



STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

AGENDA

OF THE

COUNCIL

MEETING

DATE - 27 JULY 2017

TIME - 15:00



STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

VISION

TO BE THE LEADING COMMUNITY DRIVEN MUNICIPALITY
IN THE PROVISION OF SUSTAINABLE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENTAL
PROGRAMMES

MISSION

WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE TOTAL WELL BEING
OF ALL OUR CITIZENS THROUGH:

- RENDERING AFFORDABLE, COST-EFFECTIVE, ACCESSIBLE, EFFICIENT AND QUALITY SERVICES;
- EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, PROCEDURES, SKILLED AND MOTIVATED WORKFORCE;
- MAXIMISING INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE UTILIZATION OF ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES;
- IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE BY CO-ORDINATING YOUTH, GENDER AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES;
- CREATING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION;
- ENSURING EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION AND CO-OPERATION;
- COMPLIANCE WITH THE BATHO-PELE PRINCIPLES;
- TO STRIVE TO SUSTAIN THE FIDUCIARY POSITION OF THE MUNICIPALITY TOWARDS ACHIEVING CLEAN AUDIT

STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN
ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MIDDELBURG ON THURSDAY,
27 JULY 2017 AT 15:00**

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ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

AGENDA

1. OPENING AND WELCOME
2. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Motions of Sympathy and Congratulations by the Speaker and by other Councillors)
5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - 5.1 Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 30 May 2017;
 - 5.2 Special Meeting of the Council held on 30 May 2017;
 - 5.3 Special Meeting of the Council held on 27 June 2017.
6. REPORTS OF THE SPEAKER IN TERMS OF RULES 15(1) AND 96(4)
7. APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS FROM COUNCILLORS IN TERMS OF RULES 14(1), 66 AND 71
8. REPORTS OF MPAC
 - 8.1 Report of the 07TH/2017 meeting of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee held on 11 July 2017 that served before Mayoral Committee on 20 July 2017.

Non Delegated Powers : -
Delegated Powers : M23/07/2017
9. QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
 - 9.1 The following questions were received from Ald E du Toit of the DA:

“The poor service at the switchboard – 013 249 7000 – creates a bad impression and causes lots of frustration amongst citizens of our town. This is a long-standing problem.

 - *Why is the service so bad*
 - *What steps will be taken to improve it*
 - *By when can more professional service be expected*

(sic)”

6. The only vacant post is that of a Superintendent and the interviews were conducted on the 27 June 2017. The outcome of the interviews is not yet known.
7. We are not aware of any claimant signing a no disclosure of interest relating to traffic claims.

9.3 The following question was received from Cllr J Dyason of the DA:

"The questions relates to the Dennesig Transfer Station.

1. *When will the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality employ security staff at the Dennesig Transfer Station to ensure the safety of employees who are being intimidated and attacked by a criminal element who also then takes control of the site. Residents off- loading waste are also being harassed for payment by these criminal elements.*

(sic)"

The following reply was prepared by the Executive Director: Community Services on behalf of the Executive Mayor:

Law Enforcement Officers are currently monitoring the situation on site. Razor fence and new gate will be installed in 2017/18 financial year.

9.4 The following questions were received from Cllr M Bruiners of the DA:

"The water billing is of concern in ward 08 (Nasaret) because of some unreadable water meters which are covered in soil.

1. *How regularly are the water meters being read?*
2. *Who is responsible for the maintenance (cleaning) of the water meters?*

(sic)"

The following reply was prepared by the Executive Director: Financial Services on behalf of the Executive Mayor:

1. The water meters are read on a monthly basis.
 - 1.2 However, there are meters which cannot be read due to not having access to them or other reasons hence in this situation the meter readings will be estimated as per the average calculation by the financial system.
 - 1.3 The reasons for estimated readings are stated on the financial system.
 - 1.4 The indication for the reading that's estimated on the consumer account is indicated as an "E" after the reading billed.
 - 1.5 The consumer may phone in to provide the correct water meter reading on which the account will then be corrected.

