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Room 201, Bram Fischer Building	Date: 13 July 2022

Clr J Sebolao  
Economic Freedom Fighters  
**Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality**

Dear Councillor

**RESPONSE TO RULE 38 QUESTION. DAMAGE TO MUNICIPAL PROPERTY DUE TO UNREST.**

Your e-mail received on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022, with regard to the above-mentioned matter refers

**Question 1:**  
**Did the City Manager investigate fire or arson at that premises and if so where is the investigation report?**

Response: Fire and Rescue were dispatched on the day and assisted to distinguish the fire. A formal investigation from Fire and Rescue was not deemed necessary as the cause of the fire was determined to be **deliberate arson**. A case of malicious damage to property, case number 298/03/22 was registered with the South African Police Services at Mangaung Police Station. Their investigation has not been finalized. However, the internal report compiled by the Security Service Provider, is attached as Annexure "A"

**Question 2:**  
**Why security services to guard municipal property at that area was not made?**

Response: Security was present, but however the protestors gained an unauthorized entry into the premises from the backside, where the parameters are not properly fenced. They then held the Security Officers on duty hostage, at gunpoint.


**Question 3:**  
**What is the total costs of the damage and replacement value of the burned down machinery and trucks?**

Response: Two vehicles, a water tanker owned by a service provider Faleehem, and a compaction truck owned by another service provider Ekene, were set alight with petrol bombs. As the two damaged vehicles, are not owned by Council, the directorate is unable to provide the replacement value.

Yours faithfully

Tebogo Motlashuping  
**Acting City Manager**  
Date: 16/08/2022

ANNEXURE "A"

	<h2>Quality Management System</h2>	Page 1 of 6	
		Approved By: Director	
		Originator: M. Sheta	
		Date Released: 23/03/2022	
		Revision: 00	Revision Date: 23/03/2022
<b>CRIME / INCIDENT REPORT</b>			

**BASIC INFORMATION (To be completed by official attending the scene)**

**AREA: Bloemfontein**

Type of incident	Malicious Damage to Property
Place of incident	Padkamp
Time of incident	21:00
Date of incident	23/03/2022
Occurrence book number	637/03/2022
Security Depot	Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality
Active / inactive line	Active
SAPS station	Mangaung SAPS
SAPS CAS number	298/03/2022
SAPS Official	
Reported by name, contact no etc.	Dunge and Mosepedi
Quantity	1
Rand value lost	Undisclosed
Time security dispatched	21:00
Time security arrived on the scene	21:00
Name of management member	Matseko Masiteng

<b>Informal settlement close by (name)</b>	<i>Phelindaba</i>
<b>Weather condition</b>	<i>Clear</i>
<b>Moon Phase</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>INTRODUCTION:</b> <i>On Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2022 at approximately 21:00 the incident was reported at Padkamp whereby the group of concern members approached the security officers on duty and demand them to open the gate to access the site.</i>	

**1. Summary of Incident**

*On Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2022 at approximately 21:00 the incident was reported at Padkamp site whereby the group of so-called concern members approached the security officers on duty s/o Dunge and Mosepedi to open up the main gate. The suspects are associated with Mangaung Community Forum that made the city to be at an unrest.*

*On the process of the discussion with the concern group members at the gate, there were already the group of other concern members on site who gained an access by jumping from the backside of the fence.*

*The other members of the concern group forced the security officers to the guard house and kept them hostage by pointing them with the firearm.*

*The members of the concern group were not recognised by security officers because they were wearing balaclava masks.*

*The other group of the very same perpetrators started to set the fire to burn down about two compactor trucks on site and the trucks were burned to the ground.*

*The case of malicious damage to property was opened at Mangaung SAPS and the case number is **298/03/2022**.*

**2. INTERNAL INVESTIGATION BACKGROUND**

- *Suspects are associated to the forum that has been complaining about the tenders and service delivery.*
- *The suspects also took an advantage of poor lighting and poor fencing material at the back of the site.*

**3. INVESTIGATIONS FINDINGS**

- *This is subjective to the findings of the SAPS investigations and assessment of the incident as it is still an ongoing investigation.*
- *Ms Tutu Jamangile informed the director of the Security Service Provider (Mr Mofokeng) that the perpetrators had chased the officers off the site and to which direction they went.*
- *The director called the fire emergency services as he was making his way to the site.*
- *The security officers returned to the site with the police SAPS and they found the director on the site upon their arrival.*
- *We then discovered that the perpetrators had taken the security officers two-way radio but then the battery of the radio was later found not far from the site.*
- *We discovered that the two trucks that has been set alight does not belong to the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality but for the private company and the perpetrators came fully aware on site knowing exactly where those vehicles parked.*
- *The lighting needs to be improved to enhance security visibility on site.*

**4. WHY'S: Analysis As per why the incident happened**

- *Why did the incident occur?*
  - *The incident happened due to the unrest that was happening within the city.*
- *Why did the culprit burn the trucks?*
  - *We believe that it is due to the dissatisfaction of the community with the service delivery.*
- *Why was it not prevented?*

- *The company did not receive a mandate to increase the personnel during this eventually that occurred.*

<b>Photographic Evidence:</b>	
<b>Photograph:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
	The picture shows the first truck that has been burnt off.



**5. RECOMMENDATION:**

- *We request that the grow trees on the site be cut down to a man's visibility and maintained regularly.*
- *The area must also be fence with proper fencing material and an addition of bob wires as well.*
- *We need to have access to the surveillance on the premises.*
- *We request an increase of security personnel on the site with an addition of working security cameras on the site especially in the blind spot.*
- *The main gate be operated electronically.*

**6. CONCLUSION:**

*We need to improve the working relationship between the security service provider, the site and office managers as well as assistance from the Mangaung Law Enforcement, in order to enhance a good working relationship going forward.*

- *There was the huge total shutdown that took place in the city and led to the unrest whereby the perpetrators targeted the Municipal building with the intention of vandalising them.*
- *The Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality decreased the number of the security personnel on crucial sites that was targeted from the previous shutdown.*
- *As we stand, the Invoices of the manpower provided to the sites from the previous total shutdown are not yet paid.*
- *During the previous shutdown the manpower that was used helped to minimise the incidents.*
- *The company did not receive a mandate to increase the security personnel during this eventually that occurred during the total shutdown that took place; however, the company were alert but the total numbers of security designated by the Municipality was not good enough hence the perpetrators outnumbered the security personnel on site.*

*For any questions regarding the report, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.*

*Kind Regards*

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