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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	Absent with apology
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>MMC: Corporate Services</u> Cllr SP Tsoleli	ANC	
11	<u>MMC: Community Services</u> Cllr A Qai	AIC	Absent with apology
12	<u>MMC: Economic Development</u> Cllr MM Letawana	ANC	
13	<u>MMC: IDP and Performance Management</u> Cllr MT Mosala	ANC 11	
14	<u>MMC: Planning and Human Settlements</u> Cllr NA Nhlapo	ANC	
15	<u>MMC: Public Safety and Transport</u> Cllr CL Kruger	ANC 16	
16	<u>MMC: Agriculture and Rural Development</u> Cllr PS Twala	ATM	Absent with apology
17	<u>MMC: Technical Services</u> Cllr VS Soqaga	ANC	
18	<u>MMC: Waste & Fleet Management</u> Cllr VE Jonas	ANC	

PR COUNCILLORS			
19	Cllr Bothma (Andries Francois)	DA	Absent with apology
20	Cllr Bouwer (Chadwine Lyle)	DA	Absent with apology
21	Cllr Davies (Maryke)	DA	
22	Cllr De Bruin (John Matthews)	PA	
23	Cllr De-Huis (Dikeledi Jane)	EFF	
24	Cllr De Kock (Valerie Belinda)	FFPlus	
25	Cllr Denner (John Henry)	FFPlus	Absent with apology
26	Cllr Ferreira (Thomas Ignatius)	DA	
27	Cllr Klaasen Raynie Sarah	DA	Absent with apology
28	Cllr Letsoko (Mantwa Sanah)	EFF	
29	Cllr Lipale (Gopolang Jeremiah)	EFF	
30	Cllr Makau (Pitso Elias)	EFF	
31	Cllr Malebo (Deliwe Lettia)	EFF	
32	Cllr Maliela (Motiki Edwin)	DA	
33	Cllr Matobole (Mosala Abel)	DA	
34	Cllr Matsoetlane (Maditaba Joyce)	ANC	
35	Cllr Mhlakaza (Malwande Nicolson)	DA	
36	Cllr Mogotsi (Mamahlape Elisa)	EFF	
37	Cllr Mohlamme (Lebohang Lerato)	DA	
38	Cllr Mokoena (John Itumeleng)	AASD	
39	Cllr Mongale (Mojalefa William)	AASD	Absent with apology
40	Cllr Moreeng (Kabelo Christopher)	DA	
41	Cllr Mtshakazane (Eunice Xoliswa)	EFF	
42	Cllr Njiva-Lebajoa (Mamotse)	DA	Absent with apology
43	Cllr Phohleli (Tsholwane Eddy)	EFF	
44	Cllr Phupha (Ntsoaki Agnes)	PA	
45	Cllr Ramatlama (Mpho Joseph)	EFF	

46	Cllr Rammile (Tumelo Kingsley)	DA	
47	Cllr Rampai (Pule Joseph)	ACDP	
48	Cllr Sebolao (Jankie Elisha)	EFF	Absent with apology
49	Cllr Shale (Nkahiseng Reginah)	EFF	
50	Cllr Snyman (Pieter Adriaan)	DA	
51	Cllr Snyman van Deventer (Elizabeth)	FFPlus	
52	Cllr Terblanche (Arthur Phillip)	DA	Absent with apology
53	Cllr Thomas (Johannes Beleme)	EFF	
54	Cllr Viviers (Benhardus Jacobus)	DA	
55	Cllr Vorster (Braam)	FFPlus	
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 Moilola (Tshidiso Petrus)	ANC 6	
62	Cllr Sehloho (Siza Clement)	ANC 7	
63	Cllr Nyaphudi (Likeleli Julia)	ANC 8	Absent without apology
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 Van Noord (Gregory Owen)	DA 18	Absent with apology

72	Cllr Peter (Seth Qondile)	ANC 19	
73	Cllr van Rensburg (Corize)	20 DA	
74	Cllr Lotriet (Pieter Adam)	DA 21	Absent with apology
75	Cllr Cronje (Jan-Hendrik)	DA 22	
76	Cllr van der Walt (Tjaart Botha)	DA 23	
77	Cllr Kotze (Gerhardus Dirk Petrus)	DA 24	
78	Cllr Kotze (Paul Mare')	DA 25	
79	Cllr van Niekerk (Hendrik Johannes Christiaan)	DA 26	Absent with apology
80	Cllr Banyane (Zachous Nechodemus)	ANC 27	
81	Cllr Matsephe (Dikololo Elias)	ANC 29	
82	Cllr Tukula (Teboho Daniel)	ANC 30	
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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	Absent without apology
97	Cllr Maartens (Jan-Rudolf)	DA 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	Absent with apology

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

#	DESIGNATION	NAME/S
1	CITY MANAGER	MR SELLO MORE
2	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	MS ZUZIWE THEKISHO
3	HOD: TECHNICAL SERVICES	MR REVELATION MASOBENG
4	HOD: PLANNING, ECONOMIC & RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS	MS NOKUTHULA CHAKANE
5	HOD: CORPORATE SERVICES	MR MOKETE DUMA
6	HOD: PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY	MR ISRAEL KGAMANYANE
7	HEAD OF MPAC	MR DIPHOKO SEKAKANYO
8	GM: COMMITTEE SERVICES	MS XOLISWA QILO (Absent with apology)
9	ACTING MANAGER: COUNCIL SUPPORT	MS RINA MAMATELA

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 humbly 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 humbly requested to please take along their nameplates and to display it throughout the meeting.
4. **Apologies during the course of the Council meeting:** Councillors are humbly 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. (Rule 12.1)
- 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)**

34.

OPENING: MOMENT OF REFLECTION

The meeting commenced at 14h24.

The Speaker officially opened the meeting, requested all to observe a moment of silent contemplation for meditation and prayers. He then announced that 82 Councillors were present in the Chamber and thus constituting a quorum.

NOTED.

35.

NOTICE OF THE MEETING

The Speaker read the notice as outlined on page 2 of the agenda.

NOTED.

36.

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.

