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Date: 29 January 2021

Clr W Bolt
Mangaung Metro Municipality

Dear Councilor

QUESTIONS IN TERMS OF THE RULE 38: PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT

Your letter received on the 1 January 2021 regarding the above-mentioned matter bears reference.

"Parks are created in MMM for community members to entertain friends and relax during their leisure time in a safe environment, they also to keep children away from engaging in bad street behavior. If parks and environment are not maintained, they cause public nuisance. It was noted with very serious concerns that the maintenance of the above has been ignored by MMM."

1. Why are parks and the environment not maintained.

- Parks are maintained on a rotational basis and according to an Area Focused Approach with the available resources at the directorate's disposal. The Horticultural staff are working as a collective in one centralized team giving attention to a specific area at a time. This team is focusing on priority areas at the moment such as city entrances, main arterial roads, prominent Parks and gardens at Municipal offices of importance within the entire Mangaung Metropolitan area.

2. Who is responsible for the maintenance thereof?

- The Sub Directorate Parks and Cemeteries (Horticulture Division) is responsible for the maintenance

3. Is the service done internally or outsourced.

- The service is done internally

4. If outsourced, is the MMM positioned well to pay for service providers

- There is no payment involved as the service is done internally

5. If done internally, does the MMM have enough financial muscle and human resources to maintain them.

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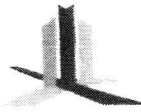
- The directorate is trying with its limited employees because of the labour intensiveness of our operations entailed in parks maintenance. The vacancy rate on the general worker and tractor driver levels are high respectively and it poses a bit of a challenge for the Directorate to focus on all areas within MMM at once

6. There are category A parks and other smaller parks in MMM, who is responsible for each category (Maintenance)

- The Horticulture Division is responsible for the maintenance of all parks within the entire MMM area. The Division comprises of 6 different sections who are responsible for a specific region within the MMM area. All employees within the division are working as a collective in one centralized team giving attention to a specific area within a given timeframe. The teams are focusing on priority areas such as city entrances, main arterial roads, prominent Parks and gardens at Municipal offices of importance within the entire Mangaung Metropolitan area now.

Yours faithfully.

Adv. Tankiso Mea
City Manager



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DIRECTORATE
CORPORATE SERVICES

Ward Councillors

20 October 2020

To: THE CITY MANAGER of Mangaung Metro Municipality
Adv. T Mea

Further To: THE SPEAKER of Mangaung Metro Municipality
Mr. MA Siyonzana

BY HAND.

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Dear public officials

RE: Parks and Environment (follow up Question)

I refer your attention to Rule 38 of the Standing Rules and Orders that states:

38.1 Any member may submit a question requiring a written reply from any political office bearer, the municipal manager or senior manager of the municipality, concerning any matter related to the effective performance of the functions of the municipality and the exercise of its powers, provided that a written notice of such a questions has been submitted to the Speaker or chairperson and the municipal manager at least 10 (ten) days prior to the councillor committee meeting and the political office bearer and the City Manager shall ensure that the member receive a written reply at the meeting.

38.2 If after the question has been replied to, a member is of the opinion that the reply is not clear or satisfactory, he or she may with the permission of the speaker or chairperson, request a follow-up question, follow -up question should be in writing.

38.3 All questions duly given notice of and all responses submitted shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Parks are created in the MMM for community members to entertain friends and relax during their leisure time in a safe environment, they also assist to keep children away from engaging in bad street behaviour. If parks and environment are not properly maintained they cause public nuisance. It was noted with very serious concerns that the maintenance of the above has been ignored by MMM.

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I would like to ask the following clarity seeking questions in this regard:

1. Why are parks and the environment not maintained?
2. Who is responsible for the maintenance thereof?
3. Is this service done internally or outsourced?
4. If outsourced, is the MMM positioned well to pay for service providers?
5. If done internally, does the MMM have enough financial muscle and human resource to maintain them?
6. There are Category A parks and other smaller parks in MMM. Who is responsible for each category? (Maintenance)

Looking forward in having a written reply as soon as possible or at our next council meeting.

Sincerely,

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