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**MINUTES  
of a  
SPECIAL MEETING**

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METROPOLITAN  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

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**WEDNESDAY  
JUNE 15, 2022  
AT 11:00**

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**ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

<b>POLITICAL LEADERSHIP</b>			
<b>#</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>LEAVE</b>
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	
<b>SECTION 79 CHAIRPERSONS</b>			
5	Cllr Mokoakoa (Mpho Isaac)	ANC 29	
6	Cllr Nhlapo (Ntombi Anna)	ANC	
7	Cllr Qai (Alfred)	AIC	
8	Cllr Seleke (Puseletso Leticia)	ANC	
9	Cllr Mokgothu (Tona Kenosi Wilfred)	ANC 2	
<b>MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE(SECTION 80 CHAIRPERSONS)</b>			
10	Cllr Titi-Odili (Lulama Magdeline)	ANC	
11	Cllr Morake (Molefi Andries)	ANC	
12	Cllr Matsoetlane (Maditaba Joyce)	ANC	
13	Cllr Mogotloane (Thabo Joel)	ANC 39	
14	Cllr Tladi (Motshewa Martha)	ANC	
15	Cllr Mosala (Motlhokung Theodorah)	ANC 11	
16	Cllr van der Ross (Kevin Etienne)	PA	
17	Cllr Twala (Pani Sidney)	ATM	
18	Cllr Jonas-Malephane (Vuyelwa Eunice)	ANC	

<b>PR COUNCILLORS</b>			
<b>#</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>LEAVE</b>
19	Cllr Campher (Zaandre MC)	DA	
20	Cllr Davies (Maryke)	DA	
21	Cllr De-Huis (Dikeledi Jane)	EFF	
22	Cllr De Kock (Valerie Belinda)	FFPlus	
23	Cllr Denner (John Henry)	FFPlus	
24	Cllr Dennis (Magdalene Elizabeth)	DA	
25	Cllr Ferreira (Thomas Ignatius)	DA	
26	Cllr Klaasen Raynie Sarah	DA	
27	Cllr Letsoko (Mantwa Sanah)	EFF	
28	Cllr Lipale (Gopolang Jeremiah)	EFF	
29	Cllr Makau (Pitso Elias)	EFF	
30	Cllr Malebo (Deliwe Lettia)	EFF	
31	Cllr Maliela (Motiki Edwin)	DA	
32	Cllr Masoeu (Thapelo David)	DA	
33	Cllr Mogotsi (Mamahlape Elias)	EFF	
34	Cllr Mohlamme (Lebohlang Lerato)	DA	
35	Cllr Mokoena (John Itumeleng)	AASD	
36	Cllr Mongale (Mojalefa William)	AASD	
37	Cllr Monyakoane (Ntwa Patrick)	ANC	
38	Cllr Moreeng (Kabelo Christopher)	DA	
39	Cllr Njiva-Lebajoa (Mamotse)	DA	Absent with apology
40	Cllr Ntshakazane (Eunice Xoliswa)	EFF	
41	Cllr Phupha (Ntsoaki Agnes)	PA	
42	Cllr Phohleli (Tsholwane Eddy)	EFF	

43	Cllr Ramatlama (Mpho Joseph)	EFF	
44	Cllr Rampai (Pule Joseph)	ACDP	
45	Cllr Rasoeu (Lempe Ernest)	DA	
46	Cllr Sebolao (Jankie Elisha)	EFF	
47	Cllr Shale (Nkahiseng Reginah)	EFF	Absent without apology
48	Cllr Snyman van Deventer (Elizabeth)	FFPlus	
49	Cllr Terblanche (Arthur Phillip)	DA	
50	Cllr Thomas (Johannes Beleme)	EFF	
51	Cllr Thwala (Zwelinjane Jonathan)	DA	
52	Cllr van der Merwe (Rulhof)	DA	
53	Cllr Viviers (Benhardus Jacobus)	DA	
54	Cllr Vorster (Braam)	FFPlus	
55	Cllr Wewege (Mare-Lize)	FFPlus	
<b>WARD COUNCILLORS</b>			
56	Cllr Sefaki (Samuel)	ANC 1	
57	Cllr Machachamise (Tshepiso Oudious)	ANC 3	
58	Cllr Supi (Mahoko Harold)	ANC 4	
59	Cllr Lecoko (Lehlohonolo Nathaniel)	ANC 5	
60	Cllr Moilola (Tshidiso Petrus)	ANC 6	
61	Cllr Rampai (Chabeli Frank)	ANC 7	
62	Cllr Nyaphudi (Likeleli Julia)	ANC 8	Absent without apology
63	Cllr Tlhakung (Betty Masetlhabi)	ANC 9	
64	Cllr Setlai (Teboho Lesley)	ANC 10	
65	Cllr Hashatsi (Rafedile)	ANC 12	
66	Cllr Siteo (Nombulelo Dorcas)	ANC 13	

67	Cllr Lekgetho (Lebogang Winston)	ANC 14	
68	Cllr Mohibidu (Pulane Martha)	ANC 15	
69	Cllr Kruger (Caprice Logan)	ANC 16	
70	Cllr Mohatle (Mampone Sally)	ANC 17	
71	Cllr McKay (David Mark Campbell)	DA 18	
72	Cllr Peter (Seth Qondile)	ANC 19	
73	Cllr Pretorius (Werner)	DA 20	
74	Cllr Lotriet (Pieter Adam)	DA 21	
75	Cllr Leech (Dulandi)	DA 22	
76	Cllr van der Walt (Tjaart Botha)	DA 23	
77	Cllr Kotze (Gerhardus Dirk Petrus)	DA 24	
78	Cllr Botes (Francois Rossouw)	DA 25	
79	Cllr van Niekerk (Hendrik Johannes Christiaan)	DA 26	
80	Cllr Banyane (Zachous Nechodemus)	ANC 27	
81	Cllr Tukula (Teboho Daniel)	ANC 30	
82	Cllr Mabena (Mere Joel)	ANC 31	
83	Cllr Menyatso (Thabang Victory)	ANC 32	
84	Cllr Mohono (Tshidiso Augustine)	ANC 33	
85	Cllr Tshwane (Kabi Daniel)	ANC 34	
86	Cllr Fantisi (Teboho Samuel)	ANC 35	
87	Cllr Makoloane (Itumeleng Justice)	ANC 36	
88	Cllr Ramolele (Mmota Simon)	ANC 37	
89	Cllr Matsoso (Molahloane Florenciah)	ANC 38	

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	

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. NCR                                  | Mr E Maseko                         |
| 2. Acting City Manager                  | Mr T Motlashuping                   |
| 3. CFO                                  | Mr T Sediti                         |
| 4. Acting HoD: Engineering              | Mr WR M <sup>c</sup> leod           |
| 5. Acting HoD: Planning                 | Ms N Mabunda                        |
| 6. Acting HoD: Human settlement         | Ms NR Mosehana-Dumalisile – apology |
| 7. Acting HoD: Social Services          | Mr KI Kgamanyane                    |
| 8. Acting HoD: Corporate Services       | Adv N Mpangane                      |
| 9. Waste Management                     | Mr F Nel                            |
| 10. Chief Metro Police                  | Mr KI Kgamanyane                    |
| 11. CEO Centlec                         | Mr M Sekoboto                       |
| 12. General Manager: Committee Services | Mr Motete Mothekhe                  |
| 13. Secretariat officer                 | Ms R Mamatela                       |
| 14. Secretariat Officer                 | Ms M Morakabi                       |

**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).
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)**

**109.**

**OPENING**

**(MOMENT OF SILENT CONTEMPLATION FOR MEDITATION AND PRAYERS)**

The meeting commenced at 11h05 to allow all to be seated.

The Speaker, Councillor SB Lockman-Naidoo officially declared the meeting opened. She then allowed a moment of silent for contemplation for meditation and prayers.

**NOTED.**

**110.**

**NOTICE OF THE MEETING**

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

**NOTED.**

**111.**

**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 pages of the minutes.

**NOTED.**

**112.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Cllr CL Kruger moved for adoption of the agenda and was seconded by Cllr MH Supi.

**NOTED.**

**113.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Speaker requested that Councillors must complete the SASRIA application form which must be completed and that in terms of the Councillors determination of upper limits, Councillors' property and vehicles must be covered for public violence, unrest and protest and that the Municipality had already paid the premium cover for all Councillors for the 2022 calendar year. If Councillors did not complete the form, then they would not be covered should anything happens.

