

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY,  
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, VOORTREKKER STREET, CERES ON FRIDAY,  
21 JUNE 2024 AT 10:00**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors**

Alderlady EM Sidego (DA) (Speaker)  
Councillor TE Abrahams (DA) (Executive Mayor)  
Councillor JF Nel (ICOSA) (Executive Deputy Mayor)  
Alderman K Adams (DA)  
Councillor WJ Alexander (PA)  
Councillor P Daniels (DA)  
Councillor S de Bruin (DA)  
Councillor GJ Franse (DA)  
Councillor JP Fredericks (FFP) (Virtual attendance)  
Councillor AL Gili (ANC)  
Councillor LA Hardnek (Witzenberg Party)  
Councillor JS Mouton (ANC)  
Councillor N Nogcinisa (ANC)  
Councillor N Phatsoane (ANC)  
Councillor KA Robyn (GOOD)  
Alderman HJ Smit (DA)  
Alderman D Swart (DA)  
Councillor IL Swartz (EFF)  
Alderman JJ Visagie (DA)  
Councillor K Yisa (ANC)

**Officials**

Mr D Nasson (Municipal Manager)  
Mr HJ Kritzinger (Director: Finance)  
Mr J Barnard (Director: Technical Services)  
Ms N Oerson (Chief Internal Audit Executive)  
Ms L Nieuwenhuis (Senior Manager: Legal Services)  
Mr A Hofmeester (Manager: IDP)  
Mr CG Wessels (Manager: Administration)  
Mr CJ Titus (Committee Clerk)  
Ms MJ Prins (Word Processor Operator)  
Mr J Pieterse (Senior ICT Officer)  
Mr M Njokweni (Interpreter)

**1. OPENING AND WELCOME / OPENING EN VERWELKOMING**

The Speaker welcomed everyone present after which she requested Councillor S de Bruin 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  
Aansoeke om verlof tot afwesigheid, indien enige  
(3/1/2/1)**

- (a) Applications for leave of absence from the meeting were received from Councillors GG Laban (personal reasons) and J Zalie (hospitalised).
- (b) Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from the Director: Corporate Services (representing the Municipal Manager at a meeting) and the Deputy Director: Finance (due to preparation for the AGSA audit).

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) that the applications for leave of absence from the meeting, received from Councillors GG Laban and J Zalie, be accepted and approved.*
- (b) that notice be taken of the apologies for absence from the meeting, received from the Director: Corporate Services and the Deputy Director: Finance and same be accepted.*

**2.2 Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Declaration  
Vertroulikheid en Botsing van Belange Verklaring  
(3/2/1)**

The Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Declaration was duly signed by all Councillors. No conflict of interest was declared.

**NOTED**

**2.3 Consideration of application for leave of absence: Special Council meeting 14 December 2023  
(3/1/2/1)**

An application for leave of absence from the meeting was received from Councillor AL Gili.

Council unanimously resolved on 14 December 2023 that all applications for leave of absence from the meeting will be held in abeyance until the next meeting.

The attendance register of the Special Council meeting, held on 14 December 2023, is attached as **annexure 2.3**.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the application for leave of absence from the Special Council meeting held on 14 December 2023, received from Councillor AL Gili, be declined and not be approved.*

**2.4 Consideration of applications for leave of absence: Council meeting 16 May 2024 (3/1/2/1)**

Applications for leave of absence from the meeting were received from Councillors GG Laban, J Zalie, IL Swartz and WJ Alexander.

Council unanimously resolved on 16 May 2024 that the Speaker will consider approval of the applications for leave of absence from the meeting, received from Councillors GG Laban, J Zalie, IL Swartz and WJ Alexander, at the next Council meeting on condition that written apologies be submitted.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the applications for leave of absence from the Council meeting held on 16 May 2024, received from Councillors GG Laban, J Zalie, IL Swartz and WJ Alexander, be declined and not accepted due to the lack of submitting written apologies as decided by Council.*

**3. STATEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS RAISED MEDEDELINGS, AANKONDIGINGS OF SAKE GEOPPER**

**3.1 Gratitude, Congratulations and Commiseration  
Waardering, Gelukwensing en Meelewing  
(11/4/3)**

Council's congratulations were conveyed by Alderman D Swart to the following Councillors and spouses on their birthdays:

❖	Councillor N Phatsoane	2 June
❖	Alderman K Adams	5 June
❖	Ms C Swartz	17 June
❖	Mr J Robyn	17 June
❖	Ms E Smit	29 June
❖	Ms M Abrahams	30 June

**NOTED.**

**3.2 Matters raised by the Speaker / Sake deur die Speaker geopper  
(09/1/1)**

- (a) The Speaker informed Council that applications for leave of absence from Council meetings must be followed up with a written apology. In terms of the By-law: Rules of Order for Council and Committee meetings of Witzenberg Municipality it must be done within three (3) days after the meeting.
- (b) The Speaker mentioned that the schools had closed on 14 June 2024 for the winter holidays and open again on 9 July 2024.
- (c) The Speaker thanked the Councillors who had held youth functions on 16 June 2024 to celebrate Youth Day.
- (d) The Speaker expressed condolences on behalf of Council to the family of Mr Petrus Skippers, a serving Ward Committee member of Ward 7, on his passing on.
- (e) The Speaker mentioned that Councillor J Zalie was still hospitalised and wished him, on behalf of Council, well and a speedy recovery. The Speaker informed Council that she and the Executive Mayor had visited Councillor Zalie in hospital and handed over a gift basket with fruit and snacks.

**NOTED**

**3.3 Matters raised by the Executive Mayor  
Sake deur die Uitvoerende Burgemeester geopper  
(09/1/1)**

- (a) The Executive Mayor referred to the establishment of the Government of National Unity and gave acknowledgement on behalf of Council.
- (b) The Executive Mayor congratulated, on behalf of Council, President Cyril Ramaphosa on his election as the State President of South Africa.
- (c) The Executive Mayor congratulated, on behalf of Council, Mr Alan Winde on his election as the Premier of the Western Cape.
- (d) The Executive Mayor expressed concern in respect of the absenteeism of Councillors from Council and Committee meetings. He reminded Council of the stipulations in the By-law: Rules of Order for Council and Committee meetings of Witzenberg Municipality and requested the Speaker to act accordingly if necessary.

