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D.A Councillor

Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality

Dear Councillor, Van Der Walt

RESPONSE TO RULE 38 QUESTION. FAILAURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF OFFICIAL DURING THE MMM RECESS PERIPOD.16 DECEMBER 16 JANAURY 2023

Your letter dated 21 January 2023, received by E-mail regarding the above-mentioned matter refers.

Background

"At the council meeting of 19 December 2022 Councillors were assured we would be provided a list of contact details for officials responsible for service delivery during December 2022 by the Acting Municipal Manager".

"I have not received such a list".

Therefore, I ask the following questions in terms of Rule 38 of the Standing Rules and Orders:

Question 1:

Did the municipal manager ensure the compilation of such a list? If not, why not?

Response:

As correctly stated by the hon Councilor, the Council meeting held on the 19th of December 2022, was not an Ordinary Council meeting, but a Special Council meeting. Special Council meetings are convened by the Speaker to deal with to deal with **URGENT** matters, for example the item, which was the report on the Appointment of the City Manager by the Executive Mayor, and not operational matters per se. However, part of officials categorized as Essential Services,

(waste, water & sanitation, Law enforcement, Traffic Officers) were as per the current standard practice, still on duty and stand-by, even during the recess period.

Question 2:

Who is responsible for the failure to provide council with this list?

The recess period began on the 15th December, which implied that most Officials, the HoD's including the Acting City Manager were already on leave. Notwithstanding that, the details of the Acting City Manager and all HoD's are already known to all Councillors, as a standard practice. Any service delivery problem could be communicated to them at all material times (even though on leave)

Question 3:

How will those in 2. Above be held accountable for their failure?

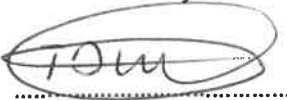
This is purely an administrative oversight, which could be attributed to the fact that the recess period began on the 15th of December. The Special Council meeting, (where the undertaking was made) was held on 19th December 2022, when the technocrats, were already on leave.

Question 4:

How will the speaker, Mayor, municipal manager this failure will not be repeated?

A list reflecting details officials and its provision to Councilors is an operational matter, and not the responsibility of Political principals. The Accounting Officer will ensure that the administrative omission does not occur again.

Yours faithfully



Tebogo Motlashuping

Acting City Manager

Date 15/02/2023