**NOTED.**

The Executive Mayor presented his items: “Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker, Cllr Stefani Lockman-Naidoo**  
**Deputy Executive Mayor, Cllr Mapaseka Mothibi-Nkoane**  
**Chief Whip, Cllr Vumile Nikelo**  
**Members of Mayoral Committee**  
**Chairpersons of Section 79 Committees**  
**Fellow Councillors**  
**Traditional leaders**  
**Acting Municipal Manager, Mr. Tebogo Motlashuping**  
**Members of the National Administration Team**  
**Municipal Officials**  
**Members of the Ward Committees**  
**The Media**  
**Ladies and gentlemen**

Madam Speaker, perhaps it is the most noble thing to do, to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to present the 2022/23 – 2024/25 Medium Term Budget Framework of Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, which is currently placed under the national intervention. It could have been different if the Council was dissolved at the time of appointing the intervention team.

But we still have this chance to execute our Constitutional mandate to use resources of the City in the best interest of the people of Mangaung in particular.

Fellow Councillors, today marks 120 years since the signing of the Peace of Vereeniging between the Boer and British forces, which ended wars between these sides in 1902. This treaty culminated in the formation of the Union of South Africa (1910), leaving Africans without voting franchise.

This was a crime against humanity that should ‘never, never and never again’ be allowed, as the founding father of our democratic nation Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela would caution.

Madam Speaker, the 2022/23 Budget is the first of the fifth administration, and it is centred around a thorough understanding of the state of the City, especially financial situation. When we took office after the local government elections in November 2021, Mangaung was already a Metro in the state of distress.

We were, and still are, facing serious service delivery crisis. This begot us more complex challenges that further deepened our political and social instability.

We take our strength from our greatest resource, our people, who did not emigrate regardless of all this, but chose to live, work, invest and even offer their free services as volunteers in many other community development endeavours.

Our people made this choice not because there are no alternative places or do not have a desire and determination to live in a prosperous City. They have many alternatives! Theirs is the greatest love for this City. This Budget, therefore, reflects on these realities.

Madam Speaker, this time around, we must be frank and honest in responding to a legitimate question as to where did we go wrong? For many people want to understand what is actually taking place in Mangaung, especially since the inauguration of the fifth administration including the latest invocation of the national intervention in terms of Section 139 of the Constitution.

Today we have members of the National Intervention Team because our Constitution makes it impossible for the lower spheres of government to collapse in isolation. While this Council might have survived a possible dissolution in terms of Section 139(5)(b) of the Constitution, it will be difficult for us to escape a flaming sword of accountability.

Fellow citizens, that is why today I am reminded of a confession of the former US Secretary of Defence Robert S. McNamara who had to lead by good example in acknowledging leadership blunders during the Vietnam war, admitting:

*“We’ve made mistakes in Vietnam. I’ve made mistakes. But the mistakes I made are not the ones they say I made.”*

Likewise, we have made mistakes in Mangaung and for that, I apologise without any qualification. However, in our case too, the mistakes we have made are not the ones they say we have made. Our greatest deficiency is that we are very indecisive in building a capable state. Thus, all the anomalies distressing us today, stems from this error.

Fellow Councillors, there is now no time to falter anymore, for even Covid 19 remains public health emergency that calls for vigilant, responsible and accountable leadership. This global pandemic and related containment measures have not only plunged us into the worse fiscal state, but contraction of the entire global economy. This has dealt a heavy blow on our people as the lives of many are disrupted, many jobs have been shed and affecting the small and medium-sized enterprises in particular.

This has left many nation-states with no other options but to contain costs including consumption related spending, becoming tougher in enforcing accountability and compliant financial management including total eradication of misappropriation of public funds or corruption.

Madam Speaker, we are tabling the 2022/23 – 2024/25 medium-term expenditure framework budget against few other pressures facing us. The cardinal pressure facing us is our current fiscal condition and this budget is tabled at the time when government continues to confront a challenging economic environment. As a result, our revenue projections have been sharply reduced and spending pressures continue to mount. The combination of lower revenue and increased spending continue to put pressure on service delivery.

We remain financially distressed due to economic recession, and our situation is worsened by lower rate of collection. The current projected collection rate is at 82% for the MTREF period. In this regard, Madam Speaker, we have no choice but to take drastic measures against debtors not registered as indigents.

## 6B

Our financial recovery plan further propagates firmness on cost-containment measures, increase and diversify additional revenue streams and attend to the management of surplus, cash, and its equivalents.

Regarding our financial situation, we are not resting on our laurels, our sleeves are rolled up as we now have a draft long-term financial strategy. The consistent feature of the financial recovery plan on the agenda of this Council, portrays us as failures and poor implementers of our own resolutions and policies. Progress report in this regard should, therefore, be given high priority by the MMC Finance and MPAC. This should be a matter of great concern to the National Intervention Team as well.

The increasing debt book weakens our institutional capacity in terms of effective service delivery. The debtor's balance as of 28 February 2022 is at **R8,06 billion**. Our situation would be more worrying if about 75 % of our capital budget was not grants or subsidies.

Regarding the service delivery challenges, there is an urgent need to review the master plan towards a more long-term orientated Capital Investment Plan. This will be done in such a way the City is able to strike a balance between the priorities relating to social infrastructure development and economic infrastructure development.

Madam Speaker, logic dictates upon us that it is highly impossible to improve governance and service delivery acceleration if we are not managing our human resource well. The continued upsetting state has affected the morale of those in the employment of the Council. Hence, we are investing in building institutional capacity towards sound financial management, performance management including healthy labour relations.

Fellow citizens, notwithstanding all the current setbacks, this budget seeks to strike a balance between the needs of the people as espoused in IDP including our institutional capacity to respond accordingly. Having followed the budget principles underpinning local government finances in accordance with the MFMA, we have prepared the budget for the next MTREF period 2022/23– 2024/25.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, our total revenue budget for the MTREF budget is projected at **R8,811 billion** in 2022/23 excluding capital grants (**R7,980 billion** in 2021/22), representing an increase in revenue of **R831,245 million** (10,42%) on the 2021/22 adjustment budget. The projection for the outer two years of the MTREF period is **R9,325 billion** and **R9,907 billion** respectively.

Our operational expenditure increases from the adjustment budget amount of **R7,440 billion** in 2021/22 to a new budget amount of **R8,157 billion** in 2022/23 representing an increase of **R715,332 million** (9.61%). The projection for the outer two years of the MTREF period is **R8,524 billion** and **R8,867 billion** respectively.

Fellow citizens, it is equally noteworthy that our capital budget for the 2022/23 financial year sits at **R1,281 billion** which is a decrease of **R411,101 million** (24.30%) as compared to the 2021/22 adjustment budget of **R1,692 billion**. The capital budget for the two outer years of the MTREF period has been set at **R1,339 billion** and **R1,387 billion** respectively.

## 6C

For the local sphere of governance, one of the most sustainable competitive advantages in terms capacity to generate own revenue is property rates. However, we have tried everything possible to keep the new tariff increases low as possible as we can. Thus for the financial year 2022/23, the **property rates** increase by **3.89%**. Prior to the average increase, we took into considerations few critical factors including: the average increase of the rates tariff by **6.00%**; re-engineering of the tariff structure aimed at promoting development, investment and business in Mangaung as well as the new rate ratios as determined. This is premised on the tariff structure that was re-engineered in order to promote development, investment and business within the City as well as new rate ratios were determined.

The challenges facing ESKOM, the power utility in South Africa, are borne by all of us. Accordingly, **electricity tariff** is set to increase by **7.4%**. The electricity revenue is projected at **R3,495 billion** in 2022/23 (**R3,166 billion** in the prior year) representing an increase of **R328,810 million** (10.39%) on the 2021/22 adjustment budget.

The projection for the outer two years of the MTREF period is **R3,649 billion** and **R3,813 billion** respectively. It should be noted that electricity tariff increases are approved by the energy regulator, National Electricity Regulator of South Africa (NERSA).

In the current financial year, **water service revenue** is set to increase by **7.75%**. The tariff In monetary terms it is projected at **R1,136 billion** in 2022/23 (**R1,054 billion** in the prior year) representing an increase of **R81,667 million** (7.75%) on the 2021/22 adjustment budget. The projection for the outer two years of the MTREF period is **R1,215 billion** and **R1,316 billion** respectively.

The **sewerage tariff** will increase by **2.40%** on average in the 2022/23 financial year and by **5.40%** (Residential) and **6.20%** (Non-Residential) and **6.00%** (Residential) and **6.70%** (Non-Residential) for the two respective outer years. Compared to the previous financial year, the effective increase of **24.68%** in the sanitation revenue is encouraged by factors.

These factors include a new general valuation roll; **4%** decrease in market value and the resultant decrease in expected property rates revenue due to the anticipated appeals processes; and the expected growth of the City by **1%**. We will also be updating the valuation roll in the current financial year.

Compared to the previous financial year (2021/22) the **refuse removal** increases by **12.97%**. The **refuse removal revenue** is projected at **R177,674 million** in 2022/23 (**R157,276 million** in the prior year) representing an increase of **R20,398 million** (12.97%) on the 2021/22 adjustment budget. The projection for the outer two years of the MTREF period is **R191,144 million** and **R207,634 million** respectively.

Fellow citizens, this budget further addresses critical governance issues identified by the Council as key priorities. These include employees related costs. It has now become a norm to expect sporadic labour unrests ensuing on-and-after municipal payday. This is due to overtime which we could not manage properly in the past. Hence, we have set aside **R113 million** for the filling of critical vacancies to reduce overtime.

## 6D

However, the hours for overtime will be capped at a maximum of 40 per month to limit excessive claims. Exceptional cases involving emergency services will be considered on merit.

In filling vacancies, we will not compromise appointing qualified individuals especially appointments at senior and middle management level. Accordingly, officials acting on higher positions that provide for allowances will return to their respective posts from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2022.

Madam Speaker, our consolidated operational revenue budget is projected at **R8,811 billion** in 2022/23 excluding capital grants (**R7,980 billion** in 2021/22), representing an increase in revenue of **R831,245 million** (10,42%) on the 2021/22 adjustment budget. The projection for the outer two years of the MTREF period is **R9,325 billion** and **R9,907 billion** respectively.

Critical to our collective responsibility is monitoring our performance in terms of how debt is serviced. About a month ago, as Honourable Minister Senzo Mchunu presented his budget vote he said municipalities and the water boards are responsible for **65%** of **R24.57 billion** debt owed to the Department of Water and Sanitation's Water Trading Entity.

This is why we have increased our budget for debt impairment by **R146,309 million**. This represents 15,50% from the 2021/22 adjustment budget allocation of **R943,784 million** to a new amount of **R1,090 billion**. The indicative amount for the two outer years of the MTREF period is **R1,150 billion** and **R1,218 billion** respectively.

Fellow Councillors, for the financial year 2022/23 our fiscal condition allows for the depreciation budget of **R347,000 million** for 2022/23. This particular allocation is actually demonstrating an increase of **R46,719 million** representing 15,56%.

Critical for future consideration is whether our tariffs are set in such a way that they enable us to cover the actual costs of bulk purchases. I raise this matter because if the growth trends in bulk service charges (including employees) cannot be afforded accordingly, then more financial mayhems looms for us.

To avoid this, in preparing this budget, we have also taken into consideration the implementation of the latest version of municipal standard chart of accounts (MSCOA). Accordingly, our bulk water purchases is now no longer accounted for under bulk purchases, but under a combination of inventory consumed and losses.

Given the increase of electricity by **7.18%** (**R143,782 million**) against the 2021/22 adjustment budget amount of **R2,002 billion**, to the proposed new amount of **R2,146 billion** for the 2022/23 budget year; the allocation for the two outer years of the MTREF period is **R2,240 billion** and **R2,341 billion** respectively.

Furthermore, as bulk purchases relate to water which increased by **17.64%** (**R133,479 million**) against the 2021/22 adjustment budget amount of **R756,521 million**, to the proposed amount of **R890,000 million** for the 2022/23 budget year; the allocation for the two outer years of the MTREF period is **R929,160 million** and **R970,972 million** respectively. For the financial year 2022/23 the bulk purchases take up approximately **36.97%** of the operating budget.

## 6E

Regarding the **inventory consumed** formerly known as **other materials** which excludes water bulk purchases, budget increased by **5,82% (R4,986 million)** against the 2021/22 adjustment budget amount of **R85,725 million**, to the proposed amount of **R90,711 million** for the 2022/23 budget year. The allocation for the two outer years of the MTREF period is **R105,500 million** and **R108,134 million** respectively.

It is indisputable fact the topic of contracted municipal services is trending because of critical questions relating to the bid processes and quality of work, and whether outsourced services could not be done internally or not. In our quest for good governance, we encourage studies in this topical issue and findings in this context should be shared for correction where necessary. We will not prefer to continue business with service providers who render services below set standards, there should be quality assurance and value for money in whatever services rendered. It is for this reason Madam Speaker, that we have taken a conscious decision to use internal capacity for debt collection instead of relying on the attorneys and/or consultants for such purpose.

Fellow Councillors, contracted services budget increased by **R26,796 million** (4.71%) from the approved adjustment budget allocation of **R568,564 million** in 2021/22 to a new allocation of **R595,360 million**. The allocation for the two outer years of the MTREF period is **R 617,864 million** and **R637,497 million** respectively.

The increase is due to the intention to address the service delivery priorities and the cleanliness of our City. It caters for litter picking and street cleaning, maintenance of parks, cleaning of entrances, tree cutting, repairs and maintenance of roads, unblocking of sewer reticulation infrastructure, attending to water losses due to burst pipes, leakages, maintenance of service delivery vehicles and implementation of revenue enhancement strategies.

Fellow Councillors, furthermore the new vehicles that were originally procured for the Metro Police will be now used by the Law Enforcement Unit and for other services delivery matters. This shift includes the funds originally intended to purchase the fire arms.

For the maintenance of parks, entrances, and felling of trees reserved for local SMMEs about **R10,7 million** has been allocated. In the current financial year, other priorities of the Council include:

- Sustainable refuse removal solutions reserved for SMMEs (Door to door refuse collection, litter picking and street cleaning) – **R21,5 million**;
- Maintenance addressing potholes, re-graveling of streets and cleaning of storm-water channels – **R29,9 million**.
- Effective Fleet Management solutions – **R46,1 million**;
- Maintenance of vehicles – **R21,5 million**;
- Improve revenue collection and enhancement strategies (including valuation roll) – **R20,4 million**;
- Renovations and repair of municipal facilities – **R30,1 million**;
- Addressing water leakages and losses – **R46,5 million**;
- Land and availability of sites – **R13,6 million**;

The cost of repairs and maintenance is projected at **R517,045 million** for 2022/23 budget year and for the two outer years of the MTREF period the costs are projected at **R551,141 million** and **R575,972 million** respectively.

Madam Speaker, Transfers and Grants budget have reduced from the appropriated adjustment budget of **R2,830 million** in 2021/22 to an amount of **R409,000** in 2022/23. The allocation for the two outer years of the MTREF period is **R427,000** and **R446,000** respectively.

The allocation is impacted by the MSCOA classification to the budget for grants to be reflected as revenue foregone instead of grants and subsidies paid.

Fellow Councillors, the capital budget for the 2022/23 financial year is set at **R1,281 billion** and has decreased by **R411,101 million** (23.40%) as compared to the 2021/22 adjustment budget of **R1,692 billion**. The capital budget for the two outer years of the MTREF period has been set at **R1,339 billion** and **R1,387 billion** respectively.

The budget will be funded out of Government Grants and subsidies and internally generated fund (own funding) as funding sources. Government grants contribution to the Metro's capital budget will be reduced by **R454,630 million** (32.06%) to **R963,271 million** in 2022/23, from adjustment budget amount of **R1,417,901 million** in the 2021/22 budget year. The projection for the two outer years of the MTREF period is **R1,020 billion** and **R1,063 billion** respectively.

The grants and subsidies contribute up to **75.21%** of total capital funding over the MTREF period. The major grants being the Urban Settlement Development Grant (USDG) and Public Transport Network Grant (PTNG).

The USDG is provided directly to accredited or high-capacity metros and municipalities by means of a DORA transfer for infrastructure development to support the upgrading of informal settlements and increase the provision of serviced land in metropolitan municipalities. This grant enables us to create sustainable and integrated human settlements that towards improved quality of the people of Mangaung.

Fellow Councillors, in pursuit of promotion of integrated sustainable urban settlements and improving quality of household, we will be:

- Upgrading roads including resealing at the cost of **R82.6 million**;
- Upgrading water infrastructure at **R118,5 million**; and
- Installing prepaid and bulk water meters at the cost of **R29 million**;

To deliver on these outcomes, the City has been allocated **R477,007 million** in the 2022/23 financial year, and **R498,031 million** and **R520,397 million** in the two outer years.

Madam Speaker, regarding the **Informal Settlement Upgrading Partnership Grant (ISUPG)**, allocation of **R265,636 million** in the 2022/23 financial year has been made available, intended to serve as a planning and preparation platform towards the Informal Settlement Upgrading Partnership Grant. Previously this grant was included in the USDG and ringfenced for informal settlement.



## 6G

Amongst other critical grants through we were funded, is the Public Transport Network Grant (IPTN).

Fellow citizens, we have delivered accordingly on our promise to transform public transport system to become a high-quality, safe and affordable public transport system in terms of the IPTN.

Let us not forget that it was this very august house that has approved the Hauweng Bus Operations. Guided by the legislative provisions, specifically the Land Transport Act (ACT), we are expected to appoint the current public transport operators for the first 12 years of the bus contracting under IPTN. And few weeks ago, this matter was clarified in this Council.

To reiterate our reply in this regard, within our jurisdiction, the public transport operators are mainly the Taxi Operators represented by Taxi Associations and the Bus Company represented by Interstate Busline (IBL). There are few consensual agreements and processes that have been sealed with these stakeholders. These include:

- Signed Memorandum of Agreements between the City and Taxi Associations.
- Signing of the memorandum of agreement between the City and IBL.
- Establishment of the Bus company established by Taxi Associations namely Mangaung Transit (PTY) Ltd.
- Signing of compensation Agreement with the Taxi Associations and the affected Brandwag operators including the Restraint of Trade by the Brandwag operators in order to ensure complete removal of taxi along CBD-Brandwag route to avoid competitions and conflicts.
- Purchasing of 10 Hauweng Buses through the supply chain processes
- Leasing of Hauweng buses to Mangaung Transit pending the bus transfer process as contained in the MFMA.

This implies we are now ready with the operationalisation of the Hauweng buses and this is envisaged to happened before the end of June 2022. To date, a lot of work has been done regarding the Integrated Public Transport Network as we have completed the following road construction projects:

- Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) in Willows area (Park Road, Ella Street, King Edward and Victoria Road)
- Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) in Thaba Nchu adjacent to Bartamea School of the Blinds
- Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) in Botshabelo adjust to Botshabelo stadium
- Maphisa Road and NMT
- Harvey Road and NMT
- Chief Moroka Crescent and NMT
- Fort Hare and NMT

Despite these, there are few setbacks as well. There are some delays at the capital projects involving construction of the Hauweng bus depot civil works at Heidedal next to SPCA and Moshoeshoe Road. Accordingly, the current contractors are facing penalties in terms of the initial contract they have signed, and discussions are underway to complete these projects in the next 90 days at the most.

## 6H

Acting City Manager, I want a meeting with the business people in the Eastend and from time to time, those business people are losing their monies because of issues of electricity loadshedding etc. it is important for us to encourage business to invest in Mangaung. There are a number of businesses that we have lost because of electricity in that particular area.

There are some delays at the capital projects involving construction of the Hauweng bus depot civil works at Heidedal next to SPCA and Moshoeshoe Road. Accordingly, the current contractors are facing penalties in terms of the initial contract they have signed, and discussions are underway to complete these projects in the next 90 days at the most.

Madam Speaker, it is essential to empathise the fact that through the IPTN project, 6 contractors, 31 sub-contractors and 88 labourers were employed. The project has mainly benefitted the youth and women in terms of job opportunities.

Significantly, despite our obvious financial constraints, we can still fund some projects from our funds. The projects included the capital budget are estimated at **R317,565 million** for the 2022/23 financial year funded through own funds. The allocation of the two MTREF period outer years is **R319,015 million** and **R324,768 million** respectively. The following are some of own funded projects:

- Electricity infrastructure budgeted for **R265,2 million**; and
- Upgrading of ICT systems and related infrastructure at the cost of **R28,1 million**.

Fellow citizens, in accordance with the Urban Settlement Development Grant (USDG) which is provided directly to accredited or high capacity metros and municipalities by means of the division of revenue processes (DORA), we have received an allocation of **R477,007 million** in the 2022/23 financial year, and **R498,031 million** and **R520,397 million** in the two outer years.

This is mainly for the creation of sustainable and integrated human settlements in Mangaung. With this allocation we envisage to:

- increase in bulk and link infrastructure;
- construct internal engineering services;
- increase number of serviced sites;
- fast-track individual connections;
- accelerate provision of land for informal settlement upgrading, subsidised housing, or mixed-use developments in support of approved human settlements and other urban developments;
- increase in access to public and socio-economic amenities; and
- Increase in the number of interim basic services.

Fellow citizens and fellow Councillors, the spatial transforming of cities has been on the radar for quite some time now. Thus our development of Integrated and Sustainable Human Settlements through the Catalytic Land Development programme seeks to address the transformation of the spatial housing patterns. Our focus will be premised on creating more inclusive, denser and mixed-use urban areas. By this, we are striving for more affordable and functional housing market that responds to both supply and demand.

The different sources of funding for the Catalytic Land Development projects, including private, debt, the urban settlements development grant and the human settlements development grant.

For this purpose, we have identified the following strategic land parcels:

- Hillside View
- Vista Park Extension 2
- Vista Park Extension 3
- Brandkop 702
- Cecilia Park
- Brandkop Racetrack
- Airport Development Node
- Estoire Development
- Caleb Motshabi
- Lourierpark
- Thaba Nchu-Botshabelo Development Node

Though we have not yet adopted our own growth and development strategy as the National Development Plan (NDP) prescribes, we applied its principles. In this regard the City is committed to the vision of incremental upgrading of the informal settlements. We have **47** informal settlements; accommodating about **30 329** households. Of these, **95%** have access to electricity; and the roll-out of basic services is underway.

We will move with speed in upgrading other informal settlements. For we have seen what happened in Durban after the floods in April and May 2022.

Fellow Councillors, I think I should emphasise that ten years ago in 2012, we adopted Disaster Management Plan and this, just like the IDP is reviewed updated on annual basis. Preparedness, in case disaster strikes, is ensured through effective institutional arrangements in which special provision is made for the involvement of the relevant stakeholders. These includes the other spheres of government and the NGOs.

From 2016 to date, we have upgraded six (6) informal settlements and currently in the process of upgrading 16 more. In this, the upgrading of informal settlements is estimated at **R265,6 million** and Vista park at **R45 million**.

Under **Informal Settlement Upgrading Partnership Grant (ISUPG)** an allocation of **R265,636 million** in the 2022/23 financial year has been made available. Previously, this grant was included in the USDG and ringfenced for informal settlement.

Fellow Councillors, I can attest to the fact that it is risky and expensive to drive on our roads. I took a tour around the City and was left astonished! We will therefore fast-track implementation of the Road Asset Management Plan. This august house has already approved the Road Asset Management Plan report as part of the IDP sector plans.

We will also pay special attention on the status of public roads, major economic roads and roads leading to social facilities would be addressed.

Maintenance addressing potholes, re-graveling of streets and cleaning of stormwater channels **R29,9 million** and an amount **R82.8 million** has been set aside for upgrading of roads including resealing.

Another major crisis facing us is the pain of the raw sewerage spillage affecting local communities. This robs our people the right to clean and healthy environment. This has also led to the emergence of concerned groups and agents of change who said enough is enough.

There is a fervent patriotism and loyalty to the City, for they have demonstrated this as they mobilised communities in the process of unblocking sewerages and cleaning graveyards.

These progressive fellows deserve special words of commendation for keeping us on our toes as public representatives and functionaries within Mangaung Metro. In response to this, for the unblocking and maintenance of sewer reticulation infrastructure we have set aside **R49,4 million** and additional **R89,9 million** for sewer infrastructure upgrading.

Fellow citizens, the sanitation revenue is projected at **R507,200 million** in 2022/23 (**R406,798 million** in the prior year) representing an increase of **R100,402 million** (24.68%) on the 2021/22 adjustment budget. The projection for the outer two years of the MTREF period is **R542,695 million** and **R583,863 million** respectively.

Amidst the global pandemic and economic crisis, we owe it to the people of Mangaung to create an enabling environment for economic development and growth. We are, first-and-foremost, poised to overcome piecemeal approach of confining growth and development strategies to a single term of the Council.

The City needs a long-term growth and development strategy. Consultations with relevant stakeholders including the South African Cities Network are underway. The informal sector has for the past number of years accounted for the biggest slice of created job opportunities.

Madam Speaker, earlier this year, when the State President said “*we all know that the government does not create, businesses create jobs,*” this was misconstrued as now abdicating state’s responsibility to the private sector. Such interpretation is another mistake we are making. Though the state is a primary actor in promoting the general welfare of society, it has a duty to mobilize private sector investment in achieving this. White Paper on local government acknowledges the fact private sector can provide ‘*economies of scale and specialist expertise*’ more efficiently than what we may have internally.

This is why, amongst many other factors, we are currently engaging some investors to boost the local economy. The mobilization of private sector constitutes integral part of our Fifth Utility. By this, we mean a new model for new services and revenue streams which aimed at amplifying our traditional four utilities including water, waste, sanitation and electricity. It embraces services and trading in broadband and data, logistics and warehousing, gas and energy.

Fellow citizens, venturing into the fifth utility calls for the involvement of multiple stakeholders including the upper spheres of government. In this financial year, therefore, feasibility studies are underway to: establish the **N1/N8 logistics hub** to exploit our geographic advantage of being at the epicentre of South Africa. Much has been said in the past about transforming Mangaung into a logistics hotspot, but now we are doing something. Hence, we began with a feasibility study.

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Furthermore, we also taking full advantage of the current relaxation of the generation of electricity in South Africa. In this regard, another feasibility study that is underway involves our electricity utility, the Centlec, to include **generating own electricity**.

In pursuit of economic recovery, the City is also taking full advantage of the Schedule 4B of the Constitution to trade in and reticulate **gas**. This move is triggered by the obvious uncertainties related to electricity supply stemming from the loadshedding that has become a norm in our time. This is a critical step in creating alternative own revenue source.

