

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY, HELD VIRTUALLY ON FRIDAY, 8 MAY 2026 AT 09:00

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 (VF Plus)
Councillor AL Gili (ANC)
Councillor GG Laban (Witzenberg Aksie)
Councillor JS Mouton (ANC)
Councillor MJ Ndaba (ANC)
Councillor N Nogcinisa (ANC)
Councillor N Phatsoane (ANC)
Councillor J Rooi (Witzenberg Party)
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 JA Steyn (Director: Technical Services)
Mr A Hofmeester (Manager: IDP)
Ms L Nieuwenhuis (Senior Manager: Legal Services)
Ms M Arendse-Smith (Acting Manager: Administration)
Ms J du Toit (Intern: Administration)

1. OPENING AND WELCOME / OPENING EN VERWELKOMING

The Speaker welcomed everyone present and requested Councillor W Alexander to open the meeting with prayer.

Die Speaker heet almal teenwoordig welkom en versoek raadslid W Alexander om die vergadering met gebed te open.

NOTED / AANGETEKEN

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 K Robyn.

'n Mondelinge aansoek om verlof tot afwesigheid van die vergadering is ontvang vanaf raadslid K Robyn.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

that the application for leave of absence from the meeting, received from Councillor K Robyn, 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 K Robyn, 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.

NOTED

3. RESERVED POWERS / GERESERVEERDE BEVOEGDHEDE

3.1 Waste disposal at Worcester regional landfill site: Service Level Agreement (17/3/2)

The following documents are attached:

- (a) Memorandum from Senior Manager: Solid Waste and Cleansing Services, dated 25 March 2026: **Annexure 3.1(a)**.
- (b) Service Level Agreement: **Annexure 3.1(b)**.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- (a) *that notice be taken of the submission regarding the use of the Regional Landfill Site, situated on erf 28007, Worcester.*
- (b) *that approval be granted to proceed with commitment of the contribution of Witzenberg Municipality to facilitate disposal of waste at the Regional Landfill Site, as per the Service Level Agreement.*

The Speaker announced that due to technical difficulties there will be a break from 09:17 until 09:40.

Councillors M Ndaba, N Phatsoane and N Nogcinisa joined the meeting at 09:20.

The meeting resumed at 09:40.

Councillor GG Laban joined the meeting at 9:40.

3.2 Establishment of a Municipal Planning Tribunal (15/4/P)

A memorandum from the Senior Manager: Town Planning and Building Control, dated 9 April 2026, is attached as **annexure 3.2**.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- (a) *That the following officials be appointed to serve on the Planning Tribunal:*
 - (i) *Monwabisi Mpeluza (Director: Corporate Services)*
 - (ii) *Johan Swanepoel (Manager: Projects and Performance)*
 - (iii) *Riaan Fick (Manager: Local Economic Development)*

- (b) that an invitation be extended to neighbouring municipalities and Provincial Government to nominate two officials to serve on the Tribunal as external members and that the Municipal Manager be delegated to confirm the appointments.*
- (c) that the Chairperson of the Municipal Planning Tribunal shall be Johan Swanepoel (Manager: Projects and Performance).*
- (d) that the Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Planning Tribunal shall be Riaan Fick (Manager: Local Economic Development).*
- (e) that the term of the members of the Tribunal shall be five (5) years.*

4. COUNCIL-in-COMMITTEE / RAAD-in-KOMITEE

These items were dealt with in-committee.

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5. MATTERS RAISED BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

5.1 Disaster management during impending storm (17/7/3/2)

The Municipal Manager informed the meeting that a WhatsApp group will be established, which will include the Council and Directors, to facilitate communication regarding emergencies that require immediate attention during the impending storm. Sandbags are being prepared and sections ensuring that there are no storm blockages.

Furthermore, that the Municipal Manager will be the team leader, whilst the Manager: Fire, Rescue and Disaster Management Services will be managing the matter. Councillors can also engage with the Director: Technical Services and Director: Community Services.

The following concerns were raised by the Councillors:

- Whether the WhatsApp group will be open for interaction or locked by the Administrator for one way communication.
- The same street in Nduli experiences the same problem every year.
- Concerns raised regarding the grade 8 learners at Nduli Primary School, who are not fit for the grade as they did not attend school last year and hope that the matter will be tabled to Council.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- (a) *that engagements will be held with the Marketing and Communications Section to ensure that the WhatsApp group will be open for all to communicate.*
- (b) *that clean-ups will be done during the course of the two (2) days to ensure readiness.*

6. ADJOURNMENT / VERDAGING

The meeting adjourned at 10:08. / Die vergadering verdaag om 10:08.

Approved on 29 July 2026 without amendments.

ALDERLADY EM SIDEGO
SPEAKER