37.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Cllr MJ Ramatlama raised a concern with regards to the report to be discussed In Committee.

The Executive Mayor explained that in terms of appointing the CEO of Centlec, the matter would be dealt with In Committee.

Council Whip seconded the adoption of the agenda.

The Speaker in responding to a question raised by Cllr JM De Bruin regarding the availability of livestreaming of the Council proceedings, stated that there was a delay as there was a miscommunication between the service provider and SCM.

On a point of clarity Cllr GDP Kotze raised a concern on the responses of outstanding Rule 38 questions and the motion submitted by the DA.

The agenda and the supplementary agenda were duly adopted.

NOTED.

38.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

NOTED.

39.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker informed the house officially that Councillor JE Sebolao has lost his mother and requested all to stand and observe a moment of silence in conveying the last respect to the mother of Councillor JE Sebolao.

The Speaker thereafter afforded Councillors an opportunity to make announcements as follows:

Cllr MM Letawana: “Thank you, Honourable Speaker, Executive Mayor, Deputy Executive Mayor, Council Whip and all Councillors greetings to you all.

Honourable Speaker on the 2nd of May 2026, the Kenworth group together with Mangaung Metro Municipality will host the third addition of Lemo Mangaung Marathon formally known as Lemo Marathon. This marathon is aligned with the mission of positioning the Metro as a prime sport tourism platform intended for both community empowerment as well as economic development. An effort seeking to build a better Mangaung, it is on this basis Honourable Speaker that we invite this house, all of you Councillors to please take advantage of being participants to this activity. But first you are expected to register to be a runner there and for you to participate you have only up until tomorrow which is 31 of March 2026.

The actual run will be on the 2nd of May 2026 like I indicated for those who would want to participate from the run point of view, there is five (05) kilometres reserved for you. Then, for those who are still warming up, you may not be there yet, but if your intention is to get there, there is a ten (10) kilometre race for you. Those who are like me, who do not hesitate to take on a challenge, there is a 21-kilometre race for you. Those in the category of the Executive Mayor, the Council Whip, the Deputy Executive Mayor.

I am told, the City Manager as well, together with Councillor GJ Lipale, have all indicated an appetite to register for the 42.2-kilometre race. So, this invitation goes to all of you, together with the community of Mangaung. Thank you, Speaker. That is all I want to indicate. Thank you.”

Cllr MN Mhlakaza: “Honourable Speaker of the Council, Executive Mayor, Deputy Executive Mayor, MMC’s, Chairpersons of the Council Committees, the Caucus leadership of the Democratic Alliance, fellow Councillors from all different political parties, the communities of Mangaung. Ke a le dumedisa bagaetso kaofela.

Honourable Speaker, I rise in terms of Rule 29 of the Standing Rules and Orders of this Council to announce that the Democratic Alliance caucus in Mangaung has submitted a motion before this Municipality that seeks to establish the office of the special programmes. The office has to cater for the venerable complaints if I can highlight it, the elderly and people who are differently abled or people who have having disabilities. We are doing that Honourable Speaker in line with the white paper, and also in line with section 9, subsection 3 paragraph C of the supreme law of this Country that is the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996 as amended.

Honourable Speaker more over to that, we humbly request that all the political parties that are represented before this Council they may humbly consider supporting such a motion because we can be different as political parties but what unite us is service delivery especially that service delivery has to improve the conditions of our people and the motion that we have tabled before this Council, seeks to do exactly that Speaker.

Lastly, we are humbly requesting may that motion be served and be debated and be voted for in the next Ordinary Council Meeting as I move, Honourable Speaker, let me rest my case. I thank you.”

Cllr MM Tladi: “Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I did not want to make an announcement because Councillors know that, on the 23rd of March, we had the graduation of fifty-four (54) Councillors who completed the Councillor Management Development Programme, which is an NQF Level 6 programme. It was a six (6)-month programme, and the Councillors graduated.

However, when we were at the Section 79 Committee, we were disappointed to learn that some Councillors wanted to wear the gown, the belt and the hood. They did not know that this programme is only for six (6) months. In the next six (6) months, we are going to receive the gowns because we will be proceeding to the next programme, which is at NQF Level 7. Councillors should also take note that, if you do not have matric, you will not qualify to proceed to walk the stage.

Honourable Speaker, we also had forty-six (46) officials who completed the Supervisory Management Development Programme at NQF Level 5. Unfortunately, as the city, I do not know where we are with our discussions with HOD Duma regarding assisting our officials to continue with their studies. We have been told that there is currently not enough budget, and that only councillors have been budgeted for to attend the next programme. Thank you so

much, Honourable Speaker.”

The Speaker remarked: “Thank you, Councillor MM Tladi, there are six (06) Councillors who graduated and who automatically qualifies for a master’s degree. I may not recall all of them, but I know that Councillor SP Tsoleli is part of those and the Deputy Executive Mayor and Councillor MM Tladi, Councillor MH Supi, Councillor VS Soqaga and Councillor MW Mongale congratulations to you Councillors.

There was a hand over here, Councillors let me extend this invite as well to you Councillors in Botshabelo. Tomorrow there is a provincial Easter Road Safety Launch by the MEC relevant to Transport and Safety. It will take place at Botshabelo Stadium at 09:00. Those who will be able to participate in this event, you are cordially invited to join the MEC for Transport and Safety in the province, Mrs Mbalula as well those Councillors who are based in Thaba Nchu who will obviously have time, you are invited to participate in an event organised under the House of Traditional and Khoisan leaders in the Free State. The event is scheduled to take place as well tomorrow at 10:00 at the Barolong Hall in Thaba Nchu, all Councillors who will obviously have time tomorrow, you may join these events.”

Cllr C van Rensburg: “Honourable Speaker, Executive Mayor, fellow Councillors, I wish to inform Council that we have submitted a motion titled “Caring for the Homeless in Mangaung,” which I hope will serve in the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

Let me be clear from the outset — this motion is not about land allocation or social housing waiting lists. This motion addresses a very specific and urgent reality in our City, the people sleeping on our streets. We are increasingly seeing vulnerable individuals sleeping on park benches, in stormwater canals, under bridges, in open fields and public spaces. These unsheltered individuals are exposed to danger, crime, harsh weather conditions and serious health risks. At present, Mangaung has no coordinated policy framework guiding how the Municipality responds to this growing humanitarian and urban management challenge.

