

CONFIDENTIAL

**MINUTES
for the INAUGURAL
MEETING**

**of the newly elected
MANGAUNG
METROPOLITAN
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**CITY HALL
BLOEMFONTEIN**

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 22, 2021
AT 10:00**(initially scheduled for Wednesday,
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MUNICIPALITY**



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held
IN THE CITY HALL
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on
MONDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2021
at 10:00**

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP			
#	NAME	PARTY	LEAVE
1	<u>Speaker</u> Cllr Lockman (Stefani Bernadette)	ANC	
2	<u>Executive Mayor</u> Cllr Siyonzana (Mxolisi Ashford)	ANC	
3	<u>Deputy executive Mayor</u> Cllr Mothibi-Nkoane (Maria Mapaseka)	ANC	
4	<u>Council Whip</u> Cllr Nikelo (Vumile Edwin)	ANC	
PR COUNCILLORS			
5	Cllr Campher (Zaandre MC)	DA	
6	Cllr Davies (Maryke)	DA	
7	Cllr De-Huis (Dikeledi Jane)	EFF	
8	Cllr De Kock (Valerie Belinda)	FFPlus	
9	Cllr Denner (John Henry)	FFPlus	
10	Cllr Dennis (Magdalene Elizabeth)	DA	
11	Cllr Ferreira (Thomas Ignatius)	DA	
12	Cllr Jonas-Malephane (Vuyelwa Eunice)	ANC	
13	Cllr Klaasen Raynie Sarah	DA	
14	Cllr Letsoko (Mantwa Sanah)	EFF	
15	Cllr Lipale (Gopolang Jeremiah)	EFF	
16	Cllr Makau (Pitso Elias)	EFF	

17	Cllr Malebo (Deliwe Lettia)	EFF	
18	Cllr Maliela (Motiki Edwin)	DA	
19	Cllr Masoeu (Thapelo David)	DA	
20	Cllr Matsoetlane (Meditaba Joyce)	ANC	
21	Cllr Mogotsi (Mamahlape Elias)	EFF	
22	Cllr Mohlamme (Lebohang Lerato)	DA	
23	Cllr Mokoena (John Itumeleng)	AASD	
24	Cllr Mongale (Mojalefa William)	AASD	
25	Cllr Monyakoane (Ntwa Patrick)	ANC	
26	Cllr Morake (Molefi Andries)	ANC	
27	Cllr Moreeng (Kabelo Christopher)	DA	
28	Cllr Nhlapo (Ntombi Anna)	ANC	
29	Cllr Njiva-Lebajoa (Mamotse)	DA	
30	Cllr Ntshakazane (Eunice Xoliswa)	EFF	
31	Cllr Phohleli (Tsholwane Eddy)	EFF	
32	Cllr Qai (Alfred)	AIC	
33	Cllr Ramatlama (Mpho Joseph)	EFF	
34	Cllr Rampai (Pule Joseph)	ACDP	
35	Cllr Rasoeu (Lempe Ernest)	DA	
36	Cllr Sebolao (Jankie Elisha)	EFF	
37	Cllr Seleke (Puseletso Leticia)	ANC	
38	Cllr Shale (Nkahiseng Reginah)	EFF	
39	Cllr Snyman van Deventer (Elizabeth)	FFPlus	
40	Cllr Terblanche (Arthur Phillip)	DA	
41	Cllr Terblanche (Lesley-Ann Eurencia)	PA	
42	Cllr Thomas (Johannes Beleme)	EFF	

43	Cllr Thwala (Zwelinjane Jonathan)	DA	
44	Cllr Titi-Odili (Lulama Magdeline)	ANC	
45	Cllr Tladi (Motsheva Martha)	ANC	
46	Cllr Twala (Pani Sidney)	ATM	
47	Cllr van der Merwe (Rulhof)	DA	
48	Cllr van der Ross (Kevin Etienne)	PA	
49	Cllr Viviers (Benhardus Jacobus)	DA	
50	Cllr Vorster (Bram)	FFPlus	
51	Cllr Wewege (Mare-Lize)	FFPlus	
WARD COUNCILLORS			
52	Cllr Sefaki (Samuel)	ANC 1	
53	Cllr Mokgothu (Tona Kenosi Wilfred)	ANC 2	
54	Cllr Mochachamise (Tshepiso Oudious)	ANC 3	
55	Cllr Supi (Mahoko Harold)	ANC 4	
56	Cllr Lecoko (Lehlohonolo Nathaniel)	ANC 5	
57	Cllr Moiloa (Tshidiso Petrus)	ANC 6	
58	Cllr Rampai (Chabeli Frank)	ANC 7	
59	Cllr Nyaphudi (Likeleli Julia)	ANC 8	
60	Cllr Tlhakung (Betty Masetlhabi)	ANC 9	
61	Cllr Setlai (Teboho Lesley)	ANC 10	
62	Cllr Mosala (Motlhokung Theodorah)	ANC 11	
63	Cllr Hashatsi (Rafedile)	ANC 12	
64	Cllr Siteo (Nombulelo Dorcas)	ANC 13	
65	Cllr Lekgetho (Lebogang Winston)	ANC 14	
66	Cllr Mohibidu (Pulane Martha)	ANC 15	
67	Cllr Kruger (Caprice Logan)	ANC 16	

