

MATJHABENG MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES

OF

**MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

HELD ON

TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2017

at

ROOM 428, 4TH FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE, WELKOM

SECTION A PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.	<p>OPENING AND WELCOME</p> <p>The Chairperson, Cllr D Masienyane welcomed everyone present and declared the meeting officially opened.</p>
2.	<p>SIGNING OF ATTENDANCE REGISTER</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Masienyane – MLM 2. Cllr D.M Mafa – MLM 3. Cllr M Molefi - MLM 4. Cllr T. J Mosia MLM 5. Cllr I Poo MLM 6. Cllr P. F Botha MLM 7. Cllr M.E Senxezi MLM 8. Cllr E. M Nqeobo MLM <p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. M. J Molawa – Acting Executive Director: Community Services 2. Tumelo Makofane – Executive Director: Strategic Support Services 3. Mr Barry Golele – Acting Executive Director: LED, Planning & HS <p>OFFICIALS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matshediso Pheko <p>FEZI AUDITORS AND CONSULTANTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Paradzai Chiroodza 2. Miss Sheila Skosana
3.	<p>APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr M. R. Tsupa – Sick 2. Cllr T.J Mosia – will be 5 minutes late 3. Cllr J. Marais – Had already made afternoon commitments due to change of meeting time - from 10:00 to 14:00. 4. Me Musapelo - sick
4.	<p>OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>None.</p>
5.	<p>MOTION OF SYMPATHY AND CONGRATULATIONS</p> <p>Cllr Masienyane wished Me Musapelo a speedy recovery.</p>

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6.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (12 July 2017)</p> <p>Minutes were approved after the following corrections were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cllr J. Marais declared about his son and therefore asked to be released.2. A correction on Mrs Betty Maswanganyi Executive Director: Infrastructure not Executive Director: Corporate services. <p>Cllr Botha moved for the adoption of the minutes. Cllr Mafa seconded him.</p>
7.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>None</p>
8.	<p>DEPUTATIONS AND INTERVIEWS</p> <p>N.B The Chairperson requested that Fezi be given first priority to table their UIF presentation of 30/06/2017 and be excused.</p>
9.	<p>CLOSURE</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked everybody for their participation and ended the meeting at 16:10.</p>

MD MASIENYANE
CHAIRPERSON

DATE

DEPUTATIONS AND INTERVIEWS

UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE – 30 JUNE 2017

PURPOSE

TO PRESENT TO THE COMMITTEE THE UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE ON OVER SPENDING OF DEPARTMENTS.

The Chairperson requested Fezi to start with the item on expenditure unauthorised and further continue with the item on irregular expenditure. These items were not on the agenda, but they were circulated in the meeting, and it was agreed by the meeting that they should be discussed.

Mr Paradzai Chiroodza was afforded time to make the presentation of the report to the MPAC Committee. He indicated an overspending in some departments.

The Chairperson remarked that some departments spend money like there is no SDBIP or IDP and indicated that Task Teams should be set up to monitor the situation, members who caused the fruitless expenditure must be punished, action should be taken against affected officials and Council should be properly advised.

The overspending on **Community Services** according to the Acting Executive Director, M.J. Molawa indicated a **cash flow situation** in that department, MPAC must understand what is happening and advise Council accordingly.

Members recommended on the budget figures and asked why such a huge overspending on the Office of the Executive Mayor, ± 27 million. It was stated further the water and electricity is understandable, and asked why the Public Safety and Security, Economic Development, Engineering Services Departments are within their actual budget.

Members indicated that irregular expenditure for 501 items should have not happened, and is not acceptable.

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED: (24 October 2017)

1. That the fruitless and wasteful expenditures of Eskom as a result of interest on overdue accounts and the unauthorised expenditure of electricity and water **ARE RECOMMENDED TO BE WRITTEN-OFF**.
2. That Fezi **PREPARES** an item on the expenditure to be written-off.
3. That the report **WAS ENDORSED** by members of the Committee.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

The Municipal Manager's presentation was presented by the Executive Director: Strategic Support Services on his behalf as he was sick, and he was afforded the time to table all the items on the Agenda.

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Clarity seeking questions were made by members, and the Director responded to them.

Supply Chain was once disbanded as things were not working accordingly:

- Where is the long list to show that things were done properly?
- Two officials were removed from the Unit - were people appointed?
- Were officials competent?
- Was there compliance?

Other positions in the Unit were said to have been occupied on acting capacity and no permanent appointments were made.

The Executive Director: Strategic Support Services informed the Committee that critical adverts were made to ensure that critical positions were filled.

The Supply Chain Manager was requested to conduct verification of officials in companies that do business with the Municipality and the report is still outstanding.

In the financial year of 2016/17 only 56 Councillors have submitted their declaration forms and 16 did not, for 2017/18 none has submitted. The matter has to be raised with the office of the Speaker for intervention.

After presenting to the Committee, he promised to email the presentation to the Committee members.

NB: THE PRESENTATION COPY WAS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE TIME OF PREPARING THE MINUTES AND IT WAS EMAILED TO MEMBERS on the 2nd November 2017.