



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SWARTLAND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, HELD IN THE MALMESBURY BANQUETING HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2018 AT 15:00

PRESENT:

Speaker, clr M A Rangasamy
Acting Executive Mayor, ald M S I Goliath

Bekebu, Z (ANC)	Philander, D B (ANC)
Bess, D G (DA)	Smit, N (DA)
Daniels, C (DA)	Sneewe, A M (ANC)
De Beer, J M (DA)	Solomons, P E (DA)
Humphreys, F S (ANC)	Stanley, B J (DA)
Mfutwana, L E (EFF)	Stemele, O M (DA)
McQuire, V D (DA)	Van der Westhuizen, R F (DA)
Papers, C H (DA)	Zatu, N S (ANC)
Penxa, B J (ANC)	

Officials:

Municipal Manager, mr J J Scholtz
Director: Electrical Engineering Services, mr R du Toit
Director: Civil Engineering Services, mr L D Zikmann
Director: Financial Services, mr M A C Bolton
Director: Security Services, mr P A C Humphreys
Director: Corporate Services, ms M S Terblanche
Director: Development Services, mr J T Steenkamp
Manager: Secretarial and Records, ms N Brand

1. OPENING

The Speaker welcomed the acting Executive Mayor, councillors and officials.

The Speaker asked Clr N Smit to open the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer bearing in mind that it is Women's Month.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from the Executive Mayor, ald T van Essen, clrs C B Fortuin, E S M Maart and M van Zyl.

3. DEPUTATIONS/DECLARATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

3.1 COMMUNICATION FROM THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER: SWARTLAND MUNICIPALITY DECLARED THE WINNER OF THE GREENEST MUNICIPALITY COMPETITION

The Speaker gave the Municipal Manager, mr J J Scholtz, the opportunity to advise the Council in respect of Swartland Municipality's honour as being named the Greenest Municipality in the Country.

The Municipal Manager explained that the biggest challenge was to win the provincial round of the competition, because the competition in the Western Cape was very stiff. Swartland Municipality prepared itself very thoroughly for the competition, because the prize money of R 3,5 million can make a huge difference.

The focus of the competition has changed from the “cleanest town” to the “greenest town” and this meant that the competition consisted of many more categories, eg waste management, energy efficiency, management of water resources, greening initiatives, air pollution management and so forth.

The Municipal Manager explained that, taking the latter into account, the preparation and entry was a collective effort, which makes getting 1st place all the more special. For example, the councillors who opted to get their agendas electronically, made a contribution to the effort of being “greener”.

The Municipal Manager continued by handing the trophy over to the Executive Mayor and the Speaker.

FOR INFORMATION

4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 APPROVAL OF THE 2018/2019 ROLLOVER ADJUSTED CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS (5/1/1/1, 5/1/1/2 – 2018/2019)

The Speaker gave the Municipal Manager, mr J J Scholtz, the opportunity to present the item to the Council.

The Municipal Manager referred to the relevant legislation and explained that the rollover adjusted budgets envisaged rolling over projects, which, due to unforeseen circumstances could not be completed during the 2017/2018 financial year, into the 2018/2019 financial year.

Specific reference was made to the RSEP projects, five in total, which were not completed, due to a liquidation application against the contractor which could not be successfully resolved. With the result that the municipality had to again call for tenders. The Municipal Manager confirmed that the new tender was awarded before the end of the 2017/2018 financial year.

Because the RSEP funding is an external source of funding from the Province, discussions were held with the latter in order to get approval for the rollover of funds, and approval has been given.

In answer to a question from clr B J Penxa in respect of the short timeframe available to the various committees which had to consider the rollover adjusted budget, the Municipal Manager explained that, according to legislation, the budget must be approved by 25 August.

The Municipal Manager also confirmed, in answer to a question from clr D B Philander, that, to date, no revised information had come from either the Budget Management Committee meeting or the Executive Mayor’s Committee meeting.

After various questions posed by clr D B Philander in respect of the schedules in the item, the Director: Financial Services confirmed that the only amendments to the schedules arose from the eight projects which were rolled over and budgeted for in the 2017/2018 financial year. It will therefore be advisable to ask the questions during the consideration of the multi-year budget.

The 2018/2019 rollover adjusted capital and operating budgets were considered by the Executive Mayor’s Committee on 22 August 2018, for recommendation to the Council.

The Speaker brought the matter to the vote and it was decided (in the absence of four councillors) with 13 votes in favour thereof, and six councillors who abstained from voting.

RESOLUTION

(proposed by clr O M Stemele, seconded by clr V D McQuire)

- (a) That the Budget Steering Committee convened to consider the explanations and motivations provided by the financial staff and other directors;

- (b) That it be noted that the changes in the budget will have no impact on tariffs in respect of the 2018/2019 financial year and no impact on the budgeted surplus excluding capital grants of R10 951 610;
- (c) That it be noted that the 2018/2019 roll-over adjustments budget does not have an impact on the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 outer financial years as approved on 30 May 2018;
- (d) That approval be granted for the roll-over of unspent RSEP grant funding as approved by Provincial Treasury in respect of the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 financial year, totalling R3 816 114 (refer to detail under 2.3) which will increase the RSEP funded projects to R6 316 114 in the 2018/19 financial year;
- (e) That approval also be granted for the roll-over of unspent Human Settlements grant funding to the amount of R1 533 288 (refer to detail under 2.1) and the roll-over of own funding (CRR) to the amount of R2 947 340 (refer to detail under 2.3);
- (f) That the adjusted budget schedule as required by the Budget and Reporting Regulations be approved as set out in **Annexure A**;
- (g) That the Director: Financial Services adhere to the statutory requirements of the MFMA and inform National and Provincial Treasury accordingly;
- (h) That the Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) be amended accordingly where appropriate;
- (i) That approval be granted to amend the capital and operating budget for 2018/2019 as follows:

	Original Budget 2018/2019	Adjustments Budget 2018/2019	Original Budget 2019/2020	Original Budget 2020/2021
Capital budget	R 87 245 909	R 94 009 363	R 97 544 038	R 123 974 860
Operating Expenditure	R 698 278 426	R 699 811 714	R 711 223 093	R 730 314 794
Operating Revenue	R 746 205 036	R 751 554 438	R 792 475 517	R 831 670 644
Budgeted (Surplus)/ Deficit	(R 47 926 610)	(R 51 742 724)	(R 81 252 425)	(R 101 355 849)
Less: Capital Grants	R 36 975 000	R 40 791 114	R 42 261 000	R 42 685 000
(Surplus)/ Deficit	(R 10 951 610)	(R 10 951 610)	(R 38 991 425)	(R 58 670 849)

**SIGNED
SPEAKER**