68	Cllr Mohatle (Mampone Sally)	ANC 17	
69	Cllr McKay (David Mark Campbell)	ANC 18	
70	Cllr Peter (Seth Qondile)	ANC 19	
71	Cllr Pretorius (Werner)	DA 20	
72	Cllr Lotriet (Pieter Adam)	DA 21	
73	Cllr Leech (Dulandi)	DA 22	
74	Cllr van der Walt (Tjaart Botha)	DA 23	
75	Cllr Kotze (Gerhardus Dirk Petrus)	DA 24	
76	Cllr Botes (Francois Rossouw)	DA 25	
77	Cllr van Niekerk (Hendrik Johannes Christiaan)	DA 26	
78	Cllr Banyane (Zachous Nechodemus)	ANC 27	
79	Cllr Mokoakoa (Mpho Isaac)	ANC 29	
80	Cllr Tukula (Teboho Daniel)	ANC 30	
81	Cllr Mabena (Mere Joel)	ANC 31	
82	Cllr Menyatso (Thabang Victory)	ANC 32	
83	Cllr Mohono (Tshidiso Augustine)	ANC 33	
84	Cllr Tshwane (Kabi Daniel)	ANC 34	
85	Cllr Fantisi (Teboho Samuel)	ANC 35	
86	Cllr Makoloane (Itumeleng Justice)	ANC 36	
87	Cllr Ramolele (Mmota Simon)	ANC 37	
88	Cllr Matsoso (Molahloane Florenciah)	ANC 38	
89	Cllr Mogotloane (Thabo Joel)	ANC 39	
90	Cllr Pholoholo (Ntebaleng Petunia)	ANC 40	
91	Cllr Dintlhwane (Mantja Agnes)	ANC 41	
92	Cllr Mothupi (Maqoma Lazarus)	ANC 42	
93	Cllr Nkiane (Mpho Elizabeth)	ANC 43	
94	Cllr Pretorius (Selmé)	DA 44	

95	Cllr Mathe (Lisiwe Jeanette)	ANC 45	
96	Cllr Majoro (Mpho Samuel)	ANC 46	
97	Cllr Kganakga (Mokgadi)	DA 47	
98	Cllr Pretorius (Johannes Christiaan)	DA 48	
99	Cllr Moqolo (Lehlohonolo Joseph)	ANC 49	
100	Cllr Lelala (Makoa Cristophel)	ANC 50	
101	Cllr Mohulatsi (Mamoorosi Margaret)	ANC 51	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Guests

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| 1. MEC COGTA | Mr M Dukwana |
| 2. HOD COGTA | Mr Duma |
| 3. COGTA | Ms M Mokgothu |
| 4. FS Legislature | Ms M Bolofo |
| 5. FS Legislature | Mr H Minnie |
| 6. SALGA | Mr X Sotashe |
| 7. SALGA | Ms N Dwala |

Exco Representatives

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| 1. Mr T Mkaza | Lead |
| 2. Mr LX Ntoyi | |
| 3. Mr T Mawonga | |

Head of Departments MMM/CENTLEC

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| 1 | ACTING CITY MANAGER | Mr S More |
| 2 | CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | Mr SE Mofokeng |
| 3 | HOD: ENGINEERING SERVICES | Mr M Ndlovu |
| 4 | HOD: HUMAN SETTLEMENT | Ms J Phaladi |
| 5 | HOD: SOCIAL SERVICES | Mr M Nkungwana |
| 6 | HOD: CORPORATE SERVICES | Mr D Nkaiseng |
| 7 | HOD: ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT | Mr T Maine |
| 8 | CHIEF METRO POLICE | Mr I Kgamanyane |
| 9 | CENTLEC: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER | Mr M Sekoboto |

NOTE BY SECRETARIAT

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 or via email).
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)**

PART ONE OF THE AGENDA (PRESIDED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

1.

OPENING AND WORD OF WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 10:10 as to allow all to be seated.

The Acting City Manager, Mr S More welcomed everyone to the first sitting of the Council meeting after the local government elections. He warmly welcomed the newly elected Councillors, the guests, citizens of Mangaung as well as the media.

NOTED.

2.

READING OF NOTICE OF THE FIRST MEETING

The Acting City Manager then read the notice as outlined on page 2 of the agenda. Furthermore, continued to read Code of Conduct (point 5) as well as Meeting Rules on page 3 of the agenda.

NOTED.

3.

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.

4.

THE PRESCRIBED OATH OR AFFIRMATION FOR COUNCILLORS TAKING OFFICE

The officiate of the oath and affirmation of newly elected Councillors was the Chief Magistrate Mxoliswa Saliwa.

The Acting City Manager explained the process of taking oath or affirmation.

It was thereupon

RESOLVED

- a) That the oath and affirmation be approved as the Council's prescribed and oath and affirmation and
- b) That all Councillors had taken either the prescribed oath or solemn affirmation.

**5.
ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER**

The Acting City Manager explained the process of the election of the Speaker of Council as outlined on page 8 of the agenda.

Thereafter he opened the floor for the nomination of the Speaker of Council and the following Councillors were nominated for the position of the Speaker, namely:

Councillor JC Pretorius nominated the name of Councillor Thapelo David Masoeu and was seconded by Councillor GDP Kotze.

