

MAKANA MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH 2017 AT 14H00

PRESENT:

Clr. N. Gaga - Executive Mayor  
Clr. Y. Vara - Speaker  
Clr. T. Bruintjies  
Clr. B. Fargher  
Clr. M. Fatyi  
Clr. T. Gaushe  
Clr. M. Gojela  
Clr. D. Holm  
Clr. B. Jackson  
Clr. M. Khubalo  
Clr. E. Louw  
Clr. M. Matyumza  
Clr. P. Matyumza  
Clr. A. Meyer  
Clr. M. Moya  
Clr. L. Sakata  
Clr. T. Seyisi  
Clr. S. Sodladla  
Clr. N. Pieters  
Clr. X. Madyo  
Clr. M. Qotoyi  
Clr. N. Mthwa  
Clr. N. Masoma  
Clr. L. Nase  
Clr. M. Xonxa

IN ATTENDANCE:

Act. Municipal Manager (Mr. M. Planaga)  
Act Dir. Corp & Shared. Serv. (Mr. E. Mager)  
Dir: Eng & Infr. Serv (Mr. D. Mlenzana)  
Act. Dir. Local Eco. Dev. (Ms. P. Gqwetha)  
Chief Financial Officer (Ms N. Siwahla)  
Manager: Riebeeck East (Ms. N. Kulati)  
Manager: Support Services (Mr. Ganza)  
IDP & PMS Manager (Mr. M. Pasiya)  
Special Programmes Unit (Mr. Wali)  
Manager: Budget (Ms. C. Mani)  
Town Planner: (Ms. G. Pogodin)  
Communications Officer (Mrs. Ramakolo)  
Committees: (Ms. L. Faltein)

ABSENT

Ms. R.J Meiring – sick leave

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OPENING

The Speaker opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. She made the following statement:

“Executive Mayor, Member of the Mayoral committee, Councillors, acting Municipal Manager and your Officials, Members of the public present and Members of the Media. I would like to welcome you all to this special council meeting.

Today we meet a day after our stalwart has been laid to rest. Ahmed Khatrada is one of our fathers that guided us. He stood trial with our Late Former President Nelson Mandela and they spent 26 years together a Robben Island. Uncle Kathy as he was well known, he served the African National Congress with humility and selflessness. He has never done anything for personal gain and many of our comrades have learnt a lot from him. His funeral yesterday was a full testimony of the kind of man he was.

The nation has also lost one of its entertainers Mr. Joe Mafela. He was well known for his roles on ‘Sgudi ‘Snaysi as “Sdumo” or as “Imbungulu” and recently on Generations. His passing will leave a huge void in our screens as he was great at what he did. Our hearts are with his family and friends and we say to all South Africans that it is well because God has decided.

I would like us all to stand and take a moment of silence to honour our fallen comrades and everyone that has left this earth to a better place.

I am not going to have a speech today due to the fact that I need to save time for our Executive Mayor and acting Municipal Manager to present to us the draft IDP and Budget. However, I would like to thank the Grahamstown Residents Association together with Bopha cleaning services joined by Cllr Gojela, Executive Mayor, Myself and Ntsika Senior Secondary School for a successful cleaning programme which targeted Ward 11. This made me realise that preaching the slogan of keeping our town clean won't help. No one is going to clean our town except us residents of Makana. I have asked Bopha cleaning services and Grahamstown Residents Association together with the Municipality to adopt the Programme and move with it to all wards of Makana where we will also be educating people about the importance of keeping our town clean.

Communication remains a problem in the institution. Employees of this institution continue to detach themselves on any challenges facing the institution. When things are bad they are the first ones to talk negatively about the Municipality and at the same time I do not blame them because they are not aware of the challenges because we do not take them to confidence.

Take the incident of the 24<sup>th</sup>, where salaries of some employees were not deposited in their bank accounts, the management relaxed as if all is well instead of informing unions immediately, so that they can inform their constituencies about the situation. That could have avoided all the bad statements on social media by our employees about the Municipality.

I would like to inform the Council that the office is in the process of reviving Moral Regeneration Movement and Women's Forum structures.”

She declared the meeting open.

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STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

The Executive Mayor welcome everyone in the meeting and mentioned that she does not have a formal statement. She mentioned that out of yesterday's thunderstorm, she called Mr. Radu to check the status of the Electricity. Mr. Radu confirmed that there were no electricity outages in town. The outages were in the location and Eskom is supplying the location.

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ANY PRESENTATION BY OUTSIDE BODIES

Nil.

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APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE (WRITTEN APOLOGIES)

Clr. C. Clark – on leave

Clr. M. Nhanha – on leave

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST (BY ANY MEMBER ON ANY ITEM THAT FORMS PART OF THE AGENDA)

Nil.

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TABLING OF THE DRAFT INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) AND MTREF BUDGET 2017/18 TO 2019/20 FOR ADOPTION

CONSIDERED:

Report dated 28 March 2017 from the acting Municipal Manager.

The Council **NOTED:**

- a) Councillors should participate in the Mayoral Imbizo's to raise all issues concerning their Wards.
- b) This document is a draft and some of the issues will be dealt with in the Mayoral Imbizos.

- c) The Municipality is complying with MSCOA regulations. The MSCOA committee has been established.
- d) The names of former Councillors in the document should be replaced with serving Councillors and the dates should be corrected.

The Council **RESOLVED:**

- a) THAT, in terms of section 25 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, (Act 32 of 2000), the draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) of the municipality for the financial years 2017-2022 be APPROVED.
- b) THAT any changes or amendments and corrections raised in the Council meeting be included in the IDP document before the document is made public.
- c) THAT, in terms of section 24 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, (Act 56 of 2003), the annual budget of the municipality for the financial year 2017/18 and the multi-year and single-year capital appropriations be APPROVED.
- d) THAT to guide the implementation of the municipality's annual budget, the policies and tariffs as set out in the Annexures of the document be APPROVED.
- e) THAT in order to facilitate multi-year budgeting, departments BE AUTHORISED to commit projects on the 2018/19 and 2019/20 budgets, on confirmed external funding sources.

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OVERSIGHT REPORT TO COUNCIL FROM MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (MPAC)

CONSIDERED:

Report dated 17 March 2017 from the acting Municipal Manager.

The Council **NOTED:**

- a) The date of the report to be changed to 30 March 2017.
- b) The Executive Mayor commended the work done by the MPAC.

The Council **RESOLVED:**

- a) THAT cognizance be taken of the Oversight report on the 2015/2016 Annual Report of the Makana Local Municipality.
- b) THAT the Council, having fully considered the Annual Report referred to above, adopts the Oversight report.
- c) THAT the 2015/2016 Annual Report of the Makana Local Municipality be adopted without reservations.
- d) THAT the Oversight Report be made public in accordance with section 129 (3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003).
- e) THAT the Oversight Report be submitted to the Provincial Legislature in accordance with section 132 (2) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003).
- f) THAT the Council considers and advise on the findings of MPAC as outlined in the report.
- g) THAT the draft reviewed Terms of Reference of the MPAC be submitted to the next Ordinary Council meeting.
- h) THAT the following priority areas for the forthcoming audit period as identified by MPAC be APPROVED:
  - Performance monitoring.
  - The strengthening of the capacity support to MPAC through training.
  - The review of the terms of reference of the MPAC and the development of a new work plan.
  - Ensuring a clean audit opinion is achieved by extending the oversight effort of MPAC throughout the Municipality.
  - Fighting corruption.

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CLOSURE

The Speaker thanked everyone who attended the meeting their professionalism in handling the item. She mentioned that schools are closed and should not be confused with the offices being closed. It should be business as usual. She mentioned that she would like to remind Councillors and Officials about the Vision and Mission of Makana Municipality that “We shall strive to ensure sustainable, affordable, equitable and quality services in a just, friendly, secure and healthy environment, which promotes social and economic growth for all”.

The meeting terminated at 14:20