The Democratic Alliance believes a capable and caring local government cannot simply look away. Good governance means planning, coordination and practical intervention. This motion therefore calls for the development of a comprehensive Homelessness Policy and eventual by-law, focused on supporting unsheltered individuals through coordinated action with Provincial and National departments, NGOs, faith-based organisations and social partners. The aim is not to criminalise poverty, nor to promise land or housing outside existing processes.

The aim is to restore dignity, improve safety, and create structured pathways toward shelter, social services, rehabilitation and reintegration. A caring city protects its public spaces while also protecting its most vulnerable residents.

The DA believes Mangaung can and must become a city that works — and a city that cares. Thank you, Speaker.”

NOTED.

40	REPORTS FROM THE SPEAKER
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None.

NOTED.

41	REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR
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The Executive Mayor presented his reports as follows: “Good afternoon, Councillors, and thank you very much for allowing me this opportunity. Let me greet you, Speaker, Dr Mathae, and greet all the MMCs in the various departments, the Committee Chairpersons of the Section 79 committees, our Chief Whip, the Chief Whips from other political parties, the City Manager, my hHnourable Councillors, members of the public, Mangaung residents, and, in particular, the members of the media who are present here this afternoon.

Honourable Speaker, let me take this opportunity to address the House as we gather for the tabling of the Draft Annual Budget for the 2026/2027 Medium-Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF). The tabling of the draft budget marks the culmination of an intensive process that commenced as early as December 2025, with the issuance of budget guidelines to assist the directorates in formulating their budgets while taking into account their priorities, increasing costs, inflation, and the broader economic environment.

Honourable Speaker, we remain alive to the global economic conditions. The wars in Ukraine and the Middle East continue to shape global politics towards a multipolar world, affecting international cooperation, weaponising energy and trade, and increasing political risk. These factors continue to drive market volatility, high inflation, and rising costs, particularly for developing economies. As a result, global economic growth continues to slow and remains uneven across regions, placing further constraints on many developing countries.

Although no official announcement had yet been made by the Minister responsible for Petroleum and Mineral Resources, it was anticipated that fuel prices would increase from 1 April. I must indicate that, even before the anticipated fuel price increase, our Metro had already experienced challenges arising from increases implemented by fuel suppliers. This affected our ability to render certain services, including the cleaning of the city, in the manner expected by our residents. This coincides with the increases already announced by the Minister of Finance during the tabling of the national budget.

We also experienced an incident last week relating to fuel supply, which has since been addressed. I want to encourage those who are affected to report any companies that are taking advantage of the City so that the necessary action can be taken.

Honourable Councillors, we are governing during a period characterised by severe socio-economic challenges, driven primarily by high unemployment, ageing infrastructure and financial constraints. This draft budget seeks to intervene by creating temporary employment opportunities through various projects, thereby providing temporary relief to households affected by poverty. While I acknowledge that this alone is not sufficient, I can assure Council that all open bids issued by the City include a mandatory requirement for youth employment, thereby creating opportunities for graduates to gain practical workplace experience and apply the knowledge they have acquired through their studies.

The budget has further been informed by the City's vision, as reflected in the Integrated Procurement Plan, the aspirations of our communities, and the state of municipal infrastructure as identified by senior management responsible for the day-to-day operation of our service delivery infrastructure. It has also taken into account the conditions attached to national conditional grants, although these conditions do not always address the City's priorities. It is for this reason that we continue to advocate for an increase in conditional grant allocations and capital replacement funding.

The funding mix will ultimately determine what can be implemented. We have also consolidated the inputs received from the public to provide a comprehensive overview of the priorities raised during the consultation process. However, Honourable Councillors, if we were to implement every wish expressed by our communities, traffic and law enforcement, roads, stormwater infrastructure, pothole repairs and flood control would undoubtedly rank among the highest priorities. All of these issues have a direct impact on the economy and on the lives of the people of Mangaung.

However, all of this depends on the financial resources available to the Municipality and, more importantly, on our ability to convert billed revenue into cash. If customers do not pay for Municipal services, our plans remain only on paper and cannot be implemented. The assumptions underpinning this budget include improved revenue collection, with the expectation that even non-paying customers will eventually become paying customers. This is an issue that we must continue to emphasise throughout our budget deliberations.

There were no significant reviews to the budget-related policies, as amendments had already been approved during February 2026 together with the Adjustment Budget. I therefore wish to refer this House to the circulars and policies that were previously tabled and approved as part of the budget process.

Honourable Speaker, we have recently received correspondence from Moody's, informing us that it will no longer issue municipal credit ratings because of its own internal business decisions. I quote: *"Please note that this decision is not connected to Mangaung's creditworthiness, nor does it reflect any change in the Municipality's credit profile."* Thank you."

The Speaker remarked as follows on a lighter note: "Thank you very much Executive Mayor, I think you should speak to Councillor JM Debruin, he will be happy to give you those glasses because o di beile phahleng, I do not think you are using those glasses properly give them to the Executive Mayor."

Thereafter, Speaker acknowledged in attendance the leader of the Economic Freedom Fighters in the province, Mr Diphoko.

He then afforded Councillors to draw items for discussion.

Councillor MJ Ramatlama remarked: "Honourable Speaker, I just want to check, you said your people will arrive in 30 minutes, it is now an hour and we are now on the most important item 4.1, how far are they? We want those cameras."

The Speaker responded: “I am not sure exactly how far are they Councillor Ramatlama, what I can only do is to read you the WhatsApp messages. Supply Chain Management has messed us up with the live streaming of Council. It is only now that they are conceding that the mistake is on their part. They are saying the latest they can try and remedy the situation is 16:00.”

Councillor JM De Bruin raised a point of order: “Honourable Speaker, I do not think it is fair, I think we must leave this house, cause its not right what you are doing to our community. Our community needs to know what this draft report of the budget, so, how will they know if we are not transparent with them. No Speaker, we cannot go on like this, I think, be straight and honest you did not pay the people that is why they are not here. Thank you.”