Councillor CL Kruger nominated the name of Councillor Stefani Bernadette Lockman and was seconded by Councillor PM Mohibidu.

Prior voting process, the EFF stated that they would be abstaining from the voting process i.e. twelve (12) EFF Councillors.

After the election process has been conducted, the Acting City Manager announced the outcome of the voting as follows:

Number of votes cast = 86

Spoiled ballots = 2

Councillor TD Masoeu = 30

Councillor SB Lockman = 54

After announcement of the results, by the Acting City Manager, he then requested the newly elected Speaker, Councillor SB Lockman to ascend and chair the Council meeting.

RESOLVED that the Mangaung Metropolitan Council elected ***Councillor Stefani Bernadette Lockman*** to serve as the Speaker on a full-time basis.

6.

A. CONGRATULATIONS BY THE ACTING CITY MANAGER

The Acting City Manager conveyed his words of congratulations to Councillor SB Lockman:

“The management of Council one of most difficult aspect of leading the Council is one of the most difficult aspects of leading the Council and we congratulate you. As administration our role remains to give you all the support as the Speaker, and manager of the Council. Once more congratulations.”

Thereupon requested all to give the newly elected Speaker a round of applause.

NOTED.

B. CONGRATULATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor GJ Lipale conveyed his word of congratulations as follows:

“Thank you, Honourable Speaker and the entire house at large; today marks a fresh start for this Metro Municipality at redeeming itself to its citizenry.

While most may view this moment as one to pass congratulations and well wishes, the EFF chooses to present a different view. This is the first house that presides over the affairs of the Metro Municipality after having been placed on administration for the first time ever in its history. There is no doubt among the general masses of our people that most still remember whole lot more is what they expect. The road will not be easy. The Metro, and the filth at every corner bears testimony to this.

The countless positions that are unoccupied also reflect negatively to the affairs of this beautiful Municipality and dim the hope that our people have for a better tomorrow. We are mindful of the fact that some exploited our people and used the municipality as their hook-up agency for scoring girlfriends and free sex, hence so many unqualified personnel has been hired. The EFF is also aware that the current administration has pushed strategic posts in Mangaung Municipality before the inauguration.

It is in this Municipality where praise singing for those in power meant preferential treatment, tenders and whereas calling people out and appealing to their moral compass earned our people that painful statement: *o tla tsamaya ka thoko ho seeta*.

The task before you, Honourable Speaker and this house at large is a mammoth one. Like Moses, this is the Kairos time your leadership has been born for, to lead the residents of Mangaung to their Canaan.

Our people want access to land. The Municipality has the land and it is the responsibility of this house to deliver this precious commodity to our people. Our people demand a constant supply of clean drinking water and we dare not fail this task. Potholes are an Achilles heel for our car owners and this council must address this.

The dormant factories in our cities cry out for investments. Our City is full of unoccupied buildings on which unemployment can be tackled through expropriation without compensation to create business hubs, factories and housing.

To him whom much has been given, much is expected. Our people have given us the mandate to preside over their affairs and a whole lot more is what they expect. The road will not be easy. The goal posts will seemingly constantly shift. But like Moses, this house will, shall and must deliver Canaan to the residents of Mangaung. The Economic Freedom Fighters is here for that. Or we shall die trying. Ke a leboga.”

Councillor TD Masoeu conveyed his congratulations as follows:

“Allow me to congratulate you on behalf of my party, the DA on your successful election as the Speaker of this Council. May I at the onset bring to your attention the fundamental obligations or responsibilities and functions of your election as the Speaker of Mangaung Metro Municipality as appraised in Council. We are all public servants which means we serve the public. The salary that pays us comes from those people up there and there at the back. What it means Honourable Speaker, it means we have to comply with legislation to ensure citizens and the residents of Mangaung get what they deserve.

The DA expects and hope that the Speaker will uphold the integrity and credibility of legislative processes of this Council without favour and taking sides on the discussions. We hope that the Speaker will demonstrate impartiality, exercise responsibilities of the Speaker whereby all parties can and will recognise the speaker as legitimate for the integrity of the Council.

Honourable Speaker, may I also urge you as Speaker to please pay special attention to the requirement of Language Policy in this Council, there are different groups in this Council and not everybody understand all languages especially English. May I once again congratulate you on your election. Good luck, it is going to be turbulent this term. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

Councillor IJ Mokoena conveyed his congratulations as follows:

“Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker I congratulate you for being elected as a custodian of a very important responsibility in the Constitution of Mangaung and that is the overseer of all processes to be lawful and legal. I am not going to be patronising or presumptuous that you do not know the responsibilities and the weight that fall upon you and I can assure you of African Alliance of Social Democrats support in all matters that relates to the lawfulness and legality on how we serve our people.

I also want to take the opportunity to congratulate Councillor TD Masoeu. I know that you were not looking for the opposition but you put yourself forward for the responsibility to serve our people, we always appreciate people who steps forward to be servants of our people. I congratulate you on that.

