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Held
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on THURSDAY, 30 APRIL 2026 at 10:00

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 an 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 (Motsheba 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	
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	Absent with an apology
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	
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	
20	Cllr Bouwer (Chadwine Lyle)	DA	
21	Cllr Davies (Maryke)	DA	
22	Cllr De Bruin (John Matthews)	PA	Absent without apology
23	Cllr De-Huis (Dikeledi Jane)	EFF	Absent with an apology
24	Cllr De Kock (Valerie Belinda)	FFPlus	Absent with an apology
25	Cllr Denner (John Henry)	FFPlus	
26	Cllr Ferreira (Thomas Ignatius)	DA	Absent with an apology
27	Cllr Klaasen Raynie Sarah	DA	
28	Cllr Letsoko (Mantwa Sanah)	EFF	Absent with an apology
29	Cllr Lipale (Gopolang Jeremiah)	EFF	Absent with an apology
30	Cllr Makau (Pitso Elias)	EFF	Absent with an apology
31	Cllr Malebo (Deliwe Lettia)	EFF	Absent with an apology
32	Cllr Maliela (Motiki Edwin)	DA	Absent with an apology
33	Cllr Matobole (Mosala Abel)	DA	
34	Cllr Matsoetlane (Maditaba Joyce)	ANC	
35	Cllr Mogotsi (Mamahlope Elisa)	EFF	
36	Cllr Mohlamme (Lebohang Lerato)	DA	
37	Cllr Mokoena (John Itumeleng)	AASD	Absent with an apology
38	Cllr Mongale (Mojalefa William)	AASD	
39	Cllr Moreeng (Kabelo Christopher)	DA	
40	Cllr Mtshakazane (Eunice Xoliswa)	EFF	Absent with an apology
41	Cllr Njiva-Lebajoa (Mamotse)	DA	Absent with an apology
42	Cllr Phohleli (Tsholwane Eddy)	EFF	Absent with an apology
43	Cllr Ramatlama (Mpho Joseph)	EFF	Absent with an apology
44	Cllr Rammile (Tumelo Kingsley)	DA	

45	Cllr Rampai (Pule Joseph)	ACDP	Absent with an apology
46	Cllr Sebolao (Jankie Elisha)	EFF	Absent with an apology
47	Cllr Shale (Nkahiseng Reginah)	EFF	Absent with an apology
48	Cllr Snyman (Pieter Adriaan)	DA	
49	Cllr Snyman van Deventer (Elizabeth)	FFPlus	
50	Cllr Swartz (Sophia Mametjie)	PA	
51	Cllr Terblanche (Arthur Phillip)	DA	
52	Cllr Thomas (Johannes Beleme)	EFF	Absent with an apology
53	Cllr Viviers (Benhardus Jacobus)	DA	
54	Cllr Vorster (Braam)	FFPlus	
55	Cllr Wewege (Mare-Lize)	FFPlus	
WARD COUNCILLORS			
56	Cllr Sefaki (Samuel)	ANC 1	
57	Cllr Machachamise (Tshepiso Oudious)	ANC 3	
58	Cllr Supi (Mahoko Harold)	ANC 4	
59	Cllr Lecoko (Lehlohonolo Nathaniel)	ANC 5	
60	Cllr Moiloa (Tshidiso Petrus)	ANC 6	
61	Cllr Sehloho (Siza Clement)	ANC 7	
62	Cllr Nyaphudi (Likeleli Julia)	ANC 8	
63	Cllr Tlhakung (Betty Masetlhabi)	ANC 9	
64	Cllr Setlai (Teboho Lesley)	ANC 10	
65	Cllr Hashatsi (Rafedile)	ANC 12	
66	Cllr Siteo (Nombulelo Dorcas)	ANC 13	
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69	Cllr Mohatle (Mampone Sally)	ANC 17	
70	Cllr Van Noord (Gregory Owen)	DA 18	
71	Cllr Peter (Seth Qondile)	ANC 19	
72	Cllr van Rensburg (Corize)	20 DA	
73	Cllr Lotriet (Pieter Adam)	DA 21	Absent with an apology
74	Cllr Cronje (Jan-Hendrik)	DA 22	
75	Cllr van der Walt (Tjaart Botha)	DA 23	
76	Cllr Kotze (Gerhardus Dirk Petrus)	DA 24	
77	Cllr Kotze (Paul Mare')	DA 25	
78	Cllr van Niekerk (Hendrik Johannes Christiaan)	DA 26	Absent with an apology
79	Cllr Banyane (Zachous Nechodemus)	ANC 27	
80	Cllr Matsephe (Dikololo Elias)	ANC 29	
81	Cllr Tukula (Teboho Daniel)	ANC 30	
82	Cllr Mabena (Mere Joel)	ANC 31	
83	Cllr Menyatso (Thabang Victory)	ANC 32	
84	Cllr Mohono (Tshidiso Augustine)	ANC 33	
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87	Cllr Ramolelle (Mmota Simon)	ANC 37	
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91	Cllr Mothupi (Maqoma Lazarus)	ANC 42	
92	Cllr Nkiane (Mpho Elizabeth)	ANC 43	
93	Cllr Pretorius (Selmé)	DA 44	Absent with an apology
94	Cllr Mathe (Lisiwe Jeanette)	ANC 45	
95	Cllr Majoro (Mpho Samuel)	ANC 46	
96	Cllr Maartens (Jan-Rudolf)	DA 47	
97	Cllr Pretorius (Johannes Christiaan)	DA 48	Absent with an apology
98	Cllr Lekhwele (Mohanuwa Julia)	ANC 49	
99	Cllr Monare (Thabo Nicholas)	ANC 50	
100	Cllr Mohulatsi (Mamoorosi Margaret)	ANC 51	

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

#	DESIGNATION	NAME/S
1	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	MS Z THEKISHO
2	HOD: TECHNICAL SERVICES	MR R MASOBENG
3	HOD: COMMUNITY SERVICES	DR T THINDA
4	CENTLEC CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	MS ZOE WILLIAMS
5	GM: COMMITTEE SERVICES	MS XOLISWA QILO
6	GM: PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORT	MR BJ BARNES
7	ACTING MANAGER: COUNCIL SUPPORT	MS R 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)

49.

OPENING: MOMENT OF REFLECTION

The meeting commenced at 10h15.

The Speaker confirmed that 57 Councillors were in attendance and thus constituting a quorum. He then officially opened the meeting and requested all to observe a moment of silent contemplation for meditation and prayers.

NOTED.

50.

NOTICE OF THE MEETING

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

NOTED.

51.

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.

52.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Cllr GDP Kotze: "Good morning Speaker, just on a point of clarity, we did not have a Whippery meeting this week and we would just like to know why it did not convene as there are a few items we would have liked to discuss. Just to bring to your attention that not all the rule 38 questions were answered. When we come to the item of rule 38, may I please draw that item and bring something to your attention as Cllr PA Lotriet' cannot attend this meeting today. We did not receive any SALGA reports.

Speaker, Cllr BL Mathae: 'That last part, you are hijacking the meeting, and you will speak under that item when we get there as well as the item that deals with rule 38 questions. May I make an exception and allow the council whip to reply to your question regarding the Whippery meeting"

The Council Whip, Cllr VE Nikelo asked a question of how did the councillors know there was no meeting as he was not a part of the committee?'

Cllr GDP Kotze responded as follows: 'as you have noted in the email I sent, I am the deputy whip, as you can see that our whip is not present today and he did communicate that there was no whippy meeting'

Cllr TN Monare moved for the adoption of the agenda with amendments and Cllr BM Tlhakung seconded.

Cllr BJ Viviers: "Thank you for allowing me Speaker, maybe you can give us clarity. I do note that our Executive Mayor and the City Manager are not present, it was interesting that the Deputy Executive Mayor will be tabling the items. Please give us clarity, where is our executive Mayor and City Manager today?" Speaker responded and indicated that the Executive Mayor and the City Manager have attended the president's coordinating council meeting which is a meeting of all the metro Mayors and Premiers, however the Deputy Executive Mayor will be presenting matters of the Mayoral committee."

Cllr MW Mongale: "Thank you Speaker, we should not be trapped into treating the mayor like an ordinary councillor, he is a leader, he is part of an executive, even you Speaker, when you are absent, we need to be addressed and that is just a courtesy. We need to be made aware, but it will not be open to debate."

The Deputy Executive Mayor clarified that the items to be dealt with are 58.1, 58.2, 58.3, 58.4, 58.7 and the rest of the items are not compliance matters therefore will be deferred to a Special Meeting. The Speaker, Cllr BL Mathae also indicated that he will defer all his items to a Special Meeting.

Councillors voted for the adoption of agenda with amendments:

The Council voted as follows: 49 voted in favour, 0 against and 21 abstained

The Democratic Alliance requested that it be minuted that the absentia was due to lack of respect for other parties as there was no whippy meeting and that indicates incompetence.

The agenda was duly adopted and accepted.

NOTED.

53.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr TD Tukula made the following announcement: "Thank you very much Chair of the August house, all protocol observed. I want to make an announcement that the public participation of the review of the integrated development plan (IDP 2026-27) sectoral plans and the mid-drive budget 2026-27,28,29 and budget-related policies are continuing. Today on the 30th of April 2026, the Ikgomotseng public participation will be taking place there. On the 4th of May 2026, it will be here in Bloemfontein at Bram Fischer building Indaba starting at 16:00 until 19:00."

