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ATTENDANCE REGISTER

#	NAME	PARTY	LEAVE
1	<u>Speaker</u> Cllr Mathae (Bongani Lawrence)	ANC	
2	<u>Executive Mayor</u> Cllr Nthatisi (Gregory Mosala Solomon)	ANC	
3	<u>Deputy Executive Mayor</u> Cllr Titi-Odili (Lulama Magdeline)	ANC	
4	<u>Council Whip</u> Cllr Nikelo (Vumile Edwin)	ANC 28	
SECTION 79 CHAIRPERSONS			
5	<u>Rules</u> Cllr Mokgothu (Tona Kenosi Wilfred)	ANC 2	
6	<u>MPAC</u> Cllr Makoloane (Itumeleng Justice)	ANC 36	
7	<u>Petitions and Community Liaison</u> Cllr Morake (Molefi Andries)	ANC	
8	<u>Remunerations</u> Cllr Tladi (Motshewa Martha)	ANC	
9	<u>Public Places and Street Naming</u> Cllr Mogotloane (Thabo Joel)	ANC 39	
MEMBERS OF MAYORAL COMMITTEE			
10	<u>Economic Development and Spatial Planning</u> Cllr Jonas (Vuyelwa Eunice)	ANC	
11	<u>Waste and Fleet Management</u> Cllr Mosala (Motlhokung Theodorah)	ANC 11	
12	<u>IDP and Performance</u> Cllr Tsoleli (Sibongile Pearm)	ANC	
13	<u>Technical Services</u> Cllr Soqaga (Vusumzi Simon)	ANC	
14	<u>Finance</u> Cllr Kruger (Caprice Logan)	ANC 16	
15	<u>Human Settlements</u> Cllr Nhlapo (Ntombi Anna)	ANC	
16	<u>Rural Development</u> Cllr Twala (Pani Sidney)	ATM	
17	<u>Community Services</u> Cllr Qai (Alfred)	AIC	

18	<u>Corporate Services</u> Cllr Letawana (Manthuse Maria)	ANC	
PR COUNCILLORS			
19	Cllr Campher (Zaandre MC)	DA	
20	Cllr Davies (Maryke)	DA	
21	Cllr De-Huis (Dikeledi Jane)	EFF	
22	Cllr De Kock (Valerie Belinda)	FFPlus	
23	Cllr Denner (John Henry)	FFPlus	
24	Cllr Dennis (Magdalena Elizabeth)	DA	
25	Cllr Ferreira (Thomas Ignatius)	DA	Absent with apology
26	Cllr Klaasen Raynie Sarah	DA	
27	Cllr Letsoko (Mantwa Sanah)	EFF	
28	Cllr Lipale (Gopolang Jeremiah)	EFF	
29	Cllr Makau (Pitso Elias)	EFF	
30	Cllr Malebo (Deliwe Lettia)	EFF	
31	Cllr Maliela (Motiki Edwin)	DA	
32	Cllr Masoeu (Thapelo David)	DA	
33	Cllr Matsoetlane (Meditaba Joyce)	ANC	
34	Cllr Mogotsi (Mamahlape Elisa)	EFF	
35	Cllr Mohlamme (Lebohang Lerato)	DA	
36	Cllr Mokoena (John Itumeleng)	AASD	
37	Cllr Mongale (Mojalefa William)	AASD	
38	Cllr Moreeng (Kabelo Christopher)	DA	
39	Cllr Mtshakazane (Eunice Xoliswa)	EFF	
40	Cllr Njiva-Lebajoa (Mamotse)	DA	
41	Cllr Phohleli (Tsholwane Eddy)	EFF	
42	Cllr Phupha (Ntsoaki Agnes)	PA	Absent with apology
43	Cllr Ramatlama (Mpho Joseph)	EFF	

44	Cllr Rampai (Pule Joseph)	ACDP	
45	Cllr Rasoeu (Lempe Ernest)	DA	
46	Cllr Sebolao (Jankie Elisha)	EFF	
47	Cllr Shale (Nkahiseng Reginah)	EFF	
48	Cllr Snyman van Deventer (Elizabeth)	FFPlus	
49	Cllr Terblanche (Arthur Phillip)	DA	
50	Cllr Thomas (Johannes Beleme)	EFF	
51	Cllr Thwala (Zwelinjane Jonathan)	DA	Absent with apology
52	Cllr van der Ross (Kevin Etienne)	PA	
53	Cllr van Rensburg (Corize)	DA	
54	Cllr Viviers (Benhardus Jacobus)	DA	
55	Cllr Vorster (Braam)	FFPlus	Absent with apology
56	Cllr Wewege (Mare-Lize)	FFPlus	
WARD COUNCILLORS			
57	Cllr Sefaki (Samuel)	ANC 1	
58	Cllr Machachamise (Tshepiso Oudious)	ANC 3	
59	Cllr Supi (Mahoko Harold)	ANC 4	
60	Cllr Lecoko (Lehlohonolo Nathaniel)	ANC 5	
61	Cllr Moiloa (Tshidiso Petrus)	ANC 6	
62	Cllr Sehloho (Siza Clement)	ANC 7	
63	Cllr Nyaphudi (Likeleli Julia)	ANC 8	
64	Cllr Tlhakung (Betty Masetlhabi)	ANC 9	
65	Cllr Setlai (Teboho Lesley)	ANC 10	
66	Cllr Hashatsi (Rafedile)	ANC 12	
67	Cllr Siteo (Nombulelo Dorcas)	ANC 13	
68	Cllr Lekgetho (Lebogang Winston)	ANC 14	

69	Cllr Mohibidu (Pulane Martha)	ANC 15	
70	Cllr Mohatle (Mampone Sally)	ANC 17	
71	Cllr McKay (David Mark Campbell)	DA 18	
72	Cllr Peter (Seth Qondile)	ANC 19	
73	Cllr Pretorius (Werner)	DA 20	
74	Cllr Lotriet (Pieter Adam)	DA 21	
75	Cllr Leech (Dulandi)	DA 22	
76	Cllr van der Walt (Tjaart Botha)	DA 23	
77	Cllr Kotze (Gerhardus Dirk Petrus)	DA 24	
78	Cllr Botes (Francois Rossouw)	DA 25	
79	Cllr van Niekerk (Hendrik Johannes Christiaan)	DA 26	
80	Cllr Banyane (Zachous Nechodemus)	ANC 27	
81	Cllr Matsephe (Dikololo Elias)	ANC 29	
82	Cllr Tukula (Teboho Daniel)	ANC 30	
83	Cllr Mabena (Mere Joel)	ANC 31	
84	Cllr Menyatso (Thabang Victory)	ANC 32	
85	Cllr Mohono (Tshidiso Augustine)	ANC 33	
86	Cllr Tshwane (Kabi Daniel)	ANC 34	
87	Cllr Fantisi (Teboho Samuel)	ANC 35	
88	Cllr Ramolelle (Mmota Simon)	ANC 37	
89	Cllr Matsoso (Molahloane Florenciah)	ANC 38	
90	Cllr Pholoholo (Ntebaleng Petunia)	ANC 40	
91	Cllr Dintlhwane (Mantja Agnes)	ANC 41	
92	Cllr Mothupi (Maqoma Lazarus)	ANC 42	
93	Cllr Nkiane (Mpho Elizabeth)	ANC 43	
94	Cllr Pretorius (Selmé)	DA 44	

95	Cllr Mathe (Lisiwe Jeanette)	ANC 45	
96	Cllr Majoro (Mpho Samuel)	ANC 46	
97	VACANT	47	
98	Cllr Pretorius (Johannes Christiaan)	DA 48	
99	Cllr Lekhwele (Mohanuwa Julia)	ANC 49	
100	Cllr Monare (Thabo Nicholas)	ANC 50	
101	Cllr Mohulatsi (Mamoorosi Margaret)	ANC 51	
93	Cllr Nkiane (Mpho Elizabeth)	ANC 43	

OFFICIAL PRESENT

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| 1. City Manager | Mr S More |
| 2. Acting Chief Financial Officer | Ms N Sitishi |
| 3. Acting HOD: Human Settlements | Ms N Mabunda |
| 4. Acting HOD: Technical Services | Mr R Masobeng |
| 5. Acting HOD: Community Services | Mr F Nel |
| 6. Transport Specialist | Mr C Manyungwana |
| 7. Acting GM: Committee Services | Ms X Qilo |
| 8. Acting Manager: Council Support | Ms R Mamatela |
| 9. Secretariat | Ms KD Mokoena |
| 10. Secretariat | Ms K Nziweni |

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) (Leave Form).
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 (Leave 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)**

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OPENING

(MOMENT OF SILENT CONTEMPLATION FOR MEDITATION AND PRAYERS)

The meeting commenced at 14h04.

The Speaker officially opened the meeting and confirmed that 80 Councillors were present at the meeting therefore forming a quorum. He then requested all to observe a moment of silence for meditation and prayers.

NOTED.

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NOTICE OF THE MEETING

Councillor BJ Viviers requested a clarity whether the meeting was publicly advertised in the media platform with reference to today's meeting. That in the previous Council meeting he asked 5 questions regarding the validity of the said meeting, and the Speaker did mention that he will provide written answers at the ensuing meeting which is today.

