

**MADAM SPEAKER**  
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**MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**FELLOW PR AND WARD COUNCILLORS**  
**MM AND ALL OTHER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**

GOOD DAY: THOBELA

Madam Speaker

It is not good to start your speech on a sad note. But as an African and a leader of all Africans and Blacks in particular, I always feel touched when some of us are mourning. We are used to crying and celebrate with those who are happy.

Allow me Madam Speaker, to send my condolences to the victims of the church collapse in KZN, where more than 13 people lost their lives, again Madam Speaker my condolences to the more than hundred victims who lost their loved ones again in the recent KZN floods. My heartfelt condolences Madam Speaker to the victims of the cyclone Kenneth that hit the Comoros Island as well as Mozambique. Despite the lower number in the statistics of the Easter weekend death toll, we still want to say that one death is one too many. We lost no less than 27 lives, May their souls rest in perfect peace.

This past Saturday we celebrated 25 years of democratic government. It was in 1994 when the first democratic elections were held and the apartheid government collapsed on its knees.

Let me tell you in particular those of you who were born in 1994, or were still young in 1994, the Apartheid government didn't recognise us Black people as equal citizens with others. We were considered inferior people. Life was difficult for a black person in his land of birth.

Black children were fed inferior educations that which prepared them to work as kitchen girls and garden boys of white people. In those days when people protested the government of the day sent the police to shoot and kill them.

Madam Speaker

Today we have one single education system under the government of the ANC. All deserving children have access to Universities and colleges. We have introduced school nutrition programmes i.e. feeding schemes, scholar transport, as well as no fee schools. We are gradually phasing in free education in our schools. All these things can only happen when you have a caring government of the people.

We are continuing to ensure that you receive the free basic services, like water, roads and electricity. We acknowledge that we may have not done enough, but there is hope. In the 25 years, this government has done what the apartheid government could not do in more than 300 years.

During the dark days, piped water, tarred roads and electricity were only meant for the privileged few. Today we have these things carried to our villages, if they have not arrived yet, know that they are on the way coming. It is only the ANC government that has such a plan.

This country has a better constitution envied by the whole world. Today we celebrate freedom of movement, freedom of expression, religious freedom and many more, because of this government. We have built roads, electrified villages tarred roads, built crèches' and pre-schools. We are in the process of building a shopping mall for the people of Blouberg at Senwabarwana (Bochum).

Let me remind you once more that next week Wednesday on the 8<sup>th</sup> May you should go and vote. Go and vote for a tried and tested organisation. We have started, we want to finish what we started. There is only one organisation which can do that. The organisation of your Ancestors, John Dube, Walter Sisuly, Govan Mbeki, Oliver Tambo, Nelson Mandela, Christ Hani, Peter Mokaba, Lawrence Phokanoka and many more. You cannot afford the gains achieved by these great leaders.

#### **1. Report on Third Quarter SDBIP Report 2018/19 (PAGES 13 – 157)**

Madam Speaker, it should be recalled that this council sitting is convened in terms of Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) Section 52 read with the Municipal Systems Act (MSA) Section 12 (2) which compels as follows: that *the mayor of a municipality must, within 30 days of the end of each quarter, submit a report to the council on the implementation of the budget and the financial state of affairs of the municipality*, and in this instance, the Third Quarter Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) report.

It is against the above background that we report the summarized version of the 2018/19 Third Quarter SDBIP 2018/19 Performance as follows. Out of 135 targets for the quarter, 110 targets were achieved while 25 targets were not achieved. The overall performance for the third quarter stands at 81 %. Following confirmation through the Performance Review Session held on the 25<sup>th</sup> April, a synopsis thereof is as follows:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Total Targets for the Quarter</b>	<b>Total Targets Achieved for the Quarter</b>	<b>Total Targets not Achieved</b>	<b>Overall Percentage of Targets achieved during 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>
Corporate Services	20	18	2	<b>90 %</b>
Community Services	16	14	2	<b>87 %</b>
Economic Development and Planning	16	13	3	<b>81 %</b>

Budget and Treasury	26	22	4	<b>85 %</b>
Technical Services	18	13	5	<b>72 %</b>
Municipal Manager' Office	39	30	9	<b>77 %</b>
Overall Total Municipal Targets for Third Quarter	135	110	25	<b>81 %</b>

In as much as we applaud the effort put, we reiterate that more be done to address the shortfalls of the previous quarters and ascertain a more workmen like 2018/19 season. We thus **recommend that council approve the 2018/19 Third Quarter Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) Report**

## **2. REPORT ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF BUSINESS REGISTRATION FUNCTION FOR THE MUNICIPALITY (PAGES 138 – 158)**

Madam Speaker, in terms of schedule 4 part B of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, trading regulations are a local matter to an extent set out in section 155 (6) and (7) respectively. It should also be recalled that among the purposes of the LIBRA, assignment of the alluded to powers was located to local government. The District LED Forum also played a pivotal role in respect of communication with the LEDET in respect of the matter. An action plan has been developed to facilitate and guide the process. We therefore **recommend that Council approves the report on assignment of business registration function for the municipality** as that will ultimately ensure income generation.