In recent years, our Country continues registering high rate of unemployment mainly leaving many young people and women in poverty. Accordingly, in this financial year, we will be leading a more pro-youth and women employment driven campaign.

Fellow citizens, regarding the informal sector, we are investing in the construction of informal trading stalls, market service centres as well as paving, installation of steel structures, building work, roof sheeting and ablution facilities.

The City is committed in growing township economy. We have collaborated with the DTI, FDC and Softstart to build the very first ICT Digital Incubation Hub in the Botshabelo region. This Hub is now complete and operational.

Earlier this year we made commitment to incentivise investment by offering at least five (5) year rent free in Bloem-Industria and FDC factories. Other initiatives include:

- Formalisation and mainstreaming of informal traders and SMME;
- Provide business opportunities and contribute to job creation;
- the informal trade market in the Thaba Nchu CBD area catering for 100 mixed-use stalls; and
- The phased construction of the Park will commence in the current financial year with anticipated completion dated of 2024/2025 financial year.

We are truly privileged to benefit from the Presidential Employment Stimulus for the City receiving **R19,5 million** for the Public Employment Programmes. The Presidency initiated the PEP, which is coordinated by the National Treasury through the Neighbourhood Development Partnership Grant.

To benefit, we had to submit the initial business plan for consideration by the National Treasury and we are now ready to revive the economy of the City and create more job opportunities for our people. EPWPs and the Presidential employment programme (PEP), we have received **R19,5 million** from The Presidency and the lifespan of the current PEP is 6 months.

Fellow Councillors, in conclusion, the budget we are presenting today does not necessarily provide for developmental endeavours. This is because we are in transition to financial recovery. Hence amongst other budgeted related policies set for tabling, a proposed policy on the long-term financial planning is included. In the near possible future, we will be able to present a more economic growth and development-orientated budget.

For now, attainment of absolute financial recovery and promotion of good governance are top priorities. We are already making strides in uprooting the culture of non-payment of Municipal accounts. We are indebted to the ratepayers who remain faithful in paying their Municipal accounts in these trying times of global pandemic and economic meltdown.

To the members of the National Intervention Team, you owe it to all South Africans to prove that our constitutional democracy works. Whatever you do, in executing your mandate, do it with all your might, leave no single stone unturned. Up until this far, we have not fully explored alternative ways of generating own income. Thus, we need your expertise towards:

- Transforming law enforcement to be effective in generating significant income from traffic and compliance related fines like other municipalities.
- Ensuring outdoor advertising generates income for the City.
- Effecting necessary changes to make sure our parks are in operation and generate income as they used to.

Fellow Councillors, sooner than we may think, the current term will come to an end, we will be like all the rest, who were once endowed with the very legislative and executive power we are enjoying as members of this august house. Let us therefore seize the moment and hold no breath in fulfilling the wishes of our people.

To our officials, the onus rests upon us to change a negative perception that the Council has employed a bunch of unproductive cheque-collectors. We should brace ourselves for the new legislation called the Local Government: Municipal Staff Regulations which ushers the era of professionalisation of municipal administration with a particular focus on performance management system. Let us therefore grab this rare honour of serving the people of Mangaung with full hands.

To the people of Mangaung, we will be lying to ourselves if we could even think you are happy about the quality of service delivery in Mangaung. The discontentment raised during the recent Presidential Imbizo including many other complaints tabled before my office and Councillors, have not fallen deaf ears.

With the assistance of the National Intervention Team we will ensure that we deliver on the commitments we have made including responding accordingly on the complaints raised to us.

We will also be working closely with other spheres of government. Through the **District Development Model (DDM)**, the State President Cyril Ramaphosa has rekindled that optimism in building a capable developmental state which discourages operation of state institutions in silos. In this regard, our One Plan is ready for tabling and processes to establish the two IGR committees, political and technical, are at the advanced stage.

It is important to pass this. We have hope and together we will overcome. For surely, it is arbitrary to conclude that a particular nation, society or community has collapsed. Let us therefore hold no breath in fulfilling the wishes of our people.

Madam Speaker, I am tabling the MTREF Budget and the budget related policies items for adoption.”

## 6M

**Cllr MI Mokoakoa raised a point of exigency and stated that he was disappointed as he has been writing letters to the Acting City manager on several occasion to second people to assist MPAC as they had not yet started with the oversight duties as there were no staff to assist even though the Acting City Manager had paid employees to do the work.**

**On a point of order, Cllr TD Tukula requested that the Speaker call Cllr MI Mokoakoa to order to stick to the item as presented by the Executive Mayor and not issues that were not part of the agenda.**

**Cllr JE Sebolao requested a caucus for the EFF.**

**Cllr D Leech requested to ask clarity seeking questions and further mentioned that they were not provided with document stipulating the changes as outlined by the Executive Mayor.**

- That the Municipality was now working on 82% debt collection rate.
- That 3.9% on property rate was proposed as previously it was 6%.
- That electricity rate would increase by 7.4% and it was then 10.39% increase in the speech delivered.
- That water was previously 9% with an additional 4.20% which would have brought to 11%. That the Bloemwater increase would be 9% however the Executive Mayor had indicated a 7.75% increase on water.
- That on refuse, it was previously 4.5% increase however it was now 12.97%.
- That employee related cost, the Executive Mayor indicated that they were reducing the overtime and further that there would be 200 political staff that would fall away but kept the budget of R2,4 billion with no reduction on amount budgeted for employee related costs.
- That under the line item "other", it was now inventory and bulk water purchases would be paid under that however if the tariffs increase had been reduced and now working on 82% debt collection rate that would significantly bring down the income and therefore where in expenditure reductions have been effected to make up for the loss? That the only places where reduction could be effected was under employee related cost and other and have also split the repairs and maintenance under contracted services and if this was indeed the proposed budget, where were reductions effected to make up for the amount?

**Cllr E Snyman van Deventer stated that on Monday at the Multiparty Whippery they were promised that a list of changes made on the proposed budget would be made available at the meeting.**

**Councillor D Leech indicated that the information as per her clarity seeking questions raised would be needed before caucusing on the proposed budget and changes made.**

**Council Whip confirmed that indeed what Cllr E Snyman van Deventer said, there was a Multiparty Whippery and there were a number of factors contributed and as a result it was indicated that the Executive Mayor in his speech would cover those issues and therefore everything that was discussed would have been expressed in the speech delivered by the Executive Mayor.**

**The Executive Mayor indicated that few of those issues were dealt with i.e. updating the valuation roll in the current financial year, hours of overtime capped at maximum 40 hours per month.**

**On a point of order, Cllr E Snyman van Deventer stated that the ANC may need to have a caucus to explain what the opposition parties requested from the Executive Mayor and what he was talking about, the Acting City Manager had already explained it on Monday.**

**Cllr CF Rampai requested that it be on record that they as the ANC knew nothing of what had happened at whippyery and only those who were part of the whippyery would be accountable for 2022/23.**

**Cllr MW Mongale reiterated that the Executive Mayor was asked to declare that the budget was dedicated to the people of Mangaung and did not hear about other issues that were raised and maybe the caucuses would assist on this matter.**

**The Speaker thereon allowed a 10 minutes DA caucus.**

**Cllr JC Pretorius gave feedback as follows from the DA caucus:**

- That the DA were of the opinion that Council need to be postponed for seven (7) days.
- That Rule 6.1 and 6.3 of the Standing Rules and Orders clearly stated that the Councillors need to be provided with complete documents in 48 hours before the meeting.
- That seeing that the Executive Mayor tabled the budget with different figures, and the document Councillors have on hand meant that they should be provided with a whole sets of documents. That Councillors would not vote for a speech but budget as per availed documentation.

**Cllr GDP Kotze seconded the proposal to postpone the meeting for seven (7) days to be provided with documentation.**

**The Executive Mayor explained as follows:** “Madam Speaker, the amendments were on different votes for example: buying of guns, the money was being shifted from one vote to another and it was something doable internally. On tariffs, the previous speech, at one point I spoke about 10.39% on electricity tariffs and on the same vein spoke about 7.4%, the same documents Councillors received talks about 7.4% and therefore there were no serious changes but changes in terms of ...”

**Councillor D Leech raised a point of order:** “Madam Speaker with all due respect, please don’t allow the Executive Mayor to mislead this house and the people outside. Executive Mayor finances do not work like that. We have two (2) budgets, the operation budget and the capital budget. The guns of which you are talking about falls under the capital budget, it is funded through grants, if you move it there, there are several things that you could use it for as prescribed in the grant for it. So, you need to move it to another line item in line with prescription of that specific grant. It doesn’t speak to the operational budget. The tariffs which you are mentioning does however speaks to the operational budget. If you lower the tariffs, which we appreciate, it means that you are lowering the income and then lower the expenses. If you say to this house that you would be working on 82% debt collection rate, you need to work that into the budget and the total amount which you are proposing that you will get for the Metro...”