The Speaker, Councillor BL Mathae indicated that the Communication Unit confirmed that an advert was placed on Facebook and other relevant print media.

NOTED.

187.

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 pages of the minutes.

NOTED.

188.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Additional item in terms of Rule 8.3:

Cllr MJ Mabena moved for an acceptance with additional item and was seconded by Cllr VE Jonas.

Cllr MW Mongale This addendum is an ambush for the Councillors. Don't know whether the Council is satisfied with all the processes that it has to satisfy internally within the system because the current City Manager did not sign anything and under that consideration that says he does not approve this document, everyone knew that Council is sitting and confirmation would be needed from their side whether he has acknowledged that this is the report that should serve in Council, the issue is why is the report coming so late when the former City Manager is not part of the meeting, therefore he proposed that the item be referred back to serve at the relevant committee.

Cllr PJ Rampai seconded.

Council votes for the acceptance of the agenda and additional item: 92 voted in favour, 3 against and 0 abstained.

Councillor E Snyman van Deventer wanted to check quorum when going into Committee, the rest of Council pointed and deliberated with HOD's, she presumes that the voting of the HOD of Department of Public Safety Security will be of no importance, if the Speaker should ensure that when going to committee, they still form a quorum.

The Speaker indicated that the ruling that in terms of the Code of Conduct of Councillors, Council Whip shall get written replies directly from the whips of the parties for members to leave the meeting. Councillors were requested to reconvene within the next day and Councillors indicated that Council continue.

The Speaker declared that the agenda was duly accepted with addition.

NOTED.

189.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker, Councillor BL Mathae Mangaung system is back as it was reported previously. Server was down it was reported that Mangaung has experienced some Cyber-attack on the system. He further made a request that Council Whip should convene a special whippery meeting involving other Whips of all the parties during that meeting the relevant Acting HOD Corporate Services accompanied by the City Manager as well as ICT officials to brief the Whippery on their preliminary findings measures to mitigate from the occurrence from future.

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It would be in hands of the Council Whip to determine as and when the urgent meeting can be convened,

Councillor MT Mosala indicated that this is the day they all been waiting for as Mangaung. The Executive Mayor is in collaboration with the Deputy Minister on 17th Nov 2023 at 7h30 at Southern Landfill site.

The Executive Mayor in collaboration with the Deputy Minister Maggie Soty from the DFFE would be launching project of cleaning and greening EPWP program and separation at source which would be done by waste pickers and as a result The MMM community are invited to attend, and the attire would be overalls. Out of this project Mangaung has 2100 EPWP beneficiaries for the next 12 months and they will get salaries.

Cllr GJ Lipale Making a statement enclosed session As the EFF would like to make the following category to the people of Mangaung that in an enclosed session the last ordinary Council sitting, people of Mangaung were scammed on the appointment of both the HOD's and CFO as Councillors in the sitting they were given huge piles of documentation to peruse within 20 minutes. They also want to indicate that not all HOD's who occupied position had necessary qualification or is that all the qualifying or is it that all qualifying individuals were not corruptible enough to be hired by this municipality of the Executive Mayor and his team, all those who scored good marks in the interview did not occupy the positions of responsibility, as the EFF they don't get it why the Municipality had to hire the crook lemenemene that stole money from icon funeral like Nelson Mandela to be the CFO whereas there were so many qualified people who applied for the position, is it payback time as they are reliably informed gore you did business in Eastern Cape under her supervision, Mangaung will never learn from its mistake or is it true that all ANC people are corrupt. As the EFF they reject this thing of its majority to push people to do corruption in Mangaung.

Councillor MT Mosala Point of Order – What Councillor GJ Lipale has said it's not an announcement it's a statement, therefore we are in the item of announcement not making a statement or debating.

Councillor JE Sebolao supported what Councillor GJ Lipale has alluded, secondly, Mamelodi Sundown's was presenting Africa in the world, Sundown's has raised the flag of the Country in 7 Countries worldwide, and let other teams learned.

NOTED.

190.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor MW Mongale interjected the Speaker prior to continuing with the agenda:

“Just want to check whether Councillor LB Mathae is making an amendment of the agenda, the agenda was adopted and never mentioned that item would be under 191.

Councillor LB Mathae indicated that what Councillor Mongale is doing is an academic exercise, he specifically calls the house to adopt the agenda recognising that there is additional item and that item its clearly stated that its item 191, and he further made correction and reminded the house that the initial document serves under Executive Mayor’s reports its none,

Councillor MW Mongale He appreciate when the Speaker correct him, and he enjoyed it because what Councillor LB Mathae has indicated opens the debate. Issue is that you raised the matter, but he never took members to the agenda to say they would be following amendment as a result of this, all they do is they need to keep tools of analysis at all material times so that when reaching a particular moment on the agenda they are able to do all the necessary corrections.