Honourable Speaker I just want to take few minutes just to have a reality check to see where we are as Mangaung Metro Municipality. I think you know that as chairperson and as the overseer of processes of this Council, you are coming in to oversee the Municipality that in

other languages including corporate languages; it could be called that it is in distress. It is a Municipality that needs your guidance. It is Municipality that is financially distressed; a Municipality that is failing to serve our people in many respects. It is a Municipality that has lost the trust of a lot of people including investors.

It is a Municipality that all of us, I believe are proud of and we have put ourselves as Councillors to serve our people, party politics comes second in our book but the plight of our people comes first. In that respect, I just hope that you know what you getting yourself into, but be assured that we are not just going to be Councillors in Council, you have our support in all respect; to put everything that we have in terms of expertise, the willingness, community to be able to ensure that Mangaung works. I ask you to assist us in fixing the mess in our City for it is in complete distress. All the best. Thank you.”

Councillor LE Terblanche conveyed her congratulations as follows:

“Honourable Speaker allow me to congratulate you on behalf of the Patriotic Alliance and give thanks for all things in praise to our God. We are looking forward to the pleasure of working with you and to strengthen close bilateral ties and partnership. Never forget, you strike a woman, you strike a rock. Thank you for the woman empowerment; we look forward to the great journey that lies ahead. Thank you.”

Councillor CL Kruger conveyed her congratulations as follows: “Honourable Speaker, I come from Ward 16. It gives me great pleasure to wish you and congratulate you on behalf of the oldest liberation movement in the world, the African National Congress.

Honourable Speaker, I was fortunate to serve with you at branch level and so I know your characteristics like your boldness, your assertiveness and your hunger to know more to develop yourself on consistence basis. Many years ago when I was still eligible to serve in the Youth League, I remember one conference resolution we had and it was generational mix in our lifetime; I feel honoured to witness as this resolution takes place in the Municipality where I emanate from and also from the branch that we emanate from. I would like to thank the African National Congress to staying true to their resolutions.

Honourable Speaker, in today’s reality beauty is not sufficient to sustain us or to get us deployed especially as females. Today we are looking for people with capacity, with leadership skills because beauty can fade and when it comes to capacity, knowledge is what will sustain you and us as females. Today I can honestly say this is your time to shine and like the previous speakers has said, I think primarily it goes to residents of Mangaung to give them and be the best Speaker possible and yes we know the challenges that faces Mangaung, but one thing we know, with a leader with your capabilities, your knowledge and your characteristics I know and with a collective from the African National Congress, I know that the Municipality is in good hands.

From Ward 16, allow me to say, after 10 years we gave back the Ward to the ANC from the DA and this for us, it is an impeccable prestige and accolade that we can get from Ward level. I want to say to you Honourable Speaker use your knowledge and your skills to deliver the best you can as a Speaker for Mangaung. Thank you.”

Councillor VB De Kock conveyed her congratulations as follows:

“Honourable Speaker, member of Parliament, Adriaan De Bruyn and all other protocols observed. The Freedom Front Plus congratulate you on your election; may your term be one that contribute to the success of this Council. The Freedom Front Plus wants to remind you and emphasise the following: please see page 5 of the annexure;

The Speaker must guide the integrity of this Council. The Speaker is the guardian of the integrity of this Council. Honourable Speaker you must be the guardian of the privileges and interest of this Council. The Speaker must demonstrate impartiality. Madam Speaker you do not stand above this Council; please recognise all parties and protect us. The Speaker must prepare and submit reports as required by Council, please do that and on time. Honourable Speaker please also see that all other reports as required by legislation are prepared and submitted to Council on time. Again congratulations. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

Councillor PS Twala conveyed his congratulations as follows:

“Thank you, Honourable Speaker. We as the ATM we would like to congratulate you Honourable Speaker on the achievement that you have received today. Us being the new kids on the block we believe that under your learned guidance we are indeed going to learn a lot and work together in making sure that we bring this Municipality back to its glorified state. We congratulate you Honourable Speaker. Thank you.”

Councillor A Qai conveyed his congratulations as follows:

“Greetings Honourable Speaker. On behalf of AIC, I would like to congratulate you, Honourable Speaker and hoping that we would work together and put the needs of Mangaung first. Thank you.”

Councillor PJ Rampai conveyed his congratulations as follows:

“Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Long live the spirit of the late Connie Rampai long live! Dear Madam Speaker, the ACDP would like to wish you the best for the new position as the Speaker of Mangaung. Honourable Speaker, when you have faith, ambitions, hard work, persistency, flexibility, determination and courage, good luck will be by your side always. Hug all the new challenges with confidence and all the challenges that this position throw at you. Well done and congratulations. May God bless you.”

NOTED.

7.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker remarked as follows: “I would like first to acknowledge the Acting City Manager, our Magistrate who is assisting us with our processes today, fellow Councillors of the House.

I will also like to acknowledge at the gallery, the Deputy Minister of Water Affairs, Honourable David Mahlobo, the MEC of COGTA, Honourable Mxolisi Dukwana, the MEC of Human Settlement, Honourable Motshidisi Koloji, the interim Provincial Coordinator, Mr Paseka Nompondo, Interim Regional Convener, Mr Lawrence Mathae and all guests joining us in the gallery and in all social media platforms. I greet you all today.

