

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY, HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, VOORTREKKER STREET, CERES ON MONDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 10h00

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor JS Mouton (Speaker) (ANC)
Alderman HJ Smit (Executive Mayor) (DA)
Councillor FE Klazen (Deputy Executive Mayor) (GOOD)
Alderman K Adams (DA)
Alderman JJ Visagie (DA)
Councillor EM Sidego (DA)
Councillor D Swart (DA)
Councillor S de Bruin (DA)
Councillor GJ Franse (DA)
Alderman BC Klaasen (DA)
Councillor MJ Ndaba (ANC)
Councillor AL Gili (ANC)
Councillor N Nogcinisa (ANC)
Councillor PN Phatsoane (ANC)
Councillor K Yisa (ANC)
Councillor J Zalie (ANC)
Councillor JJ Cloete (Patriotic Alliance)
Councillor JP Fredericks (Freedom Front Plus)
Councillor LA Hardnek (Witzenberg Party)
Councillor P Heradien (ICOSA)
Councillor GG Laban (Witzenberg Aksie)
Councillor IL Swartz (EFF)

Officials

Mr D Nasson (Municipal Manager)
Mr HJ Kritzinger (Director: Finance)
Mr J Barnard (Director: Technical Services)
Mr M Mpeluzi (Director: Corporate Services)
Ms L Nieuwenhuis (Manager: Legal Services)
Mr CG Wessels (Manager: Administration)
Ms M Arendse-Smith (Chief Administrative Officer)
Ms M Prins (Word Processor Operator)
Ms R Hendricks (Manager: Communication and Marketing)
Mr CJ Titus (Committee Clerk)
Mr J Pieterse (Senior ICT Officer)

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

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

Speaker conveyed on behalf of Council condolences to the family and DA Coalition of Councillor C Lottering who passed on and wished them well. Council held a standing moment of silence in honour and respect for Councillor C. Lottering.

NOTED

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

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

None

NOTED

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

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

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

NOTED

3. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF SUGGESTIONS

3.1 Motion: Request for urgent meeting to table a motion of no confidence and to request the removal of the Speaker from office (3/1/1/4)

Speaker referred to and read the motion submitted by the DA-coalition and signed by 13 (thirteen) Councillors to request for an urgent meeting of no confidence in and the removal of the Speaker from office (attached as **annexure 3.1(a).**

Alderman J.J. Visagie proposed and Alderman H. Smit second that the meeting be postponed until 21 February 2022 at 10h00.

Speaker read a letter to Council received from Councillor I.L. Swartz, EFF that he withdraw his signature from the motion on grounds that he did not understand the motion. (Letter attached as **annexure 3.1(b)**). Director: Corporate Services translated, the letter to isiXhosa, at the request of the Speaker.

Alderman J.J. Visagie requested on behalf of the DA-caucus a caucus break.

Speaker mentioned that the motion was signed by 13 (thirteen) Councillors. With the passing on of Councillor C. Lottering the number decreased to 12 (twelve) signatures and with the withdrawel of Councillor I.L. Swartz the total decreased to 11 (eleven). Thus there are no more a majority of votes which is $11 + 1 = \text{equals } 12$.

Speaker adjourned the meeting without any discussion.

NOTED

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10h25.

Approved on _____ with / without amendments.

COUNCILLOR JS MOUTON
SPEAKER

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