

## **MEDIA ARTICLE**

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## BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY LEADERSHIP GOES VIRTUAL DURING PANDEMIC, ADJUSTING TO THE NEW NORMAL

The Blouberg Local Municipality has kickstarted with the virtual meetings amid COVID-19 nationwide lockdown. The , Mayor, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi, successfully chaired the first technology-enabled Executive Committee meeting with the chairperson of the portfolio committees and senior management yesterday(11 May 2020).

The Executive Committee discussed reports emanating from management, portfolio committees as well as the special ÇOVID-19 Technical Team report that will later be forwarded to the Council for approval.

A directive from the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) ministry was that All meetings of the Council, tribunals and entities must be done using tech-enabled platforms such as teleconferencing and video conferencing in order to prevent COVID-19 spread.

Furthermore, municipalities and municipal entities are directed to convene meetings of councils and committees of council to consider and council-business related including the adoption IDPs and matters relating to provision of critical municipal services such as road and storm water, electricity, municipal health services, municipal environment services and waste management services.

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