Cllr GDP Kotze: “Mister Speaker. The Democratic Alliance rises to place on record its deep concern and outright frustration, at what can only be described as a deliberate failure of accountability within this institution.

On 31 March 2026, the DA formally requested the City Manager to table a disciplinary process against the Heads of Departments for Infrastructure and Engineering, and Community Services. In terms of the applicable regulations, a Council meeting had to be convened within 7 days. That legal obligation was ignored. There was no response. No action. No accountability. Instead, the matter was simply buried.

Mister Speaker, the DA then wrote to your office, requesting your intervention to uphold the Rules of Council and ensure that this matter is properly tabled. Once again, silence. This is not an oversight. This is not an administrative delay. This is a failure of leadership and a dereliction of duty. Both the City Manager and the Office of the Speaker have failed this Council and, more importantly, failed the residents of Mangaung.

The Speaker cautioned councillors to stick to announcements and to behave with restraint.

Cllr KD Kotze continued with address as follows: what message are we sending when serious allegations requiring disciplinary processes are ignored? What confidence can residents have in a Council that refuses to act against its own administration? Mr. Speaker, this conduct undermines the rule of law, erodes oversight, and damages the credibility of this institution. The DA will not be complicit in this collapse of accountability. We have escalated this matter to the relevant provincial authorities, and we will pursue every available legal avenue to compel compliance. This Council cannot pick and choose which rules to follow. I thank you.”

Cllr T Van Der Walt addressed the council as follows: “Honourable Speaker, more than 50 000 households, waste has not been removed, and we are heading to a public holiday. Just in my ward, with more than 3 major water pipes that have not been repaired since I escalated the matter.

I rise to formally place on record that a disciplinary complaint has been submitted against the Municipal Manager, Mr. Sello More, based on serious findings relating to financial mismanagement, failure of oversight, and non-compliance with statutory obligations. The complaint is not speculative. It is grounded in findings of the Auditor-General, which point to: Significant failures in revenue collection and billing Billions in unauthorized, irregular and wasteful expenditure. A failure to investigate financial misconduct A complete breakdown in consequence management.

In addition, there has been a failure to implement Council processes, including commitments made in response to a duly submitted Motion of Exigency. These are not minor administrative issues. They go to the heart of governance, accountability, and the rule of law in this municipality. In terms of the Local Government: Disciplinary Regulations for Senior Managers, 2010, this matter must be tabled before Council within seven days, and Council must determine whether there is reasonable cause to proceed.

I therefore wish to place on record a clear expectation: That the Executive Mayor must act in accordance with the law and ensure that this matter is properly tabled and processed without delay.

Any failure to do so will not only undermine Council oversight but may itself constitute a breach of statutory obligations. This Council cannot ignore credible evidence of serious misconduct. We must act, and we must act lawfully.

Regarding the IDP, I am sure you are aware that the DA has launched a petition regarding the tariffs, budget and the implication of the massive increase of the valuations and how that should influence the tariffs and the 33% budgeted increase in property rates revenue in Mangaung to urgently engage with us on this. You will note that there are major complaints from refuse removal companies about the planned tariffs to refuse removal companies and I trust that the HOD of waste will be at the public participation meeting on the 4th of May, I thank you.”

CIlr DE Matsephe advised the Speaker to invoke rule 31 in the council meeting to ensure relevancy when speaking on items.

It was further suggested that Councillors should be workshopped on the rules of the council sitting to ensure relevance, including the Executive Mayor.

NOTED.

54.

MOTION OF SYMPATHY AND CONGRATULATIONS

CIlr GDP Kotze: “Mr Speaker, the Democratic Alliance rises to move motions of congratulations and sympathy. Congratulations to the South African Sevens rugby team on winning the World Sevens Series in Hong Kong, their first victory there after 30 years. This achievement highlights the value of excellence, discipline, and determination when talent is properly supported.

We congratulate Lieutenant General Nhlanhla Mkwana on his appointment to lead the unit investigating organized crime. This is an important step to restore the rule of law. We hope this unit will address criminal networks in Mangaung, which undermine governance and service delivery. Residents deserve strong action against entrenched mafia-like activities.

Mr. Speaker, as the 1st of May, Workers’ Day, approaches, it is important to reflect on its significance with honesty. For many South Africans, this day has shifted from being a celebration to one associated with concern and uncertainty. It highlights the challenges faced by millions who are unemployed, those concerned about job security amidst economic decline, and individuals who have suffered severe consequences for opposing workplace corruption. Considering these realities, we express our solidarity with workers, their families, and whistleblowers who have endured hardship or loss for upholding integrity in the workplace.

Mr. Speaker, this year marks 30 years since the adoption of our Constitution, the cornerstone of our democracy. Yet for many residents, especially in Mangaung, its promise feels hollow amid a failing metro, collapsing services, and a loss of dignity, despite clear findings on human rights concerns.

We therefore sympathize with residents, particularly those paying for services they do not receive. However, Speaker, I have not lost faith in our Constitution; in fact, my belief has strengthened, as

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we see that those who abuse public office for corrupt gain are increasingly being held accountable. The Constitution may be tested, but it is not broken, and it will ultimately catch up with those who undermine it.

Finally, Mister Speaker, we extend our congratulations to all residents who have taken the initiative to register to vote, embracing hope, accountability, and change. For those still uncertain, remember that Mangaung's future relies on your involvement. Years ago, there was a famous cartoon by Zapiro, illustrating how those in power, Jacob Zuma and the Guptas, threatened our Constitution. Now, we must confront a challenging question:

1. Who is undermining our Constitution today?
2. Even more importantly, what actions will we take in response? I thank you."

CIlr SP Tsoleli addressed the council as follows: "Thank you very much Speaker, let me greet the people of Mangaung today where the Lord has opened the flood gates of heaven. It is my privilege and honour to congratulate Mangaung athletics club for hosting a successful Freedom Day marathon on the 26th of April 2026. This marathon was co-hosted by MMM and SIFDA. The gathering was more than a sporting event, it was a powerful convention of purpose, economic empowerment, social cohesion and the spirit of Freedom Day intercept in a meaningful way. Mangaung marathon is a living expression of what it means to build a resilient and inclusive city that we are building

This coming Saturday on the 2nd of May 2026, the people of Mangaung will witness more than 3000 athletes from all over SA coming to showcase their talents in Lemo Mangaung marathon, equally we will be experiencing sports and innovation coming together as local entrepreneur come together to showcase their enterprise. This is what development looks like when it is alive, participatory and rooted in the people, I thank you"

CIlr VE Nikelo: "Thank you Speaker and greetings to all the councillors in this house. I think a month and a week ago on the 21st of March 2026 we commemorated 66 years since the onslaught and brutal murders of the innocent masses of our beloved country, this was done despite the fact that they were unarmed and protesting against unfair and unjust treatment of Apartheid government right which prevented them of their fundamental and basic human rights by forcing them to carry passes wherever they go which limited their freedom of movement.

This unjust and fair onslaught against innocent civilians did not deter us but encouraged us to strengthen our war and wage a struggle to liberate the masses from the grip of the tyrannical and Apartheid, under even in this house, some of them are still against us. I further wish to indicate that 3 days ago, SA celebrated 32 years since the dawn of democracy and this year's freedom was celebrated here in Mangaung, unfortunately those who say that they are a part of the government of national unity could not even attend this important activity. You ask yourself what kind of leaders they are when SA is celebrating the most important day, they are not here, but come election day, you will see them running like headless chickens.

This celebration was done here in Mangaung wherein communities of this city went out in numbers to listen to the state President Cyril Ramaphosa despite the weather. We wish to appreciate those who attended in numbers, many people thought the event would fail but it was a success. Our people were ultimately liberated from the bondage of Apartheid; this council should be reminded that it is only through the government of ANC and our much-celebrated constitution.

In conclusion, I wish to congratulate COSATU for continuing to champion the interests of the working class and we say to all workers of Mangaung and Free State, indeed an injury to one is an injury to all, I thank you”

Cllr MN Mhlakaza: “Thanks for the opportunity and greetings Speaker, I rise on the protocol as established before this August House. I rise to congratulate the DA for hosting its federal congress on the 11th and 12th of April 2026 where on the election of its top 10, 8 of the leaders on such elections are younger than the ages of 40 years. To me, the DA is alive on the fact that on the population of this country, 60% is young people and they should be taken care of. That is why the DA and its leadership have elected such young leaders so that people with new ideas and vision in turning around the crisis of this country can take over.

