

# **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY, VIRTUALLY HELD ON TUESDAY, 11 MAY 2021 AT 10:00**

## **PRESENT**

### Aldermen/Alderlady/Councillors

Councillor EM Sidego (Acting Speaker) (DA)  
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 TE Abrahams (DA)  
Councillor D Swart (DA)  
Councillor D Kinnear (DA)  
Councillor C Lottering (DA)  
Councillor P Daniels (DA)  
Councillor ZS Mzauziwa-Mdiswa (DA)  
Alderman JW Schuurman (ANC)  
Alderlady JT Phungula (ANC)  
Councillor HF Visagie (ANC)  
Councillor RJ Simpson (ANC)  
Councillor MJ Ndaba (ANC)  
Councillor N Phatsoane (ANC)  
Councillor M Mdala (ANC)  
Councillor P Heradien (ICOSA)  
Councillor MD Jacobs (EFF)  
Councillor GG Laban (Witzenberg Action)

### Officials

Mr D Nasson (Municipal Manager)  
Mr HJ Kritzinger (Director: Finance)  
Mr J Barnard (Director: Technical Services)  
Mr M Mpeluza (Director: Corporate Services)  
Mr G Louw (Head: Internal Audit)  
Mr J Swanepoel (Manager: Projects and Performance)  
Mr C Wessels (Manager: Administration)  
Mr R Rhode (ICT Administrator)  
Mr J Pieterse (Senior ICT Officer)  
Mr C Titus (Committee Clerk)

### Other representatives

Mr J Jansen van Rensburg (AGSA)

**1. OPENING AND WELCOME**

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

**NOTED**

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

The Executive Mayor expressed on behalf of Council well wishes to the Speaker and his family during their time of illness. The Speaker left the meeting after that.

Thereafter Council unanimously appointed Councillor EM Sidego as the Acting Speaker for the meeting.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that Councillor EM Sidego be appointed as the Acting Speaker for the meeting.*

**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)**

None

**NOTED**

**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. RESERVED POWERS**

##### **4.1 Annual Report and Financial Statements: 2019/2020 (9/01/1)**

Mr J Jansen van Rensburg from the office of the Auditor-general of South Africa made a presentation in respect of the audited financial statements for 2019/2020. The following matters were highlighted:

- Mr Jansen van Rensburg congratulated the municipality, Municipal Manager, Management and Council on obtaining an 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive clean audit report from AGSA for 2019/2020.
- That the audit has been conducted in terms of international standards.
- That the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of opinion.
- Emphasis of matters:
  - Matters that do not impact on the audit opinion.
- Restatement of corresponding figures: Note 36.
- Material losses/impairments: Notes 3 and 4.
- Subsequent events: Note 51 is the expenditure and impact of the municipality's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Other matters: Opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.
- Unaudited supplementary information and unaudited disclosure notes did not form part of the audit.
- Responsibilities of the Accounting Officer and the responsibilities of AGSA are highlighted and found no material misstatements, and a word of well done to the municipality.
- Achievement of planned targets:
  - No material findings on compliance with the specific matters in legislation. AGSA again expressed congratulations.
  - No significant deficiencies in internal control.
- Report duly signed off.

Mr Jansen van Rensburg thanked the Municipal Manager, Management and Council for assistance with the conducting of the audit.

Alderman JW Schuurman enquired from AGSA regarding pending legal cases. AGSA responded that no audit has been done in detail cases, but awaiting the final outcome of litigation cases.

Alderman JW Schuurman (on behalf of the ANC) and Councillor DM Jacobs (on behalf of the EFF) thanked and congratulated the Municipal Manager, Executive Mayor, Management, Council and MPAC Chairperson for good work done in obtaining an 8<sup>th</sup> clean audit from AGSA.

Mr J Jansen van Rensburg left the meeting at 10:30.

The Chairperson of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee submitted the Oversight Report of the Annual Report of the Witzenberg Municipality and recommended that:

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee, having fully considered the 2019/2020 Annual Report of the Witzenberg Municipality, recommends that Council adopts the 2019/2020 Oversight Report and approves the 2019/2020 Annual Report without reservations.

The Municipal Manager responded on enquiries in respect of corrections, that the Annual Report will be amended where applicable.

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that, having fully considered the 2019/2020 Annual Report of the Witzenberg Municipality, Council adopts the 2019/2020 Oversight Report and approves the 2019/2020 Annual Report without reservations.*

#### **4.2 Finance: Adjustment budget 2020/2021 to 2022/2023 (5/1/1/19)**

The following documents are attached:

- (a) Adjustment budget 2020/2021 to 2022/2023: **Annexure 4.2(a)**.
- (b) Budget schedules: **Annexure 4.2(b)**.

The Director: Finance tabled the Adjustment Budget for 2020/2021 to 2022/2023 and highlighted the following:

- That the purpose of the adjustment budget is for roll-over funds, mainly:
  - Capital: Housing – R3 507 702-00.
  - Capital: Repairs to John Steyn Library – R800 000-00
  - Operational: CDW – R296 000-00
  - Operational: Finance capacity building – R294 000-00
- Senior Management amended the adjustment budget report due to:
  - R19,4 million Gazetted for the Tulbagh Dam, but only R10 million was received. Municipality awaits the Water Use Licence Permit. Amount of R19,4 million decreased to R10 million.
  - National Treasury decreased some grants to the municipality due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- (a) *that the Adjustment Budget of Witzenberg Municipality for the financial year 2020/2021, as set out in the main tables of the budget documents, be approved:*
- (i) *Table B1 – Budget summary;*
  - (ii) *Table B2 – Adjustments Budget Financial Performance (by standard classification);*
  - (iii) *Table B3 – Budgeted Financial Performance (Revenue and Expenditure by Vote);*
  - (iv) *Table B4 – Adjustments Budget Financial Performance (Revenue by source);*
  - (v) *Table B5 – Budgeted Capital Expenditure by Vote, standard classification and funding.*
- (b) *that the monthly and quarterly financial targets of the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan be adjusted to correspond with the approved adjustments budget figures.*

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_ with / without amendments.

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**COUNCILLOR EM SIDEGO**  
**ACTING SPEAKER**

*/MJ Prins*