The Speaker ruled: “Councillor that is is not a point of order, I honesty do not deal with Supply Chain Management matters. Please, you are raising a valid point but I dont have answers to what you are raising. We issued out a formal noticed for this meeting , we equally did inform Supply Chain Management, in fact they do have even our approved schedule for Council meetings, I really do not have to remind them of their work, they are supposed to do their work according to the approved schedule. May I just put you at ease my office is in constant communication with the Supply Chain Management as well as the person who is supposed to do the live streaming so they will sort it out. I however note your frustrations this was not meant to happen I am noting that.”

Councillor MJ Ramatlama remarked: “Speaker I am not in agreement with Councillor JM De Bruin that we must adjourn on the basis of live streaming, however Speaker in the next Council can we have a proper report , a detailed report as to what happened and the person responsible must account, because the sister sitting there, I think she is here for sign interpretation, she is already paid to be there. The cost of her sitting there, doing nothing, therefore, Speaker, consequence management must apply. Thank you.”

The Speaker stated that they will ask the City Manager and the CFO to break for a while and followup on the matter.

NOTED.

1.

COUNCIL ITEM FOR THE REVISED SDBIP 2025/2026

Cllr J Cronje addressed the Council: “Mister Speaker, Deputy Executive Mayor, Councillors and all the people of Mangaung although they cannot see us we will deliver the report later on

This revised SDBIP final report is supposed to tell a story of delivery, progress, and accountability. Instead, it reads like a remix of failure, same problems, different wording, and a softer beat to make it sound acceptable. But out there, in our communities, there is nothing soft about the reality. Speaker, sorry that I need to do this here instead of Section 80 Committee meeting, but the HODs are missing in action during Section 80 Committee meetings, so therefore this platform.

So first of all, waste removal has collapsed. Refuse piles up on street corners like it belongs there. Residents are paying for a service that never arrives. It reminds one of that line, “waiting in vain”, because that is exactly what our people are doing: waiting for trucks that never come. Water, Honourable Speaker, water a basic human right which has become a gamble. In Mangaung today, you do not turn on a tap with certainty, you turn it on with hope. Days go by without water. Days. And we are expected to treat this as if it is just another inconvenience. And on that note if you open your phone you can see a notice from bulk water where water interruption would be for eight (08) hours that is my point.

Electricity outages have become part of daily life. Entire communities are left in the dark, and the message is always the same: be patient. But residents are no longer patient. They are living in what feels like a permanent “sound of silence”, in hello darkness my old friend” no power, no communication, and certainly no accountability.

And then there are the roads. If you drive through Mangaung today, you will understand that this is no longer a road network, it is a pothole exhibition. Driving here feels like a live performance of “another one bites the dust” except it is tyres, suspensions, and the dignity of our residents taking the hit every single day. And I think the Executive Mayor answered me before I made the speech regarding all these issues.

Honourable Speaker, as already stated, what makes this worse is not just the failure it is the attitude towards the failure. Heads of Department, who are paid to deliver these services, cannot even show up to IDP and Finance meetings. The very spaces where they should account but instead their presence are met with empty chairs. It is as if accountability itself has left the building.

And the City Manager, the accounting officer seems content conducting this orchestra of dysfunction from behind a stack of reports. But you cannot manage a city like a playlist skipping the hard parts and replaying the same excuses. Because no matter how you remix it, failure is still failure. This SDBIP revision tries to change the tune lower the targets, adjust the expectations but the people of Mangaung are not listening anymore. They are living the reality.

And that reality is clear:

- Refuse is not collected.
- Water does not run.
- Electricity does not stay on.
- Roads are falling apart.

That is the true soundtrack of Mangaung right now and it is completely out of tune.

Honourable Speaker, the Democratic Alliance will not dance to this broken record. We call for:

- Immediate and visible consequence management,
- The presence and accountability of all senior officials,
- And a clear plan to restore basic service delivery, one that is implemented, not just reported.

Because right now, Mangaung is not being governed, it is being run like a bad playlist on repeat, stuck on the same track of excuses and failure. Residents are not asking for a hit single. They are asking for the basics: water, electricity, refuse removal, and roads they can drive on safely. But, if this municipality cannot deliver even on that, then no amount of revised reports, no clever wording, and no political spin will save it from the judgment of its people. Because when the music stops...Honourable Speaker...the people will have the final say and the residence of Mangaung deserves better. I thank you.”

Councillor ME Mogotsi addressed the Council: “Honourable Speaker, Executive Mayor, Members of Council, we are gathered here today to consider what has been presented to us as a technical document on service delivery and budget implementation. However, let us be clear from the outset: this is not merely a plan; it is a contract with the people of Mangaung. Today, we must honestly ask ourselves whether this is a contract that we can defend or whether it is a document of broken promises dressed in administrative language.

On the opening page of the document, reference is made to the Municipality’s strategy, intent and alignment with national and provincial priorities. The Municipality speaks boldly about transformation, service delivery and building a capable state. However, Speaker, what begins to emerge, even in the early sections of the document, is a disconnect between political priorities and administrative capacity. There is a clear overstatement of ambition without a corresponding demonstration of institutional readiness.

When we move to the financial framework section, particularly the first quarter of the document, we are presented with allocations that suggest stability and control. However, Speaker, this is misleading. The financial position of the Municipality, as reflected in this SDBIP, continues to be fragile. It does not honestly confront the Municipality’s historical underperformance in expenditure. This is not planning; this is financial storytelling.

Speaker, when we arrive at the national key performance areas, particularly Community Services, the document attempts to paint a picture of progress, especially in relation to landfill management and the fencing of landfill sites, as reflected between pages thirteen (13) and seventeen (17). However, Speaker, we must reject this narrative. Just four (4) weeks ago, during our oversight visit to the South Park, Bayswater and Botshabelo landfill sites, we saw the reality with our own eyes. What is written in this document does not reflect what exists on the ground.

