

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICES, 50 VOORTREKKER STREET, CERES ON TUESDAY, 8 JANUARY 2019 AT 09:00**

**PRESENT**

Councillors, Aldermen and Alderlady

Alderman TT Godden (Speaker)  
Alderman K Adams (Acting Executive Mayor)  
Alderlady JT Phungula  
Alderman JW Schuurman  
Alderman HJ Smit  
Alderman JJ Visagie  
Councillor TE Abrahams  
Councillor P Daniels  
Councillor P Heradien  
Councillor MD Jacobs  
Councillor D Kinnear  
Councillor GG Laban  
Councillor C Lottering  
Councillor M Mdala  
Councillor TP Mgoboza  
Councillor ZS Mzauziwa  
Councillor MJ Ndaba  
Councillor N Phatsoane  
Councillor EM Sidego  
Councillor RJ Simpson  
Councillor D Swart  
Councillor HF Visagie

Officials

Mr M Mpeluza (Acting Municipal Manager)  
Mr J Barnard (Director: Technical Services)  
Mr A Raubenheimer (Acting Director: Finance)  
Mr CG Wessels (Manager: Administration)  
Mr C Titus (Committee Clerk)  
Ms MJ Prins (Acting Principal Administrative Officer)

**1. OPENING AND WELCOME**

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

**NOTED**

**2. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE, IF ANY  
(3/1/2/1)**

Application for leave of absence from the meeting was received from Councillor BC Klaasen (DA).

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from the Municipal Manager.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) *that the application for leave of absence from the meeting, received from Councillor BC Klaasen, be approved and accepted.*
- (b) *that notice be taken of the apology for absence from the meeting, received from the Municipal Manager.*

**3. STATEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS RAISED**

**3.1 Matters raised by the Speaker  
(09/1/1)**

- (a) The Speaker welcomed Councillor MJ Ndaba (ANC) as a newly appointed member on the Council.
- (b) The Speaker expressed his gratitude for blessings bestowed on Council and the municipality during the recess.
- (c) Councillor RJ Simpson enquired with regard to the attendance of Councillors at the function for top achievers in the 2018 examinations.
- (d) Alderlady J Phungula enquired with regard to the attendance of Councillors at the opening of schools.
- (e) Alderlady J Phungula (ANC) congratulated the ANC on their 107<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration which will be held in Durban.

**NOTED**

**3.2 Matters raised by the Acting Executive Mayor  
(09/1/1)**

- (a) The Acting Executive Mayor welcomed Councillor MJ Ndaba as a newly appointed member on the Council.
- (b) The Acting Executive Mayor expressed best wishes to Council, Senior Management and staff for 2019.

**NOTED**

#### 4. RESERVED POWERS

##### 4.1 Determination of upper limits of salaries, allowance and benefits of councillors according to Government Gazette no. 42134 (5/11/1)

The following documents are attached:

- (a) Memorandum from Acting Director: Finance, dated 4 January 2019: **Annexure 4.1(a)**.
- (b) Government Gazette no. 42134, dated 21 December 2018: **Annexure 4.1(b)**.
- (c) Circular 48/2018 from SALGA, dated 28 December 2018: **Annexure 4.1(c)**.
- (d) Detail of adjustment and councillor allowances: **Annexure 4.1(d)**.

Councillor MD Jacobs (EFF) requested that the recommendations of the item in the agenda be clarified. The Speaker ruled that the Directorate Finance will clarify the recommendations to individual councillors due to a majority decision by Council that the recommendations be accepted. Councillor Jacobs requested that it be minuted that the resolutions of Council with regard to the matter are not supported by the EFF.

#### RESOLVED

*That in respect of the determination of upper limits of salaries, allowances and benefits of different members of municipal councils, discussed by Council at a Council meeting:*

- (i) *that Council notes the content of Government Gazette no. 42134.*
- (ii) *that sufficient funds are available to set the upward salary adjustment of Councillors with effect from 1 July 2018.*
- (iii) *that Council approves the upward salary adjustment for Councillors as determined in Government Gazette no. 42134.*
- (iv) *that Council approves the cell phone allowances for Councillors as determined in Government Gazette no. 42134.*
- (v) *that the increase of total remuneration be approved retrospectively from 1 July 2018 subject to the concurrence of the Provincial Minister for Local Government.*
- (vi) *that the Provincial Minister for Local Government notes that Council have not implemented the latest upward salary adjustment as yet.*
- (vii) *that Councillors submit to the municipality details of property, assets and beneficiaries to be covered by the special risk insurance.*

#### 5. COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE