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SPEAKER
COUNCIL ITEM

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to appraise the Municipal Council on the program schedule of meeting for the 2020/2021 period and request consonant approval thereof.

2. BACKGROUND

The purpose and aim of having a program schedule of activities or meetings for the entire organization is to ensure that we synchronize in a seamless way the operations of the municipality and channel proper routing of reports throughout the required council committee system. So that by the time reports or items reach the Municipal Council, enough information is availed to enhance quick decision-making process. From time to time the Municipal Council approves a schedule of meetings well in advance to ensure that all Council members are able to plan and program their diaries for all council activities and programs.

Over the years and as had been the practice, the Municipal Council program has always been aligned to the financial year, over-lapping the calendar program, due to the strict compliance reporting that should be observe and adhered to.

3. DELIBERATIONS

a. PROMOTION OF GOOD GOVERNANCE

By crafting and implementing a living program schedule of meetings of Council and its committees, measures would have been cast in iron to achieve elements of good governance. Key to this schedule is that administrative management should have a complete buy-in and adherence to strict reporting time-lines to ensure that the goals and milestones of this schedules are both met and achieved, which include but not limited to the following principles;

- Transparency;
- Responsiveness;
- Effectiveness and efficiency;
- Accountability;
- Participation;
- Equity and inclusiveness

4. LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

In line with the provisions of the Municipal Systems Act, (Act No. 32 of 1998) The time for a hurried approval of a program or schedule of meetings is over, it is incumbent upon the Executive Authority to honour this plan and ensure that compliance and administrative reports reach the programming team well in advance, secondly approvals are done timeously and committees are convened fittingly. Preparedness and input contributions as the hall mark for maximum participation by councillors is essential; and that can mainly be achieved by enabling all to receive information and agenda packages timeously prior to committee meetings.

Councillors and Senior Management officials are accordingly requested to please diarize the attached program schedule, detailing the times, venues and dates of meetings of Council, Council Committees, Mayoral Committee, Section 80 Committees and including management committees. All efforts will be made to ensure that, compliance to the current regulations relating to covid-19 is adhered to, and the current platform of Microsoft teams will be utilized for meeting engagements and processes.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is hereby recommended that it be resolved;

- (i) That the Municipal Council takes note of this report;
- (ii) That the Executive Management Team should adhere to strict timelines for submissions of compliance and administrative reports, at least ten working days prior to the sitting of Council and Council Committees;
- (iii) That the approved schedule be placed in the municipal website and be advertised to ensure that communities of Mangaung and stakeholders, where possible are able to attend council activities.

Recommended/ Not Recommended

CITY MANAGER ADVOCATE DE MEA

Approved / not approved

SPEAKER

COUNCILLOR MA SIYONZANA

SCHEDULE OF MEETING FOR THE 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR

MONDAYS: TUESDAYS: FRIDAYS: THURSDAYS: WEDNESDAYS: COUNCIL (CNL) MAYORAL COMMITTEE (MC) SECTION 79 OR 80 COMMITTEE (SEC79) OR (SEC80) **EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM (EMT)**

LOCAL LABOUR FORUM (LLF) and SUB COMMITTEES OF LLF (LLF Sub-Com)

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