive to ensure that municipal services are provided to the local community in a financially and environmentally sustainable manner.

Hereby a summary of reasons for the motion:

- Periodical raging fires that threaten the environment and public health with smoke and odours emanating from the site possibly containing toxic fumes,
- Ever increasing mounds of illegal dumping sites sprouting up in and around the Metro, leaving a devastating impact on both the environment and possible economic growth of the city,
- Inhuman living conditions for recyclers dwelling permanently on the sites
- Ever increasing violent attacks and robberies on residents wanting to deposit their waste at the sites. Some even ending in hospitalization and serious injuries.
- Non compliance to the permit conditions stipulated by the National Department of Water and Forestry
- Non compliance to the National Environmental Management: Waste Act.

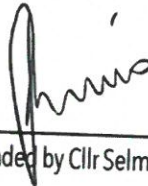
We as the Democratic Alliance therefore move that the following be incorporated into the action plan and be implemented as such:

- That all the conditions of the permits (see attached) be adhered to with immediate effect, including but not limited to, the compacting of 150mm of soil on a daily basis, movable litter fences, 1,8m security perimeter wall and strict access control to prevent unauthorised personnel gaining entry.
- That all the prescribed conditions of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act. be adhered to with immediate effect
- The level, quality, range and impact of municipal services provided by the municipality, either directly or through another service provider; give members of the local community equitable access to the municipal services to which they are entitled;
- Promote a safe and healthy environment in the municipality; and contribute, together with other organs of state, to the progressive realization of the fundamental rights contained in sections 24, 25, 26, 27 and 29 of the Constitution.

We hereby lay our motion forward for adoption.



Proposed by Cllr David Mc Kay



Seconded by Cllr Selmé Pretorius