

ATTENDANCE REGISTER FOR COUNCIL

DATE: 28.08.2014

Her Worship the Mayor M. Mokooane

Deputy Mayor Cllr. M. Mabitso

Councillor H. Majara

Councillor M. Makong

Councillor M. Matlanyane

Councillor T. Mphutlane

Councillor M. Lempetje

Councillor M. Selate

Councillor T. Moleko

Councillor M. Monyane

Councillor M. Hoohlo-Sakoane

Councillor M. Khaile

Councillor L. Karala

Councillor M. Matsoso

Councillor M. Mosotho

Councillor L. Machela

Councillor M. Mophethe

Cllr. N. Sebapi

11 M. Motšoane





















MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE BOARDROOM ON THE 28TH AUGUST 2014

Meeting commenced: 09:10 a.m.
Meeting concluded: 12:05 p.m.

PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Councillor Motloheloa Mabitso	Member-Chairing
Councillor Malakia Selate	Member
Councillor Monare Mophethe	Member
Councillor Molapi Matlanyane	Member
Councillor Mthimkhulu Mosotho	Member
Councillor 'Manthoba Khaile	Member
Councillor 'Mantsane Monyane	Member
Councillor Lebohang Karala	Member
Councillor Tšosane Mphutlane	Member
Councillor 'Masechaba 'Makong	Member
Councillor 'Malerato Lempetje	Member
Councillor 'Malineo Motšoane	Member
Councillor 'Mataelo Matsoso	Member
Councillor Hlathe Majara	Member
Councillor Mofonase Hoohlo-Sakoane	Member
Councillor Ntsane Sehapi	Member

APOLOGY

Her Worship the Mayor Councillor 'Mateboho Mokooane	Chairperson
Councillor Tsiping Moleko	Member
Councillor Lirahalibonoe Machela	Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. 'Mamolemo Moseme	Acting Town Clerk (ATC)
Mrs. 'Mantsopa Leboela	Director Parks and Recreation (DPR)
Mrs. Lintle Moerane	Public Relations Officer (PRO)
Mrs. Ntsoaki Matobo	Director Planning and Development (DPD)
Mr. Sabata Moeketsi	Principal Technical Officer (PTO)
Mr. Seshea Mokhehle	Administrative Secretary (CT)
Adv. Tieho Phatsisi	Chief Legal Officer (CLO)
Mr. Mohale Mosothoane	Human Resource Manager (HRM)
Mr. Motseki Khuto	Director Health and Environment (DHE)
Ms. Nkobo Kobeli	Assistant Committee Officer (ACO)

PRAYER

Councillor Motšoane led the meeting in prayer.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The proposed agenda was adopted.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ATC made the following announcements:

- 2.1 Her Worship the Mayor would not be able to attend the meeting due to ill health.
- 2.2 From the 26th to the 30th August 2014, the TC attended a workshop on United Cities and Local Government of Africa in Pretoria, Republic of South Africa.
- 2.3 The Town Clerk and City Treasurer were detained at Police Head Quarters from the 30th to the 31st July 2014, suspected of fraud and misappropriation of funds. Their case was withdrawn on the 1st August 2014.
- 2.4 Maseru City Council's Silver Jubilee School Competitions was successfully conducted from the 9th to the 10th August 2014 at Lehakoe Recreational Club.
- 2.5 Local Government Service Commission extended the contract of the Senior Land Surveyor, Mr. Nkopane Kuenane by two years effectively from January 2013 to January 2015.
- 2.6 Local Government Service Commission had appointed Mrs. Tanki Mokhabi to the position of Assistant Administrative Officer with effect from the 1st August 2014.
- 2.7 On the 6th August 2014, the DPD attended a meeting with the Department of Micro Economic Development (Ministry of Finance) and representatives of International Money Fund on property tax policy.
- 2.8 From the 7th to the 10th August 2014, the Senior Planner Development Control, attended a workshop on Private Sector Competitiveness and Economic Diversification Projects in Bloemfontein, Republic of South Africa.
- 2.9 On the 5th August 2014, the DPD attended a meeting at Adv. Phafane's offices regarding compensation of Tumo Majoro. Mr Majoro had lodged a complaint that Maseru City Council did not compensate his grandparents when it declared Selective Development Area at Ha Thetsane in 1988.
- 2.10 Lawn Mower Operators had re-instituted a case at DDPR versus Maseru City Council for underpayment of salaries. In 2011, the said operators sued MCC at DDPR on the above-mentioned matter and decision was made that MCC should check whether it would be able to cater for an increment to their salaries.

