

Enquiry: Cllr. Vumile Nikelo
Date: 31/08/2022

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In response to the motion by both the Democratic Alliance and Freedom Front Plus

A. Failing duties according to the Municipal Structures Act – Part 3, ss 41(B)

- It must come to the attention of this council that there no number of meetings that are determined to be held for Multiparty. The current situation warranted meeting to be arranged on the need basis and that has indeed happened. It won't be of any essence to call a meeting when there are no items that needs the attention of political parties.
- There is a tendency from opposition parties to take matters of the Municipality and blow them out of proportion by providing the information that is meant for specific consultation to the media. It is for this reasons that the minutes of the Multi party will be circulated on request. To this far, there is no written request from any of the parties concerned who had formally and in writing requested the minutes. This is done to protect the already damaged reputation of the Mangaung Metro Municipality by leaking internal matters to the outside world without approval.
- As the Chief Whip, I have ensured that every political party function properly and are accorded an office space. Arrangements had been made with the facilities department to allocate space to the P. A 's of political parties. A classical example is that one office allocated to African Christian Democratic Party. They were allocated the office as per their request. The Democratic Alliance had for past term been utilizing the office allocated to them in the City Hall Ground floor. Mr. Happy who works at facilities (Manager) did make them aware of the availability of the office they have previously been occupying, he had even indicated to them to make him aware when they will want to occupy it.
- The appointment of Personal Assistants to political parties is the responsibility of the City Manager. The Council Whip does not engage himself/herself in the administrative matters

particularly matters of staff appointments. The Democratic Alliance is playing its politics as normally they do. The P. A's were appointed temporarily for political parties during December month. This P.A 's is part of the political staff that you as the D. A went on media and said they are ghost workers and today you accuse the Council Whip of not ensuring that the P.A 's are appointed. It is in fact unscrupulous that you only care of your PA's not other support staff in political office. However, it is understandable that you are not in governance but working hard to ensure that this Council collapse.

- There has never been any meeting that was coordinated on short notice. The invitation to which you are referencing is in fact irrelevant to the Multiparty Whippery scheduled meetings. This is because the meeting was organized by the ministerial task team and they themselves, did that in a short notice. There was no reason to co-ordinate a meeting of that nature in forty eight (48) hours when I did not even know there will be that kind of a meeting, that would be ridiculous to call a nonexistent meeting. The meeting was clear that it is an emergency in nature.

B. Failing duties according to the Municipal Structures Act – Part 3, ss 41B (C)

- The matter raise in part B is a clear contradiction of facts. In part A, it is mentioned that there were four meetings and part B now indicate one (1) meeting, thus raising the eyebrows of why actually the motion is tabled. This is clearly to destabilise and defocus the African National Congress in its mandate given by Mangaung community. I must say that this does not really warrant a further engagement on the matter.
- This motion is riddled with lies and dishonest, to say the Council Whip invites ANC allies to "multi party" to discuss voting is short of an insult. There has never been any multi-party meeting that deliberated on voting matters. All parties are invited to multiparty to discuss issues on the agenda and indeed they do as anticipated.

C) Failing duties in accordance to the Municipal Structures Act – Part 3. Ss 41B (D)

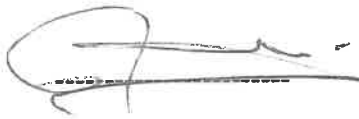
- It is evident that this motion is driven by obsession towards matters that concerns ANC but not Council. How did councillor Davies noticed that I intimidate ANC councillors when she says I am always sitted during counting. This amount to nothing but obsession to ANC matters. Maybe the Councillor was supposed to ask that in future I must concur or not concur with tallied numbers after voting, not to say not counting

D) Biased

- The matter that is raised of bias is a fact that could not be established nor substantiated in the motion. It is truly because there is no biasness that ever existed during execution of my duties. This amounts to nothing but a fishing expedition that went wrong. I am tempted to advise honourable Councillor Davies to direct the energy she had in writing this motion to good use in ensuring that Mangaung community get services they deserve. I will not be intimidated to do my work as council whip of this municipality, it is clear that your motion is informed by the D. A agenda of weakening the African National Congress. As the D. A you will stop at nothing, and we know for the fact that you will keep trying with your quest to unseat the ANC.

E) Conflation of state and party

In this regard I refer you back to my initial deliberation on the on matters of my political conscience as a loyal member of African National Congress.



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