It is indeed a great honour and privilege to be elected as Speaker of the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality. I wish to comment first and foremost the African National Congress for its seed of confidence that it has placed on me today. Equally I wish to thank all Councillors gathered here today for giving me the rare privilege to preside in this august house. The task ahead of us is not an easy one, we are called upon to steer the Council in the direction of good governance, sound and good financial standing and we can only achieve this if there is a greater cooperation amongst us as multiparty Council.

Further to this, we must do all we can to blend our representative forums of democracy as elected political office bearers with a participatory form of democracy throughout communities. I therefore call on you all to focus your immediate attention on reviving our ward committee system to give effect to the participatory democracy.

Lastly, we will do all we can to work harmoniously through our term which includes the Executive Mayor, the Chief Whip and the Speaker. All our Section 80 Committees must ensure viable Council that respect the principle of accountable governance. Without further waste of time, I know officially want to welcome you all to this noble sitting. Thank you very much.”

NOTED.

PART TWO OF THE AGENDA (PRESIDED BY THE SPEAKER)

**8.
ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

The Speaker, Councillor SB Lockman explained that the same process of voting will be followed for the election of the Executive Mayor.

She then opened the floor for the nomination of the position of the Executive Mayor of Mangaung Metro Municipality.

Councillor TD Masoeu nominated Councillor Johannes Christiaan Pretorius and was seconded by Councillor AP Terblanche.

Councillor VE Nikelo nominated Councillor Mxolisi Ashford Siyonzana and was seconded by Councillor MT Mosala.

Councillor MW Mongale nominated Councillor John Itumeleng Mokoena and was seconded by Councillor PJ Rampai.

Number of votes cast = 100 votes

Councillor JI Mokoena = 15

Councillor JC Pretorius = 29

Councillor MA Siyonzana = 56

The MEC of COGTA, Honourable M Dukwana was then afforded an opportunity by the Speaker to present the newly elected Executive Mayor of Mangaung Metro Municipality with the civic regalia (Chain of office).

It was thereupon

RESOLVED

- a) That Council take note of the report and
- b) That the Mangaung Metro elected **Councillor Mxolisi Ashford Siyonzana** to serve as the Executive Mayor on a full-time basis.

9.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr JE Sebolao conveyed his congratulatory remarks as follows:

“Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Let me start by saying these words from Mme Winkie Direko, may her soul rest in peace; she used to say: *‘you can fool some people some time but you cannot fool all the people all the time’*. Honourable Speaker, the people has spoken and clearly they are not happy. The election results is a clear indication that our communities are tired of political infighting, corruption, incompetency and lies.

Fellow Councillors, distinguished guests, communities streaming live on media, members of the media, ladies and gentlemen. Let me take this opportunity to thank the Economic Freedom Fighters for providing EFF Councillors with the opportunity to present the ideals and wishes of the people of Mangaung and the people of South Africa at large as expressed in our manifesto.

We as the EFF we will be diligent in our quest to clean this Municipality of corruption, lies, self-serving and individual incompetence in ensuring that our communities receives dignified services that will improve their quality of life as underpinned in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. We will be diligent in monitoring the unemployed as addressed in all our projects in this institution and ensure that it is transparent and not manipulated and driven by party political bias power mongering individuals.

We will hold the executive accountable to ensure that performance of officials and the very same executive adhere to the highest standards and integrity needed. Let us make it clear from the beginning, we will not simply endorse submissions for the sake of compliance, we will not allow the public resources being looted; we will do everything in our power to ensure that people have land that they can live and work in. we will expose corruption and laziness.

We will make sure that all fruitless, wasteful and unauthorised expenditure be recovered even from former Councillors and officials who deliberately went against conscious and sound advice and warnings because we did indicate in previous Council sittings that we reserve our right in voting against some items. We saw how assets like the Free State Stadium and the adjacent land are given to the white people for free by the previous administration of this Mangaung. We saw how our Supply Chain failed us in buying NP200 bakkies for R500 000 per bakkie at the cost of service delivery.

As the EFF we want to send strong message on behalf of our communities, stop corruption and stop your political in-fighting at the cost of our people; stop manipulating everything including employment, the unemployed as well as tenders; stop intimidating officials for your own political and personal greed, stop inflating political offices with political cronies like in the last term where we had more than 200 political salary drawers and no general workers doing the work outside; stop fooling us with fine and unreadable printed financial documents to either adjust and endorse; start maintaining infrastructure and stop cleaning when the Minister of your ANC President visit us during the elections. Start delivering services and improve the lives of our people.

We will not, we cannot and we shall not in the words of Mme Winkie Direko, may her soul rest in peace, allow the ANC and cronies to further destroy the once vibrant City and Municipality because it is clear that everything you lay your hands on, you destroy in bringing back the same cadres that destroy this City of Roses into a City of dung and potholes. The ANC showed that it cannot even change its spot like a leopard. Beware ANC, the people have spoken and the people will speak against in the next election if you continue living in your fool's paradise. Next time your margin will not be one; you might even be opposition or the minority party if you continue in your path of self-destruction and arrogant behaviour majority of numbers can only change.

What happened to the quality of leadership in this Council that you had in the past..."

The Speaker interjected to indicate that Councillor JE Sebolao's time to deliver his speech was finished. She then reiterated that Councillors should focus theirs speech to congratulate or pass well wishes or advice.