- 2.11 The CLO received a call from the office of the Labour Commissioner indicating that there were some MCC staff members who claimed that their accumulated leave days were not well calculated or not paid at all. The said employees indicated that they lodged their complaint with the concerned offices, however, there had been no response to date.
- 2.12 On the 15th August 2014, Maseru City Council had a meeting with Operations Management of WASCO. WASCO reported that the Contractor engaged by the Council had tampered with their pipe lines without notifying them at Old Europa.
- 2.13 The CE had a meeting with Big Bravo Construction regarding their performance guarantee. It was stated that the insurance company which Big Bravo Construction claimed to have been insured by had stated that they only knew Big Bravo Investment as their client not Big Bravo Constructions. The said company was contracted by the Council to construct the Matala Phase I Road.
- 2.14 The Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture invited the DPD to a meeting regarding demolishing of Old 'Mantsebo House at Institution for Development Management premises.
- 2.15 CLO, DPD and Roads Directorate had a meeting regarding adverts that were erected along roads that were controlled by Roads Directorate. It was agreed that Roads Directorate should identify those billboards that were not appropriately located. It was also agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding between Maseru City Council and Roads Directorate would be drafted.
- 2.16 Directorate on Corruption and Economic Offences had requested evaluation reports relating to the award of tender for consultancy services to SM Consulting Engineers from 2006 to 2013 and Sigma/UMPSO tender document for Matala Phase I.
- 2.17 On the 7th August 2014, the matter between MCC and Maseru East Community High School was heard in the High Court. It was stated that in February 2014, the case was instituted against the said school complaining that it was operating illegally and was within residential site. Due to unavailability of Judges, MCC would make a proposal that the school should continue its operations until December 2014.
- 2.18 There would be an advertisement over local newspapers with regard to refurbishment of MCC Bus Stops.
- 2.19 On the 14th August 2014, Maseru City Council had a meeting with Taxi Operators regarding refurbishments of MCC Busstops.
- 2.20 On the 13th August 2014, Maseru City Council Netball Club would play friendly games with Mafeteng Lesotho Mounted Police Services, at Mafeteng.

- 2.21 The City Engineer had a meeting and site inspection with NAM Consult regarding connection of their LCA Building storm water drainage system to MCC system along Qoaling Road at Old Europa.
- 2.22 Councillor Sehapi announced that Councillor Makong would be late to the meeting of Council due to other pressing issues.
- 2.23 Deputy Mayor announced that Councillor Machela would be late to the meeting of Council due to other pressing issues.
- 2.24 Councillor Tsiping Moleko would not be able to attend the meeting. Her mother had passed away. She would be laid to rest on the 30th August 2014 at Lower Thamae.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES (16/07/2014)

Minutes of the 16th July 2014 were read and adopted subject to the following corrections.