In light of that, I will align with what Oliver Tambo said, when he said that “any country that does not invest in their youth is doomed and does not deserve its future” in light of such, the other political parties, regardless of how they hate DA, they can learn something. In electing leadership, it has nothing to do with age but rather the skills and capabilities you possess as an individual, I thank you”

The Speaker, Councillor BL Mathae: “ I wish to congratulate Cllr Maryke Davies on submitting her resignation as a PR councillor to this municipality. She served the municipality with diligence, professional and commitment to the principles of accountable governance. In her capacity of former Speaker of council, she carried the responsibility of safeguarding the integrity of council processes with distinction, ensuring that deliberations were conducted in honour, fairness and respect for democratic norms. Her contribution extended beyond speaker’s office into various council committees where she applied her insight, discipline and dedication to advancing the work of council in the interest of the people of Mangaung. On behalf of this municipality, we express our deepest appreciation for her service and the meaningful role she played in strengthening this institution. We wish Cllr Davies well in her future endeavours and trust that her experience and commitment to public service will continue to find expression wherever she may serve”

55.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Special Meeting: Thursday 28 August 2025

Cllr TA Mohono moved for the confirmation of the minutes and Cllr MJ Lekhwele seconded.

The votes were unanimous.

The minutes were duly adopted.

NOTED.

56.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

NOTED.

57	REPORTS FROM THE SPEAKER
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1.

PROGRESS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CITY OMBUDSMAN

The item was deferred to the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

2.

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN IN MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

The item was deferred to the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

3.

RECONFIGURATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SECTION 79 OVERSIGHT MODEL

The item was deferred to the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

1.

SDBIP SECTION 52(D) REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

Deputy Executive Mayor, Cllr Lulama Tidi-Odili presented the items on behalf of the Executive Mayor: “Honourable Speaker allow me to present the following items which are for noting on this agenda. We are now concluding month 10 of the financial year 2025-26 and I will make few highlights from the critical reports I am tabling this morning.

In respect of the SDBIP we have noted conservative performance across all votes, this performance is in the main impact upon the performance on the capital budget and the progress in executing the procurement plan. There is interdependence between budget progress and achieving set targets all measures against the execution of the procurement plan.

Though the SCM quarterly indicates high performance, compliance in SCM and bid committees, the shortcomings are clear in the SDBIP report. In as far as the budget performance, there is big improvement. Though revenue is below the target by 4% due to trading services performing below the target it is promising that the annual revenue target will be reached with a high-risk line with trading services which all performed below the year-to-date budget with the exception of waste management which exceed the budget by 8%. However, the full year focused on reaching targets.

We are now in the winter month and winter season, sales will apply, boosting sales in this regard. On expenditure, we are below the target overall, this a good indication that unauthorised expenditure will be less compared to other years, exception should be made when dealing with individual expenditure by type where the culprit remains a challenge. The capital budget target for quarter 3 is 70% and overall performance of conditional grants which constitute 75% of the total capex performed below target by 13%, this percentage is dashed down by IPTN which is still sitting at 3,83% to date and USDG which is 6,31% to date. USDG – 60,67%, ISUPG-53.84% this is a red flag, and I implore section 80 committee to exercise on capex implementation and intervene in the finance department, looking at spending and report accordingly while looking for the root cause. We have launched operation-patala, we urge all people to pay their accounts, we need consistent, reliable and affordable services, though the collection rates remain below the target due to socio-economic challenges such as poverty, unemployment and inequality, we are aware that most households depend on social grants, let us make payments.

On SCM 3rd quarter report, the following is noted – performing of bid committees, progress in implementing procurement based on awards made – contract management report in general – promotion of local-economic awarded in companies in Free State. The terms and conditions of our bid are clear especially over R10 million, the submission of financial statements- the process will be evaluated without disadvantaging small businesses but by now, we know that the SMMEs and their values in creating jobs. I request that job opportunities created per tender awarded be reported as part of this report and a detailed report to be presented quarter to development committee for oversight. Bidders are required to appoint graduates on internships, apprenticeships and this is a costed budget, and this was not measured and reported on mandatory in consultancy reports. I present this report in accordance with the recommendation for each of these items and I want to emphasize in terms of the running of the IDP performance,

in reality we heard it in this council today because of the petition of the DA and they are not attending the public participation and the process is not finalized so they don't have the relevant information. Thank you Speaker"

Cllr PM Kotze asked the following questions:

Question 1:

The Quarter 3 SDBIP report indicates that overall municipal performance declined to 59%, reflecting a 10% drop from Quarter 2, with 20% of indicators rated as unacceptable. Why has Council been requested to merely "note" this report instead of being presented with a mandatory recovery or intervention plan to address this decline?

Addressed to: The Executive Mayor

Question 2:

Of the 154 KPIs identified for Quarter 3, 29 were classified as "unacceptable performance." Can a full list of these KPIs be provided, including the responsible departments, project managers, and Heads of Department accountable for each failure?

Addressed to: The City Manager

Question 3:

Given that the report reflects repeated underperformance across departments with vague or absent corrective measures (including instances where "none" is listed), what specific instructions were issued by the City Manager to enforce meaningful corrective action, and on what dates?

Addressed to: The City Manager

Financial & Capital Spending Failures

Question 4:

The report reflects that Water and Sanitation achieved only 37.49% capital expenditure against a 67% Quarter 3 target. What are the exact projects contributing to this 29.51% variance, and what are the current implementation statuses of each?

Addressed to: The MMC for Infrastructure and Engineering Services

Question 5:

Roads and Stormwater recorded capital expenditure of 61.46% and operating expenditure of only 49% against a 75% target. Which specific officials are responsible for delayed payments and contractor appointments, and what consequence management has been implemented?

Addressed to: The MMC for Infrastructure and Engineering Services

Question 6:

The Finance section indicates that 12.5% of tenders were cancelled due to lack of available funds. Why were procurement processes initiated without confirmed funding, and which departments authorized these tenders in contravention of sound financial planning principles?

Addressed to: The MMC for Finance

Question 7:

The report shows that only 9% of total capital expenditure was directed towards renewal and upgrading of existing assets against a 35% target. What is the municipality's current asset renewal backlog, and how does the Executive justify continued underinvestment in infrastructure maintenance?

**Addressed to: The MMC for Finance
Water & Sanitation Crisis**

Question 8:

Water and Sanitation performance stands at 57%, with both water and wastewater services recording negative financial margins of -10%. What immediate steps are being taken to restore financial sustainability in this core service department?

Addressed to: The MMC for Infrastructure and Engineering Services

Question 9:

The report confirms that only 77% of water connections are metered, below the 84% target, while leakage performance was not reported for the quarter. How can the municipality credibly manage water losses without full metering and complete leakage data?

Addressed to: The MMC for Infrastructure and Engineering Services

Question 10:

Bulk water infrastructure projects, including bulk meters and valve refurbishments, failed to meet targets due to contractors reaching contract ceilings. Why were these contracts not renewed or extended in time, and who is accountable for this failure in contract management?

Addressed to: The City Manager

Question 11:

The report notes issues at wastewater treatment facilities due to faulty flow meters and inconsistent readings. What is the current compliance status of all wastewater treatment plants, and what risks does this pose to environmental and public health standards?

**Addressed to: The MMC for Infrastructure and Engineering Services
Service Delivery Credibility & Data Integrity**

Question 12:

The municipality reports high performance in responding to water and sanitation call-outs (above 90%), yet provides no raw data. Can the Executive provide the total number of complaints logged, resolved, reopened, and outstanding per ward for Quarter 3?

Addressed to: The Executive Mayor

Question 13:

The report claims 70% of pothole complaints were resolved within response time, exceeding the 30% target. What is the definition of "resolved," and how many of these cases were physically repaired versus administratively closed?

**Addressed to: The MMC for Infrastructure and Engineering Services
Governance & Accountability Failures**

Question 14:

Despite widespread underperformance, the report does not identify any individual officials responsible for failure. Which specific officials have been subjected to disciplinary processes, performance reviews, or remedial action as a result of Quarter 3 outcomes?

Addressed to: The City Manager

Question 15:

The report confirms that authenticity letters were signed by both Heads of Department and MMCs verifying the performance data. What accountability mechanisms are triggered when these signed reports reflect persistent underperformance without effective corrective action?

Addressed to: The Executive Mayor

Question 16:

Repeated reasons for underperformance include procurement delays, staffing shortages, and contractor issues. How many of these challenges were already identified in previous quarters, and why have they not been resolved?

Addressed to: The City Manager

Question 17:

Given the consistent pattern of declining performance, capital underspending, weak corrective measures, and absence of consequence management, does the Executive intend to table a formal, time-bound performance recovery plan for Council consideration? If not, why not?

Cllr T Van Der Walt addressed the Council as follows:

SDBIP:

1. Overall performance decline (report credibility)

Through you, Speaker, the report states that overall municipal performance is 59% and declined by 10% from Quarter 2. Can the Executive Mayor explain what specific management interventions failed to prevent this decline, and why Council should have confidence in the current performance management system?

2. KPI design flaw (inflated performance risk)

Through you, Speaker, how does the City justify KPIs where annual targets are already achieved earlier in the year, yet still contribute to performance scoring in Quarter 3, and what steps will be taken to ensure indicators reflect continuous service delivery rather than once-off achievements?

3. Lack of consequence linkage

Through you, Speaker, can the Executive Mayor confirm how the results of this SDBIP are formally linked to the performance agreements of the Municipal Manager and senior managers, particularly how the 29 KPIs rated as 'unacceptable performance' translate into consequence management?