What we found was more than incomplete; it was an organised collapse under an ANC-led administration that has turned waste management into a feeding trough for politically connected individuals. The EFF Mangaung Caucus has already exposed how landfill operations have allegedly been captured through corruption. A strategic R32.5 million landfill management contract was awarded to Rico to mobilise support and stabilise operations. Yet, at Botshabelo and South Park, nothing has happened. Machinery remains broken, operations have been abandoned and are paralysed, yet money continues to flow.

At the same time, security contracts amounting to nearly R6 million per contractor, approximately R18 million across the landfill sites, have failed completely.

Infrastructure has been vandalised, landfill sites have been unlawfully occupied by recyclers, and there is no control. If a multi-million-rand contract cannot secure a landfill site, then such contracts are not about service delivery; they are about rewarding politically connected individuals.

Workers are subjected to inhumane conditions. At South Park there is no water, and women are forced to use nearby shopping malls for sanitation facilities. Despite staff shortages, politically connected contractors continue to benefit.

We are told about procurement amounting to R1.8 million for the purchase of animals. Yet, when we visit the Zoo today, what we find is a disgrace. There is no maintenance, no dignity and no care. We are told that provision has been made for the animals, yet the only visible reality is that fourteen (14) buffalo are dying one after another because there is no proper food. This government has neglected the animals, and this borders on cruelty.

Even basic infrastructure, such as the zoo toilets, which are reported to have been revamped, remains in a state of disrepair. This is a direct contradiction between what is reported in this SDBIP and the reality on the ground. It is clear that reporting has become detached from reality.”

Cllr M Wewege addressed the Council: “Honourable Speaker, the Freedom Front Plus cannot support the approval of the revised Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan for 2025/2026.

At its core, the SDBIP is meant to be a credible and practical plan that ensures effective service delivery to the residents of Mangaung. However, the very need for repeated revisions raises serious concerns about the quality of initial planning, as well as the Municipality’s ability to implement what it commits to.

The first recommendation asks Council to approve the revised Mangaung and Centlec SDBIP. We must ask ourselves: are we approving a plan that will genuinely improve service delivery, or are we merely adjusting targets to accommodate ongoing underperformance? Too often, revisions become a way to lower expectations rather than to correct failures.

Secondly, it is noted that the revised SDBIP will be published on the municipal website. While transparency is important, it cannot be used as a substitute for delivery. Our communities are not concerned with documents being published — they are concerned with basic services. They want reliable water supply, proper sanitation, maintained infrastructure, and consistent refuse removal. These are the real indicators of success.

Thirdly, the submission of the revised SDBIP to National Treasury is highlighted. Compliance with legislation is, of course, necessary. But compliance alone does not fix the lived reality of our residents. We must be careful not to confuse administrative compliance with meaningful progress.

Speaker, the fundamental issue remains implementation. Mangaung does not suffer from a lack of plans — it suffers from a lack of execution, accountability, and consequence management. Without addressing these underlying problems, approving yet another revised plan will not change outcomes on the ground.

The Freedom Front Plus believes that Council should demand stronger accountability, more realistic planning from the outset, and clear consequences for non-performance before approving such revisions. For these reasons we will not support this item. Thank you Speaker.”

Councillor TM Mosala addressed the Council: “Thank you, Honourable Speaker, Executive Mayor, Deputy Executive Mayor, Council Whip and the house at large. Honourable Speaker the MFMA specifies requirements for media reporting, in Section 72, Subsection 1 A, by January 23 of every year the Accounting Officer must evaluate the Municipality performance in the first half of the year, taking into account the following:

One, the monthly statement referred in Section 71 of the first half of the year.

- Two, the municipality service delivery performance during the first half of the financial year, and the service delivery targets and performance indicators, the service delivery and the budget implementation plan.
- Three, the past years annual report and progress on resolving problems identified in the annual reports and last but not least which is number.
- Four the performance of every entity under the sole shared control of the Municipality considering reports in terms of section 88 from any of such entities, based on these requirements and the outcomes of the midyear budget performance assessment including the approved adjustment budget the Municipality was forced to revise the SDBIP hence this submission.

In conclusion, Speaker as a duty of this committee and the entire administration to report to Council and the wider community of Mangaung the revised SDBIP remains a contract that holds the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality accountable to the Community as I support and second the presentation done by the Executive Mayor. I thank you.”

Councillor JM De Bruin requested a 5-minutes caucus as the Whips in connection with the live streaming of the Council meeting.

The Speaker requested Councillor JM De Bruin to allow him to conclude the item. He thereafter reprimanded Councillors and officials that during voting processes, no movement was allowed. Councillors must remain seated.

The voting outcomes were as follows: 45 voted in favour, 20 against and 9 abstained

It was thereupon

RESOLVED that

1. Council approved the revised Mangaung and Centlec SDBIP 2025/2026 as outlined.
2. Council noted that, the revised SDBIP 2025/2026 will be published on the Municipal website; and
3. Council noted that, the revised SDBIP 2025/2026 will be submitted to National Treasury.

2.

TABLING FOR NOTING OF DRAFT REVIEWED INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP), SECTORAL PLANS (2026 – 2027) AND DRAFT SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP) 2026/2027 AS INCLUDED IN CHAPTER 8 OF THE DRAFT IDP WITH A1 SCHEDULE ON THE DRAFT BUDGET PACK

The Speaker called Cllr SM Swartz to order to withdraw what she said, and she withdrawn. Furthermore, remarked that Councillors must not be contravention with the Code of Conduct for Councillors and therefore required to exhibit the right decorum and proper use of language when dealing with each other.

Councillor SM Swartz addressed the Council: “Honourable Speaker, all protocol observed in the house. Today we table in Council for noting the draft integrated plan, the IDP, the draft plans and the draft service delivery plans, budget implementation plan, that is now the SDBIP for 2026/2027 financial year, this step is not merely procedural it is a corner stone of our governance responsibilities. The IDP set out our Municipalities strategic vision and responsibilities and development priorities, these Sectoral plans which provide detailed strategies across key areas such as ...”

