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- 1 **SPEAKER**
COUNCILLOR SIYONZANA MA
- 2 **ACTING EXECUTIVE MAYOR**
COUNCILLOR MASOETSA LA
- 3 **CHIEF WHIP**
COUNCILLOR MANGCOTYWA ZE

MEMBERS OF MAYORAL COMMITTEE (MMC) (SECTION 80 CHAIRPERSONS)

- 4 COUNCILLOR JONAS-MALEPHANE VE
- 5 COUNCILLOR MAHASE MM
- 6 COUNCILLOR MONYAKOANA NP
- 7 COUNCILLOR MORAKE MA
- 8 COUNCILLOR NKHABU M
- 9 COUNCILLOR NOTHNAGEL J
- 10 COUNCILLOR PONGOLO XD
- 11 COUNCILLOR THIPENYANE G
- 12 COUNCILLOR TITI-ODILI LM

SECTION 79 CHAIRPERSONS

- 13 COUNCILLOR MOTHIBI-NKOANE MM**
- 14 COUNCILLOR NKOE MJ**
- 15 COUNCILLOR SHOUNYANA MM**
- 16 COUNCILLOR TLADI MM**

PR & WARD COUNCILLORS

- 17 COUNCILLOR BOLT W**
- 18 COUNCILLOR BOROLE KS**
- 19 COUNCILLOR BOTES FR**
- 20 COUNCILLOR BRITZ JF**
- 21 COUNCILLOR CAMPHER ZMC**
- 22 COUNCILLOR NB CEZULA**
- 23 COUNCILLOR CHAKA NS**
- 24 COUNCILLOR DAVIES M**
- 25 COUNCILLOR DE BRUYN MAP**
- 26 COUNCILLOR DENNIS ME**
- 27 COUNCILLOR DYOSIBA S**
- 28 COUNCILLOR FERREIRA TI**
- 29 COUNCILLOR GOLIATH EK**
- 30 COUNCILLOR KGANAKGA M**
- 31 COUNCILLOR KHOLOMBA KJ**
- 32 COUNCILLOR KHUNOU LM**
- 33 COUNCILLOR KLAASEN RS**
- 34 COUNCILLOR KOTZE GDP**
- 35 COUNCILLOR LEBONA NJ**
- 36 COUNCILLOR LEECH D**

- 37 COUNCILLOR LOTRIET PA
- 38 COUNCILLOR MADELA BNV
- 39 COUNCILLOR MAJARA LJ
- 40 COUNCILLOR MAKHALANYANE TS
- 41 COUNCILLOR MALELEKA PT
- 42 COUNCILLOR MAPHATHE LM
- 43 COUNCILLOR MARAIS P
- 44 COUNCILLOR MASOEU TD
- 45 COUNCILLOR MLAMLELI SM
- 46 COUNCILLOR MATETHA NR
- 47 COUNCILLOR MCKAY DMC
- 48 COUNCILLOR MICHAELS SO
- 49 COUNCILLOR MOFOKENG MJ
- 50 COUNCILLOR MOGAPI KT
- 51 COUNCILLOR MOHAPI TD
- 52 COUNCILLOR MOHIBIDU PM
- 53 COUNCILLOR MOHLOKI MM
- 54 COUNCILLOR MOHULATSI MM
- 55 COUNCILLOR MOKHOANATSE EM
- 56 COUNCILLOR MOKOAKOA MI
- 57 COUNCILLOR MOKOLOKO PR
- 58 COUNCILLOR MONONYANE MB
- 59 COUNCILLOR MOOPELO TM
- 60 COUNCILLOR MOREENG KC
- 61 COUNCILLOR MORURI MM
- 62 COUNCILLOR MOSALA MT
- 63 COUNCILLOR MOTHUPI ML
- 64 COUNCILLOR MOTLOUNG MV

- 65 COUNCILLOR MVALA-MAJOLA DS
- 66 COUNCILLOR NAILE TJ
- 67 COUNCILLOR NDZUZO T
- 68 COUNCILLOR NJIBA-LEBAJOA MA
- 69 COUNCILLOR NIKELO VE
- 70 COUNCILLOR OLIVIER GJ
- 71 COUNCILLOR PETERSEN JE
- 72 COUNCILLOR POONE-RANKHOLO PP
- 73 COUNCILLOR PRETORIUS JC
- 74 COUNCILLOR PRETORIUS S
- 75 COUNCILLOR RAMABOLU MJ
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- 88 COUNCILLOR SELEKE PL
- 89 COUNCILLOR SEWISA OP
- 90 COUNCILLOR SNYMAN VAN DEVENTER E
- 91 COUNCILLOR TERBLANCHE AP

- 92 COUNCILLOR THATHO MV
- 93 COUNCILLOR THWALA ZJ
- 94 COUNCILLOR TLALE ME
- 95 COUNCILLOR TSIANE MMP
- 96 COUNCILLOR VAN DER MERWE R
- 97 COUNCILLOR VAN DER WALT TB
- 98 COUNCILLOR VAN NIEKERK HJC
- 99 COUNCILLOR VIVIERS BJ
- 100 COUNCILLOR QWEMA MB

MEMBERS OF BAROLONG TRADITIONAL COUNCIL

None of the members present

- 1 SETLOGELO M
- 2 MOROKA PE
- 3 MOLETSANE KC
- 4 SETLOGELO MB
- 5 MANYASHE V
- 6 MOKAKE KP
- 7 RANCHO TB
- 8 SESING LD
- 9 MOROKA MP
- 10 MOHAPI M

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

1	EXCO REPRESENTATIVE	MR MKAZA T
2	CITY MANAGER	ADV MEA TB
3	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	MR MOFOKENG SE
4	HEAD: ENGINEERING SERVICES	MR NDLOVU M
5	HEAD: PLANNING	MR MTHEMBU BS
6	HEAD: SOLID WASTE AND FLEET MANAGEMENT	MR MORE S
7	HEAD: SOCIAL SERVICES	MR NKUNGWANA MG
8	HEAD: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS	ADV PHALADI MJN
9	HEAD: CORPORATE SERVICES	MR NKAISENG D
10	HEAD: ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	MR MAINE TA
11	CHIEF METRO POLICE	MR KGAMANYANE K
12	ACTING CEO: CENTLEC	MR SEKOBOTO M
13	CFO: CENTLEC	MR MATSIMELA M
14	GM: COMMITTEE SERVICES	MR MOTHEKHE M
15	SENIOR ADMINISTARTIVE OFFICER	MS MAMATELA R

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1. **Attendance Register:** Every member attending a meeting shall sign his/her name in the attendance register kept for this purpose before the commencement of the meeting.
2. **Leave Register:** In order to streamline administrative processes Councillors are friendly requested to submit applications for leave of absence in the appropriate register kept for this purpose. Members are requested to fill in this register 12 hours before the commencement of the meeting (Rule 22.2) (Yellow Form).
3. **Name-plates:** Councillors are friendly requested to please take along their name-plates and to display it throughout the meeting.
4. **Apologies during the course of the Council meeting:** Councillors are friendly requested to complete in full and submit the relevant apology form for this purpose (Yellow Form).
5. **Code of Conduct:** Councillors are reminded of item 3, Schedule 1 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors which reads as follows, namely:

Attendance at Meetings: A councillor must attend each meeting of the municipal council and of a committee of which that councillor is a member, except when:

- (a) leave of absence is granted in terms of an applicable law or as determined by the rules and orders of the council or
- (b) that councillor is required in terms of this Code to withdraw from the meeting.