4. Waste removal failure

Through you, Speaker, the report indicates that only 53% of informal settlements receive waste removal services against a 65% target, with reasons given as lack of fleet, fuel and staff. As we speak, we are going into the long weekend with 50 000 households not moved yet due to a full day illegal strike on Wednesday. What is the funded and time-bound recovery plan to ensure residents receive basic refuse removal services?

5. Electricity outages

Through you, Speaker, the report shows that restoration of electricity outages is below the required 98% standard, with performance as low as 86.19%, what immediate interventions are being implemented to reduce prolonged outages experienced by residents?

6. High mast lighting failure (safety issue)

Through you, Speaker, the SDBIP reports that electricity restoration performance is below the required 98% standard. However, independent mass data from residents indicates that outages are lasting on average over 12 hours, with more than 60% of outages exceeding 8 hours. Can the Executive Mayor explain this discrepancy, and confirm what the actual average outage duration is across Mangaung?

Cllr MW Mongale addressed the council: 'Thank you Honourable Speaker, on a serious note, I have checked the SDBIP on the departmental performance overview, it gives hope that there is good performance. The problem is when you go to the streets and compare, they talk opposites – you can go to any community as they are not receiving services. When Mangaung functions well, we attract investors which we need to be removed from section 139(7). The other challenges on this document are on page 11 which refers to about some of the issues that have been experienced like the high mast which have been mounted in the community are 30/40 and the budget was R33 million – how much is left of that budget?

Do we have a master plan as a municipality to ensure that the high mast is not permanent as it is just a temporary measure until you put streetlights. In communities like Bloemanda, the high mast has become a permanent feature and some of the oldest townships still have high mast whilst they should have streetlights. We seem not to be bothered by that fact despite knowing that they cause light pollution and these are things that need to be fixed by the municipality. On refuse removal, it's like you are playing hide-and-seek, before le refa di service, haokare you go out ra tseba ha letle beke eo kaofela because ha le late matlakala the way tlamileng le a late kateng. Your arguments sound convincing but how did we get there? How did we end having no diesel when it was budgeted for? Include shortage of staff. Thank you for the opportunity Speaker"

Cllr M Wewege addressed the council: " Honourable Speaker the service delivery and budget implementation plan is not just another compliance document; it is the instrument this council uses to ensure that the promises in the IDP and the budget are delivered to our residents.

In terms of section 52(D), this report must give a clear and honest account of the performance and frankly this report raises serious concerns. Overall performance has dropped to 59% from 69% in quarter, which is a clear depression. While 73 KPIs are rated as fully effective, we still have 59 indicators that are either not fully effective or outright unacceptable, that reflects real service delivery failure underground.

Let me raise a few critical issues – firstly roads, not a single km was delivered in quarter 3 against a target of 4.1 km, that is complete failure. What exactly is delaying implementation, what action has been taken against the contractor? And when will residents see progress? Secondly, ward coverage, the report reflects detailed progress in only 11 wards, what about the remaining wards, residents deserve equal transparency. Can we please get a full ward breakdown of wards sanitation projects. Thirdly expenditure, both capital and operating expenditure are lagging, this raises serious risks, are we heading towards rushing spending in quarter 4 and if so, how will we prevent irregular or wasteful expenditure. Basic services – bus punctuality is sitting at 71% against a target of 80% and wastewater treatment is below standard. These are not minor issues, and they directly affect residents' daily lives and their health. What are the root causes and what immediate effective action is in place?

Accountability – too many corrective measures in this report are vague, phrases like "fast track" and "issue notices" are not plans, this council need clear time-bound actions with accountability. Our residents are not measuring us on reports, but on roads built, services function and commitments honoured. At 59% performance we are falling short, we need answers and results, thank you Speaker"

Cllr Mosala addressed the council: “Thank you Hon. Speaker and councillor, one of the most important objects of local government is to ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner. I want to speak directly about our recent performance on provision of services. Section 52(D) is important for the Executive Mayor to track performance on the implementation of the budget. The report submitted by the Executive Mayor for noting is sending us a clear signal, in previous quarters we maintained a steady upwards level up to 69%, however the 3rd quarter figures show a 10% decline, while 10% might sound like a small number in isolation, in the context of service provision it represents a significant gap in our promise to our stakeholders and our communities. This is not just about percentages in a report, it is about reputation and reliability.

A drop of this magnitude suggests that we are performing less frequently than we were just a few months ago, this cannot go unnoticed as it creates a compounding effect – lower satisfaction which leads to increase complaints which further strains our limited resources and creates a cycle of reactive rather than proactive work. This is evidence following the IDP and budget public participation on concerns raised, while we note this report, I therefore urge this council and administration to expedite the backlogs identified, strengthening internal processes and accountability should prevail.

As the committee responsible for IDP and OPM, normalization of poor performance is not acceptable hence the upcoming performance assessments of the City Manager and HODs will conduct a deep dive into the specific areas where the 10% drop is most acute. Our goal is not just to get back to 10% but to use this recovery phase to build a more resilient system that surpasses our previous performance.

The Executive Mayor is obliged to submit a quarterly report on the budget performance and implementation and the municipality’s state of affairs within 30 days of each quarter end as per section 52(d) for noting and on the prescribed format by treasury. It is important to note that moving forward the EM will be submitting this report for noting and not for approval, this provides an opportunity to affect any corrections that will be necessary post-extensive internal audit report on the audit of performance information for a particular quarter as well as oversight by different council committees in preparation for the compilation of an annual report. This report serves as a key tool for council oversight, covering financial performance, revenue and expenditure and non-financial performance, following the recent audit by AG on performance information and its improvement.

This approach can only propel us in the right direction for further improved audit outcomes hence the emphasis of council. Speaker in trying to respond to some of the questions that were raised by our fellow councillors – Cllr Tjaart attended the meeting of section 80 and some of the questions he asked were responded to in that meeting and I am surprised to hear him raising the same questions again. I must indicate that we are busy as a department with recovery of the unacceptable performance and our EMT has taken corrective action to deal with the issues that are raised in this council today. The EMT also went further to discuss the slow spending as well as procurement plans submitted, and they took resolutions as the EMT and agreed on the timeframes for implementation of those resolutions.

The performance management system must be noted that it will be automated in the next financial year as per discussions between the IDP, IT and CFO. Thank you’

Deputy Executive Mayor alluded that she noted all the questions raised by councillors and that deliberations will be held with the different departments to identify corrective measures which will be aimed at strengthening the departments.

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

RESOLVED that:

- (a) Council noted the quarterly performance report on the implementation of the budget and the financial affairs of the Municipality for the year to date and quarter ending 31 March 2026.
- (b) Council noted that the report will be published on the municipal website and be submitted to the National Treasury.

2.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT (MFMA): PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT IN TERMS OF THE MFMA, SECTION 52 (d), FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Cllr MW Mongale addressed the Council: “ Thank you very much Hon. Speaker Dr Mathae, on the challenge of this item 58.2 which is the MFMA preliminary budget and performance assessment report of the MFMA section 52(d) for the quarter ending 31 March 2026. My first concern is dealing with electricity which indicates that the situation is unfavourable, is because they budgeted with the anticipation that consumption will be at a particular level, but it was lower. The issue is whether the consumption was lower or was there tampering with electricity.

Another one that is a headache – directed to the Deputy Executive Mayor – on the issue of water losses. The issue of Mangaung partnership with develop bank of SA, where is that partnership because we should not be talking about leakages right now because if we have 48% leakages that tells us that we are losing millions out of this process. I am aware that our debt with Vaal Central is getting better, but we could have done better than that.

On the service charges, I cannot say much except that we need to look at the issue of water because there was this concern that it looked like the municipality wants to move swiftly in addressing the challenges related to Maselspoort wastewater challenges and we need to monitor that process. The issue here is why is there 5% that is not finalised as we are sitting with a crisis that needs to be fixed so that the municipality can have a lifeline.

I plead with the municipality not to let Brandwag flats to remain a white elephant because we seem not to get any progress regarding that and we cannot keep complaining over one thing, we need to see progress.

On the issue of debt of the province and national – I cannot always say I sound like a scratched CD as we are owed money and that money should be assisting the municipality, we cannot be at rescue phase when other people that should support us are not playing their part.

The issue of unspent grants will always remain an issue. The fruitless and wasteful expenditure of R30 million is unacceptable and we cannot take it for granted. The issue I raised that we should explore other mechanisms of over depending on diesel will help us in the long run in terms of saving costs in this metro.

Lastly is the issue of security services that are at R85 million, but we overspent with R5 million is unacceptable.

Cllr AF Bothma addressed the Council:

In terms of our oversight responsibilities as Council and guided by the provisions of the Municipal Finance Management Act, it is incumbent upon us to ensure that these matters are not only interrogated internally, but where necessary, brought to the attention of relevant oversight authorities. I therefore propose that Council resolves as follows:

1. That the concerns and questions raised in this report be formally referred to National Treasury for consideration, guidance, and, deemed necessary, further intervention in support of strengthening financial governance within the municipality.
2. That such referral be made through the appropriate channels, including the Office of the Speaker and the Municipal Manager, to ensure compliance with legislative and administrative protocols.
3. That a report be tabled back to Council within a reasonable timeframe outlining any feedback, recommendations, or directives received from National Treasury.