None.

NOTED.

1.

REQUEST TO WAIVE OUTDOOR ADVERTISING FEES: MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY – NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS 2024

Executive Mayor Councillor GS Nthatsi presented the item as follows:

If you look into the processes leading to the CFO and look at the records that are claimed to the CFO you will never find in accordance you are scribed to anything that is faulty around the processes that has been followed nothing faulty but social media, and other reported things that you will be aware of, there are so many things that has been said. And on the basis of them he has decided to kindle the law in a direction that he must make sure that this institution does not get tempted, don't make a statement that will expose you to the public as a person who remains reliable informed by source of doomed and sources of law region.

The EFF Councillors cannot allow Councillor GS Nthatsi to insult EFF, they have the right to talk, he went to his office with two issues that involved corruption and he did not respond as yet.

On a Point of order Councillor MW Mongale stated the following: "he is expecting the Speaker as the Chair the meeting that he walk the talk, when the Executive Mayor is standing trying to respond there should be no one that tries to help him to respond unless it's said he is incapable of responding, because the side he is hearing benches of ANC is disturbing and he had raised in the last meeting that they should be protected and rein sense on those on Councillors of the ANC who are always usual disrupting. As the chair of this sitting Speaker should be able to call any person that is out of order irrespective of their political affiliation, as members we should not see as if the Speaker is taking sides because he has been raising this issue."

Councillor BL Mathae responded that Councillor MW Mongale was canvassing other issues that were not relevant to what has been raised, and that he knew how to chair a meeting.

Councillor DJ De Huis commented as follows:

"The Executive Mayor oe beile hantle ya tsamaya e senyega kae kae, all of them they have the right to be here, the Speaker to go back to his records, the last time she checked Councillor Mtshakazane was not a witch, but some Councillors from ANC has just said it now and the Speaker is saying nothing if the issue can be corrected in this house."

Councillor LB Mathae indicated that he normally made an undertaken that he will check with the recordings. If the meeting can be proceeded, he will have an opportunity to check.

Executive Mayor, Councillor GS Nthatsi continued.

He requested to Waive advertisement fees and Mangaung metro allowed this item to be entertained at the Provincial and National level of 2024, therefore, the matter would be dealt with at an appropriate time when all factors that and been attended to, they will bring the item before the table, he submits.

Councillor VE Jonas

Thanked for allowing the item to serve in Council, however the request is from SALGA and IEC is about granting fees and advertising space and all political parties in order to bring equal player, she further asked Council to approve the item as it is with its recommendations.

Councillor MJ Ramatlama requested EFF caucus.**Cllr TB van der Walt**

He noted to Council that this is unfortunately one item that is related to Planning Department, that planning committee has convened for its item which benefits political parties. This in the face of urgent matters and promises for oversight visits, committee meetings to discuss the critical challenges in Planning Department, that is one of the reasons these failures and not care about planning and its influence on Mangaung is one of the main reasons why Mangaung is the only city that has lost 34000 jobs in the past year while the Western Cape has added 305 000 new jobs. The Mayor of the city has opened door, and he numerously contacted the Executive Mayor regarding MPT decisions that were made and, he did not feel important and after responded despite the emails and messages that were sent to him, he feels it was not important enough, we have issues about SDF amendments without public consultation that nothing has happened about it, it was discussed in Council previously. The failed ITP Project, Fresh Produce Market has collapsed and needs urgent maintenance and refurbishment. Economic Development issues, small businesses, supporting informal trade in a legal way like is done in government places. So, it is disturbing that this is the most important platform to discuss planning items for the Council and MMC's since the biggening of this year.

Councillor VE Nikelo

Its either between Councillor MW Mongale and Councillor T Van der Walt someone is misleading the public of Mangaung because when they started discussing on this particular matter, someone pulled some serious political stunts to indicate that this document could not even serve the processes that it was supposed to be serving, and yet they just got the information that this is the most important document and the only document that has served in the committees amongst the documents of Planning department. The matter should be looked into so that people don't have to come and pull the stunts and mislead the community of Mangaung because they want to say something, he indicated that indeed considering that Mangaung is still under financial distress and they are busy dealing with Financial Recovery Plan, by now they should say to all political parties and everybody who is advertising must pay for that but because they understand the significant of the elections, and as a result the Executive Mayor brought this item before Council because there are stories that people have stolen the elections but they are giving everyone an opportunity to make sure that they advertise their political parties and ensure that ultimately they get an opportunity to be known by communities out there and at least tried to contest the elections. But as a results of that, they support this item that they are going to wave the issue of payment, but they must watch the space two days after the elections they are coming hard on them everybody who do not removed the posters they would make sure that they collect what is due to them as the Municipality.

