MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY, HELD VIRTUALLY ON FRIDAY, 26 JUNE 2026 AT 09:00

NOTULE VAN DIE SPESIALE VERGADERING VAN MUNISIPALITEIT WITZENBERG, VIRTUEEL GEHOU OP VRYDAG, 26 JUNIE 2026 OM 09:00

PRESENT

Councillors

Alderlady EM Sidego (DA) (Speaker)
Councillor TE Abrahams (DA) (Executive 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 (VF Plus)
Councillor AL Gili (ANC)
Councillor GG Laban (Witzenberg Aksie)
Councillor JS Mouton (ANC)
Councillor MJ Ndaba (ANC)
Councillor JF Nel (ICOSA)
Councillor L Ngwane (EFF)
Councillor N Nogcinisa (ANC)
Councillor N Phatsoane (ANC)
Councillor KA Robyn (GOOD)
Councillor J Rooi (Witzenberg Party)
Alderman HJ Smit (DA)
Alderman D Swart (DA)
Alderman JJ Visagie (DA)
Councillor K Yisa (ANC)

Officials

Mr D Nasson (Municipal Manager)
Mr S Swarts (Director: Community Services)
Mr J Steyn (Director: Technical Services)
Mr M Mpeluza (Director: Corporate Services)
Mr A Hofmeester (Manager: IDP)
Ms M Arendse-Smith (Acting Manager: Administration)
Mr R Rhode (Chief ICT Officer)
Mr J Pieterse (Senior ICT Officer)
Ms J du Toit (Intern: Administration)

1. OPENING AND WELCOME / OPENING EN VERWELKOMING

The Speaker welcomed everyone present and requested Councillor Mouton to open the meeting with prayer, after which special welcome was extended to the newly appointed Councillor L Ngwane on behalf of Council.

Die Speaker heet almal teenwoordig welkom en versoek raadslid J Mouton om die vergadering met gebed te open, waarna 'n spesiale verwelkoming aan die nuut aangestelde raadslid L Ngwane uitegspreek word.

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

2.1 Consideration of application for leave of absence
Aansoeke om verlof tot afwesigheid
(3/1/2/1)

A verbal application for leave of absence from the meeting was received from Councillor J Zalie.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

that the application for leave of absence from the meeting, received from Councillor J Zalie, be held in abeyance until the next meeting for the submission and consideration of the written application for leave of absence.

EENPARIG BESLUIT

dat die aansoek om verlof tot afwesigheid van die vergadering, ontvang vanaf raadslid J Zalie, oorstaan tot die volgende vergadering vir die indiening en oorweging van die skriftelike aansoek om verlof tot afwesigheid.

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

The Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Declaration is attached as **annexure 2.2**.

No conflict of interest was declared. / Geen botsing van belange was verklaar.

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3. RESERVED POWERS / GERESERVEERDE BEVOEGDHEDE

3.1 Amended Integrated Development Plan (IDP) 2022 to 2027: Proposed amendments for 2026/2027 (2/2/1)

The Amended Integrated Development Plan for 2022 to 2027 with proposed amendments for 2026/2027 is attached as **annexure 3.1**.

The reason for the proposal to amend the 2022 to 2027 IDP for implementation over the 2026/2027 financial year is to ensure that the amended IDP takes into account and makes provision for the amended Municipal Spatial Development Framework to be readopted as a core component of the IDP.

Council resolved on 29 May 2026:

That the reviewed 2022 - 2027 Integrated Development Plan for implementation over the 2026/2027 financial year be adopted with the amended Municipal Spatial Development Framework as a core component on the following conditions:

(i) Proposed amendments to the 2022 - 2027 Integrated Development Plan be tabled for the reasons set out in the Memorandum to Council [annexure (e)] in line with the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act (32 of 2000) (MSA) and Regulation 3 of the Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations (MSA Regulations).

(ii) The proposed amendments to the 2022 - 2027 Integrated Development Plan to be processed in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Systems Act (Act 32 of 2000) and its Regulations, including the public participation period of no less than 21 days, including the circulation of the proposed amendments to the Cape Winelands District Municipality.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

(a) that the proposed amendment to the 2022 - 2027 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the 2026/2027 financial year be adopted.

(b) that the Witzenberg Municipal Spatial Development Framework (MSDF) be adopted as a core component of the amended 2022 - 2027 IDP.

