

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICES, 50 VOORTREKKER STREET, CERES ON WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2015 AT 10:00

PRESENT

Councillors

TT Godden (Speaker)
BC Klaasen (Executive Mayor)
K Adams (Deputy Executive Mayor)
BJ Chaaban
P Daniëls
JJ du Plessis
MC du Toit
JP Fredericks
WJ Hanekom
JNED Klazen
S Louw
JS Mouton
SM Ndwanya
JT Phungula
L Salmon
MI Saula
RJ Simpson
A Smit
HJ Smit
D Swart
JJ Visagie

Officials

Mr D Nasson (Municipal Manager)
Ms J Krieger (Director: Community Services)
Mr H Taljaard (Acting Director: Technical Services)
Mr A Raubenheimer (Deputy Director: Finance)
Mr A Hofmeester (IDP Manager)
Mr R Rhode (Acting Manager: Administration)
Ms M Arendse (Principal Administrative Officer)
Mr C Titus (Committee Clerk)
Ms P Nombayeka (Interpreter)
Ms M Prins (Typist)

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Speaker welcomed everyone present and requested Councillor JJ du Plessis to open the meeting with prayer.

NOTED.

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

Applications for leave of absence from the meeting were received from Councillors R Badela and EM Sidego.

Apologies for non-attendance of the meeting were received from the Directors: Corporate Services, Finance and Technical Services.

RESOLVED

- (a) *That the applications for leave of absence from the meeting, received from Councillors R Badela and E M Sidego be approved and accepted.*
- (b) *That cognisance be taken of the apologies for non-attendance of the meeting, received from the Directors: Corporate Services, Finance and Technical Services.*

Councillor J Mouton requested a caucus break of fifteen minutes on behalf of the ANC coalition. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 and resumed at 10:24.

The Speaker enquired about the caucus break taken by the ANC coalition. Councillor J Mouton responded and mentioned that it has come to the attention of the ANC coalition that Councillor J Fredericks (VIP) was suspended by his party following a disciplinary hearing. The ANC requested clarity from Council regarding Councillor Fredericks's status as a councillor.

The Municipal Manager informed the meeting that the issues between Councillor Fredericks and his political party leader are not a council matter and was explained as such.

The Speaker informed the meeting that he did not receive any information or that any vacancy was declared; therefore all members of Council are councillors

Councillor BJ Chaaban mentioned that it came to his attention that irregularities are taking place between Councillor J Fredericks and a political party.

The Speaker ruled a point of order and ordered Councillor Chaaban to withdraw his comment.

The Speaker ordered Councillor B Chaaban to leave the meeting.

Councillor J Mouton, on behalf of the ANC coalition, informed the Speaker that the ANC coalition will no longer be part of the meeting, as they could not obtain satisfactory answers regarding the status of Councillor J Fredericks. The ANC coalition left the meeting at 10:35.

The meeting decided that the remaining councillors were not a quorum of Council and agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:40.

NOTED.

Approved on _____ .

COUNCILLOR TT GODDEN
SPEAKER

/MJ Prins