6. Meeting rules:

- i. All Councillors must arrive at **least 15 minutes before the commencement** of the Council and all other Committee meetings;
- ii. Cellular phones **must be in silent mode** and **speaking on a cellular phone during the meeting is prohibited**; (Rule 50.2a)
- iii. A Councillor who speaks must **confine his or her speech strictly to the matter under discussion**; (Rule 31)
- iv. Unless expressly otherwise determined, a Councillor **may speak only once on a matter**; (Rule 32)
- v. No speech shall exceed **five (5) minutes** in length without the consent of the Speaker. (Rule 34.1)
- vi. Council members are reminded to uphold high level of good conduct during Council proceedings (No disruptions, no interruptions, no howling, no swearing to other Council members, less movement in the Chamber, no abuse of the PA system).

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**MINUTES
(OPEN COUNCIL)**

**31.
OPENING**

The meeting commenced at 15h15 to allow Councillor to connect and form a quorum.

He warmly welcomed Acting Executive Mayor, honourable Councillors, Chief Whip, Mayoral Committee members, the administration led by the City Manager as well as the CEO of Centlec, the media and citizens of Mangaung.

The Speaker then declared the meeting officially opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Speaker thereafter requested Council MB Mononyane delivered a short prayer.

NOTED.

**32.
NOTICE OF THE MEETING**

The Speaker read the notice of the meeting as outline on page 2 of the agenda.

NOTED.

**33.
APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

All relevant leave of absence and apologies were recorded and minuted as such in the attendance list on the first four (4) pages of the minutes.

NOTED.

**34.
ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Councillor GDP Kotze on a point of order remarked:

“Mister Speaker we just want to bring the following to your attention. We did not receive the minutes for the ordinary Council meeting that was held last year the 20th of October...”

The Speaker interjected to request that the matter be dealt with under item 37 of the agenda.

Councillor GDP Kotze continued:

“There are some other points I would like to bring to your attention. Mister Speaker once again our Rule 38 questions has not been answered by the City Manager and I would just like to bring to your attention that last year the City Manager received more than 90 questions from MPAC, and he answered all those questions...”

The Speaker stated that the Rule 38 questions would be dealt with under item 43 of the agenda.

Councillor GDP Kotze continued:

“Mister Speaker with all due respect, when we get to those points or items, you do not respect us as Councillors because when we want to talk on those point you are in the meeting that is why we are now discussing this on acceptance of the agenda, but there is just an important point that I need to bring to your attention, at the last ordinary Council meeting you promised us as Councillors that you will investigate the Rule 38 questions that are not been answered and you will give a report at the next ordinary meeting. There is no such a report at this ordinary meeting. So, if you can maybe just clarify that for us. Thank you, Mister Speaker.”

Councillor E Snyman van Deventer remarked:

“Mister Speaker I want to support Councillor GDP Kotze, we have quite a number of questions that are still outstanding, and some are over three years old, and that just proves to me that there is absolutely no respect for Councillors from the opposition. It is really unacceptable.”

The Speaker reiterated that they deal with all those issues as they reach the item on Rule 38 questions.

Councillor M Kganakga remarked:

“I am just asking about those clarity seeking questions we asked, also that needs to be answered. We also haven't heard a bit from the City Manager's office, if that could also be addressed.”

The Speaker reiterated what he said earlier that they deal with all those questions as they reach the item on Rule 38 questions and he will also allow concerns to be raised on unanswered clarity seeking questions.

NOTED.

**35.
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Speaker read a letter dated March 31, 2021 received from the AG written to Advocate Mea attached to the minutes (1 Page) which was circulated to Councillors and in a nutshell remarked that the AG indicates that the processes are not yet finalised and therefore would not be dealing with the Annual Report.

On a point of clarity, Councillor TD Masoeu commented:

“Mister Speaker, since you are raising a very important matter which I believe should be part of MPAC, but you brought it to Council now and now you are actually saying to us it needs to be attended to. Why did you not give us a copy of this letter because based on what you said, it seems that there were things that are supposed to be done by the Municipal Manager. The Auditor General is saying I am unable to attend your meeting due to failure by Mangaung Council or administration to submit those documents. I just feel that it is unfair that you read, and we don't have a copy. It would have been better if it was part of MPAC report. Thank you, Mister Speaker.”

The Speaker responded: “Thank you, Councillor TD Masoeu, but you do have this letter and it was sent to your good selves after it was received.

Secondly, MPAC doesn't deal with this matter; it deals with it after it has been tabled to Council. Before it is tabled, MPAC cannot entertain it. Let us wait for AG, all those issues that you are raising, I am sure AG will talk about them, and that in itself it is a qualification.

The City Manager is saying item 38.1 must still serve and I am trying to check who is going to table it, because normally is the AG that tables it, and if AG is not here, I need guidance on this? The Annual Report has three components and the person that tables it is the AG, I have a challenge of who is going to table it, because somebody must own it. Remember the Executive Mayor and the City Manager their audited by the Auditor General and once you submit your own report as if you have audited yourself, not sure how to handle it; but I would get an answer from the City Manager.”

Councillor FR Botes asked for clarity on whether the City Manager was part of the meeting because on the left-hand side of the Speaker there was somebody sitting where the City Manager always sits and whether there was an Acting City Manager.

The Speaker responded that the City Manager was part of the meeting and he attended from home sitting with Acting Executive Mayor.

NOTED.

36.

MOTION OF SYMPATHY AND CONGRATULATIONS**Councillor R van der Merwe addressed the Council:**

“Honourable Speaker, it is my pleasure to say a few words of congratulations to three of our MMM Councillors. First of all, it is Councillor DMC McKay’s birthday today. I think it is his 21st, congratulations Councillor DMC McKay.

Secondly, one of our DA Councillors, namely Councillor LE Rasoeu, just obtained Masters Degree in Public Administration at the University of the Free State. He also heard that two of his chapters will be publicised in academic journal which is in itself a great achievement.

Thirdly, the most outstandingly achiever today is that big man of the EFF, with a nice laughing tone, Councillor JE Sebolao’s wife, Dr Rosaline Sebolao. She is an author of two books, motivational speaker and a professional coach. She first obtained her qualification as a professional nurse at the Mangaung Nursing College of the Free State. This was followed up by a Bachelors Degree, Masters Degree, all these at the Free State University and a cherry on the cake was Doctoral Degree at CUT (Central University of Technology). She also received the certified integral coach from the Centre of Coaching at the University of Cape Town and serve in the Department of Health, Finance and Public Service Commission. She served as a manager academic developer at CUT for the past five years before joining UFS in 2020.

Mister Speaker, the abovementioned performances were achieved by person who is motivated to reach the top in her profession, and I hope it shows to all our young learners that a lot can be achieved in life if you are motivated.