Councillor JC Pretorius conveyed his words of congratulations as follows:

"Thank you, newly elected Speaker. My fellow Councillors, media and residents of Mangaung Metro Municipality before I congratulate the newly elected Executive Mayor Councillor MA Siyonzana; I want to tell you a story from Lin Yutang in the 1940 era:

Once Confucius was walking in the mountain and he came across a woman weeping by a grave. He asked the woman what her sorrow was and she replied:- we are a family of hunters. My husband was bitten by a tiger and died and now my only son.

Why don't you move down and live in the valley? Why do you continue to live up here? Confucius asked and the woman replied, but sir, there are no tax collectors here'. So Confucius added to his disciples, you see a bad government is more to be feared than tigers'.

The Democratic Alliance would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected Executive Mayor. We sincerely hope that he comprehends what enormous task is in front of him. Through you Madam Speaker, Executive Mayor please bear with us for a moment so that we can point out some crucial areas that needs your urgent attention after the inauguration party of course.

As you are aware the South of Bloemfontein had no water for the last three days after Bloemwater reduced the water pressure to 30% because of non-payment from Mangaung Metro Municipality. Residents pay the Municipality, but the Municipality do not pay Bloemwater. Our sources indicated that Bloemwater account from June to October of R360 million was never paid. The R20 million paid on Friday was part of a court decision that is only to pay off previous debt and also an enormous one if I might add. Even with this crisis, there is no jojo tanks or water cars available for residents and water is their constitutional right.

If you don't put Mangaung's residents first and make sure the appointment process as prescribed in the Municipal Systems Act is followed to appoint competent senior officials that accounts, and know what they are doing, you will be the one bearing the brunt. You need to appoint the Mayoral Committee that has a political will to actually do their work to oversight and make sure that senior officials are held accountable.

Through you Madam Speaker, Executive Mayor it is time to display leadership and cut-off all the services for the Free State Departments until they have paid the billions owed to the Municipality. Residents are cut-off instantly if their accounts are in arrears. As the first citizen of Mangaung, you have to protect the residents of Mangaung.

The following areas in Mangaung needs urgent attention from your office:

- water, sanitation. Health is a big issue because of raw sewerage running in the streets into our stormwater systems and solid waste all over the Metro Municipality. This Metro Municipality is losing thousands of litres of precious water daily because officials do not have resources to fix water leakages.
- Roads for the past 25 years; no gravel road maintenance and rehabilitation programs and road and stormwater infrastructure are on a crisis with thousands of potholes not repaired. The little bit of residents who have jobs in rural and farm areas are struggling to get to work. You need to rollout a plan to rehabilitate gravel roads and fix potholes.
- Traffic is a disaster where there is no rule of law. Traffic officers are nowhere to be seen to apprehend and find drunk and speeding drivers. The roads and traffic lights infrastructure are so bad that the residents lives are endangered daily with traffic light bulbs that are not serviced.

I am concluding my speech with these wise words that every person need to take to heart: *you work hard, you make money, you do it for yourself and that is not life. You go out and you seek for people who needs your help, you make their lives better, you become that sponge which can absorb all the negativity and you become that person who can emit beautiful positive vibes and when you realise that you have changed someone's life and because of you this person did not give up and that is the day when you lived'. Thank you, Madam Speaker."*

Councillor MW Mongale conveyed his words of congratulations as follows: “Thank you, Honourable Speaker. From the African Alliance of Social Democrats, we are disappointed by the outcome but we also want to rise to the occasion and be able to accept defeat graciously. We also believe that all our mishaps has been caused by the arrogance and that arrogance must be defeated and it will be defeated in the City of Bloemfontein and also in Mangaung when we will be taking back Mangaung in the next coming five years.

We also want to highlight certain things Honourable Speaker that we are sitting with a Municipality that is coming from administration that has been downgraded twice; that is giving its own citizens dirty water, but now we are facing a risk of not getting any water. We are also sitting in a City where refuse removal has become a problem and a health hazard to the community of Mangaung; potholes are almost everywhere, people are repairing cars; they are trying to fix a problem that cannot be fixed because the problem is caused by the Municipality for failure to repairs its roads and that might lead to a class action against the Municipality.

We are also facing a crisis where there is no labour peace in the Municipality. Municipal workers are crying for stability in the Municipality so that they can enjoy coming to work. A City where crime is high and it has been sponsored by failure to deliver services and honour the people of Mangaung by creating jobs and give tenders to local people .

We are sitting with a crisis of crime where young people are the victims of crime and are being arrested because the sports grounds are in a bad condition and there is no plan in developing the art and culture in Mangaung. The Municipality seem to be clueless about the plan.

We are sitting with a crisis where there is crime at schools premises because we have abandoned our responsibilities of trying to bring back the school’s sports where it would be championed by the Executive Mayor. This is a missed opportunity by not voting African Alliance of Social Democrats.

We are sitting with a crisis of taxi people and commuters who are sitting in a microwave taxi rank that is not yet completed and that remain a mystery. Even the Municipality have abandoned it; they are pretending as if it is no longer part of their responsibility.

