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Councillor H.J. van Niekerk

**DA Councillor** 

**Mangaung Metro Municipality** 

**RULE 38 QUESTION: CONTRACTOR/SERVICE PROVIDER IN WARD 26** 

Rule 38 Question dated 09 May 2022 pertaining to the "Contractor/service provider in WARD 26" from Councillor H.J. van Niekerk, refers. For ease of reference the questions are answered in the same sequence and numbering used in the letter.

"A contractor/service provider was appointed in January 2021 to do patch work of streets in ward 26. This contractor started in ROSE AVENUE, Wilgehof and continued until 15 June 2021. All work has now been ceased by the contractor/service provider and the understanding was that he will return to this job immediately when the new financial year started.

This however never happened, and streets/main roads in the area are still full of enormous potholes."

## Question 1:

Why were the contractor instructed to leave the site on 15 JUNE 2021, where only 50% of potholes were attended to.

It is normal practice in the Municipality that as and when the end of financial year approaches, all service providers would be encouraged and urged to finalise all identified outstanding works to ensure a seamless processing of payments.

## Question 2:

Why were the contractor not re appointed after 1 JULY 2021, to continue with his work.

It is acknowledged that Ward 26 has received services during the period referred to in the letter. However, it needs to be mentioned that Services Providers are allocated the works to all different areas in the Municipality based on the need, priority and availability of funds and/or budget.

## Question 3:

## When will be the soonest that a service provider will attend to the poor condition of ROSE AVE and STALS ROAD?

The Roads and Stormwater Maintenance division has embarked on the procurement of external service providers to assist the Municipality and the affected areas will benefit as and when all the procurement processes are concluded

It needs to be mentioned once again that Services Providers are allocated the works to all different areas in the Municipality based on the need, priority, and availability of funds and/or budget.

It is acknowledged that the lack of resources has a negative impact on all the wards. However, given the challenges that the sub-directorate is faced with in terms of resources, the sub-directorate continues and managed to render services as part of its responsibility.

Yours faithfully

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**Acting City Manager** 

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