

MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING

SECTION 79 COMMITTEE: MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

VIRTUALLY ON MICROSOFT TEAMS

THURSDAY AUGUST 25, 2022

At 10:00(continuation meeting of August 22, 2022

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At 10:00

PRESENT:

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:

Councillor MI Mokoakoa (Chairperson) Councillor LC Kruger (Whip)

Councillor TL Setlai

Councillor ND Sitoe

Councillor TL Settai

Councillor MC Lelala

Councillor TD Masoeu

Councillor JE Sebolac

Councillor E Snyman van Deventer

IN ATTENDANCE:

Head: Office of MPAC Ms P Wesi

> Mr. EM Tsosane Mr. D Phakoe

General Manager: Internal Audit

General Manager: Legal Service

Manager: Section 79

Manager: Chief Risk Officer

Secretariat

Ms M Mototo

Mr G Ntsala

Adv C Naidoo

Ms MF Morakabi

The meeting only commenced at 10:12 as to allow for all members to arrive and to be seated.

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1.

OPENING: MOMENT OF REFLECTION

The Chairperson, Councilor MI Mokoakoa officially declared the meeting opened and extended a word of welcome to all members present. He indicated that this was not going to be a long session as they were only going to approve the minutes which had been circulated to members. He then informed the meeting the report would be submitted to Secretariat for inclusion in the Ordinary Council agenda scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, 2022.

The Whip, Councilor LC Kruger proposed that there should be a WhatsApp group created specifically for this committee. That some Councilors were having difficulty with their emails and this was a more convenient and speedy way of conveying urgent matters or meetings. Members welcomed this proposal and the Chairperson tasked his Office with implementing this.

Noted.

2.

NOTICE OF THE MEETING

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

Noted.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor PJ Rampai, Councillor JI Mokoena, Councillor A Qai, Councillor NA Phupha, Councillor KD Tshwane Councillor ML Mothupi, Councillor M Davies (on whose behalf apologies were rendered.)

Noted.

4.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was duly accepted by Committee members.

Noted.

5.1

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 03 March 2022
- 16 March 2022
- 06 April 2022
- 25 April 2022
- 05 July 2022
- 19 July 2022
- 10 August 2022
- 12 August 2022 (continuation meeting
- 16 August 2022
- 22 August 2022 (continuation meeting

Councillor JE Sebolao moved for the adoption of the minutes and was seconded by Councillor MC Lelala.

Noted.

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

None.

Noted.

ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH

6.1 MPAC 2020/21 OVERSIGHT REPORT FOR ADOPTION

Councillor E Snyman van Deventer pointed out that she had read through the report and did some editing and proof reading. That she was not amending the contents thereof but was only rectifying some mistakes and asked if the Chairperson could take those into account prior to submitting this report.

Councillor JE Sebolao raised a concern on issues which were not dealt with and he specifically on the issue that was raised by the Acting City Manager at the MPAC meeting about the irregularities in salaries of Councillors. That the Committee should be provided with evidence of this in order to perform their own investigation into the matter.

The Chairperson then explained that all those issues will be deliberated on by the Committee hence they have adopted the Oversight report with reservations.

It was thereupon

8. RECOMMENDED

Having thoroughly considered the contents of 2020/21 annual report and the findings of the Auditor General for the year under review, it is therefore recommended by the MPAC that:

- 8.1 Council adopt the Oversight Report;
- 8.2 In line with Section 129(1) Council approves the 2020/21 Annual Report with Reservations due to the unsatisfactory pace at which management is addressing risk areas/ control weaknesses mentioned under section 6 of this report;
- 8.3. The Accounting Officer provide the MPAC with a detailed report on the investigations that are currently underway with regard to the UIF&W for both MMM and Centlec within 14 days of the tabling of this report;
- 8.4. That compliance reports compiled in line with sections 52,71,72 and 88 of the MFMA be noted by Council and be handled as permanent referrals to the MPAC for further interrogation;
- 8.5. An audit action plan be developed to address audit findings. A progress report be submitted to the MPAC monthly;
- 8.6. The indigent register be updated as a matter of urgency and a report be submitted to the MPAC within 30 days of the tabling of this report;
- 8.7. A progress report be provided to the MPAC pertaining to the recruitment of support staff in political offices within 7 days of the tabling of this report;

- 8.8. The MPAC be provided with an action plan to curb overspending on overtime across all directorates within 30 days of the tabling of this report;
- 8.9. The Accounting Officer submit an updated risk register with mitigating risk strategies to the MPAC within 30 days of the tabling of this report;
- 8.10. The Accounting Officer must provide the committee with a monthly report on the recovery of debt from government departments and the top 20 businesses that owe the city for services rendered:
- 8.11. The Accounting Officer must provide the MPAC with a monthly progress report that details the ongoing negotiations with Bloemwater and resolving current disputes;
- 8.12. The National Intervention Team provide Council, through the MPAC, with a progress report on the ongoing forensic investigation on IPTN project within 60 days of the tabling of this report;
- 8.13. The Accounting Officer must ensure that a performance management system for all employees is developed and implemented. A progress report must be submitted to the MPAC within 60 days of the tabling of this report;
- 8.14. The Accounting Officer must ensure that a functional disciplinary board is properly constituted within 60 days of the tabling of this report;
- 8.15. Council must expedite the recruitment and appointment of Centlec board members within 60 days of the tabling of this report;
- 8.16. The Accounting Officer provide the MPAC with a comprehensive report regarding the status of the Zoo within 30 Days of the tabling of this report;
- 8.17. The Accounting Officer provide the MPAC with a comprehensive report regarding the status of FRESHCO within 30 Days of the tabling of this report;
- 8.18. The Accounting Officer must submit an action plan to address the challenges listed as bullet items under section 6 within 60 days of tabling of this report.

6.2 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2022/23

This item was dealt with by the Committee on August 22, 2022

Noted.

6.3

TERMS OF REFERENCE: MPAC

This item was dealt with by the Committee on August 22, 2022

Noted.

CLOSING OF THE SECTION 79: MPAC COMMITTEE: SPECIAL MEETING

The Chairperson thanked everyone for availing themselves for the meeting.

The meeting officially closed at 10h21.

CHAIRPERSON OF SECTION 79 COMMITTEE: MPAC

COUNCILLOR MI MOKOAKOA

DATE: 25/01 / 2520

SECRETARIAT M MORAKABI