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ATTENDANCE REGISTER

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP			
#	NAME	PARTY	LEAVE
1	<u>Speaker</u> Cllr Davies (Maryke)	DA	
2	<u>Deputy executive Mayor</u> Councillors Mothibi-Nkoane (Maria Mapaseka)	ANC	
SECTION 79 CHAIRPERSONS			
3	Councillors Mokoakoa (Mpho Isaac)	ANC 29	
4	Councillors Nhlapo (Ntombi Anna)	ANC	
5	Councillors Qai (Alfred)	AIC	Absent with leave
6	Councillors Seleke (Puseletso Leticia)	ANC	
7	Councillors Titi-Odili (Lulama Magdeline)	ANC	Absent without leave
8	Councillors Morake (Molefi Andries)	ANC	Absent without leave
9	Councillors Matsoetlane (Meditaba Joyce)	ANC	Absent without leave
10	Councillors Mogotloane (Thabo Joel)	ANC 39	Absent without leave
11	Councillors Tladi (Motshewa Martha)	ANC	Absent without leave
12	Councillors Mosala (Motlhokung Theodorah)	ANC 11	Absent without leave
13	Councillors van der Ross (Kevin Etienne)	PA	
14	Councillors Twala (Pani Sidney)	ATM	Absent without leave
15	Councillors Jonas-Malephane (Vuyelwa Eunice)	ANC	Absent without leave

PR COUNCILLORS			
#	NAME	PARTY	LEAVE
16	Councillors Campher (Zaandre MC)	DA	
17	Councillors Davies (Maryke)	DA	
18	Councillors De-Huis (Dikeledi Jane)	EFF	
19	Councillors De Kock (Valerie Belinda)	FFPlus	
20	Councillors Denner (John Henry)	FFPlus	
21	Councillors Dennis (Magdalene Elizabeth)	DA	
22	Councillors Ferreira (Thomas Ignatius)	DA	Absent with leave
23	Councillors Klaasen Raynie Sarah	DA	
24	Councillors Letsoko (Mantwa Sanah)	EFF	
25	Councillors Lipale (Gopolang Jeremiah)	EFF	
26	Councillors Makau (Pitso Elias)	EFF	
27	Councillors Malebo (Deliwe Lettia)	EFF	
28	Councillors Maliela (Motiki Edwin)	DA	
29	Councillors Masoeu (Thapelo David)	DA	
30	Councillors Mogotsi (Mamahlope Elias)	EFF	
31	Councillors Mohlamme (Lebohang Lerato)	DA	
32	Councillors Mokoena (John Itumeleng)	AASD	
33	Councillors Mongale (Mojalefa William)	AASD	
34	Councillors Monyakoana (Ntwa Patrick)	ANC	
35	Councillors Moreeng (Kabelo Christopher)	DA	

36	Councillors Njiva-Lebajoa (Mamotse)	DA	
37	Councillors Mtshakazane (Eunice Xoliswa)	EFF	
38	Councillors Phupha (Ntsoaki Agnes)	PA	
39	Councillors Phohleli (Tsholwane Eddy)	EFF	
40	Councillors Ramatlama (Mpho Joseph)	EFF	
41	Councillors Rampai (Pule Joseph)	ACDP	
42	Councillors Rasoou (Lempe Ernest)	DA	
43	Councillors Sebolao (Jankie Elisha)	EFF	
44	Councillors Shale (Nkahiseng Reginah)	EFF	
45	Councillors Snyman van Deventer (Elizabeth)	FFPlus	
46	Councillors Terblanche (Arthur Phillip)	DA	
47	Councillors Thomas (Johannes Beleme)	EFF	
48	Councillors Thwala (Zwelinjane Jonathan)	DA	
49	Councillors van der Merwe (Rulhof)	DA	
50	Councillors Viviers (Benhardus Jacobus)	DA	
51	Councillors Vorster (Braam)	FFPlus	
52	Councillors Wewege (Mare-Lize)	FFPlus	
WARD COUNCILLORS			
53	Councillors Sefaki (Samuel)	ANC 1	Absent without leave
54	Councillors Mokgothu (Tona Kenosi Wilfred)	ANC 2	Absent without leave
55	Councillors Machachamise (Tshepiso Oudious)	ANC 3	Absent without leave