- (e) The Executive Mayor informed Council that he will undergo a medical procedure during the recess, which may temporarily influence his daily activities.
- (f) The Executive Mayor congratulated Councillor K Yisa on his election to the Management of Witzenberg Soccer Association.
- (g) Councillor K Yisa thanked the Executive Mayor and Municipal Manager that a successful Witzenberg Soccer Tournament could be held and hosted by the municipality. The Councillor expressed his gratitude and appreciation that he could be elected to the Management of Witzenberg Soccer Association.

**NOTED**

**3.4 Matters raised by the Municipal Manager**  
**Sake deur die Munisipale Bestuurder geopper**

None

**NOTED**

**4. MINUTES / NOTULES**

**4.1 Corrections to the minutes / Wysigings aan die notules**  
**(3/1/2/3)**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the matter in respect of corrections to the following minutes be held in abeyance until the next meeting:*

- (i) Council meeting, held on 23 February 2022.
- (ii) Council meeting, held on 26 October 2022.
- (iii) Council meeting, held on 9 November 2022.
- (iv) Council meeting, held on 29 November 2022.

**4.2 Approval of minutes: February until November 2022**  
**(3/1/2/3)**

The following minutes are attached:

- (a) Council meeting, held on 23 February 2022: **Annexure 4.2(a).**
- (b) Council meeting, held on 26 October 2022: **Annexure 4.2(b).**
- (c) Council meeting, held on 9 November 2022: **Annexure 4.2(c).**
- (d) Council meeting, held on 29 November 2022: **Annexure 4.2(d).**

Council resolved on 30 March 2022:

- (a) that the approval of the minutes of the Council meeting, held on 23 February 2022, be held in abeyance.
- (b) that the correctness of the minutes be investigated in respect of the removal of the words of the Speaker: "The motion cannot carry."
- (c) that the Municipal Manager appoints an independent investigator in terms of the Municipal Supply Chain processes.

Council resolved on 28 March 2023:

- (a) that the following minutes be held in abeyance to be workshopped:
  - (i) Council meeting, held on 23 February 2022.
  - (ii) Council meeting, held on 26 October 2022.
  - (iii) Council meeting, held on 9 November 2022.
  - (iv) Council meeting, held on 29 November 2022.
- (b) that the ANC coalition provides extracts of the relevant matters of concern to be workshopped, by Monday, 3 April 2023.

The following recommendation was tabled to Council:

That the following minutes be approved and signed by the Chairpersons of the respective meetings:

- (i) Council meeting, held on 23 February 2022.
- (ii) Council meeting, held on 26 October 2022.
- (iii) Council meeting, held on 9 November 2022.
- (iv) Council meeting, held on 29 November 2022.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the matter in respect of the approval of the following minutes be held in abeyance until the next meeting:*

- (i) Council meeting, held on 23 February 2022.*
- (ii) Council meeting, held on 26 October 2022.*
- (iii) Council meeting, held on 9 November 2022.*
- (iv) Council meeting, held on 29 November 2022.*

**4.3 Approval of minutes: 2023 until 2024  
(3/1/2/3)**

The following minutes are attached:

- (a) Council meeting, held on 30 May 2023: **Annexure 4.3(a).**
- (b) Special Council meeting, held on 6 June 2023: **Annexure 4.3(b).**
- (c) Special Council meeting, held on 24 July 2023: **Annexure 4.3(c).**
- (d) Council meeting, held on 25 August 2023: **Annexure 4.3(d).**
- (e) Special Council meeting, held on 17 October 2023: **Annexure 4.3(e).**
- (f) Special Council meeting, held on 24 October 2023: **Annexure 4.3(f).**
- (g) Special Council meeting, held on 14 December 2023: **Annexure 4.3(g).**
- (h) Special Council meeting, held on 20 December 2023: **Annexure 4.3(h).**
- (i) Council meeting, held on 24 January 2024: **Annexure 4.3(i).**
- (j) Council meeting, held on 23 February 2024: **Annexure 4.3(j).**
- (k) Special Council meeting, held on 20 March 2024: **Annexure 4.3(k).**
- (l) Special Council meeting, held on 27 March 2024: **Annexure 4.3(l).**
- (m) Council meeting, held on 12 April 2024: **Annexure 4.3(m).**
- (n) Special Council meeting, held on 18 April 2024: **Annexure 4.3(n).**
- (o) Council meeting, held on 16 May 2024: **Annexure 4.3(o).**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

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

- (a) *Council meeting, held on 30 May 2023.*
- (b) *Special Council meeting, held on 6 June 2023.*
- (c) *Special Council meeting, held on 24 July 2023.*
- (d) *Council meeting, held on 25 August 2023.*
- (e) *Special Council meeting, held on 17 October 2023.*
- (f) *Special Council meeting, held on 24 October 2023.*
- (g) *Special Council meeting, held on 14 December 2023.*
- (h) *Special Council meeting, held on 20 December 2023.*
- (i) *Council meeting, held on 24 January 2024.*

- (j) Council meeting, held on 23 February 2024.
- (k) Special Council meeting, held on 20 March 2024.
- (l) Special Council meeting, held on 27 March 2024.
- (m) Council meeting, held on 12 April 2024.
- (n) Special Council meeting, held on 18 April 2024.
- (o) Council meeting, held on 16 May 2024.

#### **4.4 Outstanding matters / Uitstaande sake (3/3/2)**

<b>Number</b>	<b>File reference</b>	<b>Heading, item no. and date</b>	<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Target date</b>
4.3.1	17/3/2	8.2.2 of 24-01-2024 Proposed position of waste transfer stations	Technical Services	That proposed positions of waste transfer stations at erf 8714, Bella Vista & Erf 1, PA Hamlet be held in abeyance for PPP.	Work-in-progress	21 August 2024
4.3.2	16/P	8.2.3 of 24-01-2024 Witzenberg Municipality: Local Integrated Transport Plan: 2022 until 2027	Technical Services	Matter be held in abeyance in order for MM to obtain all details and proof of PPP from CWDM.	Work-in-progress	21 August 2024

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that notice be taken of the following outstanding matters and same be held in abeyance until the Council meeting of 21 August 2024:*

- (i) *Item 4.3.1: Proposed position of waste transfer stations.*
- (ii) *Item 4.3.2: Witzenberg Municipality: Local Integrated Transport Plan: 2022 until 2027.*

Councillor K Yisa enquired about the status of the investigation in respect of unauthorised expenditure.

The Speaker responded that the delay was due to the delay in the approval of the minutes. Once this was done, the investigation can commence.

