

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY,
VIRTUALLY (Microsoft Teams) HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY 2021
AT 10:00**

PRESENT

Aldermen, Alderlady and Councillors

Alderman TT Godden (Speaker) (COPE)
Alderman BC Klaasen (Executive Mayor) (DA)
Alderman K Adams (Deputy Executive Mayor) (DA)
Alderman HJ Smit (DA)
Alderman JJ Visagie (DA)
Councillor EM Sidego (DA)
Councillor TE Abrahams (DA)
Councillor P Daniels (DA)
Councillor D Kinnear (DA)
Councillor C Lottering (DA)
Councillor ZS Mzauziwa-Mdishwa (DA)
Councillor D Swart (DA)
Alderman JW Schuurman (ANC)
Councillor M Mdala (ANC)
Councillor TP Mgoboza (ANC)
Councillor MJ Ndaba (ANC)
Councillor N Phatsoane (ANC)
Councillor HF Visagie (ANC)
Councillor P Heradien (ICOSA)
Councillor MD Jacobs (EFF)
Councillor GG Laban (Witzenberg Aksie)

Officials

Mr D Nasson (Municipal Manager)
Mr HJ Kritzinger (Director: Finance)
Mr G Louw (Head: Internal Audit)
Mr A Hofmeester (Manager: IDP)
Mr CG Wessels (Manager: Administration)
Mr C Titus (Committee Clerk)
Mr R Rhode (ICT Administrator)
Mr J Pieterse (Senior ICT Officer)

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Speaker welcomed everyone present and thereafter requested Councillor C Lottering to open the meeting with a prayer.

NOTED

**2. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SPEAKER
(3/1/1/4)**

Not necessary.

NOTED

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

**3.1 Consideration of application for leave of absence, if any
(3/1/2/1)**

An application for leave of absence from the meeting was received from Alderlady JT Phungula.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

that the application for leave of absence from the meeting, received from Alderlady JT Phungula, be approved and accepted.

EENPARIG BESLUIT

dat die aansoek om verlof tot afwesigheid van die vergadering, ontvang vanaf raadsdame JT Phungula, goedgekeur en aanvaar word.

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

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

NOTED

4. STATEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS RAISED

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

Speaker conveyed Council's congratulations to the following spouses on their birthdays:

- Ms R Schuurman 12 May
- Ms N Simpson 24 May

NOTED.

4.2 Matters raised by the Speaker
(09/1/1)

- (a) The Speaker thanked everybody for their support during his illness.
- (b) The Speaker requested Council to assist the senior citizens of the Witzenberg communities to get vaccinated.
- (c) Alderman JW Schuurman responded on the gratitude of the Speaker and ensured him and his family of Council's support during their further recovery.

NOTED

4.3 Matters raised by the Executive Mayor
(09/1/1)

- (a) The Executive Mayor ensured the Speaker of the continuous support of Council to him and his family in this difficult time of illness.
- (b) The Executive Mayor referred to the media coverage of the coming third wave of the pandemic and requested Council to assist with the vaccinations of the elderly.

NOTED

4.4 Matters raised by the Municipal Manager

None

NOTED

5. DELEGATED POWERS

None

NOTED

6. GERESERVEERDE BEVOEGDHEDE / RESERVED POWERS

6.1 Direkoraat Finansies / Directorate Finance

6.1.1 Quarterly Budget Statement [Section 52(d)] Report: 3rd Quarter 2020/2021 (1 January 2021 until 31 March 2021) (9/1/2/2)

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- (a) *that notice be taken of the tabling of the Quarterly Budget Statement Report in terms of Section 52(d) for the period 1 January 2021 until 31 March 2021.*
- (b) *that the matter in respect of the Island Resort and Klip River Park Resort be placed before Council for deliberation and any actions deemed necessary.*
- (c) *that the report be referred to Council's Performance, Risk and Audit Committee for their recommendation to Council.*

EENPARIG BESLUIT

- (a) *dat kennis geneem word van die Kwartaallikse Begrotingsverslag ingevolge Artikel 52(d) vir die tydperk 1 Januarie 2021 tot 31 Maart 2021.*
- (b) *dat die aangeleentheid aangaande die Eiland Vakansieoord en Kliprivier Park Vakansieoord aan die Raad voorgelê word vir bespreking en enige aksies nodig geag.*
- (c) *dat die verslag aan die Prestasie-, Risiko- en Ouditkomitee voorgelê word vir hul aanbeveling aan die Raad.*