56	Councillors Supi (Mahoko Harold)	ANC 4	Absent without leave
57	Councillors Lecoko (Lehlohonolo Nathaniel)	ANC 5	Absent without leave
58	Councillors Moiloa (Tshidiso Petrus)	ANC 6	Absent without leave
59	Councillors Rampai (Chabeli Frank)	ANC 7	
60	Councillors Nyaphudi (Likeleli Julia)	ANC 8	Absent without leave
61	Councillors Tlhakung (Betty Masetlhabi)	ANC 9	Absent without leave
62	Councillors Setlai (Teboho Lesley)	ANC 10	Absent without leave
63	Councillors Hashatsi (Rafedile)	ANC 12	Absent without leave
64	Councillors Siteo (Nombulelo Dorcas)	ANC 13	Absent without leave
65	Councillors Lekgetho (Lebogang Winston)	ANC 14	Absent without leave
66	Councillors Mohibidu (Pulane Martha)	ANC 15	Absent without leave
67	Councillors Kruger (Caprice Logan)	ANC 16	Absent without leave
68	Councillors Mohatle (Mampone Sally)	ANC 17	Absent without leave
69	Councillors McKay (David Mark Campbell)	DA 18	
70	Councillors Peter (Seth Qondile)	ANC 19	Absent without leave
71	Councillors Pretorius (Werner)	DA 20	
72	Councillors Lotriet (Pieter Adam)	DA 21	
73	Councillors Leech (Dulandi)	DA 22	
74	Councillors van der Walt (Tjaart Botha)	DA 23	
75	Councillors Kotze (Gerhardus Dirk Petrus)	DA 24	
76	Councillors Botes (Francois Rossouw)	DA 25	
77	Councillors van Niekerk (Hendrik Johannes Christiaan)	DA 26	
78	Councillors Banyane (Zachous Nechodemus)	ANC 27	Absent without leave

79	Councillors Nikelo (Vumile Edwin)	ANC 28	Absent without leave
80	Councillors Tukula (Teboho Daniel)	ANC 30	Absent without leave
81	Councillors Mabena (Mere Joel)	ANC 31	Absent without leave
82	Councillors Menyatso (Thabang Victory)	ANC 32	Absent without leave
83	Councillors Mohono (Tshidiso Augustine)	ANC 33	Absent without leave
84	Councillors Tshwane (Kabi Daniel)	ANC 34	Absent with leave
85	Councillors Fantisi (Teboho Samuel)	ANC 35	Absent without leave
86	Councillors Makoloane (Itumeleng Justice)	ANC 36	Absent without leave
87	Councillors Ramolele (Mmota Simon)	ANC 37	Absent without leave
88	Councillors Matsoso (Molahloane Florenciah)	ANC 38	Absent without leave
89	Councillors Pholoholo (Ntebaleng Petunia)	ANC 40	Absent without leave
90	Councillors Dintlhwane (Mantja Agnes)	ANC 41	Absent without leave
91	Councillors Mothupi (Maqoma Lazarus)	ANC 42	Absent without leave
92	Councillors Nkiane (Mpho Elizabeth)	ANC 43	Absent without leave
93	Councillors Pretorius (Selmé)	DA 44	
94	Councillors Mathe (Lisiwe Jeanette)	ANC 45	Absent without leave
95	Councillors Majoro (Mpho Samuel)	ANC 46	Absent without leave
96	Councillors Kganakga (Mokgadi)	DA 47	
97	Councillors Pretorius (Johannes Christiaan)	DA 48	
98	Councillors Moqolo (Lehlohonolo Joseph)	ANC 49	
99	Councillors Lelala (Makoa Cristophel)	ANC 50	
100	Councillors Mohulatsi (Mamoorosi Margaret)	ANC 51	Absent without leave
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OFFICIALS

- 1. Acting HoD: Waste Management**
- 2. Acting HoD: Human Settlement**
- 3. Acting HoD: Social Services**
- 4. GM: Committee Services**
- 5. Secretariat**