#### **NOTED**



**5. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF SUGGESTIONS  
MOSIES EN KENNISGEWING VAN VOORSTELLE**

**5.1 Notice of motion: Practical work experience for students  
(4/2/6/2)**

Councillor L Hardnek submitted a motion from the Witzenberg Party in respect of practical work experience for students. The document, dated 9 May 2024, is attached as **annexure 5.1**.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that notice be taken of the motion received from the Witzenberg Party in respect of practical work experience for students.*

**6. INTERVIEWS WITH DELEGATIONS  
ONDERHOUDE MET AFVAARDIGINGS**

None

**NOTED**

**7. GEDELEGEERDE BEVOEGDHEDE / DELEGATED POWERS**

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

The minutes of the following meetings are attached:

- (a) Committee for Community Development, held on 16 March 2023: **Annexure 7.1(a).**
- (b) Committee for Housing Matters, held on 29 March 2023: **Annexure 7.1(b).**
- (c) Committee for Local Economic Development, held on 18 April 2023: **Annexure 7.1(c).**
- (d) Committee for Corporate and Financial Services, held on 20 April 2023: **Annexure 7.1(d).**
- (e) Committee for Community Development, held on 20 April 2023: **Annexure 7.1(e).**
- (f) Committee for Housing Matters, held on 16 May 2023: **Annexure 7.1(f).**
- (g) Committee for Housing Matters, held on 15 August 2023: **Annexure 7.1(g).**
- (h) Executive Mayoral Committee, held on 23 August 2023: **Annexure 7.1(h).**
- (i) Committee for Corporate and Financial Services, held on 19 September 2023: **Annexure 7.1(i).**
- (j) Committee for Local Economic Development and Tourism, held on 19 September 2023: **Annexure 7.1(j).**
- (k) Committee for Technical Services, held on 21 September 2023: **Annexure 7.1(k).**
- (l) Committee for Housing Matters, held on 28 September 2023: **Annexure 7.1(l).**
- (m) Committee for Corporate and Financial Services, held on 21 November 2023: **Annexure 7.1(m).**
- (n) Committee for Technical Services, held on 23 November 2023: **Annexure 7.1(n).**

- (o) Executive Mayoral Committee, held on 18 December 2023: **Annexure 7.1(o).**
- (p) Executive Mayoral Committee, held on 22 January 2024: **Annexure 7.1(p).**
- (q) Council workshop meeting, held on 23 January 2024: **Annexure 7.1(q).**
- (r) Committee for Technical Services, held on 13 February 2024: **Annexure 7.1(r).**
- (s) Committee for Corporate and Financial Services, held on 20 February 2024: **Annexure 7.1(s).**
- (t) Council workshop meeting, held on 22 February 2024: **Annexure 7.1(t).**
- (u) Council workshop meeting, held on 25 March 2024: **Annexure 7.1(u).**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that notice be taken of the following minutes of committee and workshop meetings and same be accepted:*

- (a) *Committee for Community Development, held on 16 March 2023.*
- (b) *Committee for Housing Matters, held on 29 March 2023.*
- (c) *Committee for Local Economic Development, held on 18 April 2023.*
- (d) *Committee for Corporate and Financial Services, held on 20 April 2023.*
- (e) *Committee for Community Development, held on 20 April 2023.*
- (f) *Committee for Housing Matters, held on 16 May 2023.*
- (g) *Committee for Housing Matters, held on 15 August 2023.*
- (h) *Executive Mayoral Committee, held on 23 August 2023.*
- (i) *Committee for Corporate and Financial Services, held on 19 September 2023.*
- (j) *Committee for Local Economic Development and Tourism, held on 19 September 2023.*
- (k) *Committee for Technical Services, held on 21 September 2023.*
- (l) *Committee for Housing Matters, held on 28 September 2023.*

- (m) Committee for Corporate and Financial Services, held on 21 November 2023.*
- (n) Committee for Technical Services, held on 23 November 2023.*
- (o) Executive Mayoral Committee, held on 18 December 2023.*
- (p) Executive Mayoral Committee, held on 22 January 2024.*
- (q) Council workshop meeting, held on 23 January 2024.*
- (r) Committee for Technical Services, held on 13 February 2024.*
- (s) Committee for Corporate and Financial Services, held on 20 February 2024.*
- (t) Council workshop meeting, held on 22 February 2024.*
- (u) Council workshop meeting, held on 25 March 2024.*

**7.2 Approval of minutes: Executive Mayoral Committee meeting  
14 November 2023  
(3/1/2/3)**

The minutes of the Executive Mayoral Committee meeting, held on 14 November 2023, are attached as **annexure 7.2**.

The Executive Mayoral Committee resolved on 22 January 2024 that the minutes of the Executive Mayoral Committee meeting, held on 14 November 2023, be referred to Council for approval as none of the current Executive Mayoral Committee members had attended the abovementioned meeting.

The following recommendation was tabled to Council:

that the minutes of the Executive Mayoral Committee meeting, held on 14 November 2023, be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the matter in respect of the approval of the Executive Mayoral Committee meeting minutes of 14 November 2023 be removed from the agenda.*

**8. GERESERVEERDE BEVOEGDHEDE / RESERVED POWERS**

**8.1 Direktooraat Finansies / Directorate Finance**

**8.1.1 Section 71 Monthly Budget Statement Report of Directorate Finance:  
April 2024  
(9/1/2/2)**

The Section 71 Monthly Budget Statement Report of the Directorate Finance for April 2024 is attached as **annexure 8.1.1**.

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council:

- (i) that notice be taken of the Section 71 Monthly Budget Statement Report of the Directorate Finance for April 2024.
- (ii) that the Section 71 Monthly Budget Statement Report of the Directorate Finance for April 2024 be referred to the Portfolio Committee for Corporate and Financial Services, the Performance, Risk and Audit Committee and the Municipal Public Accounts Committee to take notice or to advise Council if deemed necessary.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) that notice be taken of the Section 71 Monthly Budget Statement Report of the Directorate Finance for April 2024.*
- (b) that the Section 71 Monthly Budget Statement Report of the Directorate Finance for April 2024 be referred to the Portfolio Committee for Corporate and Financial Services, the Performance, Risk and Audit Committee and the Municipal Public Accounts Committee to take notice or to advise Council if deemed necessary.*

**8.1.2 Annual Financial Statements 2022/2023 – after COMAF's  
(5/3/1)**

The Municipal Finance Management Act (no. 56 of 2003) Section 166(2)(b) states that:

- “(2) An audit committee is an independent advisory body which must –
  - (b) review the annual financial statements to provide the council of the municipality with an authoritative and credible view of the financial position of the municipality, its efficiency and effectiveness and its overall level of compliance with this Act, the annual Division of Revenue Act and any other applicable legislation.”