Councillor BJ Viviers raised a point of order: “Honourable Speaker, please give clarity it was a lot of remarks when we approved the agenda regarding the items that are for noting and items that are not for noting. So can we now make speeches, or must we confine ourselves to questions if you can just give that clarity please.”

The Speaker ruled that it is only for questions of clarity that would be considered under the item, and therefore Councillor SM Swartz must ask questions of clarity without making political speeches.

Councillor SM Swartz indicated that she was done.

The Speaker stated that as Councillor TM Mosala is the relevant MMC for the portfolio, she was allowed to address the Council.

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Councillor TM Mosala addressed the Council as follows: “Thank you, Speaker. Mine is nothing else but to emphasise that, legislatively, the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) is a planning dialogue between the Municipality, the community and other spheres of government. It remains fundamental to the advancement of developmental local government.

The current IDP, as presented, represents the last review of the current term of Council and as initially envisaged, continues to advance the vision of the City and the aspirations of our communities.

As the MMC responsible for the IDP and OPM, the Office commenced with the review of the draft IDP for the 2026/2027 financial year. This draft IDP was reviewed taking into consideration new developments, both internal and external, as mandated by the relevant prescripts on mechanisms and processes for public participation.

The city conducted the first phase of public participation through the print media from 1 August 2025 until 27 February 2026. Moreover, the MPAC public participation processes, held from 23 February 2026 to 11 March 2026, provided an opportunity during which some of these concerns were recorded and incorporated into the draft IDP.

The second phase of the public participation process will commence after Council has noted the draft IDP.

Some of the changes reflected in the draft IDP include, amongst others, updated population statistics, projects of national and provincial departments, and I would also like Council to note that the IGR meeting was held in this institution during February. The draft further includes updated community aspirations, reviewed sectoral plans of the city and, last but not least, the planned projects of the city. Thank you, Speaker.

As the item was for noting, the Council did not vote.

It was thereupon

RESOLVED that the Council:

- 1) Noted the draft reviewed Integrated Development Plan for 2026/2027.
- 2) Noted the below mentioned Sector Plans for 2026/2027 (Annexures as Key Components of IDP).

Sectoral Plans	Annexure
MMM Ward Demographics Maps	A
Environmental Management Plan and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy	B
Integrated Waste Management Plan	C
Water and Sanitation Master and Development Plans	D
Integrated Public Transport Network Plan	E
Integrated Human Settlement Plan	F

Sectoral Plans	Annexure
MMM Organogram	G
Technical Indicator Description (TIDs)	H
Spatial Development Framework	I
Disaster Management Plan	J
Centlec Energy Plan	K
Rural Development Plan	L
Roads Asset Management Plan	M
Reviewed Organisational Performance Management Framework	N
Mangaung Metropolitan Open Space System	O
Informal Settlement Upgrading Strategy	P
Mangaung Economic Development Strategy and Investment Plan	Q
Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plan	R

- 3) Noted the Draft SDBIP 2026/2027 as contained in Chapter 8 of the draft IDP with A1 Schedule as part of the draft Budget Pack.
- 4) Noted that the drafts IDP, Sector Plans and SDBIP 2026/2027 will be submitted to both the departments of Treasury and COGTA and further be published on the municipal website for comments.

3.

TABLING OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2026/27 MEDIUM TERM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Cllr BJ Viviers addressed the Council: Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Financial Realities

1. National Treasury has confirmed that our financial health is declining, on what basis does the Administration claim this is a credible, funded budget?
2. What is the exact contingency plan if equitable share is withheld?
3. How does the City justify continuing with optimistic revenue projections when the collection rate is still far below 95%?

Eskom Debt

4. What is the current total Eskom debt, and how much of it is realistically repayable under this budget?

Tariffs vs Service Delivery

5. How does the Administration justify double-digit increases in water and electricity when service delivery continues to decline?
6. Can the City explain how a 5% rates adjustment translates into real relief when property valuations increased by up to 25%?

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7. What measurable improvements in service delivery will residents receive in return for paying more?

Impact on the Poor

8. Why has the indigent threshold not been adjusted despite significant increases in property values?
9. How many households will lose indigent support under the current thresholds?

Water & Sanitation Crisis

10. What is the timeline to reduce the more than R400 million in water losses PER YEAR, and who is accountable?
11. How can Council justify tariff increases when the sanitation system is already impaired by R423 million?
12. When will residents see a real end to sewer spillages across Mangaung?

Maintenance Failure

13. How does the city expect to stop infrastructure collapse without a transparent maintenance allocation?
14. What percentage of the budget is truly allocated to maintenance, and is it sufficient to prevent further asset deterioration?
15. Why are the Repairs and maintenance not near 8% of total asset value . Which is R1 .36 bn and not near the depreciation and impairments budgeted.

Governance & Wasteful Spending

16. How much has been spent on overtime, and why is it still uncontrolled?
17. Can the Administration confirm whether overtime could trigger a qualification of the wage bill?

Institutional Instability

18. How can Council approve a budget based on a staff structure that is not finalised?
19. How many funded posts remain vacant, and what is the financial impact of this mismatch?

Failing Economic Vision

20. What is the City's concrete plan to attract investment and create jobs in the next financial year?

Trading Services Reform

21. . Is Mangaung fully compliant with trading services reform requirements, yes or no?
22. What timelines and milestones are in place, and who will be held accountable for failure?

Revenue & Collection Crisis

23. What is the realistic plan to move from below 70%-80% collection to the required 95%?
24. Why should residents trust revenue projections when collection performance continues to decline?

Closing Questions

25. Is this budget built on realistic delivery capacity — or hopeful assumptions?
26. Why should the people of Mangaung believe that this budget will deliver anything different from previous years? I thank you

The Speaker thereon checked with the CFO if she was winning with provisions of the live streaming services. She indicated that she was working on it.

Councillor T Van Der Walt addressed the Council: “Thank you, Speaker.

Firstly, to focus on the valuations, I think a lot was covered by my colleague, but has there been any independent verification ordered or conducted on the General Valuation Roll, especially regarding residential property values, which have increased by 49% as opposed to the stated 14% to 25%? This would lead to a massive increase in property rates and tariffs for residents, which would become unaffordable.