## **3. REPORT ON UIF FROM JULY TO MARCH 2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR AS WELL AS (PAGES 159 – 164)**

Madam Speaker, The municipality is required in terms of section 32 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003 to inform the Mayor, the MEC for local government in the Province and the Auditor-General in writing of

- a) Any unauthorized, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred by the municipality
- b) Whether any person is responsible or under investigation for such unauthorized, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure, and
- c) The steps that have been taken –
  - (i) To recover or rectify such expenditure, and
  - (ii) To prevent a recurrence of such expenditure

**We therefore recommend a. That Council writes – off UIF expenditure that occurred from July to March in the 2018/19 Financial Year amounting to R37, 800.00 which was recorded as Irregular expenditure and R1022.23 that was recorded as Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure**

**b. And further note Deviation amounting to R729 507. 45**

#### **4. REPORT ON EXPENDITURE FOUND BY AGSA DURING 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR AUCIT (PAGES 165 – 168)**

Madam Speaker, as alluded to through prior legislation, the following expenditures as revealed by the AGSA came to light.

Having gone through all prior reports we therefore **recommend that council writes – off expenditure that occurred in the 2017/18 Financial Year amounting to R1, 998,949.29 which was recorded as Irregular Expenditure and R 2393.28 was recorded as Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure**

#### **5. REPORT ON HUMAN RESOURCE POLICIES (Pages 169 – 179)**

Madame Speaker, Human Resource policies are formal rules and procedures that dictate how certain matters should be addressed in the workplace, including employee rights and duties. HR policies are tied to employment laws. To avoid non-compliance and penalties from the government, employers must adhere to HR policies.

HR policies and procedures assist an organization in establishing and maintaining consistent practices in the workplace. Unpredictable changes in employee matters such as benefits, schedules and responsibilities create the risk of making employees dissatisfied and may lead to conflicts among the employees.

Human Resource Policies are continuing guidelines on the approach an organization intends to adopt in managing its people. Human Resource Management deals with issues related to compensation, performance management, organisation development, safety, wellness, benefits, employee motivation, training and others. HRM plays a strategic role in managing people and the workplace culture and environment.

The Auditor General South Africa found defects and/or non - availability in the Car Allowance and Overtime Policies which are hereby brought before council for consideration and approval. **It is therefore recommended that council approves the proposed/revised Car Allowance as well as the Overtime Policies**

#### **6. REPORT ON DECISIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL (PAGES 180 – 198)**

Madam Speaker, you are quite apprised of the fact that the Executive Committee is the principal committee of the Council of the Municipality with statutory powers and functions assigned to it by section 44 of the Local Government : Municipal Structures Act, No 117 of 1998 and Chapter 5 of the Delegation of Powers Register approved by the Council on 04 November 2009. Section 44 (4) of the Municipal Structures Act enjoins the Executive Committee to report to the Council on all decisions taken by the Executive Committee. During the period in issue the Executive Committee met on the 28/01/2019 in the Municipal Westwing Boardroom (Senwabarwana), 24/02/2019 (Swartwater) as well as the 25/03/2019 Welgeleing (Mankgodi - 21) while council also met in January , February and March and took decisions (attached) in line with the powers and functions referred to herein above. Detailed report and reasons for the Executive Committee and council decisions can be availed to the Council should the Council so resolve. We hereby **recommend that Council notes the decisions taken by the Executive Committee and Council for January - March 2019**

#### **7. REPORT ON THE REVISED BUDGET IN RESPECT OF THE REVISED DORA (ADDENDUM)**

Madame Speaker, In terms of Section 28(2)(b) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, the Municipal adjustments budget may appropriate additional revenues that have become available over and above those anticipated in the annual budget, but only to revise or accelerate spending programs already budgeted for. Council of the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 approved the adjusted budget amounting to **R 311,926,190**. National Treasury and the Department of Cooperative Governance revised DORA on Municipal Systems Improvement Grant. The full component of the **2018/19** MSIG allocation to Municipality of **R1,055,000** is converted from schedule 6B (indirect) to schedule 5B (Direct) grant meaning that the funds will be transferred directly to Blouberg Local Municipality.

It is therefore against the above background that **Council approves the adjustments of the Revenue Budget from R 311,926,190 to R 312,981,190** and Expenditure Budget from **R 358,113,237 to R 359,168,237**. The grant will be utilized on connectivity project.

**Madam Speaker I thank you.**