The Annual Financial Statements for 2022/2023 (after COMAF's) are attached as **annexure 8.1.2**.

The Performance, Risk and Audit Committee resolved on 13 December 2023:

(a) that the Performance, Risk and Audit Committee takes notice of the Annual Financial Statements for 2022/2023 (after COMAF's) and accepts same.

(b) that the Performance, Risk and Audit Committee recommends to Council:

that notice be taken of the Annual Financial Statements for 2022/2023 (after COMAF's) and same be considered.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that notice be taken of the Annual Financial Statements for 2022/2023 (after COMAF's) and same be accepted.*

**8.1.3 Finance: Adjustment budget 2023/2024  
(5/1/1/22)**

The following documents are attached:

(a) Memorandum from Director: Finance, dated 13 June 2024: **Annexure 8.1.3(a)**.

(b) Adjustment budget 2023/2024: **Annexure 8.1.3(b)**.

(c) Budget schedules 2023/2024: **Annexure 8.1.3(c)**.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*That the adjustment budget of Witzenberg Municipality for the financial year 2023/2024 as set out in the budget documents be approved:*

(i) *Table B1 - Budget summary;*

(ii) *Table B2 Adjustments Budget Financial Performance (by standard classification);*

(iii) *Table B3 – Budgeted Financial performance (Revenue and Expenditure) by Vote;*

- (iv) *Table B4 Adjustments Budget Financial Performance (revenue by source); and*
- (v) *Table B5 – Budgeted Capital Expenditure by Vote, standard classification and funding.*

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

### **8.2.1 Partnership agreement between Witzenberg Municipality and Essen Municipality for the multi-annual programme "Youth Sports and Waste Management": January 2024 until December 2026 (10/2/3)**

Memorandum from Director: Technical Services, dated 23 January 2024:

#### **"1.   Purpose**

To inform and obtain approval from Council for the suggested framework of the partnership agreement between the Municipality of Essen and Witzenberg Municipality.

#### **2.   Background**

Within this framework Essen and Witzenberg are partners in the multi-annual programme 'Youth Sports and Waste Management' as one of the actions that realise the municipal plans of action to broaden and intensify the existing city-to-city link, mentioned in the Essen policy and management cycle (BBC) and mentioned in the Witzenberg IDP. The programme is indirectly funded by the Flemish Government through the approval of the BBC of Essen.

#### **3.   Discussion**

The documented proposal is attached as **annexure 8.2.1** and contains:

Section 1: General provisions  
Section 2: Partnership Statement  
Section 3: Monitoring and evaluation  
Section 4: Funding and budgeting  
Section 5: Provisions regarding the sustainability of the programme  
Section 6: Final provisions."

The Executive Mayoral Committee resolved on 19 February 2024 to recommend to Council that notice be taken of the attached submission and approval be granted for it to be signed off.

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a)   that notice be taken of the submission in respect of the Partnership agreement between Witzenberg Municipality and Essen Municipality for the multi-annual programme "Youth Sports and Waste Management": January 2024 until December 2026 and same be approved and signed off.*
- (b)   that a quarterly oversight report be submitted to Council.*



### **8.2.2 Essential services: Water supply: Approval of water safety plans (16/2/P)**

Memorandum from Senior Manager: Water and Sewerage, dated 23 January 2024:

#### **"A. Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend to Council the approval of the updated Water Safety Plans for Witzenberg municipal area, including the towns of Ceres, Tulbagh, Wolseley, Prince Alfred's Hamlet and Op-die-Berg.

#### **B. Discussion**

- A Water Safety Plan (WSP) is a systematic approach that comprehensively assesses and manages risks throughout the water supply system. The WSP process covers all aspects of the water supply system, from catchment to consumer, and was developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and International Water Association (IWA) (WHO 2009).
- In South Africa the national regulator, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), requires all Water Service Authorities (WSA's) to develop and implement a WSP as described in the South African National Standard for drinking water quality (SANS 241). Drinking water quality is regulated via the DWS Blue Drop Certification process which also assesses the quality of the WSP.
- Provision of water services operates in a highly regulated environment consisting of interrelated and independent national Acts, including the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) and the Water Services Act (Act 108 of 1997). Compliance to these acts is a necessity.
- Climate change is expected to introduce changes in temporal and spatial distribution of climate and weather related events, as well as an increase in severe climate and weather related events such as droughts, floods, storms etc. This is expected to bring about challenges to water resources as well as the ability of water utilities to provide adequate safe drinking water to consumers. The updated WSP now includes consideration of climate change and the need for climate resilience to help ensure continued sustainability of safe drinking water under current and future climate conditions.

#### **C. Attachments**

- (a) Water Safety Plan Ceres: **Annexure 8.2.2(a).**
- (b) Water Safety Plan Tulbagh: **Annexure 8.2.2(b).**
- (c) Water Safety Plan Wolseley: **Annexure 8.2.2(c).**
- (d) Water Safety Plan Prince Alfred's Hamlet: **Annexure 8.2.2(d).**
- (e) Water Safety Plan Op-die-Berg: **Annexure 8.2.2(e)."**

The Committee for Technical Services resolved on 13 February 2024 to recommend to the Executive Mayoral Committee and Council:

- (a) that notice be taken of the Water Safety Plans submitted.
- (b) that Council approves the Water Safety Plans for the following towns for implementation and execution:
  - (i) Ceres Water Safety Plan
  - (ii) Tulbagh Water Safety Plan
  - (iii) Wolseley Water Safety Plan
  - (iv) Prince Alfred's Hamlet Water Safety Plan
  - (v) Op-die-Berg Water Safety Plan

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council:

- (a) that notice be taken of the Water Safety Plans submitted.
- (b) that Council approves the Water Safety Plans for the following towns for implementation and execution:
  - (i) Ceres Water Safety Plan
  - (ii) Tulbagh Water Safety Plan
  - (iii) Wolseley Water Safety Plan
  - (iv) Prince Alfred's Hamlet Water Safety Plan
  - (v) Op-die-Berg Water Safety Plan

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) *that notice be taken of the Water Safety Plans submitted.*
- (b) *that Council approves the Water Safety Plans for the following towns for implementation and execution:*
  - (i) *Ceres Water Safety Plan*
  - (ii) *Tulbagh Water Safety Plan*
  - (iii) *Wolseley Water Safety Plan*
  - (iv) *Prince Alfred's Hamlet Water Safety Plan*
  - (v) *Op-die-Berg Water Safety Plan*

### **8.2.3 Approval of Waste Water Risk Abatement Plans (W2RAP) (16/2/4)**

Memorandum from Senior Manager: Water and Sewerage, dated 23 January 2024:

#### **"A. Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend to Council the approval of the updated Waste Water Risk Abatement Plans (W2RAP) for Witzenberg municipal area, including the towns of Ceres, Tulbagh, Wolseley and Op-die-Berg.

