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Council Item
Speaker
Councillor MA Siyonzana

# PREPARATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE COUNCILLOR RAMAKATSA JANIE MOHLABANE.

#### 1. PURPOSE

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

- To inform the Municipal Council on the unexpected death of the ward councilor of ward 33 Councilor RA Mohlabane;
- To request the Council to declare the Funeral of Councilor RA Mohlabane as Civic Privileges Funeral and
- To request the Municipal Council's approval of the cost that will be incurred for the funeral arrangements of the late councilor.

# 2. BACKGROUND

The City and Community of the Mangaung learned of the untimely death of the councilor, on the morning of August 23rd, 2020.

The Council contribution of the Councilor RA Mohlabane commenced during the start of this Council term in August 2016.

He also served her community activism as the following, namely:

An active member in his branch as a Chairperson of the BEC.

## 3. FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PREPARATIONS

The date of the funeral service will be announced in due course, once the family, and Council have met and reached agreement on the logistical arrangements, the date, time and venue of both the memorial service and funeral will be made known to the members of Council.

In anticipation of the MMM to accord the Civic Funeral Privileges to Councillor RA Mohlabane, The MMM will work closely with the family to ensure that all logistical arrangements and preparations are concluded timeously.

#### 4. ROLE OF DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS / OFFICES

#### OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

The following are the required arrangements, namely:

- provision of PA system
- drafting of the programmes 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.
- decoration for the venues (memorial services and funeral)

# **METRO-POLICE**

- Logistics arrangements regarding parking and traffic control.

# 5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

## **FINANCE**

Civic Funerals for members who are in office have serious financial implications, as the service involve the following, 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;
- jointly with the family, the Office of the Speaker, who is the custodian of Council.

#### COMMUNICATION

The funeral is regarded as one of the funeral that deserves Civic Funeral, given the fact that the late Councilor RA Mohlabane, commanded enough recognition and respect within the community of Mangaung in Botshabelo.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

During this Council term 2016 – date, six (6) Councillors passed on and reports were submitted to Council for consideration and those requests were deliberated and adopted by Council. Similarly, this report is submitted to the Municipal Council for consideration.

# 6. CONCLUSION

That the approval of this report will contribute in ensuring a decent sending off for the late Councilor RA Mohlabane.

# 7. RECOMMEDATIONS

- (a) that Council approves the report;
- (b) that approval be granted to accord Civic Funeral Privileges to the late Ward Councillor RA Mohlabane of ward 33.
- (c) that an amount of R100 000,00 be set aside for all funeral requirements, including memorial service costs.

Submitted by:

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DATE 24/08/2020

COUNCILLOR MXOLISI SIYONZANA

THE SPEAKER

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