6.1.2 Amended Integrated Development Plan (IDP) 2017 to 2022: Proposed amendments for 2021/2022 (2/2/1)

Alderman JW Schuurman requested that the public participation meetings of the Integrated Development Plan be held in the evening to ensure that the working class can give inputs at the meetings.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- (a) *that the proposed Amended 2017 to 2022 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) be adopted.*
- (b) *that the Witzenberg Disaster Management Plan be adopted as a core component of the 2017 to 2022 Integrated Development Plan.*

EENPARIG BESLUIT

- (a) *dat die voorgestelde Gewysigde 2017 tot 2022 Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan (GOP) aanvaar word.*
- (b) *dat die Witzenberg Rampbestuursplan aanvaar word as 'n kernkomponent van die 2017 tot 2022 Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan.*

6.1.3 Finance: Budget 2021/2022 – 2023/2024 (5/1/1/20)

The Executive Mayor tabled the Draft Budget 2021/2022 to 2023/2024 and delivered the Mayor's budget speech, attached as **annexure 6.1.3(I)**.

The various political parties responded on the Mayor's budget speech as follow:

Alderman JW Schuurman on behalf of the ANC:

- The ANC is aware of the difficult financial time of the municipality and that the draft budget was not an easy process. Increases in salaries and the maintenance of roads and infrastructure is evident of the difficult task to draft a budget.
- The ANC requested that nonetheless the above said, that the tariff for burials be reconsidered.

Councillor P Heradien on behalf of ICOSA:

Rates and taxes always increase. This is not a people's budget, but ICOSA congratulated the Executive Mayor and administrative staff on doing their best.

Councillor MD Jacobs on behalf of the EFF:

Thanked the Executive Mayor, Municipal Manager and administrative staff for the concern about the poor and elderly.

Aldermen TT Godden on behalf of COPE:

Regard the budget as a job well done in a time of many difficulties. An election is coming up and COPE requested Council to have a clean election.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- (a) *that the annual budget of Witzenberg Municipality for the financial year 2021/2022 and indicative for the two projected years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024, as set out in the schedules, be approved:*
- (i) *Table A2: Budgeted Financial Performance (expenditure by standard classification).*

- (ii) *Table A3: Budgeted Financial Performance (expenditure by municipal vote).*
 - (iii) *Table A4: Budgeted Financial Performance (revenue by source).*
 - (iv) *Table A5: Budgeted Capital Expenditure for both multi-year and single year by vote, standard classification and funding.*
- (b) *property rates reflected in the budget report and any other municipal tax reflected in the said report are imposed for the budget year 2021/2022.*
- (c) *tariffs and charges reflected in the budget report are approved for the budget year 2021/2022.*
- (d) *the measurable performance objectives for revenue from each source reflected in Table A4 - Budgeted Financial Performance (revenue and expenditure) are approved for the budget year 2021/2022.*
- (e) *the measurable performance objectives for each vote reflected in SA8 are approved for the budget year 2021/2022.*
- (f) *that the new amended budget related policies be approved with implementation as from 1 July 2021:*
- (i) *Tariff Policy*
 - (ii) *Property Rates Policy*
 - (iii) *Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy*
 - (iv) *Cash Management and Investment Policy*
 - (v) *Consumer Payment Incentive Policy*
 - (vi) *Municipal Supply Chain Management Policy*
 - (vii) *Petty Cash Policy*
 - (viii) *Indigent Policy*
 - (ix) *Budget Policy*
 - (x) *Budget Virement Policy*
 - (xi) *Asset Management Policy*
 - (xii) *Funding and Reserves Policy*
 - (xiii) *Cellular Telephone and Data Card Policy*
 - (xiv) *Borrowing Policy*
 - (xv) *Long Term Financial Plan Policy*
 - (xvi) *Transport, Travel and Subsistence Allowance*
 - (xvii) *Post-Employment Medical Aid Contributions*
 - (xviii) *Travel Management Policy*
 - (xix) *Cost Containment Policy*
- (g) *that Council takes cognisance of the budget circulars issued by National Treasury and Provincial Treasury.*
- (h) *that Council takes cognisance of the LGMTEC Integrated Planning and Budgeting Assessment and the responses by the municipality.*

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Approved on _____ with / without amendments.

ALDERMAN TT GODDEN
SPEAKER

MJ Prins