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PROGRESS REPORT ON FAMERS PRODUCTION SUPPORT UNIT (FSPU) PROJECT
(KALKUIL FARM 153 PORTIN 2(AED, LED, Planning) (12/1/18)

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to inform the Section 80 Committee on progress regarding Farmers Support Production Unit Project that is currently under construction in the District of Odendaalsrus (Kalkkuil Farm 153 Portion 2)

BACKGROUND

The Free State Provincial Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR) approached Matjhabeng Municipality Local Economic Development Directorate (LED) around 2017 requesting a permission to conduct an assessment for the establishment of Famers Support Production Unit (FSPU/Agri-Park). The Kalkuil Farm 153 Portion 2 was therefore identified as a suitable area for that purpose. The Municipal Manager therefore issued communiqué permitting DRDLR to go ahead with the project on the 2nd November 2017 and Special Power of Attorney was given to SMEC South Africa (Implementing Agents) on the 25th January 2018 regarding the land in question.

DISCUSSION

The DRDLR issued an advert for construction of Logistics Centre (Mechanisation Centre) and Bulk Services which is the first phase for the FPSU in November 2019 and appointment letter was issued to a Company named DEMENGES Construction and a company named Engineering Aces was appointed to oversee all engineering aspects of the project.

The first phase of the commenced on the 18th November 2019 with a budget of R12 000000 (Twelve Million Rand). The construction site was established immediately after the 18th November in which it was proceeded by the site handover meeting which was held at Odendaalsrus Municipal Offices with all stakeholder present.

Project Steering Committee was also formed to monitor progress and a CLO and Safety Officers were appointed with immediate effect. It is however unfortunate that there is no progress on the site due to

continuous community disruptions that are mainly caused by some amongst the prospected subcontractors, however the previous meeting (Third PSC Meeting) which was on the 21st February

2020 resolved to escalate the matter to Matjhabeng Local Municipality (Executive Mayor and Acting Municipal Manager).

In the meantime, deliberations continue to take place between the Office of the Acting Municipal Manager represented by the Acting Director LED, Planning and Human Settlements and the affected parties, in an attempt to arrive at an amicable solution.

The 4th PSC Meeting will be on the 19th March 2020 at FPSU Site)

POLICY POSITION

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Special Power of Attorney given by the Matjhabeng Local Municipality to DRDLR/SMEC South Africa.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total project amount as stipulated above (R12 000 000)

RECOMMENDATION

1. That while the high level of intervention is requested, the implementation of the project proceeds
2. That communication be improved between the parties
3. That the PSC's Terms of Reference(TRO's) be revisited so as to clarify roles
4. That the matter be attended to as soon as possible to avoid the unnecessary delays.
5. That the Report was submitted for noting.

LED2 of 2020

MOPULAMATSI MINING MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES (AED, LED, Planning)(18/1/6/2)

PURPOSE

To request Municipality, to grant Mopulamatsi Mining and Management Services a support for the intended rehabilitation programme of a slime dump. The slime dump that has been identified is in the jurisdiction of Saaiplaas in Virginia according and belongs to Harmony Gold Mine.

BACKGROUND

Mopulamatsi Mining and Management Services is a prospective Small-Scale Mining Company and 100% black owned entity. Mopulamatsi Mining and Management Services is a company that belongs to the community members from Matjhabeng Local Municipality, The Company has appointed Engedi Minerals and Energy (Pty) Ltd as consultant to lodge a mining permit application with the Department of Minerals Resources (DMR). The application was lodged on the 06 January 2020.

Harmony Gold Mine is a mining right holder of the slime dump situated in Virginia. The Company is to engage Harmony with the aim of concluding a co-operative agreement in respect of how the two operations will co-exist over the same area which agreement must be submitted to the office DMR for the finalization of the application.

It is in this background that we request the Municipality to grant Mopulamatsi Mining and Management Services all the necessary support with regards to the mining application permit. Mopulamatsi Mining and Management Services has also made commitments to assist in terms of rehabilitating the slime dump on the above-mentioned farm. The stimulation and the development of Small-Scale Mining in this region will however boost the local economy.

Mopulamatsi Mining and Management Services is focusing on:

- Poverty alleviation
- Job creation the Company aims to employ the youth and women from the historical disadvantaged communities.
- The Company has further made a commitment to give exposure to HDI/Companies to mining business in the Free State.

LEGAL IMPLICATION

Liability transfers

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

No financial implications for the Municipality.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Municipality to grant Mopulamatsi Mining and Management Services support.