#### **B. Discussion**

- A W2RAP (Waste Water Risk Abatement Plan) provides a systematic approach towards assessing, managing, and monitoring risks throughout the sewage system. The development of the W2RAP in South Africa was undertaken collectively by DWS (Department of Water Affairs) and WRC (Water Research Commission). The W2RAP process covers all aspects from sanitation generation (e.g. toilet) to the waste's final use for agricultural purposes and/or disposal thereof. The W2RAP focuses on public health and natural resource protection and addresses the most eminent hazards, risks and controls that may apply along the value chain.
- DWS integrates risk analysis as part of the audit process with the aim of quantifying, prioritising and managing the risks to ensure targeted regulation of high-risk municipalities. The W2RAP is the tool whereby risks are identified and corrected, following a similar process of the reputed WSP (Water Safety Plan) (DWS, GreenDrop2022).
- The act of providing basic sanitation services is a basic right according to the Water Services Act 1997 and it is necessary to ensure that the environment is not harmful to the health and wellbeing of those living in and around it.
- Climate change is expected to introduce changes in temporal and spatial distribution of climate and weather related events as well as an increase in severe climate and weather related events (such as floods, droughts, storms, etc.). Witzenberg experiences cool wet winters while during the summertime it is quite the opposite as they have hot dry summers. The biggest implication with the summer weather is that there is a decreased water availability during this season. Consequently the W2RAP process has evolved and now also includes consideration of climate change and the need for climate resilience. The inclusion of climate resilience into the W2RAP process helps ensure continued sustainability of treating effluent and discharging into the receiving environment under current and future climate conditions.

**C. Attachments**

- (a) Ceres W2RAP: **Annexure 8.2.3(a).**
- (b) Tulbagh W2RAP: **Annexure 8.2.3(b).**
- (c) Wolseley W2RAP: **Annexure 8.2.3(c).**
- (d) Op-die-Berg W2RAP: **Annexure 8.2.3(d)."**

The Committee for Technical Services resolved on 13 February 2024 to recommend to the Executive Mayoral Committee and Council:

- (a) that notice be taken of the Waste Water Risk Abatement Plans submitted.
- (b) that Council approves the Waste Water Risk Abatement Plans as submitted for implementation and execution as follows:
  - (i) Ceres W2RAP
  - (ii) Tulbagh W2RAP
  - (iii) Wolseley W2RAP
  - (iv) Op-die-Berg W2RAP

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council:

- (a) that notice be taken of the Waste Water Risk Abatement Plans submitted.
- (b) that Council approves the Waste Water Risk Abatement Plans as submitted for implementation and execution as follows:
  - (i) Ceres W2RAP
  - (ii) Tulbagh W2RAP
  - (iii) Wolseley W2RAP
  - (iv) Op-die-Berg W2RAP

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) *that notice be taken of the Waste Water Risk Abatement Plans submitted.*
- (b) *that Council approves the Waste Water Risk Abatement Plans as submitted for implementation and execution as follows:*
  - (i) *Ceres W2RAP*
  - (ii) *Tulbagh W2RAP*
  - (iii) *Wolseley W2RAP*
  - (iv) *Op-die-Berg W2RAP*

#### **8.2.4 Lease of erf 23, Tulbagh to Tulbagh Recycling (7/1/4/1 & 17/19/1)**

A memorandum from the Director: Technical Services, dated 24 May 2023, is attached as **annexure 8.2.4**.

The Executive Mayoral Committee resolved on 14 November 2023 that the matter in respect of the lease of erf 23, Tulbagh to Tulbagh Recycling be held in abeyance until the next meeting and that the Director: Technical Services determines whether other parties are interested.

Follow-up report from the Director: Technical Services, dated 15 February 2024:

##### **"Background**

The abovementioned item from the Executive Mayoral Committee meeting, held on 14 November 2023.

##### **Discussion**

Investigation into whether there are other parties interested, had the following outcome:

There were no parties that indicated an interest, but the following persons are enthusiastic and promote recycling in Tulbagh, on their respective platforms, i.e:

Charlotte Steyn – Care 4 Tulbagh  
Rev. Dawid Botha – Church / Community Leader

##### **Recommendation**

That further consideration be given to grant permission for the applicant to lease a portion of erf 23, Tulbagh to Tulbagh Recycling, as per the initial memorandum from the Director: Technical Services, dated 24 May 2023."

The Committee for Technical Services resolved on 9 April 2024 to recommend to the Executive Mayoral Committee and Council:

that a portion of erf 23, Tulbagh, as indicated on the attached report, be leased to Jan Lambert for a period of five years on the following conditions:

- (i) That a departure application be submitted by the tenant for the use of the property zoned as authority, for the purposes of a recycling facility.
- (ii) Lease will be "voetstoots", leased as it is.
- (iii) Security will be for the account of the lessee.

- (iv) Council to consider exemption of rental charges, on condition that we lease the building as it is, and that the lessee do all repair work to the building.
- (v) Public participation process to be followed. Advertise for public comment and/or objections.
- (vi) Should the second part of the premises not have an electrical installation, an electrical contractor should be appointed by the tenant to do the electrical installation and issue a Certificate of Compliance after the completion of electrical work.
- (vii) The applicant will be responsible for the costs of any electrical upgrading, including electrical installation if required.

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council:

that a portion of erf 23, Tulbagh, as indicated on the attached report, be leased to Jan Lambert for a period of five years on the following conditions:

- (i) That a departure application be submitted by the tenant for the use of the property zoned as authority, for the purposes of a recycling facility.
- (ii) Lease will be "voetstoots", leased as it is.
- (iii) Security will be for the account of the lessee.
- (iv) Council to consider exemption of rental charges, on condition that we lease the building as it is, and that the lessee do all repair work to the building.
- (v) Public participation process to be followed. Advertise for public comment and/or objections.
- (vi) Should the second part of the premises not have an electrical installation, an electrical contractor should be appointed by the tenant to do the electrical installation and issue a Certificate of Compliance after the completion of electrical work.
- (vii) The applicant will be responsible for the costs of any electrical upgrading, including electrical installation if required.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the matter Lease of erf 23, Tulbagh to Tulbagh Recycling be held in abeyance until the next meeting.*

**8.2.5 Replacement of sewer network: Fabriek Street, Ceres: Pipe cracking:  
Additional work order  
(8/2/10/4)**

The following documents are attached:

- (a) Memorandum from Director: Technical Services, dated 7 February 2024: **Annexure 8.2.5(a)**.
- (b) Letter from Trenchless Technologies, dated 7 February 2024: **Annexure 8.2.5(b)**.