2. For ICT Security reasons some untrusted domains emails will be filtered out of our domain (based on Domain Block List (DBL), Policy Block List (PBL), Spam Block List (SBP), as it is the same that STLM domain is not trusted by other domains and some STLM emails are blocked and returned by those domains.
3. Council's ICT Services Department usually contacts Domain Name Service (DNS) blacklist companies that blocks Council's emails to respective domains and there is a twenty four (24) hour period for unblocking.

To minimize the frequency Council's ICT Services Department will deploy a new Proxy Server and ensure that the entire Council's Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) is not open. This should be completed by the first quarter of 2017/2018. However the sender has the responsibility to ensure that their domain is not blacklisted, as only the sender may know the DNS blacklist company that blacklisted their domain. Such domains as Gmail, Yahoo etc. usually are not blacklisted.

9.6 The following questions were received from Cllr H F Niemann of the DA:

"The questions relate to the SAMWU case of B Pitjadi and others against Council regarding the scarcity allowance payable to certain classes of workers.

1. *What was the final outcome of this court case?*
2. *At some stage the Steve Tshwete Municipality had to deposit an amount of R750 000, 00 to the Sheriff of the High Court.*
 - *Has this money been paid back to the Council?*
 - *If it was paid back, on which date did we receive the money? (Provide proof please).*
 - *How much interest was earned on the money that was kept in trust by the Sheriff?*

(sic)"

The following reply was prepared by the Acting Executive Director: Corporate Services (Human Capital Management) on behalf of the Executive Mayor:

1. The Arbitration award reads as follows:

- "21. The respondent (Steve Tshwete Local Municipality) did not commit any unfair conduct or unfair labour practice to the applicants listed in paragraph (1) Supra.
22. This application is therefore dismissed.
23. Make no order as to cost"

2. Yes

9.9 The following questions were received from Cllr A Grobler of the DA:

"SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 7 JANUARY 2016

Services: Provision of Basic Services at Doornkop

Item 02/01/2016: The item was passed at the mentioned council meeting – R 209 955m for BASIC SERVICES AT DOORNKOP.

Observer Friday 2 June 2017:

Waarnemende munisipale bestuurder, mnr Mandla Mnguni, lag dit egter af en sê daar was nooit R 200 miljoen vir Doornkop om mee te begin nie, "wensdenkery", noem hy dit.

- 1. Can clarity please be given regarding the Item 02/01/2016 and the comment from the acting MM.*
- 2. What is happening regarding these promised services – please give detail regarding what has been spend and on which part of the promised services.*

(sic)"

The following reply was prepared by the Acting Executive Director: Infrastructure Services on behalf of the Executive Mayor:

The Department of Human Settlements provided a budget for the upgrading of water supply system at the CPA area in Doornkop. Steve Tshwete Local Municipality was appointed by the Department of Human Settlements as the implementing agent and one of the Assistant Directors was tasked to manage the project.

The Department of Human Settlements erected 15 X 10 000 litre JoJo tanks which were spread in the CPA area for water storage. The arrangement was that the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport would fill the tanks on a regular basis by means of a water tanker. The Civil Engineering Services Department appointed a contractor for the amount of R 5, 0 million for the following scope:

1. Siting, drilling and equipping 3 additional boreholes.
2. Liase with Eskom for the supply of electricity to the boreholes.
3. Construction of about 2.0km 100mm HDPE pump line from the boreholes to the ground level reservoir.
4. Erection of a 130kl elevated storage tank in the "Skierlik" area.
5. Installation of 40 additional communal standpipes.

The electrification of two bore holes is still pending because the contractor is waiting for Eskom for the extension of the electricity supply. In the meantime water is pumped from the old borehole using a diesel engine. The rest of the work is completed.

The following reply was prepared by the Acting Executive Director: Infrastructure Services on behalf of the Executive Mayor:

The issue should be referred to the relevant MMC with the Erf number then it will be attended to.