Mr F Nel
Ms NR Dumalisile
Ms MA Mafisa
Mr M Mothekhe
Ms M Morakabi

Note by Secretariat

1. **Attendance Register:** Every member attending a meeting shall sign his/her name in the attendance register kept for this purpose before the commencement of the meeting.
2. **Leave Register:** In order to streamline administrative processes Councillors are friendly requested to submit applications for leave of absence in the appropriate register kept for this purpose. Members are requested to fill in this register 12 hours before the commencement of the meeting (Rule 22.2).
3. **Name-plates:** Councillors are friendly requested to please take along their name-plates and to display it throughout the meeting.
4. **Apologies during the course of the Council meeting:** Councillors are friendly requested to complete in full and submit the relevant apology form for this purpose (Yellow Form).
5. **Code of Conduct:** Councillors are reminded of item 3, Schedule 1 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors which reads as follows, namely:

Attendance at Meetings: A councillor must attend each meeting of the municipal council and of a committee of which that councillor is a member, except when:

- (a) leave of absence is granted in terms of an applicable law or as determined by the rules and orders of the council or
- (b) that councillor is required in terms of this Code to withdraw from the meeting.

6. Meeting rules:

- i. All Councillors must arrive at **least 15 minutes before the commencement** of the Council and all other Committee meetings;
- ii. Cellular phones **must be in silent mode** and **speaking on a cellular phone during the meeting is prohibited**; (Rule 50.2a)
- iii. A Councillor who speaks must **confine his or her speech strictly to the matter under discussion**; (Rule 31)
- iv. Unless expressly otherwise determined, a Councillor **may speak only once on a matter**; (Rule 32)
- v. No speech shall exceed **five (5) minutes** in length without the consent of the Speaker. (Rule 34.1)
- vi. Council members are reminded to uphold high level of good conduct during Council proceedings (No disruptions, no interruptions, no howling, no swearing to other Council members, less movement in the Chamber, no abuse of the PA system).

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**MINUTES
(OPEN COUNCIL)**

45.

OPENING

(MOMENT OF SILENT CONTEMPLATION FOR MEDITATION AND PRAYERS)

The meeting commenced at 14h03.

The Speaker then confirmed quorum and indicated there were 52 Councillors present in the meeting.

NOTED

46.

NOTICE OF THE MEETING

The Speaker read the notice as on page 2 of the agenda then reminded the Council that this meeting was initially scheduled to be held on the 12th of April 2023.

NOTED

47.

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

All relevant leave of absence and apologies were recorded and minuted as such in the attendance list on the first page of the minutes.

NOTED

48.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

The Speaker, Councillor M Davies raised the following: “You should have received an addendum on your table with regards to a court case which Council was cited as the 2nd respondent, I would just like to request that we add that on the agenda and speak on it but I need a majority vote before we add it on the agenda as the addendum. Can we just vote on adding this to the agenda.”

After this submission, Councillor CF Rampai addressed the Council as follows:

“I don’t know how to put this in order for you to understand, and I’m doing with respect to you and everyone here. I am just worried about some of the colleagues which are not here. I see the house is empty today and we don’t know what is happening, so i will humbly request that before we

accept the agenda, can we maybe postpone this meeting. Otherwise i am afraid that some of us which are here will be forced to leave the house. I am here with respect towards you and towards our people. For the sake of those who are not here, can we postpone the meeting.”

Councillor E Snyman van Deventer raised a question of whether all the Councillors absent in the meeting if they had tendered in any apologies. The Speaker then responded that she only received one apology. However to a question from Councillor BJ Viviers on whether there was a quorum, to which she confirmed there were 52 Councillors.