Councillor MJ Ramatlama reminded the Speaker that EFF had requested a 10-minute caucus because they wanted to avoid the engagement of the Chief Whip.

The Speaker, Councillor LB Mathae indicated that he made a ruling and allow people to complete because it cannot be that as an when there is a request for caucus. EFF would be granted an opportunity to present. They would never conclude voting either way of voting or not.

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Councillor W Pretorius requested the point of clarity the Chief whip stated that after two days they would come hard on political parties but the By Law differs on 2 days its actually 14 days, if clarity can be provided when it was changed to two days, and they must come hard down on parties that post posters on Municipality infrastructure on the bridges and walls and that's not allowed.

Councillor LB Mathae indicated that what was said it was not the decision of the meeting.

After the EFF caucus, Cllr MJ Ramatlama provided feedback. And indicated that the Speaker has allowed Councillors to engage in the item before they are fully agreeing of the submission of the document however, they were worried with the duration, and they would like to align themselves with the submission of the parties of DA to stick to the by-laws of the 14 days. The reason being, immediately after 2024 national elections they know that ANC would not win the government, Speaker must allow them to celebrate properly with the results of the after the elections.

It was thereupon **with 76 votes in favour, 3 against and 4 abstained**

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Council approved to waive the prescribed tariffs to display election posters i.e. all posters relating to the National and Provincial elections to be held in 2024.
- (b) That all political parties as well as the IEC must apply for permission on the prescribed form, in terms of the prescribed procedures, to display posters, and
- (c) That all political parties as well as the IEC be required to pay the prescribed fees should they fail to remove their posters within the prescribed period should the posters be removed by the Municipality.

192	REPORTS FROM THE SPEAKER
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REPORTS FROM THE SPEAKER

1.

MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY RE-DETERMINATION PROCESS 2022 – 2024

The Speaker, Councillor BL Mathae presented the item.

We are bringing this item before the sitting in terms of Municipal demarcation boards process. Sometime this year in March and April 2023, the municipal demarcation approached different political parties on the process of re-determination of municipal boundaries, political parties were then afforded an opportunity to make their different presentation with regard to a wide range of their preferred options in terms of re-determination of municipal boundaries. Come 2026 national elections, that process preliminary process as undertaken by municipal demarcation board has now been concluded, therefore there were about 8 scenarios emanating from those presentations and what is now left is that Council must take note of those scenarios, they are not casting stones they are simply there to allow the municipal demarcation board (MBD) to undertake process of public participation.

8 of proposed scenarios Annexure 1 of 192 as follows:

The Chairperson of the MBD made the presentation, the most salient points raising the presentation especially as it relates to Mangaung Metro Municipality as the following:

1. Proposed re-determination of municipal boundaries of Tokologo which is FS1a2 Lejweleputswa District Municipality DC18 and Mangaung Metro by excluding Dealsville town and some surrounding farms from municipal areas of Tokologo Local Municipality by including it to Municipal area of MMM.
2. The proposed re-determination of municipal boundaries of Mangaung Metro Municipality Mohokare and Xhariep District Municipality by excluding the former Dewetsdorp magisterial from municipal areas of FS 163 and DC 16 and by including it into municipal area of Mangaung Metro Municipality.
3. Proposed re-determination of municipal boundaries of Mantsopa Local municipality Thabo Mofutsanyane district Municipality.
4. Proposed re-determination of municipal of MMM and Mohokare, Xhariep District Municipality by excluding the former Naledi town such as Dewetsdorp, Wepener and Van Stadensrus, currently constituting ward 43 and 50 from the municipal area of Mangaung Metro Municipality by excluding the broader Zastron area, which was ward 1,2,3 and portion of ward 5 including Thelia farm from the municipal area of FS163 to create a new municipality.
5. Proposed re-determination of municipal boundaries of FS163 by MMM by excluding Naledi towns Dewetsdorp, Wepener, Van Stadensrus and Zastron from municipal area of Mangaung Metro Municipality including them into the municipal areas of FS 163 AND d63
6. Proposed re-determination of municipal area boundaries of Mantsopa local municipality FS 196 Letsoto local municipality, FS 191 DC 19 and Mangaung Metro Municipality by merging former Naledi municipality, which was Dewetsdorp, Wepener and Van stad currently in Mangaung municipality together with Mantsopa municipality to establish a district Municipality in the Free State
7. Proposed re-determination on Masilonyane local municipality of FS 181, Lejweleputswa district municipality DC 18 MMM by excluding Winnie Mandela formally known as Branford from Masilonyane local Municipality FS 181 dc 18 by including it into MMM.
8. Proposed re-determination of municipal boundaries of Kopanong Local municipality, Mohokare Local Municipality by excluding Reedsburg area which was ward 1 and Bethuli area which was ward 30 from FS 162, the broader Zastron are
7. a of from FS 163 the former Naledi towns, Dewetsdorp, Wepener, Van Stadensrus, Zastron to create a new municipality,

