

MINUTES of a SPECIAL MEETING

SECTION 79 COMMITTEE: MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

BUNGA B (initially scheduled COMMITTEE ROOM A, FIRST FLOOR, BRAM FISCHER BUILDING

TUESDAY JULY 19, 2022 At 10:00

MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

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Of the

SECTION 79 COMMITTEE: MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Held

in Bunga B, Ground Floor

On

TUESSDAY, JULY 19, 2022

At 10:00

PRESENT

Councillor Mi Mokoakoa(Chairperson)
Councillor LC Kruger (Whip)
Councillor ML Mothupi
Councillor ND Sitoe
Councillor TL Setlai
Councillor KD Tshwane
Councillor PJ Rampai
Councillor JI Mokoena
Councillor NA Phupha
Councillor A Qai

IN ATTENDANCE

CORPORATE SECRETARIAT GM: COMMITTEE SERVICES GM: Internal Audit Chief Risk Officer Co-ordinator MPAC

MPAC: HOD MPAC: Manager

Corporate Secretariat Staff

Ms. M Morakabi Mr M Mothekhe Mr G Ntsala Ms M Mototo

Mr M Tsosane

Ms P Wesi Mr D Phakoe Ms NA Mhamha

The meeting only commenced at 10:21 as to allow for all members to arrive and to be seated.

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OPENING: MOMENT OF REFLECTION

The Chairperson, Councillor MI Mokoakoa officially declared the meeting opened and extended a word of welcome to all members present and thereafter requested Councillor PJ Rampai to lead with a prayer.

Noted.

NOTICE OF THE MEETING

The Chairperson read the notice as on page 1 of the agenda

Noted.

3.
APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor TV Menyatso ,Councillor MC Lelala, Councillor JE Sebolao, Councillor E Snyman van Deventer, Councillor TD Masoeu, Councillor M Davies (on whose behalf apology was rendered.)

4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted by members of the Committee.

Noted.

6.
SECTION 79: MPAC COMMITTEE: ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER INTERNAL RELATED MATTERS

None.

Noted.

ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH

6.1 DRAFT QUESTIONS EMANATING FROM THE 2020/21 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ACTING CITY MANAGER AND CEO: CENTLEC

When dealing with this item the Chair wanted to get consensus from the members on how to deal with this report. The Whip, Councillor L Kruger indicated that the questions were forwarded to members in time therefore everyone was well prepared. That for those who were not happy with how the questions were complied, they can address that particular question instead of going through the entire report. However the General Manager: Internal Audit, Mr. G Ntsala reminded the meeting that in previous years when dealing with these questions members would allow those who complied the report to present it and thereafter they would be afforded the opportunity to make inputs and this proposal was seconded by Councillor A Qai.

After some deliberations it was then **resolved** by the Chairperson to allow Mr. EM Tsosane to present the report.

Mr EM Tsosane narrated the report to Committee Members and indicated that the report was compiled by the MPAC team and some of the Questions were from Councillors from the DA and the Chairperson, Councillor MI Mokoakoa which were then incorporated into the final report. That the questions emanated from what the Auditor General raised in the audit report. Committee members made their inputs and corrections which was then recorded in the final questions sent to the Acting City Manager and CEO: Centlec. The questions are hereto attached to the minutes for ease of reference.

Councillor Ji Mokoena raised his concerns as follows, namely;

- 1.1. That this was a continuation of what was raised in the past by the Auditor General, was there an action plan developed/formulated for these repeat findings;
- 1.2. That the Auditor General raised all the key issues which were not corrected or implemented by the Municipality hence consequence management is brought up again;
- 1.3. That as a Committee they need to move forward, ensure implementation and work in a more structured manner;
- 1.4. That they should continue making recommendations to Council as per their legislative prescripts, the prerogative rests with Council to ensure they are enforced;
- 1.5. That he was requesting to be furnished with Performance contracts of the previous City Manager and HOD's if available in order for them to be held accountable if they were not performing as per their contractual agreement.

- The General Manager: Internal Audit, Mr. G Ntsala responded by informing members that
 performance contracts were signed however the evaluation of the assessment was never
 finalised as per the requirement of the System's Act.
- The Chairperson, Councillor MI Mokoakoa indicated that they have been making recommendations but Council does not implement them, as a result they feel "stuck" and limited as a Committee
- The General Manager: Legal Services, Adv C Naidoo referred to delegated powers reserved for the MPAC committee and the role they play when coming to issues of consequence management- that they recommend to council their findings and it was for the Council to implement. The HOD's contracts have expired and they no longer work for Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality therefore disciplinary procedure cannot be implemented but they can be subjected for criminal charges or to the DC board.
- The Chairperson was however was of a different view that the DC Board was not assisting at all. That a number of cases had been referred to them which were never dealt with or resolved.
- Mr. EM Tsosane further stated that currently the DC Board was not functional and positions
 were advertised for members to apply to be part of the DC Board but he was unsure of
 how far the process was.
- Councillor JI Mokoena asked if the itemised list of Unauthorised expenditure can be availed
 to Councillors. They need to identify who was implicated and if it was currently happening
 or has it been addressed. The information is required to enable the committee to gather all
 the relevant information and to assist Council strengthen its internal controls.
- The General Manager: Internal Audit, Mr. G Ntsala responded by stating that the information can be availed on request. The Financial Statements disclose figures and all other relevant details however the names of the officials who committed the Fruitless expenditure was not mentioned. That the section 32 in the MFMA of the investigations was solely to determine who was responsible for the Municipality to incur the fruitless expenditure. They are disclosed in order for this to be referred to the relevant committee which is MPAC to investigate further.
- The Chairperson raised a question on whether the agreement between Mangaung Metro
 Municipality and Centlec still stands and if they were complying as stipulated. It was then
 responded by Mr. G Ntsala by indicating the SLA agreement served at Council but he was
 unsure if both entities were honouring the agreement.

CLOSING OF THE SECTION 79: MPAC COMMITTEE: SPECIAL MEETING

In Closing the Chairperson made the following remarks, namely;

- 1.1. That once the addition and amendments were incorporated into the final report, it will be forwarded to the Acting City Manager and CEO: Centlec;
- 1.2. That Council had mandated MPAC to investigate on issues of "Ghost workers", that the report was ready and he was requesting clarity from members on the way forward;
- 1.3. That they need to conclude and adopt the schedule of meetings and they have identified some limitations on the Terms of Reference and would like the Committee to review them.

The Whip, Councillor, LC Kruger, thanked members of the committee for attending the meeting, where after she officially closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 13:40

CHAIRPERSON: SECTION 79: MPAC COUNCILLOR MI MOKOAKOA

SECRETARIAT UNIT Bram Fischer Building Bloemfontein JULY 31, 2022