Mister Speaker the abovementioned achievements could not be done if it was not for the support of husband, that big man “Baba”, Councillor JE Sebolao please convey our congratulations of MMM to your wife, Dr Sebolao. Thank you, Mister Speaker.”

Councillor VE Jonas-Malephane addressed the Council:

“Thank you, Honourable Speaker, honourable Councillors, officials of Mangaung. This month we celebrate the birth of Comrade Charlotte Maxeke. She was born on the 7th of April 1874 in Beaufort in the Eastern Cape. She was from a devoted Christian family and in 1890 she was invited together with her sister to join Jubilee singers in Britain, and she stayed in England for two years.

Comrade Charlotte was a good singer, she even went to America to sing. In 1901 she became the first African woman from South Africa to graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree. In 1912 she moved to Transkei where she opened a school in Idutywa, and she played a prominent role within the Thembu tribe and she earned her respect within that community because of her role in community work.

Later she moved back to Johannesburg and in 1919 – 1922 she served as a native probation officer in Johannesburg. In 1923 she was formally appointed as a Native Welfare Officer and whilst she was in office, she launched a domestic registration agency for female domestic workers.

In mid-1920 she was already recognised as a hard driven most respected and influential black leader in South Africa. When the husband died in 1928 her fortunes resumed their downwards spiral of which in 1930 state eliminated that Native Welfare position, but because she was working with AB Xuma, whom in 1935, both addressed all African Convention in Bloemfontein successor of the Bantu Women's League of which in 1937 she was elected as a President of this new organisation.

In responding to the call by Pixley ka Isaka Seme in 1912, Comrade Charlotte was one of the active members because she was a strong supporter of human rights and dignity. She travelled across the Country, marching for resistance to women's pass even more intolerable idea of medical inspection. She was an active unionist. She even participated in the establishment of Industrial and Commercial Worker's Union in 1920.

Comrade Charlotte Maxeke put the gender on the agenda of the nationalist movement first by founding the Bantu Women's League and being elected the first President of National Council of African Women. She was also the first African to appear before the native pass law commission. Comrade Charlotte led the women's struggle in difficult times when the society at large had issues which women...(inaudible)because of patriarchy, and despite those challenges, she never deserted women's struggle. The Plaque is inscribed with words, the mother of freedom in this Country was unveiled in Soweto. Wathint' Abafazi, Wathint' Imbokodo. Long live the ANC long live! Amandla! Malibongwe igama lamakhosikazi! Thank you, Honourable Speaker."

Councillor ZMC Campher addressed the Council:

"As the Democratic Alliance we would like to congratulate Councillor M Kganakga on her birthday coming Friday. We trust that she would have a good day and I am sure Speaker of Council you would also just wish her good luck and a happy day.

Since I am married since the last Council meeting, I would like to congratulate myself on marrying a bombshell of a wife and of course my wife for being fortunate enough to have landed a stud like me.

Mister Speaker jokes aside, we would like to thank the Honourable President in the way he handle the churches with respect to last night address to the Nation. We do however want to sympathise with our community as there is a huge need not being met by the order of the corona level lockdown, we find ourselves in.

With 79% of our Country proclaim to be Christian we need to take a look at the role of the church in the Country to understand why the call to open churches is resounding now. Some churches such as the ZCC have built schools, others have built orphanages and others have feeding schemes, and even though for the most part these continue, it is not the main function of the church to its people. Through pastoral care the church offers hope and care for people who suffer from gender-based violence, domestic violence and the likes. Churches offer solitude in the world of chaos which we find ourselves in. Suicide, depression, self-harm, divorce, are on the rise and we can place all this to the fact that people cannot worship together in one accord. Ours is to ask Council that those...(inaudible-ambient sound)...why they can only 250 people attend the service where their burdens are lifted and their yokes are carried ...(inaudible-ambient sound).

We sympathise with the communities that implore this Council and its highly influential members to draw on their wealth of influence to implore the key players and have the churches open to at least 50% capacity with covid-19 protocols observes as well, thus ensuring pastoral care to the nation. Mister Speaker please listen to my call. Thank you, Mister Speaker.”

Councillor VE Nikelo addressed the Council:

“Thank you, Mister Speaker, the Acting Executive Mayor, MMCs, the community of Mangaung, I greet you all. Mister Speaker before I could even continue, I will also want to show my sympathy to people of Palma in Mozambique with everything that had happened to them, it is not good, and it is not nice to lose lives regardless of the circumstances. At the same time, I think the role of SADC in intervening with the situation in Mozambique will be very much critical for that fact.

However, Mister Speaker one thing that I need to indicate is that, on the 21st of March 2021, we commemorated 61 years since the onslaught and the brutal murder of the masses of our beloved Country which is South Africa. This was done despite the fact that they were unarmed, and they were genuinely protesting against unfair and unjust treatment of the apartheid government which prevented them of their fundamental, and basic human rights by forcing them to carry passes wherever they go which limited their freedom of movement.

Mister Speaker, these unjust and unfair brutal onslaught against our innocent civilians did not deter us but encouraged us to strengthen our war and wage a struggle to liberate the masses from graves of tyrannical and apartheid junta. Even in this house Mister Speaker, some are still here amongst us, ba ikentse dinku ka hara lekoko la diphiri.

Mister Speaker encouraged and motivated by our pillars of the struggle, our people were ultimately liberated from the bondage of apartheid. This Council should be reminded that it is only through the government of the ANC and our much-celebrated Constitution that we promoted and fulfilled the rights of our people; importantly that includes the progressive prioritisation of provision of basic service delivery such as water and sanitation. To date Honourable Speaker, our people still enjoy, and treated with respect and humility; no one can claim that except the ANC as leader of the society and it is better placed to champion the interest of our people.

Regardless of the challenges we are faced with and inspired by Chapter 2 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, under Bill of Rights, many of our communities have roof over their heads, enjoy basic services such as water, electricity and sanitation and more still to come. Confidence of our people to the ANC will never be betrayed and that is portrait by the recent performance of the ANC during the by-elections that were held in November, bomarokolo ba hlahang ha pula ena, bai le ba utlwa ka letlalo kuba ukhongolosi wa bantu, o fikile.

Government has created Chapter 9 institution to be watchdogs and to build and strengthen our capabilities to ensure that our people enjoy the Constitutional right to a better service and their dignity is respected...”

The Speaker interjected to stated that normally on this item, there would be no point of order whereupon Councillor E Snyman van Deventer stated: “Mister Speaker I know but sympathy and congratulation and not making your first maiden speech, please Mister Speaker. It is sympathy and congratulations.”

The Speaker requested that Councillor VE Nikelo please try to stick to the item on a motion of sympathy and congratulations.

Councillor VE Nikelo continued:

“Thank you, Honourable Speaker and I concede that perhaps honourable Councillor there thinks I am making my maiden speech however, this is not my maiden speech, but I am just indicating to say... that is why I am saying we sympathise with brutal death of people of Sharpeville, and it cannot be a matter that perhaps maybe re enka ha nyanenyana because it was also about the human dignity and the human rights. So, as a result, when we are talking about the issues tse leng hore, they directly affect our people as a result of brutal murder that they encountered in the hands of minorities then we are told that maybe we are making political speech, this is not a political speech. In those few words, thank you Honourable Speaker.”