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- The recommendation from these proposed scenarios that Council must take note of the proposed re-determination of municipal boundaries as indicated on the MDB presentation.
- The City Manager re-mandated by Council to establish a team to work on a proposed re-determination as presented by MDB municipal demarcation board therefore, part of the documentation are attached to the submission that once Council takes note because this was not a final process, it would allow MMM to engage together with the municipal demarcation board on a process to source the views of the affected areas on each proposed scenario and, if the preferred scenario was option 1 the only focus would only be on public participation together with the MBD to consult broadly with the constituency of that area so that they can arrive at the decision which eventually makes it possible for the Minister of Cooperative Governance to make a broad proclamation finally for the President to sign into law, the proposed final municipal re-determination of their boundaries. So this were the 8 scenarios which were presented they are a product of a consultation among and between various of political parties, and thus was brought to the attention of the Council because the municipal demarcation board as until today the 15th to receive a council decision that indeed have noted a proposed scenario and they are now ready to engage in a process of public participation to hear the views of the affected areas as to whether are they in support of whatever that is contained proposed or they are against

Speaker requested members to provide the inputs and comments bearing in mind that the item is for noting and does not prohibit members making statements.

Councillor TB Van der Walt commented that the DA proposes to add recommendation (c) that the technical committee report back to council for final resolution. The proposals contained in the item are very consequential to every resident of Mangaung and the other municipalities must be dealt with care.

Amongst these are proposals to Add Deallesville, exclude naledi, re include Dewetsdorp, include Brandfort. The document emphasizes that the community of Brandfort is calling for incorporation, which indicates to me what the writer of the report wants the outcome of the process to be. Let residents be warned that when the DA was opposing the incorporation of Naledi into Mangaung, we warned Naledi residents that their services would get worse and their municipal costs would rise, which is exactly what happened.

This technical committee must ensure scientific feasibility study must be done in conjunction with National Treasury to advise council of the serious financial, service delivery implications of any of the proposals. These decisions cannot be done haphazardly one year adding the one town and a few years later removing half again and adding other towns. To what end?

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Nationally combining failing municipalities only makes matters worse for all residents, but we know that these proposals are made for political reasons because the governing party is losing votes in cities and needs to include rural areas in cities to artificially retain power over the budgets of the cities, even though the city is already stripped naked by looting.

In Naledi we warned the residents that they would be disadvantaged in smaller towns, 6 years for by-laws amended and appointments of staff in structure now these staff will again have to be moved back, legal implications those people would be moved again back to Naledi.

Councillor MW Mongale commented that if this was not for noting, the item should be rejected on the basis that the document was not duly signed, as it has not indicate the date, because he kept on saying one thing but it seemed not to be a lesson learned out of the process, the issue of demarcation board someone is not doing his job at demarcation board or it's just a bunch of lazy people that when they realise that time has come they need to report now they want to create something so that they must be seen that they are working, it is not long that Dewetsdorp, Van Stadensrus and Wepener were incorporated into Mangaung, now they were not provided with scientific analysis of feasibility study that is shows what went wrong. Why are those municipalities not fit to be part of Mangaung and what benefit was Dealsville going to get out of Mangaung that is currently under financial distress?

The issue that is troubling is that there is no report that shows any feasibility study even by the demarcation board to say they are doing this in the interest of Mangaung or doing this in the interest of Tweespruit that while they are incorporated into Mangaung they would benefit with. The only benefit would be a salary after a placement, and they don't know other benefits, question was what is Mangaung going to benefit out of this? Let be a proper feasibilities study, this committee from DA was referring to a technical committee, their primary objective is to do a feasibility study to say is it feasible, workable, and possible that this committee when coming to municipality they will perform better or going to be stagnated in a case where Mangaung breaks away from three towns which is Naledi, Van Stadensrus and Wepener. And what will be the benefit of those three towns and what is the benefit of Mangaung establishing a new district? will it assist or it will be just another district with no resources.