QUESTIONS

1. Revenue Performance & Collection Failures

- The report reflects an under-collection of revenue of R314 million year-to-date. What specific corrective actions have been implemented to address this shortfall? Should this matter not be a priority in a clear recovery plan?
- Electricity revenue shows a R452.7 million shortfall (-14%). Is this purely due to lower consumption, or does it reflect inefficiencies in billing, metering, or illegal connections?
- The collection rate is only 73.39%, far below the 95% norm. When will the municipality realistically reach a sustainable collection benchmark?
- The report highlights R11.374 billion in outstanding debtors, with R7.9 billion older than 1 year. What percentage of this debt is realistically recoverable? Should Council not be presented with a credible debt recovery strategy?
- An amount of R2.8 billion was written off as irrecoverable debt. As this is now treated as a balance sheet item, will the Accumulated Surplus now be affected?

2. Expenditure Control & Overspending

- There is overspending on employee-related costs (R78.6 million) and overtime overspending of R72.8 million.
- Why has management failed to control overtime despite known budget constraints? Has any disciplinary action been taken?
- Interest costs are 302% over budget due to court cases and default judgements. What is being done to prevent avoidable litigation costs?
- Fruitless and wasteful expenditure stands at R30.445 million. Can Council receive a detailed breakdown? And is there any consequent management applied?
- The report indicates projected overspending on legal services and security contracts. Why are these overruns predictable but not prevented and were these contracts properly procured and managed?

3. Capital Budget Failure (Service Delivery Risk)

Capital expenditure is only 47.25% of budget vs a 75% target. How does this impact service delivery in water, sanitation, and roads?

Major grants such as: Public Transport Infrastructure Grant (3.82% spent) Urban Development Finance Grant (6.31% spent) show extremely low spending. Is the municipality at risk of losing these grants? What consequence does management exist for persistent underperformance by directorates on capital projects?

3. Liquidity & Financial Sustainability Risks

The current ratio (0.91) and liquidity ratio (0.73) indicate the municipality cannot meet short-term obligations. How close is the municipality to a cash flow crisis? Creditors increased from R350 million to R1.266 billion in one quarter. Are suppliers at risk of non-payment or service withdrawal? The creditors' payment period is 90 days, far above the 30-day legal requirement.

Are suppliers at risk of non-payment or service withdrawal? Despite reporting R2.198 billion in cash/investments, the municipality still cannot meet obligations. Is this cash fully committed or restricted? Is liquidity being overstated?

5. Infrastructure Losses & Operational Inefficiencies

Electricity losses amount to R163.7 million, including theft and technical losses. What concrete interventions are in place to reduce illegal connections? Water losses are reported at 48.6%, which is extremely high. What is the financial impact on bulk water costs? The report notes billing corrections for properties not connected to sewer systems. How long has incorrect billing been occurring?

7. Governance, Compliance & Accountability

The report repeatedly attributes variances to: late invoices” “timing differences” “apportionment issues” Is this not indicative of systemic financial mismanagement?

8. Closing Question

Given: Poor revenue collection, rising debtors, Weak liquidity, Failure to spend infrastructure budgets Can the administration honestly claim that the municipality is financially sustainable?

In terms of our oversight responsibilities as Council and guided by the provisions of the Municipal Finance Management Act, it is incumbent upon us to ensure that these matters are not only interrogated internally, but where necessary, brought to the attention of relevant oversight authorities. I therefore propose that Council resolves as follows:

1. That the concerns and questions raised in this report be formally referred to National Treasury for consideration, guidance, and, where deemed necessary, further intervention in support of strengthening financial governance within the municipality.
2. That such referral be made through the appropriate channels, including the Office of the Speaker and the Municipal Manager, to ensure compliance with legislative and administrative protocols.
3. That a report be tabled back to Council within a reasonable timeframe outlining any feedback, recommendations.

Cllr B Vorster addressed the council: “Thank you Speaker, all protocol observed, while this report provides a technical overview of the finances, it simultaneously highlights several major financial risk factors that threaten the stability of this metro. The FFPlus seeks clarity on some of these issues:

Distribution losses – electricity distribution losses for the quarter amounted to R160 m of these, R54 m is attributed to non-technical losses – like theft, tampering and admin errors.

Furthermore, our water losses – 48.6% with nearly half of our water disappearing before it reaches our paying customers and over R54 million in electricity stolen or unbilled, what specific time-bound metering and enforcement interventions are being implemented to reduce these losses? Are the basic services charges for water being utilised for maintenance of our water system or is it being used to pay the water account? How many of the 18 strategies set out in the water conservation demand management strategy of 2022 have been implemented seeing that nearly 4 years later of this plan, our water losses increased by 2%.

Unauthorized overtime – the report shows a massive unfavourable variant of R72 million in overtime spending with actual expenditure reaching R136 million against year-to-date budget of R63 million. We are told this is due to vacant positions, yet we see that employee related costs are already R78 million over the budget.

How does management justify R30.4 million in fruitless and wasteful expenditure related to interest on late payments and court orders while we claim that we lack the funds to fill critical service delivery posts.

On liquidity – our current ratio stands at 0.891% and our liquidity ratio at 0.73% both which are significantly below the healthy norm of 1.5 to 2.1% this is fuelled by an outstanding debtor's book of R11,3 billion, of which R7,9 billion is more than a year old. Simultaneously our creditors have ballooned to R1.6 billion. What is the long terms plan to improve our collection rates standing at 73.3% par below the 95% target with our creditors payment period at 90 days propel the legislative requirement of 30 days, what is the realistic that will be put in place to pay creditors within 30 days?

Perhaps most concerning is the capital expenditure at 47.2% implementation, why is there R367 million variance in capital spending when our communities are desperate for infrastructure. If the project management unit is the solution, why has it not been corrected? To the city manager – when will you table a report from this unit regarding their activities or lack thereof before this council?

Finally, the report warns of expected overspending on legal costs of R12.4 million and on security services of R5.7. in conclusion, is the FRP working or is it poor financial discipline and the lack of implementation of this plan that puts the metro in this current financial situation? These are not merely numbers but indicators of a metro under severe financial distress. Thank you”

Cllr BJ Viviers addressed the Council by asking the following questions:

Honorable Speaker through you, Executive Mayor as the political leader of this council what are you going to do regarding the capital expenditure budget that is only spend at 47,25% with only two months to go? What are you going to do regarding National Treasury Grants that is only spend at 46,30% with two months to go? What are you going to do about outstanding debtors standing on over R 11,3 billion, with R 7,9 billion older than a year?

What are you going to do about the Municipalities third party debt collectors collecting less than 1% of the debt that were allocated to them to collect?

What are you going to do regarding 48,6% of water losses?

What are you going to do about the fact that MMM will take 3 months before we pay creditors?

What are you going to do so that the city can pay for its current or short-term obligations?

What are you going to do about the collection rate only standing on 73,39% where it should be 95%?

What are you going to do about overtime now already overspend at R 72.798 million?

Through you Honorable Speaker, Executive Mayor, you have taken office already in 2023, what have you achieved taking this Metro forward in three years?

Please don't hide behind your MMC, s and administration again today, I am asking what have you done to salvage the dire financial situation of this Metro?

Let me explain why it is your responsibility-

The MFMA under Budgetary control and early identification of financial problems under Section 54.

(1) *“the mayor must-(d) issue any appropriate instructions to the accounting officer to ensure-*

- i. That the budget is implemented in accordance with the service delivery and budget implementation plan; and*
- ii. That spending of funds and revenue collection proceed in accordance with the budget;”*

What appropriate instructions have you issued to the Accounting Officer?

Have you ever issued any instructions in this regard to the Municipal Manager, have you ever kept him accountable, have you ever implemented any accountability or consequence management or disciplinary measures towards him?

The Municipal Structures Act under functions and powers of Executive Mayors Section 56 (3) (c) (ii) mentions- *“The executive mayor in performing the duties of office, must-review the performance of the municipality in order to improve-the efficiency of credit control and revenue and debt collection services;”*

What are you doing about the efficiency of credit control and revenue and debt collection services? Your time is up Executive Mayor and nothing to show after three years, shape up or shift out. In all honesty you don't have enough time to turn the ship around, especially after doing nothing for three years.

In conclusion, through you Honorable Speaker the MMC of Finance and CFO thank you for a credible report. I second the proposal of my colleague Cllr. Frans Bothma.
Thank You.'

The Deputy Executive Mayor expressed her gratitude to all councillors who have submitted their questions to the Executive Mayor and committed to ensuring that responses will be provided. She further referred to the outages and indicated that the duration depends on the nature of the fault. She alluded that the burning down of the substation will lead to extra expenditure. In conclusion, she reiterated that the indigent register has a new process and urged citizens to visit the municipality offices to receive the benefits.

Cllr AF Bothma made a proposal that the full report should be submitted to National Treasury with all input from the different political parties and was seconded by Cllr BJ Viviers.

The Council Whip responded and indicated that there no is need to interfere in administrative issues and further indicated that the proposal would be discussed at TROICA for further deliberations.

Speaker, Cllr BL Mathae concluded that Cllr AF Bothma should submit his proposal in writing.

