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Madam Speaker
Council item

RESIGNATION AND REPLACEMENT OF WARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to appraise the Municipal Council on the resignation and replacement of ward committee members.

2. Strategic Objective

To attain key IDP strategic objectives of public participation and secondly of good governance.

3. Background

The term of the previous ward committees expired on the 30 October 2021, and from the period November 2021 until February 2022, the office of the Speaker did logistical and administrative preparation for the elections of the new ward committee members. Ward councillors played a pivotal role in the whole process and new members were duly elected from April 04, and the election process was concluded during the first week of May 2022. A total of 510 ward committee members were elected from ward 1 here in Bloemfontein up to ward 50 which is located at Wepener. A report on the establishment of ward committees including functionality was adopted during the Municipal Council held on the 31 June 2022. The composition of ward committee which is currently ten members would create functionality and logistical challenges if some members do not pull together or at most disharmony will creep in when team number is reduced, this is mainly as a result of most wards having vast areas.

4. Deliberations

4.1. Ward Committee members resignations received from July 2022

The recently elected ward committees had been impacted by resignations due to various factors. A total of seven voluntary and involuntary resignations took place affecting the status of five (5) ward committee. A list of affected wards is highlighted in the attached template marked annexure A.

4.2. Reasons for resignations

At the onset of July 2022, some of the members of the ward committee were terminated due to continuous absence and unknown whereabouts, a case in point is a member of the ward committee in ward 21, who after being elected relocated back home out of Mangaung, the member was a student residing at Parkwest student residences. Moreover, the member did not even attend the ward committee induction held from the 02nd to the 03rd June 2022. The other factors for resignation is as a result of members attaining permanent employment status within government departments and thus been unable to render this noble service to the ward elected to represent. Another reason is that of a member turning down ward committee position in favour of PEP project beneficiary. There had been a case of untimely passing of a member of the ward committee. And lastly one member had been incapacitated mainly due to personal reasons and wisely opted to resign.

4.3. Application and Enforceability of the Ward Committee policy regarding resignations

The ward committee policy stipulates that the election of ward committee records should be retained for the duration of the term, in the event of resignation, or any eventuality the member next in line should be declared elected. Some of the ward councillors had raised concerns regarding continuous absence of their members from ward committee activities including meetings, and the office of the Speaker is investigating and attending to those issues and report regarding this matter would be submitted in the next quarterly report.

4.4. Replacements made up to so far

The affected wards as a result of these resignations had been attended to through the involvement of the ward councillor and proper and sequential replacement in line with the ward election outcomes. The three pillars of the ward based representation had been taken into account which encompass the following, namely; fair representation, geographical and sectoral representation.

4.5. Policy and Legislative Imperatives

This report is congruent with the following pieces of legislation;

- a) Municipal Structures Act, Act No. 117 of 1998 as Amended;
- b) Ward Committee policy;
- c) Standing Rules and Orders of Council;
- d) SALGA handbook for ward councillors
- e) National Guidelines on ward committees
- f) Ward Committee Stipend policy

5. Recommendation

It is hereby recommended that it be resolved, that the

- (a) Municipal Council take note of the resignation and replacement of ward committee members;

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- (b) Municipal Council approves the replacement of ward committee members who cease to hold office

Submitted by

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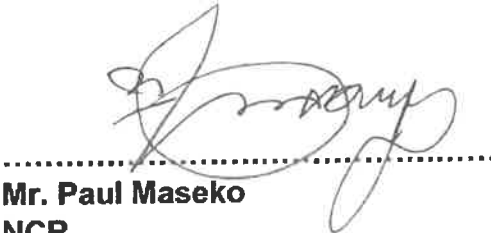
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Acting HOD: Corporate Services**

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**Mr. Tebogo Motlashuping
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Councillor SB Lockman-Naidoo Speaker

ANNEXURE "A"

<u>WARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>		<u>SORTED</u>		<u>Compilation Date</u>		
		<u>ALPHABETICALL</u>				
		<u>Y</u>				
<u>Replacements, Resignations, Deceased, Dismissals etc.</u>						
<u>NUMBE</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>EMPL. CODE</u>	<u>WARD</u>	<u>REASONS</u>	<u>REPLACED BY</u>
1		KO NCHOCHO	146809	4	RESIGNATION- 31 JULY 2022	DH Mdi
2		JR KHANI		4	RESIGNATION -PERSONAL REASONS	
3		DT POSHOLI	146317	46	RESIGNATION 31.08.2022	MARIA MOSIKINYANE
4		MA SOULS	168764	11	DECEASED - SEPTEMBER 2022	E.A MOKOLA
5		T MOAHLOLI		19	RESIGNATION-SEPTEMBER 2022	TN JOLIMVAMBA
6		OD VAN WYK		23	RESIGNATION -25 OCTOBER 2022	PN COERTZEN
7		MA MOGOTLOANE		49	DECEASED- 26 OCTOBER 2022	