Councillor MW Mongale made the following comments: “Speaker we heard a concern from the Councillor who spoke about absent Councillors, but we also want to put it on record that it has been reported that all Councillors have been duly informed about the meeting and there is a case study regarding this matter. If you remember the story of Tshwane Metro, in a case where Councillors deliberately chose not to attend a meeting, the Council has a right to investigate those Councillors who are absent without an apology and we can also file a civil claim against them and that is what the court decided on that matter and it was a very interesting case because some people who are not here, their parties approached the court and their wishes were granted. Now we can't have different rules for separate places. The rules that were applicable in Tshwane Metro must also be applicable in Mangaung Metro, those Councillors must be held financially liable and I insist that they must be disciplined for recklessness and failure to respect the people of Mangaung because this Council is very important as we will be electing the Executive Mayor who will steer the ship and provide services to our people. Some people just want positions and they don't have the interests of the people of Mangaung at heart. They must be held financially liable for just being absent and not abiding by the rules of Council.”

The Speaker then responded as follows: “Councillor CF Rampai regarding your request, we have already stated that all Councillors have received notice of this meeting, like procedures in our Standing Rules and regulations, if you are unable to attend a meeting, you must render an apology 12 hours before the meeting and there is case law regarding boycotting a meeting. So unfortunately, we cannot postpone a meeting for the mere fact that some Councillors did not attend the meeting. All we need is a quorum and that we do have.”

Councillor M Kganakga stated the following: “I just want to add that the same thing happened in Mogale city whereby Councillors were deliberately absent from Council because they did not want the Council to quorate. They were suspended and dismissed from Council, and I suggest that these Councillors that are deliberately absent from Council be dismissed because they are not serving the City, the Council and the City. They are just here for themselves and their parties and they are costing the city and taxpayers millions of rands in litigation, so through your office Speaker, we can move to dismiss them. The standard is 3 or more meetings that they miss, they can be dismissed and that is in the Municipal Structures Act.”

It was then resolved to include the item as 54.1

Councillor MI Mokoena moved for the adoption of the agenda was seconded by Councillor DMC McKay.

NOTED.

49.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**The Speaker informed Councillors as follows:**

"I want to inform Council regarding the tabling of the draft IDP and budget, please take note that we still have to table the draft IDP and budget of 2023/24 financial year, and that must be done before the end of April 2023. We have asked the MEC of Treasury for the late tabling, I can just tell you if we get everything finalised next week, we will probably call this meeting on the 25th of April. Then the previous Speaker commenced with the public participation programme on the 20th of February 2023, with regards to the IDP to get input from the public.

That programme was successful in some wards however a total of 27 wards are still outstanding and next week Tuesday on the 18th of April we have some clustered outstanding wards in 2 sessions on the 19th April we will be in Bochabela and Thabanchu to finalise these processes. Then on the agenda today, council is expected to elect 2 of its bearers, the Executive Mayor and Council whip, we accordingly requested the IEC to attend the council today and manage the election process however we received ---"

She further indicated the following: "We requested the IEC to be here however the MEO indicated that they will not be attending council to perform the election process due to safety concerns but committee services will handle the election of the office bearers as was done by the IEC last time. I wanted to add on that, the national cabinet team is absent today, we had a discussion about this, we may continue with the business of the day without their presence in the council chambers seeing as the documents in front of us have been ratified by the national cabinetry and also as was indicated by the national cabinetry, any decisions taken here that have financial implications can be ratified by them after the meeting. So I don't want that to be an issue."

Councillor M Kganakga commented that she could only see three members from the team of experts. That it was imperative they all attend Council meetings and further stated that their absence made it seem as though they were politically affiliated. The Speaker then responded she had only received an apology from the National Cabinet Representatives and not from the Acting HoD's.

In response to a question from Councillor NA Phupha on whether Mangaung still had an Acting City Manager, the Speaker indicated the following: "The Acting City Manager requested the director general to be withdrawn from Mangaung from the 1st of April 2023 however we have not received any communication from the office of minister of COGTA stating that he has been withdrawn and the way forward, so as things stand now, he is still the Acting City Manager, so we are following up on that and i am in the process of writing a letter to the minister of COGTA to request further information on the withdrawal letter that the Mr. T Motlashinguping wrote and the way forward."

NOTED.

50.

REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

NONE.

NOTED.

51.