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

RESOLVED

That in Compliance with Section 52 (d) of the MFMA

1. That Council noted the report of the implementation of the budget and financial state of affairs of the municipality for the third quarter of 2025/ 2026 ended 31 March 2026.
2. That the report be submitted to National Treasury and be published on the Municipal website.

3.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2026 – 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

Cllr AF Bothma addressed the Council by asking the following clarity seeking questions:

QUESTIONS

1. Governance & Compliance Failures

The report claims SCM processes are “fair, equitable, transparent and competitive,” yet multiple systemic weaknesses are identified. How does the administration reconcile this claim with the lack of a contract management framework, undefined roles, and poor system controls?

Why has the municipality failed to implement a functional contract management system, despite this being a legislative requirement under the MFMA?

Can the Accounting Officer confirm whether the municipality is currently fully compliant with Sections 111 and 112 of the MFMA, given the gaps identified?

2. Bid Committee Functionality & Oversight Risks

The report indicates that the Bid Adjudication Committee failed to form a quorum in two sittings.

1. What were the consequences of these failures on service delivery and procurement timelines?
2. How many procurement decisions were delayed or compromised due to non-quorate meetings?

3. Procurement Performance & Efficiency Concerns

1. What is the average procurement turnaround time, and how does it compare to National Treasury benchmarks?
2. Why are some tenders taking up to 7–9 months from specification to adjudication, and what is being done to reduce delays?

4. Excessive Use of Deviations (Red Flag for Corruption Risk)

1. The report reflects multiple deviations justified as “exceptional cases,” often citing sole supplier or historical dependence.

How many of these situations are the result of poor long-term planning rather than genuine emergencies?

What steps are being taken to:

Reduce reliance on sole suppliers

Avoid vendor lock-in (e.g., SMEC, Vodacom, CaseWare)?

Why has the municipality allowed long-term dependency (over 30 years in some cases) without market testing or competitive bidding?

What independent oversight exists to ensure deviations are not being abused to bypass competitive procurement?

5. Contract Management Collapse

Only 19% of contracts are monitored monthly.

How can Council be assured that the remaining 81% are delivering value for money?

Which departments failed to submit any contract monitoring reports, and why has no action been taken? How many contracts are currently: Underperforming, Non-compliant, At risk of failure, what financial losses or inefficiencies have resulted from weak contract oversight?

6. Transparency & Reporting Failures

The report acknowledges: Limited visibility of contracts, Poor data accuracy, How is Council expected to exercise oversight under these conditions? Why are contract records not up to date in municipal systems? When will a fully digitized, transparent SCM system be implemented?

7. Panel Procurement & Potential Abuse

The municipality awarded 115 panel procurements in a single quarter.

What controls are in place to prevent abuse of panel systems to avoid open tender processes?

How is fairness ensured in the rotation of panel service providers?

What percentage of total procurement spend is now being channeled through panels instead of open bidding?

8. Inventory & Asset Management Concerns

The report indicates: Low stock turnover rates (e.g., 0.19 for general stores), No dormant stock reported, How credible is this, given aging infrastructure and known inefficiencies?

9. Financial & Value-for-Money Concerns

Most contracts are reported as “rates-based” without clear total values.

How does Council assess affordability and fiscal risk under this model?

How does the municipality ensure value for money when pricing is not clearly quantified?

10. Political Accountability

What assurance can be given to residents that SCM processes are not enabling:

Wasteful expenditure. Irregular procurement Corruption risks Would the administration support the DA's proposal for:

11. Closing Question

A fully transparent, digital procurement system, Monthly public reporting of all contracts, Strict consequence management for SCM failures Thank you.

Cllr M Wewege addressed the council: “Thank you Speaker, the FF Plus would like clarity on several supply chain management relating to deviations, outsourcing, government control and possible irregular expenditure risks:

Deviations – why is the municipality repeatedly relying on deviations and sole suppliers instead of opening competitive bidding processes. Regarding the SMME, what proof exists that these companies are truly sole suppliers, was any market comparison done to ensure value for money? How long have these service providers been retained through renewals, extensions and repeated deviations, has internal audit reviewed these deviations for possible irregular expenditure.

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Outsourcing – what is the total amount spent on outsourced services and consultants during this quarter? Which outsourced services could reasonably have been performed internally by municipal officials? What skills are transferred from consultants to municipal staff? Why does the municipality continue outsourcing functions instead of building permanent internal capacity.

Governance and supply chain management control – the report states that the community meetings failed due to lack of quorum, who was responsible for the absence of members? Did this delay procurement or service delivery? What consequence management has been implemented for failure? How many contracts are currently operating on extension? Arrangements or after original expiration date?

Irregular expenditure risk – what percentage of procurement has occurred in this quarter through deviations instead of normal competitive bidding? Are any procurement matters from this quarter under investigation by internal audit, MPAC or by AG? Were any supply chain management processes approved outside normal timelines or procedures? How many suppliers received repeated awards during this quarter? What controls are in place to prevent supplier favouritism or procurement concentration among a small number of suppliers.

The FF plus supports service delivery but deviations, emergency procurement and long-term outsourcing cannot become the normal operating model of this municipality. We request detailed written responses where answers cannot be provided today. Thank you”

Cllr GDP Kotze addressed the Council:

Speaker, The DA has analysed the Supply Chain Management report for the quarter ending March 2026, and serious concerns arise in relation to procurement under the following bids: MMM/BID744, 744A, 738, 733 and 709.

Total VIP Toilets Spend

• **R7,440,000.00**

Total Catering Spend:

• **R734,288.80**

Total Spend on Uniforms:

• **R2,920,731.97**

With uniforms, catering and VIP toilet services, we are seeing clear patterns of:

- repeated appointments of the same suppliers,
- fragmented transactions through rotation, and
- significant expenditure without sufficient transparency in this report.

Speaker, this Council cannot exercise proper oversight if critical supporting documentation is not readily available. The matter under consideration is straightforward: It is essential that Council can confirm the legality, fairness, competitiveness, and value for money of procurement processes, given that inquiries for clarity and Rule 38 questions have not been addressed by the Executive Mayor, City Manager, and Chief Financial Officer.

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Therefore, the DA formally requests full oversight access to all documentation related to these bids, including:

- Service Level Agreements (SLAs)
- All quotations obtained and considered
- Payment records and supporting invoices
- Bid Adjudication Committee minutes and resolutions

We will attend the offices of Supply Chain Management on Wednesday, 6 May, to inspect this documentation. Speaker, let me be clear: This is not a request for favour — it is a request for accountability. If access to this information is denied, delayed, or obstructed, the DA will have no choice but to escalate the matter by formally writing to:

- the Auditor-General,
- Members of the Provincial Legislature, and
- Our representatives in SCOPA.

We are committed to ensuring that public funds are spent transparently and in the best interests of residents. Where there is nothing to hide, there should be nothing to refuse. Thank you.

Clir MW Mongale addressed the council: “Speaker on the Supply Chain Management, I would like to talk to the Deputy Executive Mayor ngwana mo Mangaung. The people of Mangaung want their supply chain, they say it is their supply chain and they must benefit and unapologetically so because Jhb benefits Jhb people and so forth. We are expecting that Mangaung will benefit from this supply chain. I read this document until 1 o'clock in the morning, but I could not identify where you show the origin of the appointed companies so that we can trace them.

The reality is that we need to make sure that people of Mangaung benefit as a matter of principle. On the issue of deviation, the FF plus covered me, that deviations will hurt us as a municipality.

On the issue of training of staff – the staff that has not been capacitated are losing out on promotions and future benefits that others are enjoying, I plead with you Deputy Mayor to expedite this matter of training. The vacancy rate at supply chain management is problematic as there are 36 vacant positions and there are many people who are qualified and looking for employment.

The issue of the policy – my friend and honourable Councilor Qondile Peter told me that we will be able to get an opportunity to review the policy of supply chain, I AM STILL WAITING and there seems to be no progress in that regard as we need to amend that policy to provide more benefits to the local people.

Thank you'

The Deputy Executive Mayor reiterated the importance of ensuring that people of Mangaung receive the full benefits of the economy of Mangaung. She further indicated that it would be unethical to provide details of contractors and service providers.

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

RESOLVED

- (a) That Council noted the progress report on the implementation of the Council's Supply Chain Management Policy for the quarter ended 31 March 2026.

4.**MONTHLY REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REGARDS TO MFMA CIRCULAR 124 – PARTICIPATION IN ESKOM DEBT RELIEF PROGRAM OVER 3 YEARS**

Cllr MW Mongale addressed the council and stated the following: “Thank you Speaker, my worry is that there are some letters from National Treasury giving us warnings regarding our compliance from 6.3 to 6.14 wherein treasury insists that we should comply. National Treasury is threatening that if we do not comply, they will withhold the debt relief that should be taken seriously as it might affect our salaries and cause distress. Mangaung should come to the party on this particular item, and it should be prioritised to ensure compliance. Thank you Speaker”

Cllr AF Bothma addressed the Council as follows:

QUESTIONS

As a starting point regarding questions in respect of this report, I am not going to ask questions on the report that was submitted by administration, as it indicates historic events and not the current situation

I am going to ask questions regarding the letter received from National Treasury Dated 16 January 2026, that gives a clear picture of the current situation: MFMA CIRCULAR 124 - MUNICIPAL DEBT RELIEF NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY FOR DECEMBER 2025

1. Overall Compliance Failure & Risk to Debt Relief

The report indicates that the municipality has remained stagnant at 73%–76% compliance since July 2023. Why has there been no improvement over nearly three years, despite National Treasury oversight and support?