Councillor MV Thatho addressed the Council:

“Thank you, Mister Speaker. I would like to pass a motion of sympathy to the people of Myanmar who lost their loved ones since the Myanmar junta launched a crackdown against people who protested against the military coup on the 1st of February and thousands of refugees fled to the neighbouring countries.

I would like to pass a motion of sympathy to the people of Mozambique who faced the brutal attack by the al-Shabaab and ISIS and one of the South African who died there during the brutal attacks.

I would like to pass a motion of sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Thabethe who served the Country in a good way.

I would like to pass a motion of congratulations to the hard workers who contributed their lives during first introduction of the lockdown in South Africa, workers such as petrol attendants, retail workers, factory workers etc. who contributed so much, who never dodged the work, but served us tirelessly, put their hearts in the workplace. In those few words, thank you, Mister Speaker.”

Councillor MM Mahase addressed the Council:

“Thank you, Honourable Speaker, and good afternoon, honourable Councillors. It has been just over a year since the world as we know it changed, when the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted how we go about our daily lives. Many of us have lost friends, family and colleagues; or know someone who has. Some amongst us have survived this virus that has claimed over two 2 million lives globally.

At one point, Mangaung Metro was identified as an epicentre of the coronavirus, when infections were confirmed at the Divine Restoration Ministries church in Bloemfontein. Various efforts have been undertaken by government to ensure that lives are spared, and infections remain under control. Earlier this month, the Deputy Minister for Social Development, Me Bogopane-Zulu, had a working visit in Botshabelo. The focus of the visit was to distribute PPE to Early Childhood Development centres (ECDs) in the area to ensure that those who cannot afford are equally protected from the fatal virus.

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At the level of the Municipality, we continue to play our role by ensuring that the command centre sits as per schedule and we interact with all stakeholders, including the Department of Health, in ensuring that the citizens of Mangaung Metro get information and are protected. In his address to the nation last night, President Cyril Ramaphosa confirmed that the number of positive cases has remained stable over the past few weeks and whilst this is a relief, it does not mean the pandemic is over. We need to remain alert at all times.

The President also announced last night that, due to the current low transmission levels, the Country will stay on coronavirus Alert Level 1, with a few adjustments for the coming long weekend. Residents who are in the vulnerable groups or have co-morbidities, such as the elderly, are urged to avoid gatherings.

As we enjoy some quiet time with family over this Easter period, let us remain mindful of the regulations that have been put in place to ensure that we all come back in one piece. Let us not lower our guards and continue adhering to all health protocols to prevent the spread of the corona virus. We must continue to wash our hands regularly and sanitise, wear a mask at all times and maintain social distancing. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

Councillor NJ Lebona addressed the Council:

“Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to pass my greetings to the Council of Mangaung, all honourable Councillors, residents of Mangaung and ordinary South Africans.

As we enter the end of Human Rights month toward April month whereby, we would be remembering and sympathising and also commemorating the death of one of the great son of the soil, of Africa, by the name of comrade Martin Thembisile Chris Hani who was born in June 1928 and was assassinated by South African racist government of the time in 1993 on the 10th of April.

Comrade Chris Hani was a charismatic leader in the African National Congress and also military wing, Secretary General and Commander in Chief of Umkhonto we Sizwe. Comrade Chris Hani was one of the most fear liberators or revolutionaries of that time who was killed by apartheid regime. Comrade Chris Hani died during the period where South Africa was in process of transition into a new dawn of democracy.

Comrade Chris Hani contributed a lot in the struggle of black people in particular, in South Africa to be liberated. I would like to quote from his clause, he once said: *‘during the times of negotiations, we must learn from past, strategize towards the future, what the government of apartheid did to ordinary citizens of South Africa in particular, black people’*.

Comrade Chris Hani will always be remembered by ordinary South Africans as a humbled leader who led masses to fight against the inhuman regime of apartheid which had been terrorising ordinary South Africans, black, white, coloured and Indians. A government that separated human beings. Comrade.

Comrade Chris Hani had left this earth marrying a beautiful woman by the name of Limpho with two 2 children. We would always remember the great works that have been done by this great philosopher of the ultra-left. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

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Councillor E Snyman van Deventer addressed the Council: “Thank you, Mister Speaker. The Freedom Front Plus wants to extend its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Mr Nic Boje who sadly passed away. Mr Nic Boje played a major role in South African Free State Rugby. May the Lord presence be a continual source of consolation for his family and friends.

The Freedom Front Plus also want to extend its sympathy to the Zulu nation and the family of King Goodwill Zwelithini. It is our prayer that God will comfort the Zulu nation and the King’s whole family during this sad time.

On the happier note, to my friend Councillor Eddie Rasoeu congratulations with your degree, I am so proud of you. Thank you, Mister Speaker.”

The Speaker remarked: Let me thank everybody that participated on this item and let me also congratulate the Mayor Zwandile Masina of Ekurhuleni for receiving a clean audit from 2019 to date.

Councillor M Kganakga you are so fortunate because at least there are people who are congratulating you on your birthday, some of us, were born on the first week of January and on the first week of January it is difficult to call a Council meeting, we would wait until the end of January before we call a Council meeting.

The day when you were born, married and your death, are very important. So, really to congratulate somebody on his/her birthday is very important. Congratulations Councillor ZMC Campher, that is a better life; enjoy but I can tell you, it is not pap en vleis. You must shower your wife with love.”

NOTED.

37.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 1. Special meeting: Thursday, May 28, 2020 (virtual meeting)**
- 2. Special meeting: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 (virtual meeting)**
- 3. Special meeting: Friday, November 13, 2020 (virtual meeting)**
- 4. Special meeting: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 (virtual meeting)**

Councillor GDP Kotze mentioned that the Council did not received the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 20th of October 2020 whereupon the Speaker stated that Councillor GDP Kotze concern was noted.

Councillor NP Monyakoana moved for the adoption of the minutes as listed above and was seconded by Councillor XD Pongolo.

It was thereupon RESOLVED that the minutes as listed above, copies of which had been electronically furnished to Council be taken as read and confirmed.

Acting Executive Mayor, Councillor LA Masoetsa presented the reports Council as follows:

“Thank you, Honourable Speaker and good afternoon to Councillors, Chief Whip, members of the Mayoral Committee, the City Manager and senior management, members of the public of Mangaung, members of the media and the community at large in Mangaung. Ladies and gentlemen.

Honourable Speaker, I would first like to say thank you to the Councillors for their support during my absence and my difficult period of being ill hence I was absent in the previous Councils.

Allow me, Honourable Speaker to table to the Council on the eve of the Easter holiday break, first and foremost indicate that compared to last year, we experienced lighter conditions of restrictions as announced yesterday by the President of the Republic, Honourable Cyril Ramaphosa; with the possibility of the resurgence of cases and 3rd wave, need to be vigilant and extra careful during the Easter festivities to ensure that we secure our lives and livelihoods. Let me send heartfelt well wishes of the Easter holiday to all Councillors and your families and members of the community for a safe and blessed Easter holidays.