LED3 OF 2019**INTERNATIONAL AGRI -BUSINESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN WELKOM FROM THE 31ST JULY TO THE 3RD AUGUST 2020 (AED, LED, Planning) (15/2/3/28)****PURPOSE**

Lejweleputswa Development Agency in partnership with AFRICAN DREAM is planning to host the agribusiness conference in Matjhabeng Local Municipality (Welkom) from the 31st July to the 3rd August 2020. This partnership will also include the Lejweleputswa District Municipality including all Local municipalities under the district.

BACKGROUND

AFRICAN DREAM which is the key partner, is a non-profit organization (NPO) based in South Africa of which its mission is to encourage cohesion and development in Africa by making Africans shapers of their own destiny. Lejweleputswa Development Agency (LDM) is the key implementing agent of this planned conference.

It is a well-known fact that tourism is a sector that can contribute to the economic growth of our region. The conference guests will come from international countries in which they will stay in average for two nights. Therefore, there will be a significant effect on all tourism services, restaurants, transportation sector, accommodation and other establishments having conference facilities.

DISCUSSION

There was a meeting which was held on the 21 February 2020 in the Pivot Block E, 1st Floor Montecasino Boulevard Four ways, Sandton, Johannesburg which was attended by all Local municipalities' representative under the Lejweleputswa District Municipality. The AFRICAN DREAM, Lejweleputswa District Municipality and Lejweleputswa Development Agency were also part of this meeting. The objective of this meeting was to outline the logistical arrangements for the conference.

POLICY POSITION

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial support for the event will be discussed in due course as the logistical planning unfold.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the council support the hosting of this initiative.
2. That the Report was submitted for noting.

LED4 of 2020

CELL – C PUBLIC ACCESS WI-FI EVOLUTION – AROUND MATJHABENG MUNICIPALITY (AED, LED, Planning) (19/5/4)

1. PURPOSE

Purpose of the item is to provide committee with the latest developments on the project.

2. BACKGROUND

Public Access Wi-Fi is fully funded by Facebook of which the contract was awarded to Cell C in 2018 to roll-out the project in South Africa. Cell C has since signed an agreement with the Free State Provincial Government that paves the way for public access Wi-Fi for the province. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) sets out the way forward for Cell C's public access Internet hotspots around the province supported by Facebook's Express Wi-Fi___33 platform.

At a Provincial LED forum called and chaired by DESTEA in 2019, Cell C was provided with a platform to present the project, Municipalities were requested to move with speed in identifying the areas working directly with Cell C. It was after this meeting that items were submitted for the support of the project and a council resolution was taken on the 26th November 2019 in support of the project and granting access to Cell C to enter the municipal space.

See below Council Resolutions.

A102/2019

CELL – C PUBLIC ACCESS WI-FI EVOLUTION – AROUND MATJHABENG MUNICIPALITY (EXECUTIVE MAYOR) (19/5/4)

PURPOSE

- To source support from Council for installation of public Wi-Fi around Matjhabeng Municipality.
- To source approval for the use of municipal infrastructure (Streets poles, Council owned buildings and use of electricity)

DISCUSSION

The Executive Mayor presented the item to Council.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: (26 NOVEMBER 2019)

1. That Council support the project as **CONCLUDED** at Provincial level.
2. That Council **GRANT ACCESS** of Cell-C to enter the Municipal space.
3. That the Cell-C must **BE HELD RESPONSIBLE** for any damage done on Municipal Infrastructure for the work done.
4. That the Cell-C Company **MUST NOT DO** the work in any ward without Councillors being properly informed.

5. That the Cell–C service should not be limited to the suburbs areas only but **BE EXTENDED** to the marginalised Community in the Townships.

A follow-up was made to Cell C, and only on the 12th of February 2020 Cell C informed us that, after engaging the office of the MEC DESTEA it was resolved that the steering of the project will be guided by DESTEA and COGTA. To date there is no clear timelines of when the project will commence in Matjhabeng.

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- Memorandum of Agreement
- SONA 2019 & 2020
- Free State Growth Strategy

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Use of the Municipal land
- Use of electricity during installation
- Revenue generation to the municipality after installation

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee notes the report.

LED5 of 2020

PROGRESS REPORT ON THABONG LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PARK (AED, LED, Planning)

(19/3/15)

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to give feedback on progress regarding the Thabong Light Industrial Park.

2. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

Thabong Light Industrial Park is situated in Constantia road at the entrance of Thabong. It is already proclaimed as Industrial Park and situated on the existing layout that was done during 1995. There are already 19 businesses currently in operation in the informal sector for between 7 to 25 years and employing 162 people. The development will allow these businesses to become more competitive and expand and create further employment. Municipality never had the funds to amend this layout or to service the area, the Municipality approached Harmony Gold Mining Company for assistance, in terms of their Social and Labour Program (SLP), to rectify and develop the service of this industrial area.