- 3.1 Page 6, 6: 6.4.1 – the phrase “...was supposed to be demolished...” was inserted between the words “was” and “demolished”.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. ALTERATION ON THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL SERVICE FEES

- 5.1 The Chairperson of the Management Committee presented a report requesting the Council to approve the alteration on Municipal Service Fees so that a large number of Maseru residents could afford to pay and extend service across Maseru.
- 5.2 MCC came up with a strategy to make sure that every resident of Maseru pays a Municipal service fee irrespective of whether residents reside in a ratable or non-ratable area. The strategy was designed in such a way that areas which were classified by MCC as high income, would pay M4, 000. 00, middle income, M2000.00 and low income M1, 000. 00 per annum.
- 5.3 It was stated that during sensitization campaigns which MCC held with residents, some people felt the rates were too high for them and they requested MCC to reconsider. A consideration to that effect was made and a reduction to M170. 00 per month. It was indicated that in areas where there was Community Contracting, residents should pay M150 instead of M180.00 and M80.00 instead of M100.00.
- 5.4 **Comments:**
- 5.4.1 Councillor Hoohlo-Sakoane wanted to know whether there was law supporting the Council to increase its service fees. In response it was stated

that Section 5 of Local Government Act of 1997 as amended allows the Council to increase service fees.

- 5.4.2 Councillor Hoohlo-Sakoane wanted to know the criteria that was used on the proposal. In response, it was stated that consultations were made with Mantsopa Local Municipality.

Resolution: 007/2014

That alteration of Municipal service fees be approved so that a large number of Maseru residents could afford to pay for service across Maseru

6. PROGRESS REPORT ON ROADS REHABILITATION

- 6.1 The Chairperson of Management Committee presented to the Council the report on MCC Plant Productivity for the month of July 2014.

- 6.2 It was stated that a total of 1736m³ was excavated, hauled and spread over a length of 1736 m. It was stated that roads program was on hold because all graders were grounded with mechanical problem. It was also stated that culverts and drainage were cleaned at Sea-Point, Hills View, Khubetsoana and Ha Hoohlo.

6.3 Comments

- 6.3.1 Councillor Mosotho raised a concern that the road from Lithoteng to Ha Abia needs to be rehabilitated. He also suggested that progress on Lekhalaneng – Pita – Matala should be included in the report. In response, it was stated that Lekhalaneng – Pita – Matala Road was funded by Road Fund, therefore, report would be furnished during the construction.

- 6.3.2 Councillor Mophethe wanted to know the time on which gravel roads would be maintained. In response, it was stated that rehabilitation of roads was on halt due to financial constrains.

6.4 Council adopted the report.

7. FINANCE MONTHLY REPORT

- 7.1 The Chairperson of the Management Committee presented a Finance Monthly report for July 2014.

- 7.2 The report indicated that revenue collected during the month of July 2014 was M4, 239,608.00 while expenditure was M4, 824, 968. 00 resulting in a deficit of M585, 360. 00.

7.3 Comment

7.3.1 Councillor Lempetje wanted to know what action was being taken against people who ran away with wheel clamps. It was stated that the said people were reported to the Police for further action.

7.4 Council adopted the report.

8. QUESTION TIME (Questions from Councillor Mthimkhulu Mosotho)

8.1 Councillor Mthimkhulu Mosotho stated that it had been six months whereby he reported that there had been animals that were grazing on catchment area of 'Mamenoaneng in MCC10. It was stated that the owners of the animals which were impounded at the said catchment refused to pay damages. Councillor Mosotho wanted to know as to when the case of the culprit would be opened. In response, it was stated that the case was handed over to the offices of the Prosecutor, however, a follow-up would be made on the matter.

8.2 Councillor Mosotho wanted to know the amount that had been collected from the said impounding. He also wanted to know the number of livestock that were impounded at the said area. It was suggested that the TC, CLO and Councillor Mosotho should have the meeting on the matter

8.3 Councillor Mthimkhulu Mosotho also wanted to know when would Councillors be informed about progress on implementation of court judgment on a case of former Her Worship the Mayor Councillor Mofonase Hoohlo-Sakoane versus Maseru City Council. In response, it was stated that legal damages amounting to a total cost of M10, 820.00, had been paid.

Councillor Motšoane closed a meeting with the prayer.

Chairperson Date.....



30/09/14