

**Madam Speaker Cllr Maria Thamaga  
Chief Whip Cllr Billy Choshi  
MPAC Chairperson Cllr Jonathan Sekgoloane  
Members of the Executive Committee  
Honourable PR and Ward Councillors  
Municipal Manager Mr Machaba and your Committed team of  
Senior Managers.  
All other municipal officials.  
Mantona ba ba lego gona mo.  
CWDs and Ward Committee members.**

Madam Speaker allow me to pass my greetings to this August house. Mandela month is almost coming to an end. We have seen many activities honouring this icon being carried out by both government and Non-governmental organisations. The manner in which people have volunteered to assist the needy in this month, that is; without being forced, has made me wish that if every month was to be a Mandela month, South Africa would become a better place to live in..All that was done was done in the true spirit of Mandela.

Madam Speaker, it has become a norm these days that everytime we have a council sitting, we should acknowledge those who have lost their lives. It is even more painful when you have to do so for those who lost their lives, because of human element. We all know that death is unavoidable but for us to lose our fellow comrades through the barrel of a gun, from a trigger pulled deliberately by a human being is totally unacceptable. This barbaric killing of our politicians are condemned in the strongest possible means and the perpetrators of these senseless killings should be brought to book. Once found they should rot in jail since they are not fit to mix with society “ ke ka bohloko bjo bogolo bja pelo ge ke swanetše ke fetiše mantšu a mahloko go malapa a comrade “ Valtyn Kekana yo e bego ele Chairperson ya MPAC Mogalakwena Municipality le Ralph Kanyane yo e bego ele mongwaledi wa lekala la ANC gona seleteng sa Waterbeg ebile ele moshomi ka Masepaleng wa Mogalakwena. “.

Death also robbed us of our Ward Committee member Abram Ramaphala, He served the people of ward seventeen (17) with dedication .He has always being part of a collective who won awards for the ward. We are losing him at a time we are to gather in a ward Committee conference this coming month of August to take stock of the achievements since the last one at Elephant springs in 2018. His selfless commitment to the upliftment of the lives our people will forever be remembered.

Let me also pass my heartfelt condolences to the families of the former Orlando Pirates, Kaizer Chiefs and Bafana Bafana player Marc Batchelor who was also shot and killed by unknown gun men in front of his home gate entrance. As if that was not enough almost five days ago we also lost the Brazilian football legend Edson Arantes do Nascimento known as Pele (Pele Brazil) in Paris hospital at the age of 78. The South African music industry also lost the famous South African music icon Johny Clegg aka Juluka who succumbed to cancer at the age of sixty six(66). Jonathan Paul Clegg was a South African musician and

anthropologist .His band Juluka began as a duo with Sipho Mchunu and was the first group in the South African apartheid era with a white man and the black man.

Madam Speaker this Council meeting has been convened to deal with amongst reports as follows:

**1. FOURTH QUARTER AS PER APPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2018/19 (PAGES 31-149)**

Madam Speaker, let me kick off the Executive Committee reports by presenting to council progress achieved in respect of the Fourth Quarter Performance as per the approved 2018/19 Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan of the municipality as well as the summarized version of the Annual 2018/19 SDBIP performance per KPA. Madam Speaker, as elucidated in your documents, the table below indicates the summary of Fourth Quarter SDBIP 2018/19 Performance. Out of 140 targets for the quarter, 122 targets were achieved while 18 targets were not achieved. The overall performance for the fourth quarter stands at 87 %

<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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
Corporate Services	24	22	2	88 %
Community Services	18	17	1	95 %
Economic Development and Planning	16	14	2	87 %
Budget and Treasury	27	23	4	85 %
Technical Services	18	15	3	83 %
Municipal Manager' Office	37	31	6	84 %
<b>Overall Total Municipal Targets for Fourth Quarter</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>87 %</b>

Madam Speaker, it is of cardinal importance to note that quarterly reports like the one alluded to culminate into an annual performance report. The Annual 2018/19 SDBIP Performance per KPA is as follows: Out of 180 targets for the year, 159 targets were achieved while 21 targets were not achieved. The overall annual performance stands at 88 %. Though it makes for very interesting reading, we hold the belief that there is always room for improvement. Please refer to your documents for further details.

### Capital grants spending

We were able to spend MIG 100 % whilst INEP spending is at 83 %. The shortfall relates to incomplete electrification projects. Electrification of Ward 01 villages(Raweshi, Cracow, Early dawn,Lekgwara and Oldlongsigne) was not completed due poor to performance of the contractor . The consultant was appointed to complete the project on turnkey.

### Township Development and Establishment

Madam Speaker, of the 200 stands at Alldays were able to sell 80 and 116 will be sold in the current financial year.

