

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY,  
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, VOORTREKKER STREET, CERES ON WEDNESDAY,  
31 MARCH 2021 AT 09:00**

**PRESENT**

Councillors

Alderman TT Godden (Speaker) (COPE)  
Alderman BC Klaasen (Executive Mayor) (DA)  
Alderman K Adams (Deputy Executive Mayor) (DA)  
Councillor TE Abrahams (DA)  
Councillor P Daniels (DA)  
Councillor D Kinnear (DA)  
Councillor C Lottering (DA)  
Councillor TP Mgoboza (ANC)  
Councillor ZS Mzauziwa-Mdishwa (DA)  
Councillor N Phatsoane (ANC)  
Alderslady JT Phungula (ANC)  
Alderman JW Schuurman (ANC)  
Councillor EM Sidego (DA)  
Alderman HJ Smit (DA)  
Councillor D Swart (DA)  
Alderman JJ Visagie (DA)

Officials

Mr D Nasson (Municipal Manager)  
Mr HJ Kritzinger (Director: Finance)  
Mr M Mpeluza (Director: Corporate Services)  
Ms L Nieuwenhuis (Manager: Legal Services)  
Mr A Hofmeester (Manager: IDP)  
Mr CG Wessels (Manager: Administration)  
Mr C Titus (Committee Clerk)

**1. OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Speaker welcomed everyone present after which he requested Councillor C Lottering to open the meeting with a prayer.

**NOTED**

## 2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

### 2.1 Consideration of application for leave of absence, if any (3/1/2/1)

#### UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- (a) *that the application for leave of absence from the meeting, received from Councillor HF Visagie, be approved and accepted.*
- (b) *that the applications for leave of absence from the meeting, received from Councillors P Heradien, MJ Ndaba, MD Jacobs, RJ Simpson and M Mdala, be declined.*
- (c) *that the applicable fee of R300 each for absence from Council meetings be deducted from the salaries of Councillors P Heradien, MJ Ndaba, MD Jacobs, RJ Simpson and M Mdala.*
- (d) *that Administration ensures that all deductions for absence from Council meetings in terms of Council resolution 12.2.1 of 24 February 2021 be done.*
- (e) *that Council revisits the By-law in respect of the Rules of Order for Council meetings and amend if necessary, especially with regard to absence from Council meetings.*
- (f) *that notice be taken of the apologies for absence from the meeting, received from the Director: Technical Services and the Head: Internal Audit.*

#### EENPARIG BESLUIT

- (a) *dat die aansoek om verlof tot afwesigheid van die vergadering, ontvang vanaf raadslid HF Visagie, goedgekeur en aanvaar word.*
- (b) *dat die aansoeke om verlof tot afwesigheid van die vergadering, ontvang vanaf raadslede P Heradien, MJ Ndaba, MD Jacobs, RJ Simpson en M Mdala, nie aanvaar word nie.*
- (c) *dat die toepaslike boete van R300 elk vir afwesigheid van Raadsvergaderings verhaal word van die salarisse van raadslede P Heradien, MJ Ndaba, MD Jacobs, RJ Simpson en M Mdala.*
- (d) *dat Administrasie toesien dat alle aftrekkings vir afwesigheid van Raadsvergaderings ingevolge Raadsbesluit 12.2.1 van 24 Februarie 2021 gedoen word.*
- (e) *dat die Raad die Verordening insake die Ordereëls vir Vergaderings hersien met betrekking tot die afwesigheid van vergaderings.*

- (f) *dat kennis geneem word van die verskonings vir afwesigheid van die vergadering, ontvang vanaf die Direkteur: Tegniese Dienste en die Hoof: Interne Oudit.*

## **2.2 Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Declaration (3/2/1)**

The Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Declaration was signed by all Councillors.

