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## **THE SPEAKER COUNCIL ITEM**

### **UPDATE ON THE TAKING OF OATH BY WARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this memo is to appraise the Municipal Council on the taking of oath by ward committee members

#### **2. Background**

The office of the Speaker embarked on the process of sharing of information with all ward committees during the month of October to December 2022. This process was aimed at capacitating ward committee members with services rendered by the municipality, including the below mentioned key critical matters, namely;

- Reporting and contacts details of municipal service delivery departments ;
- Service delivery challenges and intended solutions;
- Functionality and expectations from members of the ward committees
- Impact and adherence to the ward committee code of conduct;
- Collaborations and linkages with other government departments including stakeholders; and
- Taking of oath of office

#### **3. Deliberations**

The office of the Speaker organized a ward committee forum on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022, which was held in the civic theatre. And logistics regarding transportation, stationery and refreshments for ward committees was made. A total of 352 ward committee members which is a representation of 69% of the ward committee component attended the occasion.

### **3.1. Stakeholders and Presentations made at the Ward Forum**

The Provincial and National Department of Cogta officials attended and made presentations during the proceedings. The focus of their presentations revolved around the following three issues, namely;

- the role and functions of the ward committees; and
- Public participation and community involvement in the affairs of the local government;
- Ward committee as a governance structure in the new local government dispensation.

### **3.2. Presentation by the Acting City Manager**

The Acting City Manager made a detailed presentation on the status of service delivery and the implications thereof, with emphasis on the current sewer network challenges. Key concerns were also highlighted by different ward committee members regarding the sewer spillages impacting and affecting communities in the Mangaung townships. Major concern was around the turnaround times in resolving the reported sewer outflows. The other key concern was around the refuse removal challenges, that the city was taking too long to remove refuse in most of the areas. Mangaung Township committee members were also concerned about the bad roads as a result of pot holes and the unfinished IPTN project affecting, Moshoeshoe road. The Acting City Manager provided the intended plan in resolving those challenges and also reflecting the cost implications of addressing the issues.

### **3.3. Presentation by the Presidential National Aids Council**

In preparations for the December 01, 2022, the National Aids Council representative made a presentation regarding the plans and program of the National Aids Day which will be celebrated here in Mangaung municipality at the Dr. Rantlai Molemela.

Critical issues emanating from the presentation are as follows, namely;

- That the Deputy President will be the key speaker during the day;
- The National Aids Council will be tabling the draft action plan for the 2023 calendar year at the occasion;
- That programs regarding the fight against the pandemic especially supporting the children headed families will be unveiled;

- That the National Aids Council will be driving a program of ensuring that health facilities are brought closer to the people, with the aim of strengthening mobile clinics especially in rural areas;

### 3.4. Code of good conduct by Ward Committee members

A presentation regarding the code of conduct of ward committees was explained and clarified during the proceedings. All the members present committed to the code and it was emphasised that those found on in the wrong will be dealt with accordingly.

### 3.5. Taking of the Oath of Office by Ward Committee Members

The members of ward committees took the oath and signed accordingly in the presence of the authorised commissioners. Attendees at the Ward Forum was 355 who took the oath of office.

Summary of the those who took an oath is as follows;

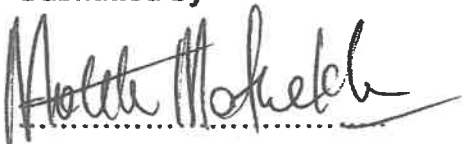
Date	Venue	Total present
16 November 2022	Civic theatre	352
26 November 2022	Indaba Auditorium	28
03 December 2022	Indaba Auditorium	50
Total		<b>430 = 69%</b>
Outstanding		80

**4. Recommendation**

It is hereby recommended that;

- a) The Municipal Council notes that a total of 430 ward committee members took an oath of office and that the members promised to uphold and fulfil certain requirements and obligations of the position that they were elected to.
  
- b) That it be noted that the outstanding compliment of ward committee members will be encouraged to take the oath during the next three months starting in April 2023.

Submitted by



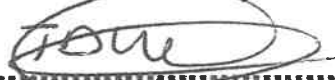
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Concurrence



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01/03/2023

**DATE**

## STATS REGARDING WARD COMMITTEE OATH OF OFFICE

WARD	ATTANDANCE	ABSENT		WARD	ATTANDANCE	ABSENT
1	10	-		22	7	3
2	10	-		23	6	4
3	9	1		24	-	10
4	7	3		25	6	4
5	10	-		26	6	4
6	10	-		27	10	-
7	9	1		28	10	-
8	9	1		29	8	2
9	8	2		30	10	-
10	10	-		31	8	2
11	10	-		32	9	1
12	10	-		33	10	-
13	10	-		34	9	1
14	8	2		35	9	1
15	9	1		36	4	6
16	10	-		37	5	5
17	6	4		38	10	-
18	10	-		39	10	-
19	7	3		40	10	-
20	9	1		41	7	3
21	10	-		42	10	-

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>				
<b>43</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>				
<b>45</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>				
<b>46</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>				
<b>47</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>				
<b>48</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>				
<b>49</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>				
<b>50</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>				
<b>51</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>15</b>				
<b>G-TOTAL</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>80</b>				

**Legend**

**Total Ward Committee =51**

**Total Ward Committee Members =510**

**Total Oath Taken =430**

**Total Outstanding =80**