Secondly, will the Mayor consider, in light of this, a more impactful decrease in property rates of 10% or 15%? Such a reduction would have a greater impact in reducing the cost of living than imposing increases of between 25% and 50% in rates on many households.

Has the Mayor taken the time to submit an objection to the proposed electricity tariff increases by NERSA that are currently under consideration, in order to reduce the impact on our residents, or does he not oppose those excessive increases?

Can we please be supplied with a complete list of the collection rates for each area in the City? What assessment has been conducted on the impact of the increased rates and tariffs on economic growth, investment and job creation in Mangaung?

Moving to infrastructure, Speaker, my colleague asked this from another perspective, but why, and how, does the Mayor justify budgeting only R829 million for maintenance, which represents only 3.3% of our assets instead of the recommended 8%?

Why is only R333 million allocated to infrastructure renewal, which equates to only 34% of depreciation? This means that we are losing assets worth close to a billion rand every year through depreciation, yet we are replacing only 34% of those losses. As a result, our infrastructure continues to deteriorate, and we are becoming poorer in terms of infrastructure. Why is only 23.8% of the capital expenditure allocated to the renewal of existing assets, while the remainder is allocated to new infrastructure?

What is the quantified infrastructure backlog per trading service, and what are the annual deterioration rates resulting from underinvestment?

Why is the City expanding its infrastructure every year through capital funding received from National Government, which we do not even spend in full, while we are not increasing the budgets for repairs, maintenance and renewal to cover the new assets that we continue to invest in each year? This is without even taking depreciation and inflation into account.

Why are we allowing this, Mr Mayor? As an example, we are investing millions of rand in new water infrastructure, yet we are removing the entire maintenance budget for water infrastructure from our repairs and maintenance allocation.

How do we justify allocating only approximately R98 million for the maintenance and R45 million for the renewal of electricity infrastructure, when we know what happened in February with the electricity network? We know that this resulted from the fact that, over the past two to three years, we have reduced both the capital budget for asset renewal and the repairs and maintenance budget for Centlec. Is electricity revenue fully reinvested into the electricity network? If not, what portion is being used to subsidise other services?

Lastly, Speaker, what funded programme exists to reduce our water losses, which amount to approximately R500 million, and what measurable targets and timelines have been put in place? Thank you, Speaker.”

Councillor SQ Peter remarked: “Thank you, Honourable Speaker. The 28 questions that were raised by Councillor BJ Viviers. I am not sure Honourable Speaker, whether it is more of a budget debate or Rule 38 questions because they need in-depth responses.

Speaker, honestly, I am not sure where to start. With your indulgence, I would appreciate it if you could allow me sufficient time to respond, because I thought there would only be one or two questions. However, there are quite a number of them, including those raised by Councillor T Van der Walt.

It would not do justice to the questions if I were to respond to them hastily. However, I would like to indicate two things. Following this process, we still have twenty-one (21) days during which we will engage on both the budget-related and non-budget-related policies. Those engagements will help to inform the final budget to be tabled in May. Therefore, all the inputs that have been raised are welcomed and will be considered during that process.”

The Deputy Executive Mayor alluded to the Council as follows: “Thank you, Honourable Speaker, Executive Mayor and Council Whip. I think the Chairperson of the Section 80 Committee made it very clear, Speaker, that we still have twenty-one (21) days during which we will respond to some of the questions that have been raised.

I also want to indicate to Council that some of the questions raised by Honourable Viviers were already responded to by the CFO during the Section 80 Committee meeting. I did not expect that he would re-emphasise those same questions in Council.

However, this indicates that some members of the Section 80 Committee may still require clarity. I do not know whether Councillor Viviers is attending the Section 80 Finance Committee as a visitor or whether he is a member of that committee. I think the DA Caucus, or the DA Chief Whip, will provide us with clarity in that regard, because he is always with us in the Section 80 Finance Committee.

Some of the issues he raised, including those raised by Councillor Tjaard, were responded to by the CFO during the Section 80 Committee meeting. Nevertheless, the Section 80 Committee and councillors will still have an opportunity, within these twenty-one (21) days, to sit down, clarify some of these questions and discuss them before the final budget is presented to Council. Thank you very much, Speaker.”

The Executive Mayor remarked: “Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I want to add to what my two (02) colleagues have already mentioned. I think I want to go to Community Services and address some of the questions that were raised. It is not only in the doing that the answers can be found. Honestly speaking, they may come in the form of questions, but, at the end of the day, it is about how we make the institution work. So, yes, my Deputy is correct. Not only will we respond, but we will also take those questions as a guide to ensure that we remain on point.

There is an issue, Speaker, that came out very strongly regarding Heads of Departments (HODs) not attending Section 80 Committee meetings. I do not want to stand here and speak on behalf of the HODs, but I can speak on behalf of the Section 80 Committee, where MPAC raised a similar concern, as did other related committees.

I think that, rather than bringing the matter here and saying that HODs are not doing this or that, we need to establish a platform. I would like to propose, Speaker, that the responsible bodies, from the HODs’ side led by the City Manager, together with the Office of the Chief Whip, my Office and your Office, create a platform through which we coordinate our interactions with one another.

More often than not, I have realised that certain committees stick to their own programmes without considering that other committees also exist and that other processes are unfolding simultaneously. When they request the services of a particular official and that official does not attend, they immediately feel that they are being undermined. However, when one investigates, one often finds that the official was attending MPAC or another committee meeting at exactly the same time.

What I am trying to say is that perhaps we should begin to put our heads together and develop a coordinated programme. If we do that, we will no longer hear these complaints because, honestly speaking, I would also like to see officials who are not doing their work held accountable. However, it becomes difficult because, when you investigate, you often find that the official was genuinely serving another committee whose meeting was equally important.

Interestingly enough, we all serve as political parties in these Section 80 Committees. I am sure that, if we compare notes, we will realise that the particular official was indeed elsewhere. Therefore, bringing these matters here in a manner that creates alarm does not really assist. That is my humble plea to Council. As I have said, we will collate these questions together with the officials, and we will provide responses to them.