**NOTED**

## **3. STATEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS RAISED**

### **3.1 Gratitude, Congratulations and Commiseration (11/4/3)**

- (a) Alderman BC Klaasen conveyed Council's congratulations to the following Councillors and spouse on their birthdays:

- Councillor MJ Ndaba                      3 March
- Councillor G Laban                      19 March
- Mr S Phungula                      3 April
- Councillor P Daniels                      8 April
- Alderman J Schuurman                      13 April
- Councillor C Lottering                      21 April

- (b) Alderlady JT Phungula conveyed commiseration on behalf of Council to all those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the past year. She also referred to the current taxi violence and killings which took place. She referred to the killing of the taxi owner, Mr Mzwamakhosi Zwayi Phesa from Nduli who was also shot dead recently. More than ten (10) taxi owners were killed in Nduli and four (4) more are currently on a hit list. Enormous amounts are paid for the killings and a specific modus operandi is followed. The hitmen are brought from outside to Ceres and they operate in pairs of two. The reason for the killings are all about taxi routes. Council as part of the decision makers in respect of taxi routes is thus affected by the violence and must act and do something. Allegations are also made regarding some traffic officers and their safety as municipal staff members is at stake.

Council decided that a confidential meeting be called with the South African Police Services and National Provincial Intelligence to urgently discuss the taxi violence.

- (c) Alderman JW Schuurman mentioned the killing of Ms Reneé Jain at the De Vierde Liefde private nature reserve in Wolseley and expressed condolences to the family.

Council held a moment of silence for all who had passed away due to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as those killed during the past year.

**NOTED.**

**3.2 Matters raised by the Speaker**  
**(09/1/1)**

- (a) The Speaker mentioned that Council and the municipality are in the week before Easter. He urged everybody to stay safe and take good care of themselves. A new variant of the COVID-19 virus endangers all of us.
- (b) The Speaker expressed concern in respect of productivity and mentioned that the communities are looking at Council with an expectation. The Speaker expressed unhappiness that municipal employees are working shorter hours, but sit under the trees at the workplace while still receiving full payment.

**NOTED**

**3.3 Matters raised by the Executive Mayor**  
**(09/1/1)**

- (a) The Executive Mayor wished all residents of the Witzenberg municipal area a blessed Easter season and requested that everyone stay safe.
- (b) The Executive Mayor referred to the overcrowding of the towns during weekends and the many complaints received from the residents.
- (c) The Executive Mayor referred with concern to the neatness of the towns and mentioned that the standards had decreased drastically. The Executive Mayor called on all responsible for the matter to do much better even with less resources.
- (d) The Executive Mayor informed Council that high level meetings are being held in respect of taxi violence. Various joint operations are held against the illegal taxi operations.
- (e) The Executive Mayor referred to the passing of the well-known freedom fighter and activist, Mr Cecil Esau of Worcester. The Executive Mayor referred to the tribute made at the funeral by Dr Allan Boesak and cautioned Council to do introspection and adhere to the issues raised in the meeting earlier. He called on Councillors to put their duties first and enhance the lives of those they are serving. The Executive Mayor quoted verbatim from the tribute and requested Council to ponder and think about it and to prevent the same mistakes reflected in the content.

- (f) The Executive Mayor mentioned that Council will resolve at the meeting regarding the latest draft budget of this Council's term. The Executive Mayor expressed gratitude for all draft budgets submitted in the past during his term as Executive Mayor and promised his attitude and willingness to bring this draft budget about.
- (g) The Executive Mayor thanked the Mustadfin Foundation for various donations made to the elderly and kids in Ward 6 as well as Maple Park. The Executive Mayor will forward a letter of gratitude, but also requested the Deputy Executive Mayor to convey a word of thanks on behalf of the municipality.
- (h) The Executive Mayor conveyed on behalf of Council condolences to Councillor TE Abrahams and his family on the passing of his beloved brother-in-law, Jan, and wished them well.