Honourable Speaker and Councillors, over the past few weeks we have experienced regrettable disturbances and illegal stoppages to municipal projects and service delivery in general caused by the community and/or business formation. As an open democratic government, we promote and support robust and open discussions with community members and formations that are peaceful and constructive. We recommit to that principle of open engagement with our communities so that lasting and people driven solutions are achieved with our communities.

We continue to seek solutions to these challenges whilst we fast track service delivery and we continue with engagement for amicably resolved issues in this regard. On the note of increasing the pace of service delivery, the Municipality is fast tracking integrated service delivery through the reclaiming the City program across the geographic areas of the City. The program has already touched several Wards in Bloemfontein, Botshabelo, Thaba Nchu and will continue throughout our regions and towards integrated manner. The resealing of roads and fixing of potholes including cleaning of storm-water inlets it is receiving priority attention through this program.

Honourable Speaker and Councillors, today I am tabling the following reports:

- Item 38.1: the tabling of the annual report – As you have already alluded Honourable Speaker, the tabling of this annual report is done in line with Section 121 and 127 of the Municipal Finance Management Act of 2003, Act No 56 read together with Section 46 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No 32 of 2000 as amended which provides for the preparation, adoption and tabling of the annual report.

Honourable Speaker and Councillors, it is important to note that the item on the tabling of the annual report seeks to table the complete and available components of the annual report as allowed by Section 127(3) of the MFMA and to indicate that the Auditor General audit reports are not yet available for tabling. Once the audit reports of the AG are available, they will be tabled to Council to complete the process.

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- Item 38.2: the tabling of the MTREF of 2021/22 budget – the 2021/22 MTREF budget is prepared in compliance with the MFMA No 56 of 2003. The MTREF is a financial plan that enables the Municipality to achieve its vision and mission through the IDP strategy which is informed by the development agenda and community and stakeholder's inputs.

The City's finances remains under pressure mainly due to the lower collection rate. Mangaung continues to implement its Financial Recovery Plan which encourages that efforts must be fast tracked to increase the collection levels and reduce expenditure, increase and diversify additional revenues streams and attend to the management of surplus cash and its equivalence.

The Municipality therefore acknowledges that failure to do so will put pressure on the cash flow and liquidity of the Municipality. Despite the physical pressure facing the City, the budget attempts to deliver the Municipality's responsibilities reflect the need to continue to delivering effective services, improve efficiency and not put undue financial pressure on the residents.

The budget allocation is structured to address the following critical areas and pressure points, namely:

- Filling of critical vacancies to reduce overtime
- Maintenance of parks, parks entrances and felling of trees
- Sustainable refuse removal solutions
- Reprioritising of allocated funds
- Maintenance and upgrading of roads including resealing, addressing potholes and re-graveling of streets
- Cleaning and maintenance of storm water channels
- Unblocking and maintenance of sewer reticulation infrastructure
- Address water and electricity losses
- Effective fleet management solutions
- Bloemwater bulk account
- Land and availability of sites
- Improve revenue collection and enhancement strategies
- Upgrading of ICT systems and related infrastructure
- Vista Park development
- Renovations and repairs of Municipal facilities
- Upgrading of informal settlements

Revenue for the MTREF budget is projected at R7.5 billion in 2021/22 excluding capital grants, R7.3 billion in 2020/21 representing an increase in revenue of R184 million in the 2020/21 adjustment budget. The projections of the two 2 outer years of the MTREF period is R7.8 billion and R8.3 billion respectively.

The operating budget expenditure decreased from the adjustment budget amount of R6.8 billion in 2020/21 to a new budget amount of R6.6 billion in 2021/22 representing a decrease of R88.5 million, meaning it is 1.29%. The projections for the outer two 2 years of the MTREF period is R7.3 billion and R7.8 billion respectively.

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The capital budget for the 2020/21 financial year is set at R1.09 billion decreased by R209 million, meaning it is about 16.07% as compared to 2020/21 adjustment budget. The capital budget for the two 2 outer years of the MTREF period has been set at R1.31 billion and 1.35 billion respectively.

- Item 38.3: Is the tabling of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Sector Plans – the review of the City’s IDP for 2021/22 followed by IDP and budget process plan that was adopted by Council is required by Regulation 21, Section 1b of the Municipal Finance Management Act which required the Mayor of the Municipality to at least ten 10 months before the start of the budget year table in the Municipal Council a timeframe schedule outlining key dead-lines for the preparations tabling and approval of the annual budget and the review of the Integrated Development Plan in terms of Section 34 of the Municipal Systems Act. The City started to implement the milestones contained in the process plan.

Furthermore Section 17 and 18 of Chapter 4 in the Municipal Systems Act provides the means and mechanism to communicate these important dates as such. The City adhered to act and utilised it to communicate with communities and other stakeholders including the internal structures which were also encouraged to participate and be afforded an opportunity to make comments, inputs and write submissions as required by law.

Based on the above, as per the covid-19 regulations, the City undertook the online and newspaper approach to solicit the inputs. It should be noted that the City compiled a comprehensive progress report on the implementation of the projects and programs articulated in the 2020/21 IDP. This was to enable the community members to be informed of the progress made in implementing their needs. The City after tabling the IDP for noting will invite all stakeholders and the community members to comment and submit representations for a period of 21 days. Due to covid-19 regulations, the City will continue to utilise digital and non-contact methods and platforms to embark on public participation on the draft IDP and budget during the 2021/22.

- Item 38.4: the service level agreement of the HDA – Honourable Speaker and Councillors, the Housing Development Agency is a state entity reporting directly through its board to the Minister of Human Settlements. Its principal mandate is to acquire and prepare land for development which includes project management to develop sustainable housing and integrated human settlements.

Furthermore, the HDA is a key partner in human settlement development sector; they focus on program and projects design and implementation and the approval of the SLA will enable the focus on following areas, namely:

- Supporting the implementation of Municipal programs for the upgrading of informal settlements
- Provide projects pipeline, support and project management
- Providing planning and technical support
- Assist Municipality in catalytic and mega projects design and implementation

In particular the partnership will focus on fast tracking the key human settlement projects under the USDG and informal settlement upgrading grant, project packaging of the catalytic land development parcel of the City.

- Item 38.6: Strategic projects of Vista Park 2 and 3 – Honourable Speaker, on the 24th of July 2020, the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Honourable Patricia De Lille gazetted 62 key infrastructure projects as Strategic Integrated Projects (SIP).

In terms of the Infrastructure Development Act, No 23 of 2014, as amended within Presidency; the President of the Republic, Honourable Cyril Ramaphosa has appointed Dr Kgosisentsho Ramokgopa as the Head of Investment and Infrastructure to lead the administrative implementation of the SIPs.

In the human settlement sector projects worth R138 billion worth of investment have been gazetted. The projects have the potential to create an estimated 190 000 direct jobs. This item seeks to inform Council that Vista Park 2 and 3 has been gazetted as SIP and therefore we would follow the implementation protocols of the gazette. As a priority project, all of government must work together to ensure fast tracking of implementation, unlocking of implementation and approval of budget.

Honourable Speaker, kindly note that I am withdrawing Item 38.5: Wrap around projects. The item would be entertained at the ensuing Council. Honourable Speaker let me thank you for the opportunity to table all the other items with the exception of the one that I have just withdrawn now. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

The Speaker explained that some items were designed to be entertainment at a later stage after they had been subjected to public participation; hence they were submitted to Council for noting.

He then requested the Councillors to vote for items submitted for noting going for public participation.

Councillor M Kganakga indicated that she and other Councillors from the DA had inputs to make for items 38.2 and 38.3 whereupon the Speaker reiterated that those items must follow the public participation process hence submitted for noting and they would be resubmitted to Council for approval at a later stage.

Councillor JF Britz commented:

“Thank you, Mister Speaker. We accept how you deal with the process now. We will abstain at the stage from voting for these items because it must still be discussed. What I want to bring to your attention, the Municipal System Act is clear, it says immediately after the budget has been tabled, it must be published on the website etc. Every time in the past, we have to wait for a week or two or three as you struggle to get that item on the website. Please Mister Speaker ensure that it be there in time to give the public proper opportunity to comment on the budget. Thank you, Mister Speaker.”

The Speaker responded that Councillor JF Britz was talking about legislation and therefore what he said was in order and pleaded with the administration that it must be done in that way.

Councillor M Kganakga commented: “Honourable Speaker that is actually the type of inputs we wanted to make but it is fine, we would wait for you not to follow the legislation up until the next meeting then I would refer back to this meeting to say I was not able to make my contribution to these drafts and this is now what has happened subsequent to that. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

Councillor LM Titi-Odili requested that under item 38.1, recommendation (b) be removed as the Council did not have the report as the Auditor General has not yet finalise it.

The Council then voted for noting of items 38.1, 38.2 as well as 38.3 as follows: 45 voted for noting and 31 abstained from voting.

The Speaker stated that the items were noted and would be submitted for public participation. That under item 38.1, recommendation (b) is removed because the AG office was not present.

NOTED.

**1.
SUBMISSION OF THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY AND CENTLEC 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR**

It was thereupon

RESOLVED that the recommendation as set out in the agenda be accepted, adopted and approved, by the Council.

RESOLVED that Mangaung Metropolitan Municipal Council tables and notes:

- (a) The Mangaung and Centlec’s standalone – annual reports and annual financial statements (AFS).
- (b) The above components will be incorporated in the consolidated annual reports once the audit process of the consolidated AFS has been finalised by the Auditor General.
- (c) Refer the above reports to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee that will process the said report and develop the oversight report and thereon advise Council accordingly.

2.

TABLING OF:

- i. **MMM DRAFT MEDIUM TERM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK 2021/22 – 2023/24**
- ii. **MMM DRAFT CAPITAL BUDGET 2021/2022**
- iii. **MMM BUDGET RELATED POLICIES**
 - **Adopt-A-Park**
 - **Asset Management Account Policy and Procedures**

- Credit Control
 - 13th Supply Chain Management
 - Parking By-Law
 - Property Rates
 - Tariffs
 - Traven Management
 - Write-Off
 - Virement Policy
- iv. **MMM DRAFT GENERAL TARRIFFS 2021/2022**
- v. **CENTLEC MEDIUM TERM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK: 2021/22 – 2023/24**
- vi. **CENTLEC BUDGET ANNEXURES**
- Annexure A - Tariffs
 - Annexure B - Policy Amendment Register
 - Annexure C - Training Tariffs
 - Annexure G - Salary Schedule
 - Annexure H - Bulk Purchases
- vii. **CENTLEC BUDGET RELATED POLICIES**
- Amended**
- Draft Asset Management
 - Draft Bad Debt
 - Draft Connection Disconnection
 - Draft Credit Control and Debt Collection
 - Draft SCM
 - Draft Virement
- Not Amended**
- Draft Banking Investment
 - Draft Borrowing
 - Draft Budget Reporting
 - Draft Customer Care
 - Draft Estimation
 - Draft Long-Term Debtors
 - Draft Petty Cash
 - Draft Pre-paid Electricity Vending
 - Draft Revenue
 - Draft Service Connection
 - Draft Sundry Income
 - Draft Tariffs
 - Draft Unauthorised, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure
 - Draft VAT

RESOLVED that the Council noted the report.

3.
 - A. **TABLING OF THE DRAFT IDP 2021/2022**
 - B. **IDP SECTOR PLANS 2021/2022**

RESOLVED that the Council noted the report.

4.
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA) WITH THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (HDA) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IDENTIFIED PROJECTS RELATED TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Councillor DMC McKay addressed the Council:

“Thank you, Mister Speaker. The DA is overjoyed at the prospect of a Service Delivery Agreement (SLA) with the Housing Development Agency (HDA). We completely support the promotion of sustainable human settlements and improvement of the quality, safety and resilience of household life. However, this item as it stands is fundamentally flawed, because even though the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP) funding is ring-fenced and subject to the terms and conditions of the Division of Revenue Act (DORA), we as Council are expected to grant the Municipal Manager carté blanche to the implementation of a yet undisclosed revenue. This is preposterous in itself, as you well know that in the special Council meeting yesterday, an investigating team was appointed to investigate the Municipal Manager for allegations of financial misconduct and mismanagement.

This item is once again the result of the ANC governing body dragging its feet pertaining to the application and access to grants and then just before deadline, trying to squeeze through a desperate attempt to hold onto a grant. Mister Speaker, by the proposers own admittance, in paragraph 3 under sub-heading 3. background and discussions, that the department of Human Settlements is fraught with corruption and do not have competent staff with the necessary skills, experience or qualifications to develop the required settlement plans. This in itself is proof of cadre deployment and incompetence to govern. This can clearly be seen in the last four 4 SDBIP quarterly reports as well.

Mister Speaker, the DA would like to recommend that this item be referred back and brought back to Council with a detailed plan, containing costs, time frames and contingencies. In addition we insist that the terms, *‘but not limited to’* in point 5.1 under sub-heading, recommendations be changed to *‘and limited to’*, this will reiterate that the ring-fenced funds can only be used for the purpose intended and prevent possible unauthorised allocation of funds for other purposes, which will constitute financial misconduct by the authorised body.

We are well aware of the deadline and the improbability that the total revenue being spent by then, however if a detailed plan and revenue allocation is submitted, the grant will be approved. This can easily be achieved by convening a special meeting within 14 day period to approve this item.

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The DA wants to reiterate that we fully support the upliftment of informal settlements but want to ensure that all of the funds reach the intended recipients in the form of quality municipal engineering services and tenure. In addition, we ask that all Councillors present today, irrelevant of party affiliation support our amendment recommendation and show the residents of Mangaung that elected you to your current status as Councillor, that you put them first and not party affiliation.

In closing I quote the businessman, philanthropist and New Thought self-help book author, Mr W. Clement Stone, *“have the courage to say no. Have the courage to face the truth. Do the right thing because it is right. These are the magic keys to living your life with integrity.* Thank you, Mister Speaker.”