**On a point of order, Councillor LM Titi-Odili asked whether they were already discussing the items as they had not yet draw items.**

**The Executive Mayor stated that he was still on the floor and what Councillor D Leech was raising was not a point of order.**

**The Speaker ordered all Councillors to be seated and stated that she listened to the request of the Democratic Alliance however Section 24 and 25 that governed the process did not allow the proposed process. Council had to proceed with tabling and only when the item was not passed, it would activate the seven (7) day clause in terms of Section 25.**

**At this point Councillors raised point of orders and the Speaker thereon ruled that the Executive Mayor was still on the floor and Councillors would be allowed to draw the items for discussion.**

**The Executive Mayor continued:** “Madam Speaker on Monday there was a meeting with Multiparty Whippery who raised issues and some issues found their space on the budget. Some of the issues which found space on the budget are matters which we can deal with now, and some could be dealt with on the adjustment budget of which around August, we would request for an early adjustment budget because there is new money coming.

Now the issue raised was that when passing the budget, there is capital budget and operational budget. Issue on guns, it on capital budget but where does the money come from, the source of it. We have money that we received from USDG, is the money we can decide what we want to do. We have own funding, money that we can decide what we want to do with it because once the money does not have conditions, you can decide what you want to do with it.

I am saying, we are going to play around with the money that we received, I am saying in terms of principles. We understand the capital budget is designed to do what as well as the operation budget, but what we are saying, we heard you. That is why I am ready to read the document I received from them. If you check, we engaged, clarified what we are going to do. But the issue of postponement is a matter of the Council Whip. My work was to table the budget and I did that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.”

**At this point Councillors were raising point of order that what had been presented by the Executive Mayor was not the same as documents availed to Councillors and that they had not been provided with documentation with regards to amendments made by the Executive Mayor in his speech.**

**After a lengthy discussion on the matter, the Speaker reiterated that the documents were exactly the same, there were no material changes and the Executive Mayor confirming that Councillors must rely on the documents they were presented with.**

**Deputy Executive Mayor delivered her speech as follows:** “Thank you, Honourable Speaker. To the Executive Mayor, Cllr MA Siyonzana, the Chief Whip, Cllr VE Nikelo, Mayco Members, Honourable Councillors, officials of Mangaung Metro Municipality, the National Intervention Team and the communities of Mangaung Metro Municipality.

This is our second day from the first day which was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2022. The Municipal Systems Act read together with its Regulations provides for the preparation and adoption of the Integrated Development Plan.

Honourable Speaker, as the new Council, we have inherited conditions that needed resilience and decisive decision making in order to turn around this Municipality. During the development of this strategic document we are having, the City had so many challenges regarding the provision of municipal services and financial position of the City.

Furthermore Honourable Speaker, the development of the IDP followed all prescripts such as the new Metro guidelines, National Treasury reporting reforms and IGR support on the programmes and projects from National and Provincial Departments. It also considered that the five (5) IDP Strategic Development Objectives as endorsed by the Steering Committee as well as the Mayco members.

Honourable Speaker, despite the challenges concerning the covid 19 pandemic which came and stroke us, put bottlenecks, this 5-year document underwent the benefit of being influenced by the communities of Mangaung (via print media) and (through physical meetings in various Wards) and I was as the Deputy Executive Mayor of this Municipality, part of some of these meetings.

Honourable Speaker, the City has extensively consulted communities, business people, non-governmental organisations, SOEs and other spheres of government to provide comments on the draft IDP for a period of 21 days and such inputs have been incorporated into this final document.

Honourable Speaker we must also remember, that anything that is not on this document, has been noted and it would be canned and we must all know that we come from the previous term and the budget that we are passing, comes from the previous term. Some of the things which were outstanding, really need to happen and some of the things that we received this year, others will start running from next year.

Honourable Speaker, I want to say today to the people of Mangaung, that we regard your inputs of highly importance and we are looking forward to remove all the bottlenecks with this budget. We also promise all the stakeholders that as the Municipality we have realized the provision of municipal services even with the financial position that we are in as the City and we are also looking forward to see this City as an investor friendly City.

Honourable Speaker, Executive Mayor, MMCs, honourable Councillors, officials and the community of Mangaung; as the responsible custodian of IDP and PMS, I want to assure this august house that by adopting this important document, I must assure that every single content of them will be monitored and accounted for fully and as the ANC we support this budget. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

**Cllr MW Mongale raised his deepest disappointment that the decision that was taken at the Multiparty Whippery meeting was not adhered to and the fact that it was not indicated that the budget was for the people of Mangaung. Furthermore that issues raised with regards to the Ward Committee election were not dealt with.**

**Cllr E Snyman van Deventer read two comments from Facebook as follows and urged the Executive Mayor, MMCs and members of the ANC to read the comments of the voters, namely:**

1. *“how do you begin to increase tariffs for services not rendered. Until today I don’t understand why we are billed for refuse taxes when we live like pigs in most areas of Mangaung.”*
  2. *“Executive Mayor, Cllr Siyonzana, please balance me here, how did you return R850 million when we are not serviced as residents of Mangaung, perhaps you and your Councillors should clarify this for us.”*
- That she had the same questions as well and hoped that someone would be able to answer that.
  - That the Executive Mayor referred to fifth government and that the Council inherited the problems of the past and therefore agreed however every single member of the ANC who used to be a member of this Council in the previous term must be shameful due to block voting by the ANC, hence the Municipality were sitting with those problems.
  - That the Executive Mayor referred to debt collection, but creditors need to be paid. There were businesses in Mangaung Municipality closing down because they were not paid, e.g. the Vereeniging Road project which leads to the voters losing their jobs.
  - That the ANC used to call it pro-poor budget every year and the IDP and budget would not change anything in the lives of the poor, except handing out food parcels before elections.
  - That the reason the meeting was held on that day was because of the incompetency of the ANC and further that the Speaker failed to listen to the opposition parties as Cllr VE De Kock wanted to advise the Speaker that the voting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 was not valid, however she was not listened to.
  - That another failure was the salary budget linked to huge number of political staff, and the Chairperson of MPAC referred to ghost workers. Proof that the ANC do not listen to opposition parties, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022 meeting, they had indicated that the organogram should be in line with Annexure F of the government notice dated 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and the ghost workers are still been paid however they were reduced to 80.
  - That the former CFO, HoDs and GMs failed to manage the budget process and had also not listened to any inputs made by the opposition parties. The Freedom Front Plus would always try to make positive contribution, even when they criticised, they would give solutions. That this current year, the Municipality should start with the budget process on time as required by legislation, 10 months before.
  - That the Acting City Manager and Acting HoDs should look at the IPTN plan and all expenses incurred with regard to the Hauweng project.
  - That compliance with regards to green and blue drops was totally ignored by the Municipality, would the Municipality shift moneys to ensure that it comply with compliance orders given to the Executive Mayor on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022?
  - That the previous week the MMC for infrastructure promised the upgrading of Maselspoort water works, sewer works at former Naledi, hopefully he would find the funding in the budget.
  - That the Executive must revisit the budget and do what the DA had requested to postpone the meeting for seven (7) days and bring the budget that could be voted in favour by all Councillors because as it was presented, it would not be serving the citizens of Mangaung Municipality.

**Cllr LM Titi-Odili addressed the Council:** “Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I think Honourable Mulder in the Parliament saw one of his member becoming the spokesperson of the ANC in the Council today because since Honourable Councillor E Snyman van Deventer started it was about the ANC. The community of Mangaung are listening and heard her.

Honourable Speaker, the Executive Mayor tabled 2022/23 – 2024/25 MTREF. Today we are in the eve of celebrating the youth month, where we remembered young people who fought for this liberation. The even of remembering Comrade Teboho Tsietsi Mashinini, Comrade Papi Makotoko, Comrade Boiki Motloi, leaders who fought for this liberation. I felt that Honourable Speaker, you chose a day that this Council must be of an exemplary to those young people who are today watching us deliberating about this budget.

Honourable Speaker I want to tell the people of Mangaung that, we table this budget today at the time when government continue to confront challenges in economic environment. As a results, the City’s revenue projections have been sharply reduced and spending pressures continue to mount. The combination of lower revenue and increased spending continue to put pressure on service delivery. Mangaung continue to implement its financial recovery plan.

As we know Honourable Speaker, we are in Section 139(7), which we are monitored now by the national sphere; National CoGTA and National Treasury. The financial recovery plan encourage that efforts must be fast tracked to increase to increase collection levels, reduce expenditure, increasing and diversifying additional revenue streams and attending to the management of surplus cash and its equivalence. It is what Honourable members in the opposition also indicated that we must fast track issues as the City to make sure that we deal with those matters.