**NOTED**

### **3.4 Matters raised by the Municipal Manager**

None

**NOTED**

## **4. MINUTES**

### **4.1 Approval of minutes (3/1/2/3)**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*That the approval of the following minutes be held in abeyance until the next meeting:*

- (i) Council meeting, held on 24 February 2021.*
- (ii) Special Council meeting, held on 12 March 2021.*

### **4.2 Corrections to the minutes (3/1/2/3)**

None

**NOTED**

**4.3 Outstanding matters  
(3/3/2)**

Number	File reference	Heading, item no. and date	Directorate	Action	Progress	Target date
4.3.1	16/2/1/1/1 & 5/4/R	8.1.10 of 27-01-2021 Settling of Rand Merchant Bank (RMB) loan for Koekedouw Dam	Municipal Manager	That the Municipal Manager investigates the options of leasing the property and not only the sale thereof.	Matter is in working process.	26 May 2021
4.3.2	5/P	8.4.2 of 27-01-2021 Mayoral Bursary Policy: Witzenberg Municipality	Corporate Services	that the matter be held in abeyance for further deliberation.	HR Department finalising amendments to Policy.	26 May 2021
4.3.3	7/1/4/2	8.4.1 of 24-02-2021 Sale of municipal land: Erf 622, Wolseley	Corporate Services	That the Municipal Manager investigates the options of leasing the property and not only the sale thereof.	Municipal Manager	26 May 2021
4.3.4	7/1/4/2	8.4.2 of 24-02-2021 Sale of municipal land: Unregistered erf in Schoonvlei industrial area, Ceres	Corporate Services	that the matter be held in abeyance awaiting a written opinion.	Municipal Manager	26 May 2021

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) *that notice be taken of the outstanding matters.*
- (b) *that the following matters be included in the list of outstanding matters:*
  - (i) *The old Harmony Golf Estate*
  - (ii) *The development of the Ceres Golf Estate.*
  - (iii) *Victoria Sports Grounds.*
- (c) *that all matters on the list of outstanding matters be discussed at a Special Council meeting.*

**EENPARIG BESLUIT**

- (a) *dat kennis geneem word van die uitstaande sake.*
- (b) *dat die volgende aangeleenthede in die lys van uitstaande sake ingesluit word:*
  - (i) *Die ou Harmony Gholflandgoed.*
  - (ii) *Die ontwikkeling van die Ceres Gholflandgoed.*
  - (iii) *Victoria Park Sportgronde.*
- (c) *dat alle aangeleenthede op die lys van uitstaande sake op 'n Spesiale Raadsvergadering bespreek word.*

**5. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF SUGGESTIONS**

None

**NOTED**

**6. INTERVIEWS WITH DELEGATIONS**

None

**NOTED**

**7. GEDELEGEERDE BEVOEGDHEDE / DELEGATED POWERS**

**7.1 Minutes: Committee meetings  
(03/3/2)**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that notice be taken of the minutes of the Committee meetings and same be accepted.*

**EENPARIG BESLUIT**

*dat kennis geneem word van die notules van die Komiteevergaderings en genoemde aanvaar word.*

**8. GERESERVEERDE BEVOEGDHEDE / RESERVED POWERS**

**8.1 Direkoraat Finansies / Directorate Finance**

**8.1.1 Finance: Draft Budget, Draft Review of IDP 2017 to 2022 and Draft Top Layer SDBIP: 2021/2022 (5/1/1/20; 2/2/1 & 5/1/5/14)**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) *that Council takes notice of the Draft Budget, the Draft Review and Amendments to the IDP 2017 - 2022 and the Draft Top Layer SDBIP of the Witzenberg Municipality for the financial year 2021/2022 and the indicative budget for the three years 2021/2022, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 that have been tabled by the Executive Mayor in Council.*
- (b) *that the documents be advertised and made available at all libraries, the municipal website and municipal offices of Council.*
- (c) *that the public meetings, if any, be conducted in accordance with the guidelines of the National State of Disaster (COVID-19).*
- (d) *that an executive summary in the form of a pamphlet be distributed to households within the Witzenberg municipal area.*
- (e) *that the figures for the Small Scale Embedded Generation (SSEG) for the budget 2020/2021 be kept for the tabling of this draft budget.*