Councillor G Thipenyane addressed the Council:

“Thank you, Honourable Speaker. The purpose of this item today is to request Council the approval to enter into Service Level Agreement with the Housing Development Agency (HDA) for implementation of identified projects related to human settlement. If I can give a brief background, we know that HDA is an entity of the National Department of Human Settlements and it was established in terms of the housing development agency act no 23 of 2008. So, the HDA is responsible to assist the provinces and municipalities with the upgrading of informal settlement, programme management of catalytic projects.

Now, as we all know Council approved the seven 7 land parcels as catalytic projects and at the moment Honourable Speaker, we only have Hillside View, Vista Park 2 and 3 under construction and the other four have not yet been developed due to lack of funds and the fact that proper feasibility, market analysis and economic analysis and housing needs have not been undertaken therefore in the financial year of 2019/20, the National Department of Human Settlement introduced a new grant which is within the USDG.

That new grant, the purpose was for the upgrading of the informal settlement. Now, in Mangaung Metro Municipality, we have 47 informal settlements Honourable Speaker and 16 of those informal settlements plans which were developed in 2013 by the HDA together with the Provincial Human Settlement and are very outdated; they need to be reviewed because the circumstances in these informal settlements have changed and for the 31 informal settlements we must develop new informal settlements plans.

Our budget allocation for the ICUP will be depended on the number of informal settlements that complies with the conditions of DORA which means the less informal settlements with the plans the lesser the allocation. It is therefore, imperative that we urgently procure the services of HAD to assist us to comply and thereby attracting more allocations.

In the past, the services of HDA were free of charge to Mangaung as the Province was paying them, but due to the current economic downfall, all the services of HDA are to be paid for. Fortunately, the service that we are requesting as Mangaung from the HDA are budgeted for and in the current financial year and the two 2 outer years in the USDG and the new funding which is UISP.

So, in terms of the financial implications, the services to be acquired from HDA are budgeted for in the 2020/21 Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework as approved by Council and compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Management Act No 56 of 2003 will be considered in executing the service level agreement to be entered into between Mangaung and HDA.

Procurement of services of HDA is done in line with the provisions of Housing Development Agency Act No 23 of 2008, therefore Honourable Speaker, as Human Settlements, we are requesting the approval of Council to enter into this service level agreement with HDA. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

Councillor AP Terblanche seconded the proposal made by Councillor DMC McKay.

Councillor MAP De Bruyn addressed the Council:

“Thank you, Mister Speaker. First as the Freedom Front Plus we will support the promotion of sustainable human settlements and the quality of households, but the question must be asked, why is this approval only been asked for now and there was a two 2-year window period to ensure compliance to benefit from the USDG. If you look at page 3 paragraph 1, it is admitted that there is a lack of skill and qualifications and then once again corruption is present.

Having said that Mister Speaker, with about three months left to the deadline and to the end of this financial year, how would it be possible to comply with these requirements to secure this grant? As we all know, to get something done in Mangaung, it doesn't take months, it takes years and sometimes even decades at the expense of the poor, rather spend the funds on service delivery to improve the quality of life because it would be impossible to comply with these requirements with the requirement of these grants in few months' time. Therefore, Mister Speaker, we as the Freedom Front Plus will not be supporting this item. Thank you, Mister Speaker.”

Councillor P Marais addressed the Council:

“Mister Speaker, this item must go back like what the DA said, go back to the Committee and come up with clear program of action and how much money is going to be needed. Mister Speaker, the Human Settlements Department is the most incompetent department. We have a problem with cadre deployment, people not qualified in the positions and also the corruption in that Department is the highest.

Mister Speaker, we as the EFF cannot give you the right with blank cheque to say ok, we agree with this item and you going to have the cheque and we don't even know how much money you going to use for this program.

Mister Speaker if you look at the Brandwag Flats, the company that used to run with that is no longer there because of corruption, again we are heading towards the same disaster like the one of FRESHCO. We cannot have the same thing over and over and we are not learning from our mistakes Mister Speaker.

The Department of Human Settlement, one cannot get any joy when going there, people are rude, they speak to the people the way they want and then they want us to give them a blank cheque just like that, and we cannot do that. We as the EFF cannot support that and I want to agree with the DA; we must take this item back to the Committee to discuss again and come up with the clear program of action how we going to deal with this because we cannot wait for the last minute then we say we must now approve. We had two 2 years to approve this thing and you didn't do anything about it. The Department of Human Settlement must get their house in order. Thank you, Mister Speaker."

Councillor MJ Ramabolu addressed the Council: "Thank you, Honourable Speaker. The item is trying to address the problems that we are experiencing specifically at these informal settlements. I don't know why is there a problem when we are saying, like if you check many of the informal settlements around the areas of Mangaung, some of them are more than 8 to 10 years not being upgraded. I think this UISP grant that is being initiated by the Human Settlement is to attend to those conditions that we are facing especially those informal settlements.

Some of the informal settlements when you go there, there are no roads, water even sanitation. As the ANC, we need to say, we cannot allow the item to be referred back, maybe around the Hillside View or Vista Park or any places like these can be attended by HDA hence the initiative from the Department of Human Settlement to bring this UISP grant to attend to these informal settlements where our people are staying especially those who are poor. As the ANC we need to say, as much as these recommendations as they are, they need to go through. This item is to ensure that some of the people in our areas especially in those informal settlements need to be attended to. Thank you, Mister Speaker."

Councillors voted for the proposal raised by Councillor DMC McKay as follows: 33 in favour and 44 against. Thereafter voted for the item as submitted by the Acting Executive Mayor.

It was thereupon with 44 votes in favour, 4 votes against and 28 abstained,

RESOLVED that the recommendation as set out in the agenda be accepted, adopted and approved, by the Council.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Council gives the City Manager the approval to enter into an SLA with the HDA for the implementation of identified projects related to human settlements, including but not limited to the projects within the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme, land assembly, compilation of development plans of the Priority Housing Development Areas ("PHDA"), feasibility study, economic analysis, market analysis and the housing needs of all the approved Metro's catalytic projects.
- (b) That the services to be acquired from the HDA are to be funded under the USDG: OPSCAP and UISP.
- (c) That there is budget approved for these services under the current financial year and the two outer years.

- (d) That the Municipality will pay compensation to the HDA based on satisfactory completion of the specified piece of work and the submission of an invoice.
- (e) That the SLA will be for a period of two years and it may be extended if there is a need.

**5.
WRAP AROUND PROJECT: APPLICATION FOR A CONSENT TO EFFECT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS, ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS TO THE LEASED PREMISES AS WELL AS THE AMENDMENT OF A CONTRACT SIGNED BETWEEN THE MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY AND THE FREE STATE RUGBY UNION IN RESPECT OF PORTION 2 OF ERF 26408, WILLOWS, BLOEMFONTEIN (FREE STATE TOYOTA RUGBY STADIUM)**

WITHDRAWN.

6.

