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Council Item

Speaker

Councillor MA Siyonzana

**PREPARATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE
FORMER COUNCILLOR, MR GAUTA LEFUO**

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is three-fold, namely:

- 1) To inform the Municipal Council on the untimely passing away of the now late Mr. Gauta Lefuo, the first Mayor of the then Botshabelo Transitional Council and later member of the Mayoral Committee of Mangaung Metro.
- 2) To request the Council to declare the funeral of former Councilor, Mr. Gauta Lefuo as Civic Privileges Funeral.
- 3) To request the Municipal Council's approval of the cost that will be incurred as well as the facilities for the funeral arrangements of the late former Councillor.

2. DISCUSSIONS

Mangaung Metro is facing yet another dark and sad moment with the passing away of Mr. Gauta Lefuo, a former teacher, Councillor, the stalwart, freedom fighter, servant of the people and liberator. The City and community of the Mangaung learned of the untimely death of the former Councilor, Mr. Gauta Lefuo on the 21st April 2019. His untimely death comes after a long illness. He dedicated most of his life and time towards the serve of community of Mangaung and will amongst others be remembered for his relentless fight against the incorporation of Botshabelo into Qwaqwa Bantustan. Mr Lefuo has nurtured a number of liberations fighters throughout his life and was exemplary in all the things that he was doing and assigned to do by his political party, ANC and the community at large. He will be sorely missed by those who worked with

him and those he led during the most difficult times of apartheid. It must, however, be stated that his sole will rest in eternal peace because he indeed lived to see and witness his people being liberated from oppression under apartheid.

3. FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PREPARATIONS

In honour of the late Mr Lefuo, Council undertakes to work with the family to ensure that he receives a befitting send off for a hero of his stature. The arrangements are as follows, a memorial service that will be held on Friday, the 26th April 2019 at Simpson Sefuthi Hall, Botshabelo whereas the funeral service will take place on Tuesday, the 30th April 2019 at Indoor Sports Centre, Dr Rantai Petrus Molemela Stadium, Mangaung.

It is for the above and other reasons that Council of MMM should accord the Civic Funeral Privileges to the late former Councillor Mr. Gauta Lefuo.

4. ROLE OF DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

The following are the required arrangements, namely:

- Booking of the venue.
- Provision of PA system.
- Light refreshments for the dignitaries during the memorial service.
- Drafting of the programme for the memorial service.
- Issuing of invitations towards the memorial service.
- Flower bouquets, on behalf of the City.
- Branding material in the venues.
- Designing and printing of funeral programmes.
- Catering.
- Decoration for the venues (memorial services and funeral).
- Logistics arrangements regarding parking and traffic control.
- Use of the fire engine to transport the body to the graveyard.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FINANCE

Civic Funerals for serving and former Councillors as well as the distinguished members of the community have serious financial implications, as the service attracts and involve many mourners for whom the following should be in place, namely:

- Catering for mourners at the funeral.
- Contributing a venue for the memorial service and funeral service and related logistical requirements should such a need arise;
- Joint preparations between the family and the Office of the Speaker, who is the custodian of Council.

The funeral is regarded as one of the funerals that deserves Civic Funeral, given the fact that the late Mr. Gauta Lefuo, commanded enough recognition and respect within the community of Mangaung as a whole.

6. CONCLUSION

That the approval of this report will contribute in ensuring a decent sending off for the late former Councillor Mr. Gauta Lefuo.

7. RECOMMEDATIONS

It is therefore recommended that:

- a) Council approves the report.
- b) Council approval be granted to accord Civic Funeral Privileges to the late former Councillor Mr. Gauta Lefuo.
- c) Council approves that an amount of R120 000.00 be set aside for all funeral requirements, including memorial service costs.
- d) Council approves the use of Council facilities and other logistical arrangements as indicated under paragraph 4 and 5 above.

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Recommended / ~~not recommended~~



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Approved / not approved



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