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council that the Accounting Officer approves additional works to the amount of R536 074-01 (excl. VAT).

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) *that Council took notice of the abnormal climatic conditions (Clause 5.12.2.2 of GCC 2015).*
- (b) *that the abnormal climatic conditions caused damages to the works previously completed, which have resulted in work to be done to repair the works and cater for delay of the functioning of the works by the contractor.*
- (c) *that the Accounting Officer be empowered and mandated to pay the contractor for legitimate work done to avoid any legal actions from the contractor.*

**8.2.6 Construction and refunding of external services: Ceres Mall:  
Erf 9602, Ceres  
(15/4/2/325)**

The following documents are attached:

- (a) Memorandum from Director: Technical Services, dated 15 May 2024: **Annexure 8.2.6(a)**.
- (b) Letter from NAD, dated 8 April 2024: **Annexure 8.2.6(b)**.
- (c) Rezoning approval: **Annexure 8.2.6(c)**.
- (d) Detail of DC calculation: **Annexure 8.2.6(d)**.

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council:

- (a) that the developer, NAD Property Income Fund, install all external bulk services, as per the approval letter dated 18 December 2023.
- (b) that the value of the external bulk services will be set off against the applicable development charges.
- (c) that a separate services agreement be drawn up to deal with installation of bulk services by the developer.
- (d) that a property rates credit be allowed against erf 9602, Ceres to NAD Property Income Fund equal to the amount of the external bulk services (R5 452 268-20 (incl. VAT), to be constructed by the developer.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) that the developer, NAD Property Income Fund, install all external bulk services, as per the approval letter dated 18 December 2023.*
- (b) that the value of the external bulk services will be set off against the applicable development charges.*
- (c) that a separate services agreement be drawn up to deal with installation of bulk services by the developer.*
- (d) that a property rates credit be allowed against erf 9602, Ceres to NAD Property Income Fund equal to the amount of the external bulk services (R5 452 268-20 (incl. VAT), to be constructed by the developer.*

**8.2.7 Pine Valley informal settlement: Request for supply of municipal services  
(17/4/1/2/2/2)**

A memorandum from the Director: Technical Services, dated 12 April 2024, is attached as **annexure 8.2.7**.

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council:

As this is such a large scale and costly project the following is proposed:

- (i) Application for funding from the Provincial Housing Department, as this is a function of the provincial department, for a UISP upgrade (Upgrade of informal settlements).



- (ii) The UISP programme facilitates the structured upgrading of informal settlements. It applies to in situ upgrading of informal settlements as well as where communities are to be relocated for a variety of reasons. The programme entails extensive community consultation and participation, emergency basic services provision, permanent services provision and security of tenure.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) *Application for funding from the Provincial Housing Department, as this is a function of the provincial department, for a UISP upgrade (Upgrade of informal settlements).*
- (b) *The UISP programme facilitates the structured upgrading of informal settlements. It applies to in situ upgrading of informal settlements as well as where communities are to be relocated for a variety of reasons. The programme entails extensive community consultation and participation, emergency basic services provision, permanent services provision and security of tenure.*

**8.2.8 Request: Lease of municipal water allocation from Koekedouw irrigation scheme: Nduli Pig Farming (16/2/1/3/2)**

A letter from PALS, dated 8 March 2024, is attached as **annexure 8.2.8**.

Memorandum from the Senior Manager: Water and Sewerage, dated 29 February 2024:

**"1. Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Municipal Manager regarding the above request from PALS for the usage of the Municipal water allocation for Vredebes farm, from the Koekedouw irrigation scheme.

**2. Discussion**

Witzenberg Municipality currently has an allocation of 15 ha irrigation water out of the Koekedouw irrigation scheme. This water is allocated to Vredebes farm for agricultural purposes. The farm has been rezoned and is currently developed as a low cost housing project. As this water is classified for agricultural use, the municipality has no use for it as we do not foresee any future farming activities on the land to which the water is allocated. Currently the municipality is paying for the allocation although not used as it is registered in the name of the municipality.

PALS has submitted a request to use a portion of the municipal allocation to Vredebes for their new pig farming initiative with the local Nduli Pig Farming Pty. (Ltd). This project entails the formalization of the existing pig farming activities into a commercial pig farming business and including the planting of cash crops and feed for the animals. For this they need water and the portion of land earmarked for the project does not have any water rights. The request from the Nduli Pig Farming Pty. (Ltd) is the allocation of 7.5 ha water of the municipal allocation of 15 ha water for Vredebes to their project. Further to the above the Nduli Pig Farming Pty (Ltd) also enquired regarding the cost of service connections (water and sewer) to the property earmarked for their project.

### **3. Financial impact**

Current cost to the municipality for the 15 ha water allocation is R33 750.00 (excluding VAT) per annum.

If the request is approved the Nduli Pig Farming Pty (Ltd) will be responsible for the cost of 7.5 ha water allocated to them, thus reducing expenditure for the municipality.

Cost of service connections:

- Water: R84 110.00 – 130m to nearest municipal point.
- Sewer: On-site (septic tank) – cost for applicant"

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council:

That the request/application of the Nduli Pig Farming be considered and approved, based on the following conditions:

- (i) that the Nduli Pig Farming Pty. (Ltd) be responsible for the cost associated with the allocation of 7.5 ha water to their project.
- (ii) that the Nduli Pig Farming Pty. (Ltd) install a meter at own cost at the connection point to their property.
- (iii) that the Nduli Pig Farming Pty. (Ltd) be responsible for all costs associated with the installation of service connections to their property.
- (iv) that during periods of drought or severe water shortages, the allocation to the Nduli Pig Farming Pty (Ltd) will be subject to restrictions as implemented, notwithstanding any agreement in place.
- (v) that a service level agreement be drawn up between Nduli Pig Farming Pty. (Ltd) and Witzenberg Municipality for the lease of 7.5 ha of the allotted 15 ha water of Witzenberg Municipality that is allocated to Vredebes Farm.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*That the request/application of the Nduli Pig Farming be approved, based on the following conditions:*