Madam Speaker I once more table before you the progress on erf 300 which is earmarked for a commercial development. It is with great pleasure to give Council an update on the mall project which is a ground breaking development meant to contribute to economic growth of Senwabarwana town and the rest of Blouberg Local Municipality. Madam Speaker, we recently sealed our lease agreement with the developer and are in the process of registering the notarial deed with the deeds office to ensure that all legal requirements are met.

Madam Speaker you will recall that we are in a process of developing 3 townships within the following farms: Alldays remaining portion of portion4 of farm Alldays 295 MS, Farm Bochum 178LS and farm Bochum 145 LS. The report is for Council to note the progress of the projects, wherein all three projects are in the process of compiling EIA, geotech and engineering studies. Besides the issues of land invasion, the projects will continue until registration in the year 2020 as per the project plans. Draft layout plans have been submitted for consideration by the Municipality before they are made final. Madam Speaker, for us is to support the projects and ensure that all stakeholders are aware of the developments happening within their Municipality

### Revenue Collection

Madama Speaker highlights in terms of revenue collection are as follows:

Revenue Projection	Actual	Percentage Collection	Reason for variance	Corrective Measure
R 26 666 000 sale of electricity	R 20,995 779	78%	Illegal connections	Meter audit program Change business conventional meters to prepaid meter
R 800 000 Rural Development	R 84 824	80%	No campaigns were held, due to the political climate	Program was developed to visit wards with RMC members. Currently busy at ward 1
R26 500 000 Property rates	R 6,854,225	26%	Departments not yet paid	Invoices were submitted <b>R 33 000 000 awaiting payment by public works</b>
R 16 949 606 Other income	R 11,314 744	66%	Sale of sites	Develop new disposal model

Madam Speaker, The picture illustrated in not well. The revenue Management committee must intensify its work so that improve on collection.

Madam Speaker, it is hereby **recommended that Council approves the 2018/19 Fourth Quarter SDBIP and overall Annual performance.**

## **2. REPORT ON MUNICIPAL BACK TO BASICS ACTION PLAN (PAGES 150 – 166)**

Madam Speaker, let me remind this August that the Presidency and CoGTA, in consultation with all Municipalities and SALGA had during a Local Government Lekgotla adopted .the B2B concept as a rallying call to action in order to ensure that Municipalities deliver on their mandates. It is a call to action to Municipalities to go back to basics and do what they are mandated to do. Every Municipality is required to develop an annual action plan and report to both the Provincial CoGHSTA and CoGTA on monthly, quarterly and annual basis. It is against this background that the B2B 2019/20 Action Plan has been developed and brought to council for consideration. It is therefore **recommended that council approves the 2019/20 Action Plan**

## **3. REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF SDBIP 2019/20 (PAGES 167 – 319)**

Madam Speaker, let me point out that Municipalities are annually obliged to develop and approve the SDBIP upon approval of IDP/Budget. In terms of legislation, the Municipal Manager must submit Draft SDBIP and Draft Performance agreements within 14 days after approval of IDP/Budget to the Mayor (MFMA no 56 of 2003 Sec 69(3) (a) and (b). In terms of the MFMA Act no 56 of 2003 Sec 53(1) (c) (ii) the Mayor must approve the SDBIP within 28 days after approval of IDP/Budget. The Draft SDBIP 2019/20 and Draft Performance Agreements were submitted to the Office of the Mayor by the Municipal Manager within 14 days of approval of the IDP/Budget. The Mayor approved the Final SDBIP 2019/20 within 28 days after approval of IDP/Budget 2019/20 as per the provisions of the Act. It is **recommended that Council notes the SDBIP 2019/20.**

## **4. REPORT ON FOURTH QUARTER B2B REPORT 2018/19 (PAGES 320 – 336)**

Honourable Speaker, the purpose of the report is to bring Fourth Quarter B2B Report for consideration. Municipalities are compelled to quarterly compile a B2B report in line with their action plans. The fourth quarter report has thus been compiled and brought before council for consideration. We hereby **recommend that approves the report the Fourth Quarter B2B Report 2018/19**

## **5. REPORT ON THE 2019/2020 IDP/BUDGET PROCESS PLAN (PAGES 337 – 351)**

Madam Speaker, Municipalities are required to develop the road map with time schedule of key deadlines in line with Municipal Finance Management Act No 21 (1)(b) and 53(1)(b). The municipal Mayor should then present the process plan in the council meeting for approval. The plan shall serve as the activity plan for the development and implementation of the municipal programs. In order to ensure certain minimum

quality standard of the Integrated Development Plan and proper coordination between and within spheres of government, the preparation of the process plan is regulated in the Municipal Systems Act, chapter 05 section 28(1) of 2000. The process plan is further regulated by the Municipal Systems Act, Chapter 05 section 28(1) of 2000 and Municipal Finance Management Act No 21(1)(b) and 53(1)(b). It should further be noted that failure to develop the IDP/Budget 2019/2020 process plan is tantamount to noncompliance with the above-mentioned acts and shall lead the municipality not reviewing the IDP on time. It is hereby **recommended that Council approves the 2019/2020 IDP/Budget Process Plan.**

