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Cllr T. Van der Waldt
 Cllr Ward 21
Mangaung Metro Municipality

QUESTION IN TERMS OF RULE 38 OF THE STANDING RULES AND ORDERS OF COUNCIL: COLLECTION OF WASTE IN WARD 21

Dear Hon Councillor

I have noted your correspondence on the above subject and I must reflect that we are doing our utmost best to respond to the waste management issues in general and of course your ward included.

In the short term basis, the city is currently involved in the following actions towards normalising the situation:

- We have appointed about 80 employees at solid from May 2021, the process of integrating them is ongoing, and we are hoping to derive optimal beneficiation from this action by mid June 2021. Coupled with the EPWP, these workers will add much needed numbers in our attempt to minimise waste for both the households and the public spaces.
- The above process is also coupled with the city having appointed contractor for a key contract of the supply of tires, which on the other side will also assist us in enhancing the maintenance of our trucks.

The culmination of the two processes around mid June will greatly enhance the city's capacity to normalise collection with minimum errors around that period.

In the medium to long term, the following actions will be implemented:

- We are in process of appointing SMMEs in the key areas of domestic waste and open public spaces, which will work as buffer and risk mitigation for times on which we may have a challenge with our trucks or our teams. The contracts are expected to be appointed in July/ August 2021.
- We are also anticipating to appoint the maintenance and parts supplies in our fleet management unit, with the intention of creating a seamless maintenance of our vehicles. This process as well will reach culmination around July/ August 2021.

In the immediate term, to respond to your urgent query, we shall ensure that ward 21 areas and other backlogs are collected over the coming weekend and therefore continue with our attempt to regularise collection.

I hope you find this to be in order.

Yours faithfully



Teboho Maine, Acting City Manager

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