- (i) that the Nduli Pig Farming Pty. (Ltd) be responsible for the cost associated with the allocation of 7.5 ha water to their project.*
- (ii) that the Nduli Pig Farming Pty. (Ltd) install a meter at own cost at the connection point to their property.*
- (iii) that the Nduli Pig Farming Pty. (Ltd) be responsible for all costs associated with the installation of service connections to their property.*
- (iv) that during periods of drought or severe water shortages, the allocation to the Nduli Pig Farming Pty (Ltd) will be subject to restrictions as implemented, notwithstanding any agreement in place.*
- (v) that a service level agreement be drawn up between Nduli Pig Farming Pty. (Ltd) and Witzenberg Municipality for the lease of 7.5 ha of the allotted 15 ha water of Witzenberg Municipality that is allocated to Vredebes Farm.*

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

#### **8.3.1 Housing: Approval of street names for Vredebes Housing Project (16/4/6)**

Council resolved on 30 September 2020:

- (a) that five streets of the Vredebes housing project, as indicated in colour on annexure 8.3.7(c) of the agenda, be named.
- (b) that flora names in terms of Council's policy be used as a criteria and the following names be approved as the official street names for the relevant streets in Vredebes: Protea, Viooltjie, Aalwyn, Polygala and Babrina.
- (c) that the naming of the remainder of the streets in the housing project be workshopped by Council.

The following documents are attached:

- (a) Memorandum from Manager: Housing with the proposed street names, dated 4 October 2019: **Annexure 8.3.1(a)**.
- (b) Policy: Naming and renaming of streets: **Annexure 8.3.1(b)**.
- (c) Street map of the Vredebes Housing Project: **Annexure 8.3.1(c)**.

Council unanimously resolved on 25 November 2020 that the matter in respect of the approval of street names for the Vredebes Housing Project be held in abeyance until the next meeting.

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council that street names for the Vredebes Housing Project be considered and finalised.

Councillor K Yisa proposed and Councillor AL Gili seconded that the matter be held in abeyance for public participation and further deliberation.

Councillor K Robyn proposed and Alderman K Adams seconded that the following street names, as requested by the Executive Mayor due to the emergency situation, but still in accordance with the municipal Policy for renaming of streets, residential areas, public places, natural areas and Council-owned buildings, facilities and artefacts be approved. The requested street names are Rose, Fox, Zebra, Violet and Daisy.

The Speaker called for a vote on the matter.

Councillors K Yisa and AL Gili left the meeting before the vote out of protest.

Councillor J Mouton mentioned that the ANC alliance abstained from voting on the matter.

The outcomes of the vote is as follows:

<b>Proposed and seconded</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Votes submitted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Councillors K Yisa and AL Gili	Matter held in abeyance	Abstainers	7
Councillor K Robyn and Alderman K Adams	Approve street names as proposed	In favour of proposal	12
		Apologies	2
		Absent	<u>2</u>
		TOTAL	23

The Speaker ruled as follows:

- (a) that Councillors K Yisa and AL Gili, being the proposer and secondant respectively, be part of the Councillors abstaining from the vote.
- (b) that the Speaker ruled in favour of the majority votes.

**RESOLVED**

*that the names of the applicable streets in the Vredebes Housing Project were approved as:*

- (i) *Fox Street*
- (ii) *Zebra Street*
- (iii) *Rose Street*
- (iv) *Daisy Street and*
- (v) *Violet Street*

**8.3.2 Op-die-Berg informal trader premises  
(17/18/1)**

A memorandum from the Acting Manager: Socio-Economic Development, dated 8 August 2023, is attached as **annexure 8.3.2(a)**.

The Committee for Local Economic Development and Tourism resolved on 19 September 2023:

- (a) that the Committee for Local Economic Development and Tourism provides inputs pertaining to the moving of the informal trader demarcated stands closer to shops where the business market is located (approximately 20 to 25 meters to the right of where the current stands are demarcated).

- (b) that the Committee for Local Economic Development advise the Acting Manager: Socio-Economic Development which of the following municipal departments, namely Town Planning; Water and Sewerage; Streets and Storm Water must do an investigation to determine whether the recommendation supra (a) can be implemented.
- (c) that the Acting Manager: Socio-Economic Development submits a report on supra (a) and (b) after the investigation has been done to the Committee for a recommendation to the Executive Mayoral Committee and Council.

A memorandum from the Acting Manager: Socio-Economic Development, dated 3 November 2023, is attached as **annexure 8.3.2(b)**.

The Committee for Local Economic Development and Tourism resolved on 11 April 2024:

- (a) that the Committee for Local Economic Development and Tourism takes notice of the inputs received from the various municipal departments.
- (b) that the Committee for Local Economic Development and Tourism recommends to the Executive Mayoral Committee and Council:

that the application for the movement of the informal traders demarcated stand closer to the shops, where the business market is located, be considered.

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council that the application for the relocation of the informal traders demarcated stands closer to the shops, where the business market is located, be considered and after that be approved.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the application for the relocation of the informal traders demarcated stands closer to the shops where the business market is located, be approved.*

**8.3.3 Skoonvlei and Prince Alfred's Hamlet Business Hubs request for waiver of rental (7/1/4/1)**

A memorandum from the Acting Manager: Socio-Economic Development, dated 5 April 2024, is attached as **annexure 8.3.3**.

The Committee for Local Economic Development and Tourism resolved on 11 April 2024 to recommend to the Executive Mayoral Committee and Council:

- (a) that the rent of new businesses moving into the two business hubs be waived for the first six (6) months.

- (b) that the rent of the current lessees be waived for six (6) months (either by way of writing off of existing bad rental debt or by waiving six (6) months future rent).

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council:

- (a) that the rent of new businesses moving into the two business hubs be waived for the first six (6) months.
- (b) that the rent of the current lessees be waived for six (6) months [either by way of the writing off of existing bad rental debt or by waiving six (6) months' future rent].

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) that the rent of new businesses moving into the two business hubs be waived for the first six (6) months.*
- (b) that the rent of the current lessees be waived for six (6) months [either by way of the writing off of existing bad rental debt or by waiving six (6) months' future rent].*

**8.3.4 Tulbagh Feeding Scheme proposal  
(7/1/4/1)**

A memorandum from the Acting Manager: Socio-Economic Development, dated 7 June 2024, is attached as **annexure 8.3.4**.

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council that the matter in respect of the Tulbagh Feeding Scheme proposal be held in abeyance and a site visit be held.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the matter in respect of the Tulbagh Feeding Scheme proposal be held in abeyance and a site visit be held.*

Councillor GJ Franse left the meeting with approval at 13:14.