9.13 The following questions were received from Cllr J Roos of the DA:

- “1. Did Council approve and give permission, according to the Town Planning Scheme, that the land at the corner of Totius and Dr Beyers Naude Streets in Gholfsig can be used for informal settlements (housing), gardening and recycling projects?
2. If not, what action will Council take to recover the land as an open space as proclaimed and prevent any continuation of this kind of development without permission?

(sic)”

The following reply was prepared by the Acting Executive Director: Infrastructure Services on behalf of the Executive Mayor:

1. The area in question forms part of the areas which were identified and approved by Council in-terms of Council Resolution M12/09/2004 for urban agricultural purposes.
2. According to our investigation, there is no informal settlement, however should it happen, the relevant Department will attend to it.

10. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

10.1 Report of the 13TH/2017 Meeting of the Mayoral Committee held on 13 JULY 2017:

Non Delegated Powers : C02/07/2017

Delegated Powers : M01/07/2017

10.2 Report of the 14TH /2017 Meeting of the Mayoral Committee held on 20 JULY 2017:

Non Delegated Powers : C06;10;11;13;18;19;24;25;27;28;29 &
C30/07/2017

Delegated Powers : M07;08;09;12;14;15;16;17;21;20;22 & M26/07/2017

10.3 Urgent Report of the Mayoral Committee held on 25 July 2017:

Non Delegated Powers : C33/07/2017

Delegated Powers : None

REPORT OF THE

07th/2017

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC
ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
WHICH WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, MIDDELBURG MPUMALANGA,
ON TUESDAY

2017/07/11

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MPAC: REPORT ON A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2017

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RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

- 1 **THAT** the report on a Municipal Public Accounts Committee meeting held on 11 July 2017 as submitted by the Acting Municipal Manager, be noted.
- 2 **THAT** in terms of Delegated Powers the following recommendations taken at the above mentioned meeting be adopted by the Executive Mayor:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	RESOLUTION
MPAC01/07/2017	MPAC: Third and fourth quarter Audit Committee report for the financial year 2016/2017	That the content of the report by the Acting Municipal Manager regarding third and fourth quarter Audit Committee report be noted.
MPAC02/07/2017	MPAC: Fruitless, wasteful, irregular & unauthorized expenditure - June 2017	That note be taken that there were no cases of fruitless, wasteful, irregular, and unauthorized expenditure for June 2017.
MPAC03/07/2017	MPAC: Unforeseen & unavoidable expenditure - proof of necessary adjustment budget expenditure - June 2017	That note be taken that there were no new cases of unforeseen an unavoidable expenditure for June 2017.
MPAC04/07/2017	MPAC: Quarterly report: Disciplinary actions instituted in terms of MFMA: April - March 2017	That note be taken that there were no disciplinary actions instituted in terms of the MFMA for the period 01 April to 30 June 2017.

REPORT OF THE

13th / 2017

MEETING OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE WHICH WAS HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
MIDDELBURG MPUMALANGA, ON THURSDAY

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MPAC: POSSIBLE DESIGNATION OF CHAIRPERSON OF MPAC AS A FULL TIME COUNCILLOR

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RECOMMENDATION BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

- 1 **THAT** the content of the report by the Acting Municipal Manager on the designation of the Chairperson of Municipal Public Accounts Committee as full time, be noted.

- 2 **THAT** Council take note that no provision was made on the 2017/2018 budget to cater for the above-mentioned expenditure and that the Chairperson of MPAC be designated full time with effect from 01 January 2018 and provision to be made in the adjustment budget in February 2018.

Delegated Powers

M01/07/2017

FINANCES: FINANCIAL MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2017

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RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

- 1 **THAT** the monthly report for June 2017 as submitted by the Executive Director: Financial Services, be noted.
- 2 **THAT** permission be granted to the Executive Director: Financial Services to submit the report in both electronic and hard copy format to the National and Provincial Treasury.
- 3 **THAT** permission be granted to the Executive Director: Financial Services to place the monthly report for June 2017 on the municipal website.