Given that all conditions carry equal weighting, what is the real risk of Mangaung being removed from the debt relief Programme?

What consequence management has been taken against officials responsible for this persistent underperformance?

Can the Executive Mayor confirm whether Council has been fully informed of the risk of losing debt relief benefits, and if not, why?

2. Governance Failure: Missing Council Resolution (Condition 6.2)

- Why was the debt relief monitoring plan submitted without a Council Resolution, in clear violation of governance requirements?
- Who authorised the submission of a non-compliant document to National Treasury?
- When will a proper, legally compliant Council Resolution be tabled and adopted?
- Does this failure not indicate a breakdown between administration and Council oversight?

3. Eskom Debt Crisis & Payment Failures (Condition 6.3)

- The report confirms late and short payments to Eskom by Centlec, leading to an increasing debt balance:
- Why is the municipality failing to maintain its current account, which is a core condition of debt relief?
- What immediate corrective measures are in place to prevent further escalation of Eskom debt?
- Has Council been informed of the risk of electricity supply interruptions due to non-compliance?

4. Revenue Collection Failures (Condition 6.6)

- What is the timeline for full implementation of consolidated billing?
- Why has the Revenue Enhancement Strategy not yet resolved this basic operational failure?

5. Financial Reporting & Transparency Failures (Condition 6.9)

- Why does the MFMA Section 71 report submitted to National Treasury not align with the version published on the municipal website?
- Does this discrepancy not constitute a serious transparency and credibility risk?
- Why is the municipality failing to integrate debt relief compliance reporting into monthly Section 71 reports, as required?
- Who is accountable for ensuring accurate and compliant financial reporting?

6. Tariffs & Financial Sustainability (Condition 6.5)

- Given that cost-reflective tariffs are still “in progress,” how is the municipality ensuring long-term financial sustainability?
- When will Council be presented with fully cost-reflective tariffs aligned to MFMA Circular 132?

7. Risk to Electricity License (Condition 6.14)

- The report confirms that continued non-compliance could lead to termination from the Programme, triggering a requirement to engage National Energy Regulator of South Africa on license revocation:
- Has the municipality conducted a risk assessment on losing its electricity distribution license?
- What contingency plans are in place should the municipality be forced to relinquish its electricity function?

8. Closing Question

- Given the seriousness of these failures, will Council commit urgent corrective action and enhanced oversight, including possible external intervention, ensure that Mangaung does not lose this critical financial lifeline? Thank you.”

Cllr JH Denner made his address to the council as follows: “Thank you Speaker, the FFPlus find the monthly report on compliance regarding the MFMA to be a damning indictment of this administration’s ability to manage its fiscal responsibilities. National Treasury has explicitly stated that MMM and Centlec did not comply with the debt relief conditions of December 2025 leaving out participation in the ESKOM debt relief program is serious jeopardy.

1. National treasury's assessment indicates that Centlec is in the final breach status due to outstanding debt for more than 3 months, more alarming is the report showing post-approval debt relief growth of a staggering R1.1 billion. How can this council be expected to just note a progress report when the metro is accumulating over a billion in new debt, what immediate specific interventions are being taken to reverse this breach status?
2. National treasury has noted that the failure to issues a consolidated bill, why has consolidated billing still not been implemented despite months of non-compliance and who is being held accountable?
3. This report reveals that the metro debt relief monitoring plan is non-compliant because it was not accompanied by a council resolution, why was it submitted without a resolution? Is it an admin failure?
4. Condition 6.3 requires the metro to maintain its ESKOM bulk current account however national Treasury reports that Centlec is non-compliant due to late and short payments and that the total amount owed has increased substantially. How does the executive reconcile its claims of payment with National Treasury's findings and where are the allocated funds being redirected to?

The metro's compliance has remained stagnant, we are not moving forward, we are sliding into a big financial hole, please get us answers here for all these failures. Thank you"

Cllr VS Soqaga addressed the council: "Thank you Speaker, some of the questions here will be responded in terms of rule 38. With regard to the consolidation, there has been deliberations with Centlec, in our last section 80 – we spoke a bit on this matter, but we didn't expand on it, I need to indicate that this matter is getting the necessary attention it deserves as it was flagged by National Treasury.

However, one needs to indicate that the letter you are referring to Cllr Bothma will be addressed so we can explain what happened to the council resolution that was not quoted on the report. Sooner or later, we will brief you in the section 80. I need to indicate that this particular programme we are referring to, I must remind councillors that it is coming to an end in July, in the inception of this programme, it was agreed that it will be handled in phases, so in the 1st phase – we did well in terms of compliance and the approved amount was R389 million whereby in the 1st phase, we were able to be assisted with R121 million that was written off by Treasury. There was also R109 millions of interests that was written off. We had the 2nd cycle where we submitted R129 million with the expectation that R128 million and R189 m of the interest will be written off.

In the last correspondence we had with them, there was no indication that we will be punished as we did not comply with all the elements but for the fact that we submitted, they are able to assist. The very same amount of money that is reversed – we are able to re-invest it so we can use it effectively. We need to indicate that the same programme is coming to an end, however the administration is attending to this matter through the office of the CFO, in the next council we should be able to come and report on the status quo of this matter. We want to acknowledge and applaud councillors for raising the relevant questions. Thank you very much Speaker."

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

RESOLVED

That the monthly report on compliance with regards to MFMA Circular 124 participation in Eskom Debt Relief Program over three (3) years has been noted by Council.

5.

ERP INDIGENT ELECTRONIC SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION REPORT – APRIL 2026

The item was deferred to the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

6.

COUNCILLORS AND EMPLOYEES' SALARY DEDUCTIONS DUE TO ARREARS ON MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS

The item was deferred to the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

7.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN(FRP) FOR THE 2ND QUARTER OF 2025/2026

Cllr AF Bothma addressed the council:

QUESTIONS

1. Overall Progress & Credibility of the FRP

The report claims 63% of activities are completed, yet the municipality remains under intervention since 2019: What measurable improvements in financial stability and service delivery can be directly attributed to these “completed” activities?

How many of these “completed” activities are administrative or procedural, rather than delivering real financial or service delivery outcomes?

2. Continued Intervention & Governance Failure

- Given that the municipality has been under Section 139 intervention since 2019, why has the FRP not yet achieved financial recovery?

3. Governance Pillar – Persistent Weaknesses

Why are critical governance actions such as: Section 32 investigations, Post-audit action plans, and

Contract reviews still “work-in-progress” years into the FRP?

What is the status of reconciling land alienation decisions with Deeds Office records, and what risks does this pose to municipal assets?

4. Institutional Pillar – Capacity & Staffing Failures

- Why has the placement of employees on the new microstructure not been completed, despite being a fundamental reform?
- What is the cost of delays in implementing the shift system, particularly in relation to overtime expenditure?
- Why has an efficiency audit of staff utilisation not yet been completed?
- What is the total outstanding pension fund contribution, and why has this critical obligation not been resolved?
- Does the municipality currently have the institutional capacity to implement the FRP effectively, or is this a key reason for slow progress?

5. Financial Management Pillar – Sustainability Risks

- The municipality reports cash of R1.2 billion:
- How much of this is unspent conditional grants or ring-fenced funds, and how much is actually available for operations?
- Despite improvements, the collection rate is only 84% 74% in March 2026:
- What is the financial gap created by the remaining 26% non-collection?
- Why has there been no tangible progress on the revenue collection collaboration framework, which was due in July 2025?

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- How many consumers are still not being billed for water, and what is the estimated revenue loss?
- How credible is the claim of financial improvement when major liabilities like Eskom debt remain unresolved?

6. Audit Readiness & Financial Reporting

- Why is the municipality only now preparing audit working papers, instead of maintaining continuous audit readiness?
- What assurance can be given that the municipality will avoid repeat audit findings, given slow progress on post-audit action plans?
- Why is there still a need to improve creditor disclosures in Section 71 reports, which are a basic compliance requirement?

7. Service Delivery Pillar – Limited Impact

- The report highlights small-scale infrastructure achievements (e.g., 2.64 km pipeline replacement):
- What percentage of the total infrastructure backlog does this address?
- With only R25.5 million allocated against a R190 million roads maintenance need, how is the municipality addressing the massive infrastructure funding gap?
- Why is the water master plan still not finalised, despite being 95% complete?

8. Revenue & Debt Collection Failures

- Why are credit control measures still “in progress”, when revenue collection is central to financial recovery?

9. Financial Recovery Plan – Effectiveness

- How many of the 275 FRP activities are overdue or behind schedule?
- What consequence management is in place for non-performance on FRP deliverables?
- Has the FRP been reviewed or revised to address persistent failures?

Closing Question

- Given the ongoing intervention, persistent financial risks, and slow progress on critical reforms, will Council commit to strengthening oversight, enforcing accountability, and demanding measurable outcomes from the Financial Recovery Plan rather than accepting progress reports at face value? Thank you.”