There is another point, Speaker. We all want to sit in this Council and champion the interests of our people on the ground. However, we must also be honest with ourselves about the reality we face.

We must not come to Council and pretend that there are billions of rand sitting somewhere waiting to be spent so that, overnight, every service delivery challenge can be addressed. I think we must remain alive to the reality that the City is growing faster than the revenue it receives. That is why we must continue implementing programmes that improve our collection rate, thereby enabling us to respond to some of these challenges. In the meantime, while we continue to face these challenges, Speaker, I want to encourage political parties to stop taking one another, or rather the Municipality, to court.

You cannot come into this Council and tell us how concerned you are about the livelihoods of our people, but when we seek to address those livelihoods, you take the Municipality to court. It does not make practical sense. Do not come here and demonstrate your concern, only to go outside and institute court proceedings against the Municipality. That frustrates those efforts, particularly where we are dealing with informal settlements, wetlands, people occupying sports grounds and similar areas.

Allow us to relocate people from areas that are uninhabitable to areas that are habitable. Allow us to provide them with Permission to Occupy (PTO) so that we can also provide water and other municipal services. It is only through the issuing of PTOs that we are able to do so.

It is my humble appeal, Speaker. We continue to face court action from political parties, the Democratic Alliance in particular. Ironically, when we are in this Council, the DA tells us how best we should provide for our people. Yet, when we attempt to do exactly that, they challenge the processes, as though we have unlimited funds sitting in the bank to address every issue immediately. That is my humble appeal. Thank you.”

Councillor BJ Viviers commented: “Thank you, Speaker. I will honestly not be long. Thank you for the responses. However, at the end of the day, we posed these questions, but we are not satisfied with the responses. Rather than fighting with us, I would have appreciated a simple “thank you” for raising these questions now, while we still have a long way to go before the budget is approved.

I have not heard that “thank you.” So, I will give that lesson to the administration. Fortunately, I have an extra one, so I will give it to you. Perhaps you should also say, “Thank you,” that we are raising these matters now so that we can sort them out before the budget is approved. Thank you, Speaker.”

The Speaker requested that the questions be given to Secretariat to allow the relevant HOD an opportunity to reply to those questions that the Councillor requested information on.

Councillor GDP Kotze: “Honourable Speaker just on the point of self-explanation regarding the reply from the Executive Mayor please let the motion be tabled and then we can debate on it. Let us not start the debate now when the motion is not yet tabled thank you.”

The Deputy Executive Mayor reiterated her response: “I think the Honourable Councillor did not hear me, I did say we appreciate the questions, but I even said some of the questions that you raised were responded to at the Section 80 Committee. I think maybe you did not hear me. I thank you.”

The Executive Mayor remarked: “Honourable Speaker, you have given me new bodyguards. Amongst them, there is one who always keeps the fire burning, Ntate Papi (Cllr JI Mokoena). He has a way of turning even dangerous jokes into something else.

Then there is another one who sometimes speaks out of tune. I once joked that he sounds like someone who fell out of bed when he was still young. I asked Ntate Papi about that, and his explanation was that every time you find people behaving that way, it is because they fell out of bed when they were young, their parents were not attentive, and they hit their heads on the ground.

Speaker, I do not want to see that happening in this Council. I want us to think straight, to apply our minds properly, and to be mindful of how we conduct and present ourselves. That is my humble submission.”

The item was submitted for noting; therefore Council did not vote.

It was thereupon

RESOLVED It is recommended that:

1. The Council took note of the tabling of the annual draft budget of the municipality for the financial year 2026/ 27 and the two outer years 2027/28 and 2028/29 as per Annexure A (Budget Schedule A1 to A10 and SA1 to SA 38). The omitted annexures will be part of the final draft budget as Annexure.
2. That Council took note of the proposed changes to the draft budget related policies attached in Annexure B, of which changes to these policies will be discussed during a workshop/budget debate with the Council during the month of April 2026, and again be re- submitted to Council on 26 May 2026 for final consideration.
3. The Council took note of the tabled draft tariffs as contained in Annexure C for the 2026/27 budget year.
4. The Council took note of the Capital Workbook for 2026/27 MTREF attached as Annexure D.
5. The Council took note of the MFMA Budget Circular 132 attached as Annexure e.
6. The Council took note that version 7.1 of the mSCOA classification framework was used to prepare the budget.

7. That the annual draft budget be published on the municipal website for public participation and be submitted to National and Provincial Treasury.
8. The Council took note of the following annexures will be submitted when the final annual budget is considered for approval
 - a) the procurement plan
 - b) SDBIP for 2026/27
 - c) the quality Certificate signed by the Accounting Officer
9. The Council took note of CENTLEC (Pty) Ltd budget submissions for the period 2026/27 – 2028/29.
10. The Council took note that the city is not taking up any long – term loans for 2026/27 MTREF.
11. The Council took note of the Vehicle Operating Company operating public transportation, also as Hauweng attached as Annexure F.

42	REPORTS FROM MPAC
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None.

NOTED.

43	REPORTS FROM AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE
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None.

NOTED.

44	REPORTS ON WARD COMMITTEES/CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON WARD COMMITTEES
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None.

NOTED.

45	REPORT ON SALGA ACTIVITIES
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None.

NOTED.

46	IN COMMITTEE REPORTS
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1.

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO APPROVE ACTING APPOINTMENT OF MS MPHOMOLEMELA AT CENTLLEC (SOC) LTD

The Speaker requested all HODs, officials, media and the public in the gallery to be excused from the meeting and that the live streaming be switched off as the items would be dealt with “In Committee”.

As these items are dealt with In Committee, the discussions are minuted separately.

Council voted as follows: **45 in favour, 0 against and 13 abstained.**

It was thereupon

RESOLVED

1. That the Council approved the appointment of the current Executive Manager (HRM), Ms Mpho Molemela as an acting CEO Centlec ***for the period of 3 months*** as per Section 93J of the Municipal Structures Act, 32 of 2000 as amended and Clause 12.12.1 of the Memorandum of Incorporation.

47	NOTICE OF MOTION
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None.

NOTED.

48	CLOSING OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
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The meeting officially closed at 17:31.

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