REPORTS FROM THE SPEAKER

1.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MAYOR

When dealing with this item, the Speaker, Councillor M Davies indicated that she was not going to read the report verbatim as all Councillors had received it, she then referred to point 6 which was the recommendations, she read the to the Councillors as follows:

- a) Council takes note of report
- b) Mangaung metro elect one Councillor to serve as the Executive Mayor on full time basis.

The Speaker then stated that for procedural standard, she would refer and read on page 3, Section B as prescribed in Schedule 3 of the Municipal Structures Act, which was the formal requirements for Election of the Speaker, she read it to Councillors as follows:

- A nomination must be made on the form determined by municipal manager, it must be signed by 2 members of the council, the proposer, and the seconder.
- A person nominated must indicate confirmation of the nomination by signing either the nomination form or any other of written confirmation.
- Announce the name of the candidate at a meeting which this schedule applies, the person presiding must announce the name of the person who has been nominated as candidate but may not permitted.
- Single candidates - if only 1 candidate is nominated, the person presiding must declare that candidate elected.
- Election procedure - if more than 1 candidate is nominated, a vote must be taken at the meeting by secret ballot, each councillor present may cast 1 vote and the person presiding must declare the elected candidate who receive majority of vote.
- Elimination procedures - if no candidate receives the majority votes, the candidate with lowest number of votes must be eliminated and the further vote taken on the remaining candidates in accordance with item 6. this procedure must be repeated until a candidate receives a majority of the votes.

Thereafter the Speaker opened the floor for nominations, Councillor MW Mongale nominated Councillor JI Mokoena, this nomination was seconded by Councillor PJ Rampai.

Councillor JI Mokena then stood up in Council and accepted the nomination. Following this, no other nominations were made and the Speaker then referred to Section D which refers to the single nomination which states that if only 1 candidate was nominated, the person presiding must declare that candidate elected.

After Councillor JI Mokoena was elected as the new Executive Mayor, Councillors were then afforded the opportunity to convey their messages of congratulations.

Councillor JC Pretorius addressed the Council as follows:

“From the DA, Councillor Mokoena, Executive Mayor of Mangaung, you are now the first opposition mayor since 1994 in the Mangaung metro. Congratulations, this is truly history and from the DA, we will support you 110%, we are behind you and i know that with you in the seat and all the opposition parties behind you, we can drive this municipality in the right direction. Let's fix this city, now is time for the residents and not politics, we are going to bring service delivery back to the people, thank you.”

Councillor E Snyman van Deventer made her address as follows:

“Thank you, Speaker, yes history indeed Executive Mayor, we now have opposition speaker and opposition councillor as our mayor. This proves that people who believe in the truth and fighting corruption, and that we owe it to our citizens and the people who voted for us to ensure service delivery and ensure that we are there for them and ensure that they get the services and everything that we promised in our election's campaigns. We need to make sure that those promises are kept, unfortunately the majority party did not lose some, and sometimes, good triumphs over bad. Sometimes we are fortunate in people working together for the betterment and good of society. Executive Mayor as the FF plus will also support you in trying to do what we are supposed to do, in trying to be the best councillors for our people. We will support you and in everything you in this endeavour, to make good of all our promises, we all promised our people better service delivery and that we will make sure that their lives will be better because we are our councillors and they voted for us. And so if that is what you are going to do, know that we will support you in that, congratulations.”

Due to disturbances and interferences in the Council Chamber the Speaker then requested devices/cell phones to be switched off or put on flight mode.

Councillor KE van der Ross continued to address the Council as follows:

“To the newly elected Executive Mayor, from the PA, we trust you shall grow on your experience to restore this city to its former glory, and we hope to see change. I don't want to go on about service delivery, the dire state of Mangaung speaks for itself. From our side we hope for opportunities of employment, we hope to see that, congratulations.”