#### **6. REPORT ON THE MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE (PAGES 352 – 368)**

Madam Speaker, In compliance with the provisions of the Municipal System Act 32 of 200, which specifies in terms of section 66a that:

A municipal manager, within a policy framework determined by the municipal council and subject to any applicable legislation, must

- Approve a staff establishment for the municipality;
- Provide a job description for each post on the staff establishment;
- Attach to those posts the remuneration and other conditions of service as may be determined in accordance with any applicable labour legislation;

Establish a process or mechanism to regularly evaluate the staff establishment and if necessary, review the staff establishment and the remuneration and conditions of services

Honourable Speaker, the Act further dictates that a municipal manager must, within 12-months review the municipality's staff establishment based on strategic objectives and core support functions. It is therefore **recommended that the municipal organizational structure be reviewed as follows:**

- a) **To move IDP from Municipal Manager's Office to the Department of Economic Development and Planning**
- b) **To move Satellite Offices from Corporate Services to Community Services**
- c) **Rename facilities unit to be Recreation and Facilities**
- d) **Admin Officer in the Office of Chief Whip be moved to IDP Officer position**
- e) **Move the Communications Unit from the Office of the Mayor to Corporate Services Department**
- f) **Move Sports Development Unit from the Mayor's Office to the Department of Community Services.**
- g) **To reinstate the position of Waste Management Officer, be added on the organizational structure under Environmental and Waste Management unit attached to Community Services Department**

#### **7. REPORT ON ACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DIRECTOR: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (PAGES 369 – 371)**

Madam Speaker, the Director for Economic Development and Planning, Charity Mapholi will be going on maternity leave from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. It is incumbent upon council to ensure that legislation in respect of acting arrangements be pursued to the latter. That implies that council should in terms of the Municipal Systems Act of 2000 as amended appoint a person who'd act on behalf of the director for a stipulated period of time. It is against that background that it is **recommended that council appoints Manager: Local Economic Development, Moremi M.S to act as director for a period not exceeding three months from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.**

8. **REPORT ON AG ACTION PLAN AND INTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN (PAGE 372-389)**

Municipality after receiving the AG audit outcome, an action plan was developed to address the queries raised, and Madam Speaker it is my pleasure to report that of the total 50 queries raised all the 50 queries were addressed.(which translate to 100%).

Madam Speaker, the Internal Audit unit has a mandate of ensuring the upkeep of sound practices and has in the process audited various aspects such as Fleet Management, Supply Chain Management, Traffic, Revenue, Subsistence and Travelling as well as Overtime. Some of the findings revealed some internal control deficiencies as well as possible indicators of financial misconduct. Management developed an action plan to implement the findings. The action plan is comprised of 74 findings, and 54 findings have been resolved, while 20 are still in progress. It is hereby **recommended that the Audit activities be noted by council**

As per internal audit finding in relation to subsistence and travel some financial irregularities were found. One official has irregularly paid money into his account without authorization of his supervisors. The official has been put on precautionary suspension. The report will be submitted to Council and further to the financial misconduct board once the investigations are finalized.

Madam Speaker in keeping with the Municipality' code of conduct, thus far, the Municipality has charged and brought to finality the cases involving four employees on various cases of misconduct.

9. **REPORT ON ZONDO COMMISSION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (PAGE 390)**

Madam Speaker, since its establishment, the Zondo Commission had been interacting with various municipalities including ours. Initially the commission wanted to know whether the municipality made business with any Gupta linked companies. The response indicated that we never made a business with the Gupta linked companies. The commission however, made a request to be provided with information as spelt out in the agenda documents. It is therefore **recommended that the request by the Zondo Commission be noted by council.**

10. **REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PAGE 391-398)**

Madame Speaker, it is common knowledge 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 24/05/2019 and the 24/06/2019 both in the Municipal Westwing Boardroom (Senwabarwana) and took decisions which are attached and are in line with the powers and functions referred to herein above. It should be

noted that a detailed report and reasons for the Executive Committee decisions can be availed to the Council should the Council so resolve. It is urged that **Council notes the decisions taken by the Executive Committee in May/June 2019.**

**Madam Speaker once more let me take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to come and present the reports to this August Council.**