Cllr B Vorster addressed the council as follows: “Thank you Speaker, all protocol observed, the FFPlus seeks urgent clarity on the 86 activities still in progress and the 16 that has not yet commenced.

Government pillars – The report states that the placement of employees on the new microstructure is slow moving and needs to be expedited. How can we hope for a recovery when we cannot even finalise where our employees belong?

Why is it the activity for the enhancing of communication and exchange management listed as stagnant, if we cannot communicate the recovery plan within our own wards, how can we expect the public to have confidence in this metro?

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Financial management pillar – we are told that the collection rate has increased to 84% in the 2nd quarter, yet our debtors balance has ballooned to 10.8 billion up from 10.4 billion in the same quarters, this suggests that our achievements are being outpaced by our failures.

Can the City Manager clarify why the collaboration framework on collection which was due in July 2025 has reduced no tangible progress to date. Most alarming – our ESKOM debt has escalated to R1.4 billion from a R384 million baseline, how does this administration reconcile the claim of immense improvement in the plan when our debt to the national utility has nearly quadrupled.

Service delivery – the report reveals a persistent operating deficit and lack of sustained improvement trend, why are our water distribution losses still sitting at a staggering 46 to 48%, the figure that has shown no improvement since the plan was improved.

The report highlights that 2,6 km of AC pipeline was replaced in the quarter, yet the kilometre backlog is 77km, at this current rate of replacement, how many decades will it take to secure our water infrastructure?

Why has the implementation of the pressure network zone management not yet resulted in tangible reduction of these losses? The report also mentions 25.5 million allocated to potholes, drains and road maintenance but admits the total requirement is R190 million, where does this administration plan to find the remaining R160 million to address our crumbling roads?

The National Treasury notes a regression in audit outcomes and continued recurrence of irregular expenditure with R260 million recorded in the 2024-25 financial year alone, when will this council see the results of the investigations into these expenditures. Why is the sitting of the contract management committee listed as slow moving when it is essential for stopping the bleeding of municipal funds.

The FFPlus seeks clear timelines when these slow moving will be moved to the completed column so the metro can finally achieve financial resilience seeing that National Treasury warns that a slow implementation of critical financial impactful activities has resulted in the municipality remaining in the rescue phase for over 3 years. The residents of Mangaung deserve more than a report that notes progress, they deserve a city that functions. I thank you'

Cllr MW Mongale addressed the council: "Thank you Hon. Speaker, in Afrikaans they say ons gaan nêrens baie stadig, we are going nowhere slowly. When you look at the document on the governance pillar, it is funny that there is something that has been raised and I want the Speaker to take note of it that there is a column that deals with achievements and work in progress and when you look at the achievements – the UIFW quarterly report to executive Mayor and annual to council tabled, we don't only want a checklist, we also want to see the progress in terms of reducing the UIFW and also want to see it being completely eradicated.

We also want to caution the municipality to be aware that this approved financial model compliance of section 142 – we need to comply with it as a matter of urgency.

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We also want to make the metro aware that the section 32 investigations on UIFW expenditure needs to be expedited because at the moment, it seems like we are just ticking boxes. The review of existing contracts against organisational structures to determine duplication of services- we welcome it as it reflects on the report but we expect a progress report as it will assist and minimise corruption.

Institutional pillar – placement of new employees on new macrostructure needs to be expedited, we appreciate it. Conduct an efficiency audit and utilisation of staff that will assist this municipality to perform optimally , provide funding plan for filling of advertised vacancies that also remains a record because once we advertise and you took more than 6 months before filling, are you filling positions that were advertised or never advertised?

Optimise the shift system – we need to find a way of getting LLF to resolve this so that it can be laid to rest. The issue of financial management pillar on the leakages is serious but we appreciate that the balance is improving. On activities that we identified – also appreciate it that the collaboration part of CENTLEC and Mangaung will be implemented and we hope it will be implemented urgently. I am happy that Caesar will get what belongs to him after the meeting with Treasury.

On this matter of service delivery, this is where I have a problem, when you go to the Dewetsdorp, you will realise that we no longer have streetlights and this is unacceptable and the fact that in this document, we do not see where there is work in progress, I don't know if it is an omission and we need a full report. Thank you'

Councillor SP Tsoleli addressed the council: "Thank you Speaker, perhaps we need to have a debate where we would be debating these issues because in one of the items that has been presented here, there is a councillor that said we are afraid of debating and we are not.

The metro is under mandatory FRP therefore we are required to report on the progress made every quarter and subsequently we are assessed by National Treasury on the implementation of the period under review. Every period we submit a report to treasury where they sit and assess what we have presented as the city.

I have listened to a number of questions, maybe I should just a little bit and concentrate on the questions posed, I want to deal with fact that it was said that the Executive Mayor has not registered any significant improvements in his term – I would really want to correct that myth, since the beginning of the FRP it is said that we have improved a lot especially on service delivery. Let me take you on a path, to remind the councillors of the significant improvements we made and stop the exaggeration – let's journey in the service delivery – the city attends 90% to water leaks complaints within 48 hours. The city has an 18 points strategy to manage lower non-revenue water, 7 of those have been in the implementation phase. When it comes to gravel roads – we have currently from treasury report gravelled 858 km of roads within the city, we have re-sealed 12.8 km of the road network, we respond to 90.9% matters of sanitation spillages within 48 hours, it is in the national treasury dashboard report. 94.8% of complaints are being attended within the response time which has been set by this council.

Cllr MW Mongale responded by stating the following– thank you so much raising those policies which will be served in the LLF and will be dealt with in the next plannery that is sitting on the 16th of May 2026. Let me comfort everybody that this report – as we are moving to the 3rd quarter report that is reported to us – there is improvement on it. We will be moving out of the rescue and that is the difficult part. Thank you Speaker'

The item was for noting, therefore Council did not vote.

RESOLVED that the Council:

- a) Noted the progress made in implementing the Financial Recovery Plan (FRP) for the period October – December 2025 (Quarter 2 of 2025/26) on the four pillars, Governance, Institutional, Financial Management and Service Delivery.

8.

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE REVISED RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

The item was deferred to the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

9.

REVIEW OF MANGAUNG METRO MUNICIPALITY OUTDOOR ADVERTISING BY-LAW

The item was deferred to the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

10.

LAND RELEASE PORTION OF ERF 55581 BATHO TO THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAGISTRATE COURT

The item was deferred to the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

11.

LAND RELEASE: ACQUISITION OF STREET PORTIONS SURROUNDING CENTRAL
UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

The item was deferred to the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

12.

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT A ROAD OVER PORTIONS 137 AND 423 OF THE FARM BLOEMFONTEIN 654 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO AND EGRESS FROM THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON PROTION 1 AND THE REMAINDER OF ERF 22011, BLOEMFONTEIN

The item was deferred to the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

13.

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING CONTRACTS BEYOND THREE (3) YEARS PERIOD

The item was deferred to the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

14.

RELOCATION OF NALEDI COMMONAGE AND MOTHEO COMMONAGE (BOTSHABELO) TO REMAINDER OF FARM GELUKSLAAGET NO. 244 (BOTSHABELO)

The item was deferred to the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

15.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2026

The item was deferred to the next ensuing Council meeting.

NOTED.

59	REPORTS FROM MPAC
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None.

NOTED.

60	REPORTS FROM AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE
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None.

NOTED.

61	REPORTS ON WARD COMMITTEES/CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON WARD COMMITTEES
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QUARTERLY REPORTS RECEIVED FROM WARD COUNCILLORS FOR QUARTER 3: 1 JANUARY 2026 – 31 MARCH 2026: 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

The item was not discussed.

NOTED.

62	REPORT ON SALGA ACTIVITIES
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Cllr SP Tsoleli indicated that a dedicated individual will be appointed to deal with these issues and the rule 38 questions.

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63	IN COMMITTEE REPORTS
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None.

NOTED.

64	NOTICE OF MOTION
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None.

NOTED.

65	QUESTIONS
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QUESTIONS ASKED IN TERMS OF RULE 38 OF THE COUNCIL'S STANDING RULES AND ORDERS

Cllr GDP Kotze addressed the Council: "The DA expresses its serious concern and frustration with the continued failure to comply with the rule 38 of this council. In November 2025 this council took a clear resolution – all rule 38 questions must be answered within 14 days and strict compliance must follow.

Today 9 out of 65 outstanding questions have been answered, let us be clear this is not a gap in policy or a misunderstanding but non-compliance with a council resolution. The municipal manager responsible for ensuring these responses is failing to uphold the rules of council. With respect, enforcement of these resolutions falls within your office, no new rules are needed or discussions, what is required is accountability and enforcement. The few responses that have been provided are incomplete, unprofessional and show disregard for oversight and for the role of opposition in council. We will not accept a situation where council resolutions are simply ignored. The DA has exhausted all internal avenues to resolve this matter, we will escalate this issue to the department of corporate governance at a provincial level and if necessary, the national level.

We are also prepared to pursue legal remedies to compel compliance, continued inaction will deepen this governance failure but undermine credibility of council and your office. Thank you'

NOTED.

66	CLOSING OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
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The meeting officially closed at 13h40.

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