We are sitting in a City were there is an elephant in the room which is corruption and we can guarantee you, the African Alliance of Social Democrats, we are not here to play marbles, we are here to move mountains. If you are corrupt sitting in your comfort, you think you going to finish your five years, I can assure you, you are not going to finish your five years in benches. Some people have given you guarantee, we are going to give you a ticket to prison and this is not bluffing and those who know will tell you we are not bluffing.

We are sitting here when the people of Phomolong are still waiting for water after settling at that place with no water. We are going to make noise about people of Phomolong, Mmonahalatwe and other settlements that the Municipality has abandoned. These are the people who voted for and you must look after. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

Councillor KE van der Ross congratulated the newly elected Executive Mayor of Mangaung and mentioned that they were looking forward to working with him and wished him all the best.

Councillor E Snyman van Deventer conveyed her congratulatory remarks:

Note by secretariat: Poor audio connection for the congratulatory remarks as delivered by Councillor E Snyman van Deventer.

“Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will like to congratulate you Madam Speaker. I have known you for a very long time and I am proud of you even if we are not in the same party.

Through you, Honourable Speaker. I want to congratulate you Executive Mayor. When I realised who the Executive Mayor was going to be, I actually changed my speech and rewritten.

Mister Executive Mayor, I want to emphasise the huge responsibility you now face. I want to say to you, there are six things:

- Please visit all wards and see the conditions under which our residents are living under. See what is happening under each and every single ward.
- Please, listen to the opposition. When we speak in Council, we do not just speak to make a speech to oppose, we really try to make contributions for the betterment of our City and the lives of our people.
- Read your emails, attend to the letters that the opposition are sending to you.
- Activate your WhatsApp and read it.
- Answer the opposition when we ask for your help or want to give you assistance or just asking you to get involved in something
- Make service delivery a priority. I want to ask you, where were the ANC for the past three days when opposition party members struggle and had to explain to the residents on what is happening to the water. Please, make service delivery a priority; you know the list, water, sanitation , roads, road marks and signs, potholes, I can continue.
- Pay our creditors on time. The businesses in Mangaung are struggling to get paid. They delivered services to the Metro but they are not paid. Some wait three to nine months to get paid.
- Please pay Bloemwater, I don't know where you will get the money but pay Bloemwater.
- Collect debts e.g. from the government
- Look at these huge money wasting projects
- Make sure that all reports, budget etc as required by law from us, from you as Executive Mayor serve on time in Council. Don't table the item and then withdraw

Thank you, Madam Speaker.”

Councillor PS Twala congratulated the Executive Mayor as follows:

“I will like to congratulate not so newly but ongoing Executive Mayor, Honourable Mxolisi Siyonzana on his election today. As ATM we wish you well on this endeavour and we are saying may the good Lord give you wisdom to lead this Council and making sure the needs of the residents of Mangaung are met. The African Transformation Movement prides itself in putting the needs of the community first and with your capable guidance we strongly believe that they can and will be achievable.

We will also like to pass this as an advice to you and your Mayoral Committee; with every decision that you will have to undertake always put God first, let His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. May the good Lord bless and protect you. We wish you all the best. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

Councillor A Qai passed his congratulatory remarks that as AIC they welcomed the election of the Executive Mayor with the hope that he will be leading throughout the term and would finish in the highest standard where service delivery would be the priority.

Councillor PJ Rampai congratulated the Executive Mayor as follows: “Motsamaisi wa dipuisano, hoja motho ona eo re mo layang nkabe a dutse mona pela rona jwalo ka ngwetsi a utlwe hantle ntho tseo re di buang; a tswe ka hara bona hobane o tla mamela ha ba bua.

Honourable Speaker, ACDP wish to congratulate the elected Councillor Mxolisi Siyonzana on his position of being the Executive Mayor of Mangaung. ACDP commits itself to working with you and your office to ensure that the government of local unity continue to deliver services to the people of Mangaung called the City of Roses.

Executive Mayor batho ha ba lwane hobane ba hloka mesebetsi, ba lwana hobane ditshepiso di dieha ho phetahala. Honourable Executive Mayor, ho etella batho pele, you need wisdom from God and I quote: *‘the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom for the Lord gives wisdom from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding; wisdom and power belongs to Him’*. May the good Lord bless you. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

Councillor VE Nikelo passed his congratulatory remarks as follows: “Honourable Speaker and all protocol observed. Let me correct something that is perhaps wrong, we have confidence of the communities hence we got the numbers that we got in Mangaung and so anybody who say that there is a lack of confidence from the communities then we wouldn’t be where we are.

Dikela, uyindoda. When the opposition start making demands then you must know that they have also confidence in you and as a result of that, we are saying qhubeka, sikhokele Dikela Madam Speaker, today the community of Mangaung is witnessing the inauguration of the new Council after showing confidence to the African National Congress once more and this has become a new birth for Mangaung and its community.

Madam Speaker as we congratulate our newly re-elected Executive Mayor, Honourable Mxolisi uDikela Siyonzana in his new responsibility as the Executive Mayor. I want to reemphasise that we have not deviated as the African National Congress our commitment in building a better Mangaung and in you Honourable Executive Mayor we believe. We have confidence and the community of Mangaung also believe in you. The path and the road towards sustainable service delivery starts now Honourable Executive Mayor and it starts today, meaning that the community of Mangaung, the African National Congress and the Executive Mayor have the best interest in their hearts. Therefore we are saying, the best is yet to come. Congratulations Executive Mayor. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

NOTED.

10.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

The newly elected Executive Mayor, Councillor MA Siyonzana remarked: “Madam Speaker, Deputy Minister Honourable Mahlobo, MEC of COGTA, Honourable Dukwana, Councillors present, the leadership of the ANC, Comrade Paseka Nompondo, officials of Mangaung, citizens of Mangaung and you the media. Let us appreciate and thank the ANC for giving us this opportunity to be part of those who are going to change the lives of our people. We do so also to our Councillors here who voted in favour and also those who voted against, we also thank them because they participated.

Madam Speaker, today as Councillors who spoke here giving the word of congratulations, they have raised a number of issues. It clearly shows that they live amongst our people, we heard you and we promise you that we are not going to deal with coalitions only but what we are going to do, we are going to form a co-operation between all parties. We are going to work with everyone in this Council.

There is going to be topical issues that we are going to deal with, some amongst them you raised them here. You raised the issue of water. I think we need to discuss it as political parties, work together to improve the lives of our people. Each and every one who is here has constituency and I promise you, I am making a pledge we are going to work with all of you. We are going to improve the stakeholders engagement. We are going to hear what our people wants and we are going to move with them. Today is not a day of speeches...(cut in audio recording)”

NOTED.

**11.
ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

The Speaker stated that the same process for the election will be followed.

Councillor JC Pretorius nominated Councillor Gerhardus Dirk Petrus Kotze and was seconded by Councillor M Davies.

Councillor MT Mosala nominated Councillor Maria Mapaseka Mothibi-Nkoane and was seconded by Councillor MI Mokoakoa.

The outcome of the voting were as follows, namely:

98 Councillors voted.

Spoiled ballots = 3

Councillor GDP Kotze = 40

Councillor MM Mothibi-Nkoane = 55

It was thereupon

RESOLVED

- c) That Council take note of the report and
- d) That the Mangaung Metro elected ***Councillor Maria Mapaseka Mothibi-Nkoane*** to serve as the Deputy Executive Mayor on a full-time basis.

**12.
ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL WHIP**

The Speaker stated that the same process for the election will be followed.

Nominations were as follows:

Councillor JC Pretorius nominated Councillor Maryke Davies and was seconded by Councillor Campher.

Councillor TKW Mokgothu nominated Councillor VE Nikelo and was seconded by Councillor MT Mosala.

After the voting process, the Speaker announced the results as follows:

Number of votes received = 97 votes

Councillor M Davies = 43

Councillor VE Nikelo = 54

It was thereupon

RESOLVED that the Mangaung Metropolitan Council elected ***Councillor Vumile Edwin Nikelo***, to serve as the Council Whip on a full-time basis.

13.

THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE AND WARD PARTICIPATORY SYSTEM

To be dealt with at the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

14.

DESIGNATION OF MANGAUNG METRO OFFICE BEARERS AS FULL-TIME COUNCILLORS

To be dealt with at the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

15.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SECTION 79 COMMITTEES

To be dealt with at the ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

16.

REPORT ON THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE LOCAL LABOUR FORUM

To be dealt with at the ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

**17.
ADOPTION OF THE LANGUAGE POLICY AND PROMOTION OF MULTILINGUALISM
WITHIN THE CITY**

To be dealt with at the ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

**18.
MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL STANDING RULES AND ORDERS**

To be dealt with at the ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

**19.
COUNCIL MINUTES: MIGRATION FROM VERBATIM MINUTES TAKING TO
ACTION/RESOLUTION BASED MINUTES**

To be dealt with at the ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

**21.
OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**

Prior Closing, the Speaker made the following announcements:

That all Councillor must go to the Caledon Hall to take their official photos and that all ANC Councillors were requested to meet at Indaba Auditorium.

NOTED.

CLOSING OF THE INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Speaker after declaring Councillor VE Nikelo as the Council Whip, she stated that the issue of time and other items on the agenda was raised and thereon afforded Councillors a chance to make inputs and proposals.

Councillor VE Nikelo indicated that in the interest of all, taking into account the time Councillors had been in a meeting, he propose that the Council be adjourned and all outstanding items be dealt with at the next Council.

Councillor AP Terblanche remarked...(inaudible – poor audio connection)

Councillor E Snyman Van Deventer argued that this was a new term and already the Councillors wanted to postpone an important Council issues and what kind of example they were setting for the citizen of Mangaung.

Councillor LM Titi-Odili seconded the motion from the newly elected Council Whip to adjourn the Council meeting and deal with other items at ensuing Council meeting.

Councillor GDP Kotze seconded Councillor E Snyman van Deventer to continue with the agenda.

Councillors were then afforded an opportunity to vote for the adjournment of the meetings as follows: 54 Councillors voted for the adjournment and 43 voted for the continuation of the Council meeting.

The Speaker thereupon adjourned the meeting based on the voting outcome on item 13 above.

The meeting was adjourned at 15h00.

**ACTING CITY MANAGER
MR T MAINE**

**SPEAKER
CLLR SB LOCKMAN-NAIDOO**

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