The Municipality therefore acknowledge that the failure to do so would put pressure on the cash flow and the liquidity of the Municipality. Despite the fiscal pressure facing the City, the budget attempts to deliver on the Municipality’s responsibility, reflect the need to continue to deliver effective services; improving efficiencies and not put financial pressure on the residents. Yes, Honourable Speaker we have an infrastructure that we know that it is aging and in this financial year, the Executive Mayor alluded that we have put aside R517 million to ensure that we repair the aging infrastructure. It is because of the situation that we are in, we are unable to say we have money, we don’t have, our finances are distressed and that is why we are under Section 139(7) because the National CoGTA and National Treasury felt that it is their duty to ensure that we reach where we want to reach.

The Auditor General today when he was talking about Mangaung Metro, he indicated that even if the Municipality have an unqualified audit, but there were challenges facing the Municipality mostly service delivery issues and indicated clearly that there is a management problem but as there are people send by National Treasury to take us through until we have our own appointed qualified management, there would be a green light.

Our duty Honourable Speaker, is to ensure that we support the leadership send here by National Treasury, the Cabinet Representative, Mr P Maseko and the Acting City Manager, Mr T Motlashingup to ensure that we deal with matters that are on our neck as Councillors of Mangaung. As the ANC we support the budget. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.”

**Cllr JC Pretorius delivered his speech as follows:** “Thank you, Madam Speaker. Joe Biden once said: *‘show me what you value, show me your budget and I will tell you what you value’*.

Before I start, we need to acknowledge why we are in this august house again and what is the reason this budget is not approved yet by the majority of Councillors as set out in the legislation. The Intervention Team in collaboration with the administration and the Executive Mayor drafted an unfunded budget with unrealistic tariffs.

The budget in front of us today, does not speak towards service delivery or improving the lives of the people of Mangaung Municipality. The Democratic Alliance would like to stress that this is not a fight against the budget but rather a fight for service delivery, supported by a budget that is realistic and sustainable.

The DA strive to present a budget which does not exploit residents through unnecessary tariffs increases, unrealistic projects of a 26% growth in investments, inflated salary bill of R2.4 billion. This house and the residents must understand that the proposed ANC budget only speaks to paying salaries and not buying material to fix infrastructure. As the official opposition, the DA Mangaung has proposed an alternative budget but unfortunately the ANC, Intervention Team and the administration is not willing to commit to a better life for all.

We believe if our proposals were accepted and introduced, it would have not only ensure that the Metro could operate on the basis of a fully funded budget but will also enable the delivery of basic services. In short the Democratic Alliance has made the following proposals:

- Property tax must go down
- Electricity must be in the same line as NERSA
- Water tariffs must go down
- Sewerage 2.4%, the only thing in the budget that we agree upon
- Refuse removal, 2.5% compared to the Municipality’s 4.8% and the Executive Mayor said today 9%

Residents today already pay private contractors to remove refuse. You can drive now to any part of the City and refuse will be standing in heaps every where.

With regard to expenses, we will reduce the salary bill by R300 million. The DA has reduced the budget for other expenses from R350 million to R200 million. The DA’s budget was drawn up considering 80% collection rate so that it is a funded budget. The current budget does not speak to all the residents and we have put plans on the table to improve our income and to allocate this to the upgrading of infrastructure in all Wards. In addition, we managed to budget an additional R260 million for repairs and maintenance. This is over and above the possible saving of R450 million per annum through the repairs of water leaks and a possible addition of R200 million through the effective spending on grants. Our budget will also save this Metro R160 million per annum by reducing unnecessary outsourcing.

These are the real facts and not a pie up in the sky. When will this ANC governed Municipality realise that they are working with real money and not monopoly money. This is not a board game where you can lose and can just start over; this is for real people and their real hard earned tax money. Councillors must look into their hearts and realise that we cannot approve a cold unfunded budget on this cold winter’s day. Let us refer this budget back so that they can incorporate the DA’s inputs and reconvene in seven (7) days.

I will leave you today with this quote from an American economist, Thomas Soul: *‘the real goal should be reduced government spending rather than balanced budgets achieved by ever rising tax rates to cover ever rising spending’*

Cllr LM Titi-Odili mentioned leaders that fought for liberation; those same leaders warn South Africans that if the ANC does to you what the apartheid government did to you, you must do the same to the ANC government. Executive Mayor it looks like you enjoy the monks that we have every three (3) months and maybe we must make that an institution in this Metro that every three months we will have a monk and see what will happen. Thank you, Madam Speaker.”

**Cllr MJ Ramatlama stated that the way he was so disappointed, he did not have the energy to even go through his prepared speech and that Cllr JE Sebolao, the party leader will be commenting on behalf of the EFF.**

**Cllr JE Sebolao commented that as Cllr MJ Ramatlama indicated, as the EFF they were really disappointed.**

- That the meeting they had on Monday with the absent Council Whip, they were given guarantees that whatever they had proposed would form part of the Council sitting and unfortunately they were dealing with people who were not honest and the people of Mangaung should know that the ANC cannot be trusted.
- That the people of Mangaung should note that they were not involved in the drafting of the budget. The figures that the Executive Mayor tabled were not assisting.
- That the Executive Mayor’s speech did not address issues such as ghost workers blocking the premises, traffic officers staffing, by-law enforcement, the R500 thousand diesel that went missing, lack of accountability and consequence management.
- That the team brought to Mangaung, were just going along
- That as the EFF, they were going to support the budget, but they were disappointed and therefore there was not way that they would support the budget that was not addressing issues of land.

He then read the text message he received and thereon questions the reason why they were attending the meeting.

**Cllr IJ Makoloane stated that it must be noted that as the African National Congress they were in support of the budget and that rejecting the budget, would be rejecting the IDP. That the rejection of the IDP would be rejection of the voices of the people, the community of Mangaung. That as the Councillors of African National Congress, that is where they get their mandate as well as the voters, i.e. the community of Mangaung.**

**Cllr PJ Rampai referred to maele (idioms) a Setswana le Sesotho as follows: *‘tlhapi solofela leraga metsi a tshela o a lebile’* and again *‘mahodi a patile maeba’* ke ka hoo dintho di senyehang. That at the Multiparty Whippery meeting on Monday, they discussed what should happen in Mangaung however it did not go well. That they even had the meeting during the Council meeting in the boardroom and it was agreed that they postpone the meeting for seven days.**

**He furthermore delivered his speech as follows:** “Madam Speaker, in the budget given to the people of Mangaung who voted at the local government elections will once again befall in the few people benefiting from it.

If so, Madam Speaker, na tshepo le tieho hore letlotlo la Mangaung kapa Foreisitata a na le tla kgutla? Ha re bua ka letlotlo, re bua ka zoo eo batho ba Foreistata kaofela ba neng ba ya ho yona ho ya ithabisa teng. In the budget, the entrance fee to the zoo was increased, na e teng zoo mona Mangaung Madam Speaker? Ha hona letho, na increase e kentsweng mona e ya ho kae?

Secondly, the Rose Garden next to the Water Front, batho bohle ba tseba hore ka Macufe, ho ne ho iwa moo, empa nothing is happening there same as Naval Hill.

Now the question is, in this budget, will all the things be covered? The ACDP Free State is also concerned with the appalling condition of the beautiful City of Mangaung, potholes, damaged roads, mountains of rubbish everywhere, pit latrine toilets still in use in the surrounding areas. Regarding the pit latrines, some of the Councillors can attest on how bad the situation is in Botshabelo especially when it rains.

There are factories and hawkers stalls that were empty for many years which have now become caves of thieves; a na budget ena e tla kgona ho lokisa for e.g. Botshabelo Fairways, a building which had been unoccupied for more than 10 years, ke lehaha la mashodu. A na budget ena e tla etsa dintho tsena diphethahale? A na batho ba Mangaung batla fumana kgotso e ba e batlang na?

My question is Madam Speaker, will the poor of the poorest also benefit from this budget? Lets please take a visit around town and see mahlomola a teng, you will never sleep at night. Eya Soutpan, Dewetsdorp, the surrounding places in Mangaung and see bothata bo moo. I heard my Honourable Executive Mayor say he took a tour in Mangaung, but not outside towns of Mangaung, lets take a tour around the entire towns surrounding Bloemfontein, ha o na ho robala bosiu.

Madam Speaker, let me remind my colleagues here, in your Freedom Charter, you said and I quote: *"the people shall share the Country's wealth"* this include the people of Mangaung and not only few lucky ones. *"there shall be houses, security and comfort"* more than that, the people of Mangaung need it now, especially in the youth month.

Ka budget ena Madam Speaker, a na batho bohle ba Mangaung bat la kgotsofala kapa di tlo ya ho mashodu le family tsa bona na? I still repeat and quote: *"delayed hopelessness makes the heart sick but fulfilled desire is a tree of life. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One is the understanding"*

If all people of Mangaung can benefit from this budget then the ACDP will support, but for now Madam Speaker, we said as colleagues that the budget must be referred back so that it can be rectified, then the ACDP will support this budget. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

**Cllr SQ Peter delivered his speech as follows:** "Honourable Speaker, Executive Mayor, Deputy Executive Mayor, umbepeshu we ngoxo, fellow Councillors, officials and the intervention team, molweni!