**8.3.5 Establishing of Local Drug Action Committee (LDAC)  
(12/1/2/11)**

A memorandum from the Acting Manager: Socio-Economic Development, dated 10 June 2024, is attached as **annexure 8.3.5**.

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council that the establishment of a Local Drug Action Committee be considered and after that be approved.

Council decided that the proposed Local Drug Action Committee will be established from representatives from the following institutions and organisations:

- Chairperson of Portfolio Committee for Community Development (as Chairperson)
- Officials from government departments on local level
- SAPS nominated by local police station Commissioner
- Correctional Services nominated by Commissioner of Correctional Services in area
- Representative from educational institute nominated by Executive Mayor
- Local health nominated by Executive Mayor
- Local business nominated by Executive Mayor
- Legal professional nominated by regional head of Department of Justice
- Representative of local traditional authority

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) *that a Local Drug Action Committee be established and approved.*
- (b) *that the Local Drug Action Committee be established from representatives from the following institutions and organisations:*
- (i) *Chairperson of Portfolio Committee for Community Development (as Chairperson).*
  - (ii) *Officials from government departments on local level.*
  - (iii) *SAPS nominated by local police station Commissioner.*
  - (iv) *Correctional Services nominated by Commissioner of Correctional Services in area.*
  - (v) *Representative from educational institute nominated by Executive Mayor.*
  - (vi) *Local health nominated by Executive Mayor.*
  - (vii) *Local business nominated by Executive Mayor.*
  - (viii) *Legal professional nominated by regional head of Department of Justice.*
  - (ix) *Representative of local traditional authority.*



#### **8.4 Direktooraat Korporatiewe Dienste / Directorate Corporate Services**

##### **8.4.1 Witzenberg Municipality: Language Policy 2023 - 2026 (02/P)**

The Witzenberg Municipality Language Policy for 2023 until 2026 is attached as **annexure 8.4.1**.

The Committee for Corporate and Financial Services resolved on 21 November 2023 to recommend to the Executive Mayoral Committee and Council that the Committee for Corporate and Financial Services takes notice of the Witzenberg Municipality Language Policy 2023-2026 and, after consideration, recommend to Council that the policy be considered and thereafter be approved and accepted.

The Executive Mayoral Committee resolved on 19 February 2024 to recommend to Council that the Witzenberg Language Policy 2023 – 2026, after consideration, be approved and accepted.

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the Witzenberg Language Policy 2023 – 2026, after consideration, be approved and accepted.*

##### **8.4.2 Political structure: Council's committee system: Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) (03/3/1/1)**

Council resolved on 20 December 2023:

That the composition of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee be amended and established as follows:

- (i) Councillor LA Hardnek (Witzenberg Party): Chairperson
- (ii) Councillor N Nogcinisa (ANC)
- (iii) Councillor AL Gili (ANC)
- (iv) Councillor JF Nel (ICOSA)
- (v) Alderman JJ Visagie (DA)

Councillor AL Gili requested at the Council meeting of 24 January 2024 that he be removed from the Municipal Public Accounts Committee.

Councillor JF Nel has been elected as Executive Deputy Mayor on 18 April 2024, making him ineligible for serving on the Municipal Public Accounts Committee.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*That the composition of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee be amended and established as follow:*

- (i) Councillor LA Hardnek (Witzenberg Party): Chairperson*
- (ii) Councillor N Nogcinisa (ANC)*
- (iii) Alderman JJ Visagie (DA)*
- (iv) Councillor KA Robyn (GOOD)*
- (v) Councillor W Alexander (PA)*

**8.4.3 Council: Conferment of Alderman and Alderlady status: Councillors Dirk Swart and Elizabeth Sidego (3/P)**

A memorandum from the Manager: Administration, dated 12 June 2024, is attached as **annexure 8.4.3**.

The Executive Mayoral Committee unanimously resolved on 18 June 2024 to recommend to Council:

- (a) that in terms of the Witzenberg Municipal Council Policy, conferment of Alderman/Alderlady status be awarded to Councillors Dirk Swart and Elizabeth Sidego respectively.
- (b) that the two Councillors be granted the benefits in terms of Council's policy, associated with the conferment of Alderman/Alderlady status.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) that in terms of the Witzenberg Municipal Council Policy, conferment of Alderman/Alderlady status be awarded to Councillors Dirk Swart and Elizabeth Sidego respectively.*
- (b) that the two Councillors be granted the benefits in terms of Council's policy, associated with the conferment of Alderman/Alderlady status.*

Councillor N Phatsoane congratulated, on behalf of the ANC, Councillors Sidego and Swart on their new status as Alderlady and Alderman and wished them a further prosperous and successful political career.

Councillor W Alexander also congratulated, on behalf of the PA, the two Councillors on obtaining Aldership and wished them a further successful political career.

**8.4.4 Council matters: Council recess for winter break 2024  
(3/1/2/3)**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) that the recess period of Council for the 2024 winter break will be from 24 June 2024 until 5 July 2024.*
- (b) that if the Speaker needs to call a Council meeting all Councillors must be available for a virtual Council meeting at all times.*
- (c) that the Executive Mayor and Executive Deputy Mayor will be on standby during the recess period.*
- (d) that the members of the Committee for Housing Matters must be available, as needed, for the process to hand over houses.*

**9. URGENT MATTERS SUBMITTED AFTER DISPATCHING OF THE AGENDA  
DRINGENDE SAKE NA AFSENDING VAN DIE AGENDA**

None

**NOTED**

**10. FORMAL AND STATUTORY MATTERS  
FORMELE EN STATUTÊRE SAKE**

**10.1 Feedback on matters of outside bodies  
Terugvoering oor sake van buite-organisasies  
(3/R)**

None

**NOTED**

**11. QUESTIONS and/or MATTERS RAISED by COUNCILLORS  
VRAE en/of SAKE DEUR RAADSLEDE GEOPPER**

**(a) Mayoral chain**

Alderman K Adams enquired with regard to the status of the lost Mayoral chain.

**(b) Payment for Mafoko Security personnel**

Councillor IL Swartz enquired with regard to complaints received from Mafoko Security personnel who did not receive their monthly remuneration.

**(c) Montana community hall**

Councillor JS Mouton enquired feedback in respect of the family living in the Montana community hall.

The Municipal Manager requested that the Councillors who had raised questions, submit their questions in writing to him in order to prepare and provide detailed information.

**NOTED**

**12. COUNCIL-in-COMMITTEE**