EENPARIG BESLUIT

(a) dat die voorgestelde wysiging aan die 2022 - 2027 Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan (GOP) vir die 2026/2027 finansiële jaar aanvaar word.

(b) dat die Witzenberg Munisipale Ruimtelike Ontwikkelingsraamwerk (MSDF) aanvaar word as 'n kernkomponent van die gewysigde 2022 – 2027 IDP.

Councillor N Nogcinisa joined the meeting at 09:35.

3.2 Finance: Rebates granted during 2024/2025 financial year (5/12/1/7)

A memorandum from the Director: Finance, dated 16 April 2026, is attached as **annexure 3.2**.

Council unanimously resolved on 29 May 2026 that the list of exemptions, rebates and reductions granted by the municipality during the 2024/2025 financial year be held in abeyance until the next Council meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

that notice be taken of the exemptions, rebates and reductions granted by the municipality during the 2024/2025 financial year.

EENPARIG BESLUIT

dat kennis geneem word van die vrystellings, afslag en verminderings wat gedurende die 2024/2025 finansiële jaar deur die munisipaliteit toegestaan is.

3.3 Possible adjustments to industrial effluent charge (5/12/1/3)

Memorandum from Director: Finance, dated 18 June 2026:

"**1. Purpose**

To consider the possible adjustment of the industrial effluent charge.

2. Legal framework

The business is allowed to dispose of industrial effluent in terms of the permit issued.

3. Background

Council resolved on 26 February 2025

(a) that the penalty of Ceres Fruit Processors for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 financial years be amended to five (5) times the base rate.

(b) that the By-law related to Industrial Effluent be amended to contain more levels and thereafter be tabled to Council for approval.

The industrial effluent charges were determined by an external service provider based on the following:

Base rate (T.1) for first 36260 kg COO dumped per calendar month:

Peak tariff (T.2) of 1.5 times the base tariff for every 1 kg COD dumped above 36 260 kg COD per calendar month up to maximum total monthly mass treatment of 90 000 kg COD:

On top of the Base and Peak Rates:

A penalty rate of 10 times the Base Rate calculated on day-to-day basis and independently the total mass treatment dumped per calendar month may be dumped for every 1 kg of COD above the maximum limit of 3 000 kilolitres or 3 000 kg COD per 24 hours for such period when this deposit exceeds the maximum limit though by the main: Civil Services would be allowed.

The abovementioned penalty rate has a large impact on the annual charges payable by the industry.

The By-Law related to Industrial Effluent has not been amended to date as the interpretation of AGSA is that a consultant may only be appointed for one project.

4. Discussion

The customer requests that a discount be considered on condition that they use the saving to do some improvements to their treatment plant and possibly the municipal treatment plant."

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

(a) that the penalty of Ceres Fruit Processors for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 financial years be reduced from ten (10) times to five (5) times the base rate.

(b) that the By-law related to Industrial Effluent be amended to contain more levels and thereafter be tabled to Council for approval.

EENPARIG BESLUIT

(a) dat die boete vir Ceres Fruit Processors vir die finansiële jare 2025/2026 en 2026/2027 verminder word van tien (10) keer na vyf (5) keer die basiskoers.

(b) dat die Verordening oor Nywerheidsafvalwater gewysig word om meer vlakke te bevat en daarna aan die Raad voorgelê word vir goedkeuring.

3.4 Council matters: Council recess for winter break 2026 (3/1/2/3)

The Speaker recommends:

(a) that the recess period of Council for the 2026 winter break will be from 29 June 2026 until 20 July 2026.

(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.

The Municipal Manager informed the meeting that invitations would be distributed to Councillors for the opening of the restored Ceres substation, which is scheduled for 3 July 2026. Furthermore, that the MEC of Local Government has also been invited.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

(a) that the recess period of Council for the 2026 winter break will be from 29 June 2026 until 20 July 2026.

(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.

EENPARIG BESLUIT

(a) dat die resestydperk van die Raad vir die wintervakansie van 2026 vanaf 29 Junie 2026 tot 20 Julie 2026 sal wees.

(b) dat as die Speaker 'n Raadsvergadering moet belê, alle Raadslede te alle tye beskikbaar moet wees vir 'n virtuele Raadsvergadering.

(c) dat die Uitvoerende Burgemeester en Uitvoerende Onderburgemeester gedurende die resestydperk op bystand sal wees.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 09:50.

Approved on 29 July 2026 without amendments.

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ALDERLADY EM SIDEGO
SPEAKER