

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY, HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, VOORTREKKER STREET, CERES ON THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 2024 AT 09:00

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor EM Sidego (DA) (Speaker)
Councillor TE Abrahams (DA) (Executive Mayor)
Councillor JF Nel (ICOSA) (Executive Deputy Mayor)
Alderman K Adams (DA)
Councillor P Daniels (DA)
Councillor S de Bruin (DA)
Councillor GJ Franse (DA)
Councillor JP Fredericks (FF Plus)
Councillor LA Hardnek (Witzenberg Party)
Alderman HJ Smit (DA)
Councillor D Swart (DA)
Alderman JJ Visagie (DA)

Officials

Mr D Nasson (Municipal Manager)
Mr HJ Kritzinger (Director: Finance)
Mr J Barnard (Director: Technical Services)
Mr M Mpeluza (Director: Corporate Services)
Mr J Kolkota (Deputy Director: Finance)
Ms L Nieuwenhuis (Senior Manager: Legal Services)
Mr CG Wessels (Manager: Administration)
Ms M Arendse-Smith (Chief Administrative Officer)
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 and requested the Executive Mayor, Councillor TE Abrahams, 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)

Applications for leave of absence from the meeting were received from:

- (a) Executive Deputy Mayor, Councillor GG Laban (Witzenberg Aksie) due to party political matters
- (b) Councillor JP Zalie (ANC) due to his sister-in-law being seriously ill and in hospital.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

that the applications for leave of absence from the meeting, received from the Executive Deputy Mayor, Councillor GG Laban, and Councillor JP Zalie, be approved and 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

3. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF SUGGESTIONS

3.1 Motion: No confidence and removal of Deputy Executive Mayor from office
(3/2/2)

A request, dated 8 April 2024, for an urgent meeting to table a motion of no confidence and the removal of the Deputy Executive Mayor from office is attached as **annexure 3.1**.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

that the Executive Deputy Mayor, Councillor GG Laban, be removed from office.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR

**4.1 Election of Executive Deputy Mayor
(03/1/1/4)**

Councillor P Daniels proposed and Alderman JJ Visagie seconded that Councillor JF Nel be elected as the Executive Deputy Mayor of Witzenberg Municipality.

There were no further nominations and the Speaker declared Councillor JF Nel as unopposed and duly elected unanimously as the Executive Deputy Mayor of Witzenberg Municipality.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

that Councillor JF Nel was elected as the Executive Deputy Mayor of Witzenberg Municipality.

**4.2 Acceptance speech by Deputy Executive Mayor
(3/1/1/4)**

The Executive Deputy Mayor, Councillor JF Nel, delivered an acceptance speech, which is attached as **annexure 4.2**.

The following Councillors congratulated the Executive Deputy Mayor on his election:

- (a) The Speaker, Councillor E Sidego on behalf of Council
- (b) Councillor L Hardnek on behalf of the Witzenberg Party
- (c) Councillor J Fredericks on behalf of the Freedom Front Plus
- (d) The Executive Mayor, Councillor T Abrahams, on behalf of the Democratic Alliance

NOTED

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 09:55.

Minutes: Special Council meeting
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18 April 2024

Approved on 26 July 2024 without amendments.

COUNCILLOR EM SIDEGO
SPEAKER

/MJ Prins