Madam Speaker, I just want to indicate that the Municipal Systems Act and other prescripts require the Municipality to adhere to the MFMA calendar and other legislations when planning the annual budget.

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Mangaung Metro did comply with the Municipal Systems Act as well as the MFMA, however we need to indicate that the City encountered certain challenges while undertaking this process. Safe to say all 51 Wards were able to submit their community aspirations to be included in the coming financial year. It should be noted that all community projects not budgeted for 2022/23 financial year, but some will be catered for in the outer years as indicated by the MMC of Finance.

Executive Mayor, in your speech today, we would like to applaud you for making a commitment that all under budgeted Departments, certain line items would be considered by means of shifting funds in line with MFMA guidelines. So hence we said that we have hope Executive Mayor, the people of Mangaung will be catered for. In so doing, we are confident that the budget will also address issues of service delivery that the community of Mangaung is faced with as well as dealing with the high rate of youth unemployment in this City.

In conclusion, we as the African National Congress, support this budget. I thank you, Madam Speaker.”

**Cllr M Davies seconded the proposal by Cllr JC Pretorius that the budget be referred back and Council reconvene so that all the promises and what the Executive Mayor had presented be worked in the budget. She further raised a concern on how can the Executive Mayor table the budget and the amount he was speaking about was not what it was in the documents they had received.**

**Cllr NA Nhlapho delivered her speech as follows:** “Allow me Madam Speaker to greet the house at large, members of the media and most importantly, the people that have elected us to serve them, which are the residents of Mangaung.

Madam Speaker, today we get to hear how as the City, we plan to overcome the challenges that have been raised by our communities; the concerns that they have been sharing with us as Councillors.

Madam Speaker, as the MMC Finance has alluded that this budget is tabled at a time in our democracy when government continues to confront a challenging economic environment. However, despite this, the tabled budget prioritizes improvement of service delivery to restore and maintain the City of Roses to its former glory. This tabled budget is our spending plan in which we can be held accountable for implementation and for delivery.

Madam Speaker, just to prove that this is not a wish list as has been alluded by the opposition, the budget prioritizes the following amongst others, allow me to speak to the residents of Mangaung firstly:

- it prioritize sustainable refuse removal in our respective communities. Ke nako jwale hore matlakala a tlohe ka hara makeishene a rona.
- Secondly it prioritizes maintenance addressing potholes, re-gravelling of streets and cleaning of stormwater channels.
- Thirdly Madam Speaker, to Mangaung residents, the budget reflects that we are still committed to ensuring that our people have access and gain access to clean water and electricity.



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- Madam Speaker, as the African National Congress we have also noted with great concern, the challenges that our people face during heavy rainfalls and we have ensured that this budget also prioritizes upgrading of informal settlements, to restore the dignity of our people.
- As the African National Congress we also welcome the renovations and repairs of Municipal facilities that have been prioritized to ensure that our young people have secure places for recreational purposes.
- Madam Speaker, I would like to once again, bring to confidence the house and residents watching and listening, to bring them to confidence that both the IDP and the budget that is tabled before us as I had alluded to previously that it has been prepared with careful consideration of the national performance key areas namely:
  - o basic service delivery and infrastructure development hence we had Executive Mayor alluding that we have prioritised water, sewage and road infrastructure which is indeed services at the centre of our people's aspirations.
  - o good governance and public participation as was seen with respective Wards having IDP meetings.
  - o local economic development, institutional development and organizational transformation
  - o financial viability which speaks to the budget that has brought us together today.

Therefore Madam Speaker, as the African National Congress we look forward to implementing such a budget that captures and is based upon the people's aspiration of Mangaung and their well being. So, with the latter said, Madam Speaker, as the African National Congress, we do support the budget. Thank you Madam Speaker.”

**Executive Mayor responded as follows:** “Thank you, Madam Speaker. Next week we're going to have a Council meeting, amongst other things that we are going to bring to the Council is the issue of land they are talking about.

Secondly, Councillors spoke about refuse removal etc, and this budget is dealing with those matters. We said, this is a budget towards stability. We want to stabilize financials and issues of governance. This budget is going to assist us.

The Council have three loans that are serviced and the Municipality will be done paying the loans around 2023/2024 that is why we are saying, this budget is designed to stabilise the City. In the next two (2) weeks, we are going to advertise for issues of proposals, for people who are going to do certain things to address the problems on number of areas in Botshabelo, Thaba Nchu, former Naledi, Soutpan and Mangaung. We are going to change this City and we have already started, we are moving towards ensuring that it becomes a better place.

At one point Johannesburg, Tshwane, Cape Town had problems of finances, they took bonds and we know that and we have those reports. I was in Cape Town with Mr Teboho Maine and the former Councillor Mr Mbangwe, we visited the City and they told us: *'yes, for now we have financial problems, these are our plans in terms of getting out of our problems'*, that is exactly what we are doing here. We do not want to pass a budget that tomorrow they would say, it is not realistic.

I gave my word to opposition parties, I said around August 2022 we would have an adjustment budget. We are going to get new money, from where, I would not tell you for now, but, the new money will be part of the adjustment budget and some of the issues that you raised, will be addressed there.

When you talk about 1988, it reminded me of one comrade who was in maximum prison, by the name Tefo Setlaba. They accused him and there was a sentence of death penalty. We were here in Bloemfontein going up and down asking people to support us in terms of making sure that he is not hanged. At the time, Africans did not have a right to vote nor own properties in certain areas and the children did not have the right to go to any other school. In 1988, even the budget for different schools were budgeted according to a colour of a skin. But this government brought dignity to people; everyone has a right to buy a house anywhere, to take a child to any school; 1988 this Country was still under apartheid regime..."

**At this point, Councillors raised a point of order whereon Councillor D Leech pointed out that the Executive Mayor was not responding to the budget but giving history lessons and the Speaker ruled that Councillor D Leech cannot dictate how the Executive Mayor should respond.**

**The Executive Mayor continued:** "Madam Speaker as you go out, you would see that even this building, the precinct has changed, because we are doing something, we are moving slowly but we are getting there. Next year, it would be a different story because of this budget. What I am saying, this budget will change this City to the better.

Fortunately, we have the intervention team. After this budget, we are going to sign performance contracts with them. In terms of collection, we are going to say: *'we are signing the contract with you, we want 82%, tell us, why are you not collecting this much?'* I remember in the olden days, we used to collect 95%, Councillor JI Mokoena will attest to that. It is difficult to collect 82% and I am saying, we are going to sign those contracts by next week and we are going to ensure that the City changes. Siyaqoba. Thank you, Madam speaker."

**Prior to voting, the Speaker stated that when the Council meeting started in the morning, there were 96 Councillors present and now, there were 92.**

**The Speaker clarified the voting process in terms of the recommendation as in the agenda and the proposal that the item be referred back.**

**Cllr E Snyman van Deventer asked if majority vote in favour, what would be the use of voting for referral back and the Speaker responded that the second proposal will fall off.**

**The voting results were as follows: 50 votes in favour, 41 against and 3 abstained**

**The Speaker thereupon declared that the items would be discussed in seven (7) days as stipulated in the MFMA Section 25 and in terms of Chapter 7, Section 160(3)(b) of the Constitution of South Africa.**

1.

**TABLING OF THE MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY'S INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) AS WELL AS SECTORAL PLANS (2022 – 2027) FOR APPROVAL**

The item did not receive the majority votes and would be discussed in seven (7) days.

**NOTED.**

2.

**A. MEDIUM TERM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK 2022/23 – 2024/25  
31 MAY 2022**

**B. BUDGET POLICIES**

- I. Draft amended 13<sup>th</sup> Supply Chain Management Policy 31 March 2022
- II. Tariffs policy 2021/2022
- III. Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality Adopt-A-Park Policy 2021/2022
- IV. Virement Policy 2021/2022
- V. Draft cost containment policy
- VI. Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy
- VII. Policy on Indigent Customers 30 June 2022
- VIII. MMM travel management policy
- IX. Principles and Policy on the writing off of irrecoverable debt 30 June 2022
- X. Property Rates Policy 2022/2023 for implementation 1 July

**C. GENERAL TARIFFS 2022/2023 – 2024/25**

**D. CAPEX BOOKLET 2022/23 – 2023/25**

**E. CENTLEC (SOC) LTD**

1. MTREF 2022/2023 Narrative Report
2. Annexures
3. Policies
4. SDBIP 2022 2023
5. Business Plan 2022/2023

The item did not receive the majority votes and would be discussed in seven (7) days.

**NOTED.**

115.	<b>CLOSING OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING</b>
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The meeting officially closed at 15h35.

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