Councillor PJ Rampai addressed Council as follows:

“I think it's a historical moment in Mangaung and the Executive Mayor, ke nahana o tseba mangaung haholo and o tseba moo re tswang teng so today this is the speech that i read on 22nd on November and i will say the same thing to you. ACDP wishes to congratulate the elected

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Councillor on his position of being Executive Mayor of Mangaung. The ACDP promises to work with you and your office that the government of the local unity continues to deliver services to the City of Mangaung. I still repeat again, batho haba lwane hobane ba hloka mesebetsi, ba lwana hobane ditshepiso di sa phethahale. Mayor etella ho etella batho pele, you need the wisdom of God from God, i quote "the fear of the Lord, is the beginning of wisdom, for the Lord gives wisdom and from his mouth comes knowledge, understanding and power. And the power belongs to you, Mayor if you go through the word of God, and o tshepa Modimo in this short period that you have been elected and be a man of integrity and listen and do whatever the people of Mangaung have voted for, you will succeed in this position, congratulations."

It was *thereupon*

RESOLVED that

- a) That Council take note of the report and
- b) That the Mangaung Metro elect Councillor JI Mokoena to serve as the Executive Mayor on a full-time basis.

2.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL WHIP

When dealing with this item, the Speaker referred to the procedure on electing the Chief Whip as follows:

- A nomination must be made on the form determined by municipal manager, it must be signed by 2 members of the council, the proposer, and the seconder.
- A person nominated must indicate confirmation of the nomination by signing either the nomination form or any other of written confirmation.
- Announce the name of the candidate at a meeting which this schedule applies, the person presiding must announce the name of the person who has been nominated as candidate but may not permitted.
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Councillor JC Pretorius nominated Councillor TD Masoeu and was seconded by Councillor S Pretorius?

- ✓ **Councillor TD Masoeu accepted the nomination as there were no other nominations, he was the elected, the new Chief Whip.**

Councillor JC Pretorius made his address as follows: “I would like to congratulate Councillor TD Masoeu the new Council Whip of Mangaung, and a gain history in the making, the first chief whip in council from opposition party. I know you will bring stability and discipline back to the Council. The duty of a Chief Whip is not always to whip but to support as well and I promise you that Masoeu has the character to support and has an open-door policy. He will implement stuff in this council for Councillors that will make our jobs easier on the ground, congratulations.

Councillor E Snyman van Deventer made her address as follows:

“Die nuwe raads-whip, baie baie geluk namens die FF plus, sal ons ook onsamenswerk gee, we will support you and in all councils we know you will ensure discipline and do a better job than your predecessors, so I will not say you have big shoes to fill, we know you will be the example of future council whips, baie geluk.”

Councillor MW Mongale addressed the Council as follows:

“I hope I won’t speak long, Speaker we wish as AASD to congratulate the new Council Whip Councillor TD Masoeu and we believe that we will work together with him as all parties because we have the interests of people of Mangaung and we love an orderly council and would also want to see this Council being driven from the office of the whip. We want to see a situation where the whip will not be an opposition to the speaker, rather a partner. We also want the activation of the multiparty meetings where the speaker and the whip will assist us so that we must be in a situation whereby when we come to council, we have already narrowed the issues where we differ we need to find a way of discussing them outside of the meeting, because inside the meeting, I can’t agree with you because I’m implicating my position and my organization. Outside we engage until we find one another, and that is the role that he will play and I’m pleased that he is a character that is cool and collected and won’t be excited like the previous. He will be cool and accept the responsibility that comes with the position. We congratulate and pledge our support as the AASD.”

Councillor D Leech addressed the Council as follows:

“Congratulations to our newly elected Executive Mayor and council whip. From our side we would like to thank you for ensuring our safety and for continuing to push that council continues and I think it is important to thank all Councillors present who despite of intimidation, still continued to serve and to fulfil our democratic obligation and to come to this meeting and elect our executive.”

RESOLVED that

- c) That Council take note of the report and
- d) That the Mangaung Metro elect Councillor TD Masoeu to serve as the Council Whip on a full-time basis.