STRATEGIC INTEGRATED PROJECT (SIPS) AS LAUNCHED BY THE SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM OF SOUTH AFRICA (SIDSSA): VISTA PARK EXTENSION 2 AND 3**Councillor DMC McKay addressed the Council:**

“Thank you, Mister Speaker. The DA is cautiously optimistic pertaining to this item. As a whole this project proposal seems well research and applicable within in the area of implementation, it is imperative to prioritise the implementation of the Presidential Strategic Infrastructure Projects (SIPS) and thus providing our communities with quality bulk and link infrastructure related services which are in line with the South African Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan. We as the DA would in addition to the mentioned areas of Vista Park 2 and 3, like to see the project broadened to include the other areas mentioned in the gazette, such as Caleb Motshabi, Grasslands, Agricultural plot, Heidedal, Langenhoven Park, Kwaggafontein and Hope Valley small holdings to name but a few.

What is concerning however is the ANC governing body dragging its feet pertaining to the application hereof. Once again, trying to squeeze through a desperate attempt to hold onto it. This must stop! Proper planning and oversight of all aspects of a tabled item should be provided for. No municipality can function on rushed jobs. That is exactly why this Municipality is in the situation it is in. Poor planning, improper implementation and incompetence; topped by corruption. Mister Speaker, all is not doom and gloom though, it is encouraging that the amount for the lack of a better term ‘ring fencing’ surrounding the implementation and by implication the funding of this project. It seems off-the-cuff to be tied in red tape and guidelines.

I say this is encouraging as although we have not received any financial information surrounding this project once again, the protocol pertaining to the procurement seems sound and the likelihood of funds being exploited limited. History has shown us that this is an unfortunate possible truth. The DA wants to reiterate that we fully support the upliftment of our City to make it inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. We look forward to a more informative financial plan and outlay to be tabled before the actual implementation is approved.

The DA will be keeping a close eye on the fast-tracking, prioritising and implementation of this project that is in high demand by our communities. After-all as stated by William Halsey, *“There are no extraordinary men, just extraordinary circumstances that ordinary men are forced to deal with”*. The DA will be voting in support of this item as it is. Thank you, Mister Speaker.”

Councillor G Thipenyane addressed the Council:

“Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Like I said, the purpose of these submissions is just to inform Council that the classification of Vista Park 2 and 3 as Presidential Strategic Infrastructure Projects in terms sustainable infrastructure development. There were 50 projects emanating from the symposium that was organised by the President and Vista Park 2 and 3 were part of that identification of projects, and therefore as African National Congress we submit this item to Council so that Council can be informed about the requirement to gazette the funding of this project. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

Councillor P Marais addressed the Council:

“Mister Speaker, I just want to find out from you, this Vista Park, there is a FLISP program at the Housing department, I went two years ago and they said they will take people earning between R3500 and R5000 and they said they would cater houses at Vista Park, I just want to find out, is this the project that they were talking about because the last time I went there, the project was already three 3 years behind, because they did not build houses anymore. They promised us they would notify us? I just want to find out, is this the project that you are talking about? If it is, the EFF will support this item? Thank you, Mister Speaker.”

The Speaker confirmed that it was the project they were talking about and Councillor P Marais confirmed that they would support the item.

*It was thereupon with **72 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 2 abstained**,*

RESOLVED that the recommendation as set out in the agenda be accepted, adopted and approved, by the Council.

RESOLVED That:

- (a) Council takes note of the classification of Vista Park Extensions 2 and 3 as Presidential Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs) in terms of the Sustainable Infrastructure Development Symposium of South Africa (SIDSSA),
- (b) Council takes note that, additionally, Vista Park Extensions 2 and 3 projects form part of Priority Human Settlements and Housing Development Areas (PHSHDAs) gazetted on the 15 May 2020,
- (c) Council takes note that South Africa's Infrastructure Investment Plan calls for implementation prioritization and initiatives from all spheres of government to unblock the mechanisms, whether technical, financial, legal or administrative that could hinder the successful delivery of the projects,
- (d) Council takes note that South Africa's Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan expects all spheres of government to fast-track the implementation of gazetted strategic infrastructure projects through the provision of bulk and link infrastructure and related services,
- (e) Council prioritises and fast-track the implementation of gazetted strategic infrastructure projects through the provision of bulk and link infrastructure and related services in line with the South Africa's Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan and
- (f) Council takes the initiatives to liaise with other spheres of government to facilitate the gazetting of funding for Human Settlements, Vista Park II and III projects which were gazetted in the Government Notice Number 812 on the 24 July 2020.

39	REPORTS OF THE SPEAKER
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None.

NOTED.

40	REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
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None.

NOTED.

41	REPORTS TO BE DEALT WITH IN COMMITTEE
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None.

NOTED.

42	MOTION
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None.

NOTED.

43	QUESTIONS
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Councillor GDP Kotze commented:

“Thank you, Mister Speaker. The City Manager is in this position now for more than four 4 years. As we all know we have a team investigating the City Manager now, but what is really disappointing as you are the guardian of our privileges as Councillors and many times you have told us that you will report on this matter to Council, I am starting to get a feeling that you are protecting the City Manager. The last time you also complaint that we as Councillors are not doing our oversight, can you maybe just explain to us, how we must do our work if the City Manager doesn't answer all our questions. Thank you, Mister Speaker.”

Councillor M Kganakga commented:

“Honourable Speaker, in all the items that are noted and in all the clarity seeking questions that we have asked in this Council, in the two and half years I have been in council, I have not received a beep or single answer from my clarity seeking questions and this goes back to the oversight that Councillor GDP Kotze is talking about and the feedback that we have to give to the community. They can see us on Facebook; and before covid-19 in this Council asking these questions but we never get any of the answers, is like we are talking to a brick wall.”

Councillor MAP De Bruyn commented:

“The Freedom Front Plus as well had numerous questions that has not been answered for as long, it is about three 3 years now. We have asked questions on questions regarding this, but still no answers. If we can please get responses on that please Mister Speaker.”

The Speaker responded: “Councillors, I understand your frustrations. What I am going to do, just after the Good Friday holidays, I will have to interact with the City Manager and by Friday next week, definitely those Councillors, Councillor GDP Kotze, Councillor M Kganakga as well as Councillor MAP De Bruyn, I will make sure that you get your answers. I will have a session with the three 3 of you on Tuesday, then after that, I will interact with the City Manager.”

Councillor P Marais commented: “Mister Speaker, we also send questions in 2019/2020, we have not received any answers from the City Manager and so, it is a problem of all the opposition parties. He is not even taking note of us because he belongs to the ANC. He is the ANC City Manager. We also want answers on our questions. Thank you, Mister Speaker.”

The Speaker committed that he would be calling Councillors the next week on Tuesday to form part of the interaction.

Councillor DMC McKay commented: “Mister Speaker, it is not just Councillor GDP Kotze, Councillor M Kganakga. They would be representing all the DA Councillors because there is a lot of our questions outstanding that we had submitted more than ones, several times. Mine had been outstanding since 2016. Thank you, Mister Speaker.”

The Speaker stated that at 11h00 on Tuesday, he would have an interaction with Councillors and would therefore ensure that he attended to all those problems that Councillors had eluded.

He further stated that the clarity seeking questions as mentioned by Councillor M Kganakga would also be attended to on Tuesday at 11h00.

NOTED.

The meeting closed at 17h00.