In this particular case there has never been a proper process for demarcation board, and municipal demarcation board they were lost a purpose to establish municipality when they make merger, and the major must be a benefit to both parties or it must be a benefit to another party but it must also carry an element of permanent, but in this particular case they are saying the previous project when combining the former Mangaung with the former Naledi, the project did not work therefore, they should try another experiment, they can change Brandford and change the name so that it can sound nice, and all these issues they are telling you that someone did not do their job.

The people that were appointed at the demarcation board might be people who don't have a clue about what is happening with those bullet that were mentioned above, because they have tendency of getting people out of Free state to come and do the job and they don't know the history of the Province and Municipality

Councillor DJ De-huis

As the EFF they take into account the matter mentioned in this document, as demarcation board might have pros and cons but they would like to highlight disturbing issues, since Naledi has been demarcated to Mangaung nothing has been developed, there had never been service delivery. Batho ba mowa esale ba lebalwa ba gopolwa fela ka dikgeto, why is this demarcation needs to take place now?

Because they are approaching the elections, bringing Brandford to this side knowing very well that Masilonyana Municipality was one of the worst Municipality when it comes to administration. As they well know Executive Mayor has indicated that they always know that if the ruling party wants to put something they do it knowing very well that they are heading to the elections, the whole thing of demarcation board it has nothing to do with the community of Mangaung, the only people that was going to benefit was the ANC because it was going to be a political point in their pocket, as the EFF they would like to have an asset register if they agreed that Brandford should come this side bearing in mind that this municipality is one of the worst municipality. She was worried as a community member from Thaba Nchu, the people of Motlatla are not recognised by this municipality they were only been recognised during the elections even now if you can visit their place, there is nothing. What ANC is proclaiming in this Municipality is totally wrong, as the EFF they are not going to support the item ha fela esa kenyetse batho ba Motlatla because she comes from Thaba Nchu.

Councillor ML Wewege

The transformation of Mangaung and inclusion of vary stands into unfried metropolitan structure Is far-reaching consequence and it was crucial for them to inspect its potential impact on communities. Mangaung as it stands with places like Dewetsdorp, Wepener and Van Stadensrus were already an example that merging municipality into a metro was not effective as there is no service delivery in these towns, Dewetsdorp residents can go days and weeks without water.

There are no form of continuous refuse removal and infrastructure was not up to standard for Metro. The residents don't have a community law enforcement, the decision to emerge new areas already struggling with serious implications, one concern is the financial aspects while operating as a Metro open store to a larger budget, it also brings greater expenses. The burden of increased levies is particularly significant for residents, transition from a small town to a Metro. The inclusion of more areas as Dealsville, Mohakarare including Zastron Smithfield is inheriting only assets as they are very few. But also the debts and long overdue account is for smaller towns. The financial responsibility is substantial and require skill full consideration. A major challenge arise when looking at economic among residents' shift may cause financial strain for many especially those who applied for indigent, this raises a question of sustainability of the Metro's budget residents for levies, additionally the state of infrastructure, these small towns cannot be ignored.

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Many of them have existing debts -infrastructure, this poses a risk of deeper financial debts for the metro, The Freedom Front Plus strongly assets opposition to the small town in the metro emphasizing the believe of small municipality better serve each town individually by ensuring more effective and tolerated services for residents. And illustrated example is Brandford now known as Winnie Mandela.

The Freedom Front Plus It is essential to question effectively of such decision especially when considering the impact of daily lives of residents, furthermore how can the Mangaung ANC led government govern an extended Metro, if one of Councillors on 24 October was admitted to Netcare that she has a team of volunteers which opens club in Heidedal but now he is asking for donations because the volunteers themselves have to wait for the Metro.

In conclusion as Councillors, they were elected to fulfil the community's needs, it is their duty to practically evaluate implications of decisions of impacting the residents.

Councillor SP Tsoleli

Motlatla esetse ele teng ka hare ho Mangaung hae kante ho Mangaung. Our city is growing very fast and therefore it is important to determine boundaries every time after local government elections. The Municipal demarcation board is an independent board that was tasked by law to redetermine municipal boundaries. The report requests a Municipal Manager to establish a task team and the team would respond to all the questions that have been raised by Councillors. The question would be able to be raised to be addressed by that task team that would be established by the Municipal Manager. According to the timelines of municipal demarcation board the period they are in now is for public participation and lashing of objections because before it is gazetted in December and January, they therefore call all citizens and interested parties not to miss this opportunity time of making their voices heard. She therefore noted and supported the recommendations as mentioned on the report above.

Councillor FR Botes

Since 30 years the government cannot reach a point to show relevant communities that the municipality in South Africa and Mangaung metro would be economically in a position to give best service to the communities. The communities every time is the one who suffers now that the fire is too hot for small municipality closed to Mangaung metro they must be included in their boundaries of Mangaung. Mangaung Metro cannot even look after themselves.