The Executive Mayor, Councillor MI Mokoena was then afforded opportunity to address the Council and he then stated the following:

"I'm just going to borrow from the wisdom of councillor E Snyman van Deventer and I'm going to take a little bit of the voice and the eloquence of Councillor JC Pretorius and borrow from the militancy of Councillor JE Sebolao. This is a fairly very humbling experience, and I am fairly very aware of the enormity of the challenge that is facing all of us. I am aware of the sacrifices that Councillors have made to be here today. I'm aware of the support that Councillors who have been pushing for the past 15 months. To say we, as Mangaung people, we deserve better and never relented at any stage, no matter how hard it was to continue to push and ensure that the people of Mangaung get what is rightfully theirs. Change is here, and positive change for that matter. So the municipality is in a very serious situation and without you, we can never be able lift it out of what it is. I have agreed to be the steward and the servant of the Collective 101 Councillors of Mangaung who had been sent here by our people to be trusted with saying things are not right, go and fix them and today we have sent that message to our people that we are up to the task. We are serious about ensuring that their rights are observed. We are going to be serious at work and we respect them in particular.

And it is for that reason that I say, Councillors, we have sent a message to the employees of Mangaung that change is here. That change is possible. That we want to invite them to be part of this historic moment of saying they as employees of Mangaung. They are also on board in ensuring that our people get what they deserve. Because we know how the structure the municipality is, we know the issues of capacity that we lack. But without our people who have been sacrificing and we should not take them for granted, we are going to reach out to them and we are reaching out to them today. To embrace this change. Work with us and let us serve our people. And to the people of Mangaung we know it has been hard. We know, it seems impossible that one day you'll live with dignity but would like to also invite you as part of this historic moment to be with us, because only together will we be able to overcome the difficulties that we face. It is not one man's job. But I understand fully. Those implications of a leaderless organization. And I offer myself. And I've accepted with humility to be able to can to the extent possible, give myself to this project to ensure that Mangaung once again arises as he has always been. We want to make sure that we take back Mangaung and we give our people dignity. We have got to fix the mess in this municipality. And it's nobody else business, but it's our business. And I also want to thank all the parties that have been part of the project. To say can you also, pass our thankfulness. To the different political leadership in spite of difficulties of saying what is the solution for the people of Mangaung, for them to trust us as the people of Mangaung with Mangaung unique solution to our problems. I thank all the leaders, national and provincial, they have given us an opportunity and we will not waste it. Thank you very much and this is not a one-man show, the collective wisdom we all have here and the energy. You will be respected and embraced and you will be a partner in how we make this situation work. Let us put Mangaung first and be the best that we can under the eyes of God. God has demonstrated that he has not forsaken Mangaung in spite of all the problems, he is here with us, thank you very much."

Councillor TD Masoeu was also afforded the opportunity to address Council: "Hon. Speaker, Councillors and Executive Mayor, Deputy Executive Mayor - I am deeply honoured to be elected as Council Whip of Mangaung Metro. I was reading the legislative provisions in the report. And what came to my mind was that I'm elected by the parties in this Council which means

there is an expectation from all parties represented in this Council, I think Councillor MW Mongale mentioned a few expectations and they are tabulated in this report. I can only say one thing. As committed as ever, to serve the residents of Mangaung. This is not an easy job, but. If one understands the responsibility that comes with such an election, then one can say "I will only accept if I do understand that I have to save the residents of Mangaung". May I also because I don't want to make a long speech otherwise, I might speak longer than my executive mayor, which I don't think will be correct. I just want to say to all political parties in Mangaung My leader there said I have an open-door policy, believe you me, I have worked in the public service. I know what it means. I have served for 30 years in the public service and I know exactly what it takes to sit in that position. You have my number; you have the office. I don't know where the office is, but I will later learn where it is. But believe you me first thing in the morning political parties, can knock at the door. The important part is we have a community to serve, not ourselves. And because of that, I am also committing my like my executive mayor said, that I will do my level best to serve the residents of Mangaung, thank you."

52.	REPORTS FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
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NOTED.

53.	REPORTS FROM THE MPAC
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NOTED.

54.	IN COMMITTEE REPORTS
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HIGH COURT APPLICATION: MANGAUNG SERVICE DELIVERY FORUM

The discussions on this item will be minuted separately as the item was dealt with In Committee.

NOTED

55.	CLOSING OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
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The Speaker requested Officials and the live streaming team to be excused from the meeting to discuss item 54.1 In-Committee.

The meeting officially closed at 15h14.