**8.1.2 Performance, Risk and Audit Committee: Second Bi-Annual Report on Performance Management: 2019/2020 (5/14/4)**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that notice be taken of the Second Bi-Annual Report of the Performance, Risk and Audit Committee on Performance Management for 2019/2020, dated February 2021.*

**EENPARIG BESLUIT**

*dat kennis geneem word van die Tweede Halfjaarlikse Verslag van die Prestasie-, Risiko- en Ouditkomitee oor Prestasiebestuur vir 2019/2020, gedateer Februarie 2021.*

## **8.2 Direkoraat Tegniese Dienste / Directorate Technical Services**

None

**NOTED**

## **8.3 Direkoraat Gemeenskapsdienste / Directorate Community Services**

### **8.3.1 Witzenberg Municipal Disaster Risk Management Plan: Adoption and inclusion as core component in IDP (17/7/2/1)**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the Witzenberg Municipal Disaster Risk Management Plan, after consideration, be approved and adopted and be included as a core component in the Integrated Development Plan.*

**EENPARIG BESLUIT**

*dat die aanvaarding van die Witzenberg Munisipale Rampriskobestuursplan en die insluiting daarvan as 'n kernkomponent van die Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan deur die Raad op 'n werkswinkel behandel word en daarna voorgelê word vir goedkeuring en aanvaarding.*

### **8.3.2 Ceres Bowling Club: Erf 1198, Phillip Street, Ceres: Planned expansion of clubhouse (07/1/3)**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

(a) *that the Municipal Manager investigates the option of leasing the Ceres Bowling Clubhouse on erf 1198, Phillip Street, Ceres and not only the sale thereof.*

(b) *that the matter supra (a) be held in abeyance until the next meeting.*

**EENPARIG BESLUIT**

(a) *dat die Munisipale Bestuurder ondersoek instel na die opsie van verhuur van die Ceres Rolbalklubhuis op erf 1198, Phillipstraat, Ceres en nie slegs die verkoop daarvan nie.*

(b) *dat die aangeleentheid supra (a) oorsaak tot die volgende vergadering.*

**8.4 Direkoraat Korporatiewe Dienste / Directorate Corporate Services**

None

**NOTED**

**9. URGENT MATTERS SUBMITTED AFTER DISPATCHING OF THE AGENDA**

**9.1 COVID-19: Opening of Pine Forest Resort for Easter weekend (17/7/3/P & 17/10/3)**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the Pine Forest Resort be opened as a public resort for the Easter weekend.*

**EENPARIG BESLUIT**

*dat die Dennebos Vakansieoord as 'n openbare oord oopgestel word vir die Paasnaweek.*

**10. FORMAL AND STATUTORY MATTERS**

**10.1 Feedback on matters of outside bodies (3/R)**

**10.1.1 Small Town Generation**

Councillor TE Abrahams mentioned that a meeting in respect of the Small Town Generation will be held between the Chairperson of the Committee for Local Economic Development and Tourism and the Municipal Manager. The report for Council to follow.

**NOTED**

**10.1.2 AfrikaBurn**

Alderman BC Klaasen mentioned that a meeting was held with the organisers of the AfrikaBurn event.

**NOTED**

**11. QUESTIONS and/or MATTERS RAISED by COUNCILLORS  
(16/4/4/1/1)**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the Manager: Streets and Storm Water submits a report to Council in respect of safety measures at the provincial road intersections of Bella Vista / Prince Alfred's Hamlet and Vredebes / Ceres.*

**EENPARIG BESLUIT**

*dat die Bestuurder: Strate en Stormwater 'n verslag aan die Raad voorlê rakende veiligheidsmaatreëls by die provinsiale padkruisings van Bella Vista / Prince Alfred's Hamlet en Vredebes / Ceres.*

**12. COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE**