

COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS AND FAMILY REMEMBER CLLR SYLVIA TLEPYANE DURING MEMORIAL SERVICE

Colleagues, friends and family members gathered at the municipal chamber, Senwabarwana in remembrance of the departed Blouberg Local Municipality Ward 17 Councillor, Sylvia Tlepyane.

Cllr Tlepyane whom was attached to Community Services Department passed on last Saturday, September 24.

Speaker after speaker described her as a soldier and a selfless leader whom dedicated her life serving the community.

Speaking on behalf of colleagues, Ward 03 Councillor and Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) Chairperson, Cllr Lazarus Maifo indicated that the death of Cllr Tlepyane was a sad moment to Blouberg Council saying they have lost one of the councillors whom they hoped would bring new energy and innovation to Council.

"The Councillor lived a purposeful life and it is for all of us to pick up the dropped baton and continue the journey that she has left. She was a selfless and a courageous individual. We have indeed lost a charioteer who always led from behind."

Councillors from opposition parties spoke fond of the late ward councillor highlighting the good relationship they had with her in and outside work.

Former Blouberg Local Municipality Chief Whip, Cllr Billy Choshi, took attendees to a trip down memory lane when he and the late councillor were serving in the governing party's youth structures. He painted a picture of how she executed her assignments without fail describing her as a humble leader and a great mobilizer.

"Sylvia was a very humble leader of our liberation movement, she was very humble yet she would do all the work requested to do. She didn't have a car as many of us didn't have resources but would make sure the work is done".

The Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga whom the untimely passing of Cllr Tlepyane touched her deeply, led the song "Sily ke Lesole lamashole" in between the items. Mayor Thamaga extended her heartfelt condolences to the Tlepyane family. She detailed the life of Cllr Tlepyane as a servant of the people and described her as a recruiter, a selfless leader whom was never about leadership positions.

"Sylvia has been voluntarily serving her community way before she was elected Ward Councillor.

we are thankful for the many years she dedicated her life to serving the community. A soldier has fallen. A community leader until the end. May her soul rest with legends like

Nelson Mandela, Mama Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, Albertina Sisulu and all departed Blouberg Local Municipality councillors.

