

Council Meeting – 23 Feb'17

Brief feedback:

This was the second meeting of the 2017 year and the Executive Mayor welcomed all the councillors. She delivered a brief report, which she plans will become a regular feature of her administration. It is hoped that this will give an insight into what is being done and envisaged by her office and municipal administration. Copy of the Mayor Report can be found on the Ward 2 Forum website (<http://ward2forum.org/Mayors-report-23-Feb17.pdf>)

Key points: (*I will only elaborate on those matters that have a direct influence on Ward 2*)

Agenda

1. Attendance register

Some DA Councillors not present notable Pearl Stanfliet (Botrivier) absent without leave.

2. Minutes of the executive mayor presented to the council for their record

3. Reports Presented by the Chief Audit Executive

Points of interest out of the Report:

- *IDP Annual Report – 2015/16 (to be finalised by Belinda Swartland) The report to include the following:*
 - o *Provide records of the activities of the municipality*
 - o *Report on the performance in Service Delivery & implementation of the budget.*
 - o *Promote accountability to the Local Community.*
- *Compliance 1st Q Audit*
 - o *Solid Waste Compliance found to have some weaknesses.*
 - o *Eunomia – system not being correctly applied and oversight/ lack of training issues identified.*
 - o *Significant findings in respect performance agreements for senior management. Some not complete or within prescribed Top Layer KPI's.*
 - o *SMART KPI's again ignorance, lack of training & system faults.*
 - o *General non-compliance to some aspects of the Performance Management Policy (PMP)*
 - o *Significant Findings for KPI Targets being set too low (purposefully set too low)*
 - o *Q reviews not done as per the PMP*
 - o *No Remuneration Policy based on performance and achievement of KPI's*
 - o *MSCOA – no approved Terms of reference (TOR), No view on Risk Tolerance, Risk register not reviewed, no feedback on the Risk Asset System.*
 - o *Information & Communication Technology (ICT) needs to be improved, buy in from Senior management, additional staff & funding.*

4. Operations: Report on Performance of Contractors (Oct'16 – Dec'16)

Points of interest out of the Report:

- *Report # 27 – Ghost Security: Provision of Monitoring & Armed Response **Ward 2.** Contract to Jun'17 ??*

5. Corporate Services: Human Resources – Acting Appointments

Points of interest out of the Report:

- With the posts of Dir. Technical Services, Corporate Services & Development becoming vacant these had to be filled as an interim arrangement. But due to a council resolution taken in Mar'14, Municipal Minimum Competency (MMC) prevented the appointment of acting directors until the posts are filled.
- Resolution by Exec. Mayor on the 13th Dec'16 allowed the deputy directors to be appointed as acting directors for the period until posts are filled with permanent appointments. New unit standard requirements adopted in the resolution.

6. Corporate Services: Legal Services – Establishment of a Municipal Court

Being investigated for possible implementation particularly for the proper enforcement of Municipal By-laws, traffic violations and building regulations including LUPO.

Loss of income due to the lack of support & understanding of municipal legislation by the current courts.

- Enforcement of by-laws
- Noise regulations
- Liquor outlets
- Land use Transgressions, building control matters
- Animal Control
- Road Traffic Act

7. Corporate Services: Legal Services – Bylaw on the Staging of Events

Draft Bylaw for the staging of Events for approval and adoption to be published in the Provincial Gazette.

Although this bylaw is long overdue, some specific questions are raised by the practicality of aspects of the proposed new municipal bylaw.

- Applications need to be in 30 days prior to the proposed event.
- No provision is made that the application for proposed event will be advertised in the public domain to allow for objections/appeals.
- Appeals have to be submitted within 21 days of the date of notification to the person of the decision.
- Definition for "Courts" does not provide for the possibility of a Municipal Court being established.

8. Development: LED – Revised EPWP Policy

The proposed revisions of the current EPWP policy were made, as requested by Province, to align the policy with the 3rd phase of the EPWP National Policy. Changes include:

- Number of working days per month etc.
- Demographic characteristics
- People of disability
- Conditions of employment
- Certificate of Service

Total of R 1,104,000 grant funding received for the EPWP 2016/17 from National Treasury.

9. Development: LED – Tourism Strategy & Funding Model

Recommendation withdrawn, will be tabled at a special Council Meeting in future.

10. Development: LED – Policy for the staging of Events

Policy document approved.

11. Development Services: LED – Human Settlements (HS) Terms of reference for Portfolio Committee

The Human Settlements Portfolio Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) sets out the membership, functions & powers of the HS portfolio committee.

After a caucus session by the governing party the amended TOR is adopted by Council.

12. Financial Services: Consideration & Approval of the Adjustment Budget (2016/17 & indicative for the projected outer 2 years 2017/18 & 2018/19)

13. Financial Services: SCM – Reasons for deviating in terms of the SCM policy.

The reasons given for the deviations are questioned by the opposition party.

14. Financial Services: SCM – Amendment of the SCM policy.

Will be implemented as from the 1 Apr'17.

15. Motions introduced by the Opposition in terms of Section 26 (1) of the Rules of Order.

1. R210 deposit payable by consumers when the electricity is disconnected. Finance Committee will be looking at this.
2. In terms of 27 (4) of the Rules of Order
 - Greyton Erf 595 - why his is not being mentioned as a possibility for housing.
 - ANC walk out of Council Chambers
 - On what basis was Mr Stan Wallace appointed & Why is he using the MM office.
 - Question not dealt with as they opposition had walked out and therefore initiator of the question is not present.

Supplementary Agenda

1. Disclosure of interest by the Executive mayor

Noted by Council

Meeting Adjourned

Derek S Crabtree

28 February 2017

Need more detail on each of the above points?

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