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Room 701, Bram Fischer Building

Date: 21 August 2020

Council Item
Speaker
Councillor MA Siyonzana

PREPARATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE COUNCILLOR NA RATSIU.

1. PURPOSE

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

- To inform the Municipal Council on the unexpected death of the Chairperson of Section 79: Public Places and Street Naming and also a Ward Councilor of ward 28 in Botshabelo Ntenne Augustina Ratsiu.
- To request the Council to declare the Funeral of Councilor NA Ratsiu as Civic Privileges Funeral and
- 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 councilor.

2. BACKGROUND

The City and Community of the Mangaung learned of the untimely death of the councilor, on the morning of the 21 August 2020.

The councilor was admitted at hospital and she had complications that led to his unfortunate and sudden departure.

The Council contribution of the Councilor NA Ratsiu commenced during the 2011 – 2016 during that time she was the ward councilor and 2016 to date as a ward councillor and Chairperson of Section 79 Public Places and Street Naming.

3. FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PREPARATIONS

In honor of the late Cllr NA Ratsiu, Council undertakes to work with the family to ensure that she receives a befitting send off for a hero of here stature. 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 Councilor NA Ratsiu, 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.
- 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

Civic Funerals for serving 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;
- jointly with the family and the Office of the Speaker, who is the custodian of Council.


6. CONCLUSION

That the approval of this report will contribute in ensuring a decent sending off for the late Councillor NA Ratsiu.

7. RECOMMEDATIONS

- (a) that Council approves the report;
- (b) that approval be granted to accord Civic Funeral Privileges to the late Councillor NA Ratsiu.
- (c) that an amount of R100 000,00 be set aside for all funeral requirements, including memorial service costs.
- (d) That the council approves the use of council facilities and other logistical arrangements as indicated under paragraph 4 and 5.

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THE SPEAKER

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