When looking at the Auditor-General report for the municipality which must be included in Mangaung they are all bankrupt thus will put more pressure on services and community who received at this stage of limited services of metro would end up in a situation where zero services would be supplied to the community. If we take last year debit of September 2023 into consideration the balance is now on 10.4 zero to billion it increased with 17.13% for the quarter. Outstanding credit calculates to 635 039 million, it was clear that the ,Mangaung Metro cannot afford to take all this necessary steps if it's not the situation that is to relook into all these things. They are not against all this thing but he doesn't take all necessary negative aspects into consideration thus why he agreed with a Councillor from DA that indicated that recommendation C should be included that technical committee and municipality demarcation board to provide the Council with relevant report.

Councillor GJ Lipale

Wanted to highlight few things as Councillor indicated that Motlatla remains in Mangaung requested members to read Roman Catholic 4 'Wepener and Van Stadensrus constituting on 43 and 50 from municipal area of Mangaung Metro by excluding the boarder Zastron and the portion of ward 5 including Ethel farm from the municipal area and creating a new municipality but with regards to Thaba Nchu and Motlatla it does not say anything it says Naledi and Ward 43 does not say excluding Motlatla whereas Motlatla was part of ward 43. He therefore supported what Councillor De-Huis has already alluded.

Speaker, Councillor BL Mathae indicated that Councillors might have missed important facts, there were 7 municipalities mentioned in the report of demarcation board, all of those 7 Municipalities will be affected by the proposed changes, therefore as they were sited today they may conclude the same process of taking note of the proposal from demarcation board and they are now consulting widely with their communities to accept or reject the recommendations, the Council was not pronouncing itself that it was in favour of this recommendations because they must now allow communities to make that call. He noted on comments and valuable contributions, he would asked those who are prepared so that they can favour with those points once the technical team begin with their work, they can take proposals into consideration.

Political parties, non-governmental organizations, community-based organisation and different interested groups would have the opportunity to state their views once the public participation takes place. The points that have been raised during the meeting may not super see the views of the outside community because part of the report of the demarcation board was saying allow us to interact with your communities so that they can hear from them what was their reaction to the proposed measures, as Councillor SP Tsoleli has indicated. The primary function of the demarcation board is to re-determine municipal boundaries as well as the delimitation of wards and that process does not only end with the demarcation it involves a broad range of consultation with interested stakeholders but most importantly, the communities, rate payers and all those who are affected by this changes.

Cllr T B van der Walt – add recommendation (c) *that the technical team report back to Council for final resolution for scientific feasibility study. Additional recommendation (c) that the technical team report back to Council for final resolution*

It was thereupon **with 90 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstained**

RESOLVED

- (a) That Council took note of the proposed re-determination of the Municipal boundaries as indicated on the MDB presentation.
- (b) That the City Manager be mandated by the Council to establish a technical team to work on the proposed re-determination as presented by MDB.
- (c) ***That the technical team referred to under resolution (b), must report back to Council for final resolution.***

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IN COMMITTEE REPORTS

1.

REPORT OF THE SELECTION PANELS ON THE RECRUITMENT, SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENTS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY IN TERMS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS ACT, ACT 32 OF 2000 AS AMENDED READ TOGETHER WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS ON APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS OF SENIOR MANAGERS FOR MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY.

The Speaker requested Officials and the live streaming team to be excused to discuss the In-Committee items.

Note by Secretariat: Detailed minutes under this item are captured separately; as the item was discussed In Committee and therefore only the voting results and resolutions are captured.

It was thereupon **with 50 votes in favour, 4 against and 31 abstained**

RESOLVED that Council,

- (a) Noted that the Selection panels for the recruitment and selection of Heads of Department have executed their task assigned by Council.
- (b) Appointed Mr Israel Ketsebae Kgamanyane as the preferred candidate for the position of Head of Department Public Safety and Security at Mangaung Metro Municipality.
- (c) The appointment is on permanent performance based contract that commence on 01 December 2023.
- (d) Should the recommended candidate be unavailable to accept the position, the next preferred candidate in order of sequence must be considered for appointment in that position.

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CLOSING OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Speaker, Councillor LB Mathae indicated that the intervention team to leave to avoid wasteful expenditure. By keeping national supporting. He will therefore, distribute the code of conduct which was signed into law on 14 June 2023, to all Councillors and familiarise themselves with it so that in an event the Council makes a decision on the bridge of a code of conduct on anyone who is the Chairperson of Council is of the suspicion that such a Councillor might have bridged the code of conduct so that Councillors can have knowledge of what is contained in the code of conduct.

The meeting officially closed at 17h38

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