Harmony appointed a team of professionals during 2014/2015 to assist with the development of a new concept where by thorough planning and design, a permanent solution can be instituted to develop the area in question into a modern and functional, the business plan and lay-out plans were then developed, and was used to apply for funding externally including Department of Trade and Industry with no success.

- *** **Please find the attached business plan on the Separate Cover 1.**
- *** **Please find the attached projects lay - out on the Separate Cover 2.**
- *** **Please find the attached Locality Map on the Separate Cover 3.**

See below Council Resolutions.

A67/2015

APPLICATION FOR RE-LAYOUT OF THE THABONG INDUSTRIAL SITES IN CONSTANTIA STREET (ED: LED &P) (18/3/1/23)

PURPOSE

To solicit Council's approval for the proposed re-layout of the industrial Sites in Constantia Street, at the entrance to Thabong.

DISCUSSION

The Executive Mayor presented the item to Council.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: (30 JUNE 2015)

1. That the amendment of the General plan S.G. No. 1167/1996 of the town Thabong, being the re-layout of the area indicated on Sheets 2 and 3 of the subject Amending General Plan, comprising erven 30560 to 30624 and the connecting streets, in terms of Section 18 of the Free State Townships Ordinance (Ord. 9/69) **BE APPROVED**.
2. That the change of land use in terms of the Removal of Restrictions Act, (Act 84 of 1967), as outlined in Annexure F of the former Black Communities Development Act (Act 4 of 1984), being the allocation of the appropriate use zones to the proposed erven, in accordance with the proposed re-layout plan **BE APPROVED**.
3. That the LED Department **SHOULD CLARIFY** whether the businesses on the site are 19 or 24.

A69/2015

A70/2015

DEVELOPMENT OF THABONG INDUSTRIAL PARK FOR SMALL INDUSTRIES (ED: LED&P) (18/2/1)

PURPOSE

To solicit the approval of the envisaged development for light Industrial Park.

DISCUSSION

The Executive Mayor presented the item to Council.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: (30 JUNE 2015)

1. That Council **APPROVES** the co-funding for the project pending the confirmation of the funding shortfall upon feedback from the possible funders.
2. That the required funding **BE CONSIDERED** during the adjustment budget.
3. That the project **BE IMPLEMENTED** in phases, in the first phase the project be implemented in the 2015/2016 Financial Year.
4. That the Executive Mayor **INTERACTS FURTHER** with the possible funders.

2. PROGRESS

Lejweleputswa Development Agency (LDA) appointed a panel of Transactional Advisors, to assist with implementation of projects that require funding in the District in 2019. Coega Development Corporation was appointed to source funding for Thabong Light Industrial Park and registering it as SEZ with the DTI.

Coega visited the area during the week of the 17th February 2020 to have a look at the area and take some photos, questionnaires we also distributed to businesses operating at the park the aim was to get more information about their businesses, their inputs and also buy in, the information will form part of application for funding.

On the very same day a meeting with colleagues from infrastructure was held confirming availability of bulk infrastructure, a confirmation letter from Infrastructure Directorate will be sent to Coeaga Development Corporation. Most of supporting documents in regard of funding application were sent to Coega, progress is expected before end of June 2020.

2. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- IDP
- SDF
- Free State Growth Strategy

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee takes note the report.

LED6 of 2020

MTN KIOSKS AROUND WELKOM CBD OPERATING AS STREET TRADERS (AED, LED, Planning) (18/4/20)

1. PURPOSE

Purpose of the item is to give a brief information about the MTN Kiosks initiative in Welkom CBD, and for the committee to allow Media news to present their proposal.

2. BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Informal trading is as much a part of the past, present and future of the Matjhabeng Local Municipality as are other forms of economic activity. It contributes towards job creation and thereby helps in the absorption of many who would otherwise be economically idle. As with the formal economy, it helps in the alleviation of poverty, the indirect medium to long-term outcome of which includes reduced levels of petty crime and criminality.

MTN Group has joined venture with the government's "Yes4Youth" programme in assisting with the unemployment of the youth in the country. This application (street trading) form part of the initiative "Yes4Youth" campaign that will be assisting the government in providing employment for youth.

With this "Yes" initiative, MTN will be employing youth and putting them on a 12 months training project to prepare them for the job market. Additionally, MTN will provide these "Yes Campaign Youth" with the following

- Mobicell Tablet that includes;
- 12-month training modules
- Sell airtime, simcards & data
- Sell momo products
- And other MTN products

Other youth will be provided with mobile Kiosks to trade in.

***** Please find the attached MTN Catalogue on the Separate Cover 4.**

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- Municipal IDP
- 2008 Municipal By-laws for informal trading
- Business Act

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Municipality should collect revenue using the correct and latest tariffs.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Committee support the initiative,
2. That administrative and legal procedures in terms of short term lease agreements should be followed in consultation with legal services.