

MINUTES

of the

**INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING
FOR THE YEAR 2016**

of

MATJHABENG MUNICIPALITY

held on

TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2016

at

15:00

**ERNEST OPPENHEIMER THEATRE,
WELKOM**

**COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE: INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:
16 AUGUST 2016**

PROPORTIONAL			
1.	Stofile B (Speaker)	19.	Mthebere NA
2.	Speelman NW (Executive Mayor)	20.	Mthunzi MS (Absent)
3.	Badenhorst MJ	21.	Ngesi TM
4.	Botha PF	22.	Ntsebeng MH
5.	Direko DR	23.	Phofeli NM
6.	Jacobs EJ	24.	Presente LN
7.	Kabi M	25.	Radebe MC
8.	Khetsi LE	26.	Radebe ML
9.	Lethake TW	27.	Rakaki MM
10.	Lushaba TB	28.	Senxezi ME
11.	Macingwane MT	29.	Sephiri MJ
12.	Mafaisa MG	30.	Sithole AM
13.	Manenye AJ	31.	Styger A
14.	Marais JS	32.	Taljaard SDM
15.	Mashiqqa EZ (Absent)	33.	Thelingoane NE
16.	Masina XN	34.	Tlhone ML
17.	Mbana MA	35.	Tshopo ME
18.	Moipatle KSV	36.	Tsupa MR
WARD			
37.	Badenhorst HS	55.	Moshoeu ZS
38.	Chaka MS	56.	Mosia TJ
39.	Daly A	57.	Mphikeleli MA
40.	Khalipha TD	58.	Nkonka BB
41.	Khothule MJ	59.	Nthako TD
42.	Liphoko SJ	60.	Ntuli BN
43.	Mafa DM	61.	Pholo SJ
44.	Mahlumba BH	62.	Poo IP
45.	Malherbe C	63.	Ramalefane SJ
46.	Manzana NR	64.	Ramatisa PT
47.	Masienyane MD	65.	Schlebusch CJ
48.	Meli TS	66.	Sebotsa MM
49.	Mokhomo HA	67.	Thelingoane TJ
50.	Molefi M	68.	Tlake KR
51.	Molelekoa PMI	69.	Tsatsa SJ
52.	Moloja NJ	70.	Tshabangu SE
53.	Monjovo NE	71.	Van Rooyen MS
54.	Morris VR	72.	Van Schalkwyk HCT



OFFICIALS

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

Mr MF Lepheana : Municipal Manager
Mr T. Makofane : Executive Director: Strategic Support Services
Mr X. Msweli : Executive Director: LED, Planning & HS
Mr ET Tsoaeli : Chief Financial Officer
Me M. Mogopodi : Executive Director: Community Services
Me HB Maswanganyi : Executive Director: Infrastructure
Mr FF Wetes : Executive Director: Corporate Services **(Leave)**

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION SECRETARIAT

Mr M. Atolo : Senior Manager: Council Admin
Me PP Seleka : Admin Officer (Corporate Services)

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(a)	<p>Opening</p> <p>Pastor Ledimo opened the meeting with prayer. The Municipal Manager, Adv. M.F. Lepheana welcomed everybody present at the Inaugural Council meeting for the term ranging between 2016 and 2021 and thereafter declared the meeting open.</p> <p>He then acknowledged the presence of honoured guests, representatives from various organizations, all Councillors, the Chief Magistrate, Ms A. Motlekar, members of the IEC, community members and everyone present.</p>
(b)	<p>Applications for leave of absence</p> <p>None</p>
(c)	<p>Purpose of the Meeting and explanation of the Proceedings</p> <p>The Municipal Manager indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to inaugurate the new Councillors who were elected during the Local Government elections held on the 3rd August 2016. He then explained the proceedings of the meeting.</p>
(d)	<p>Taking of the Oath of Office by Councillors</p> <p>The Chief Magistrate, Ms A. Motlekar administered the taking of oath by 70 of the newly elected Councillors for Matjhabeng Local Municipality.</p>
(e)	<p>Election of the Speaker</p> <p>IAI/2016</p>
(f)	<p>Motions of congratulations from the Municipal Manager</p> <p>The Municipal Manager, on behalf of Matjhabeng Municipality congratulated Cllr B. Stofile on his election as Speaker for the second term in succession, and indicated that he was greatly honoured to serve under such a leader of such high calibre.</p> <p>He also conveyed a message of condolences to the Stofile family for the passing away of his brother, Rev. Makhenkesi Stofile, the former Minister of Sports & Recreation who was currently serving as an Ambassador to Germany.</p>
(g)	<p>Motions of congratulations from Political Parties</p> <p><u>Independent</u></p> <p>Cllr SE Tshabangu congratulated Cllr B. Stofile on his election as Speaker and wished him well. He assured him that he would have his support as long as he would serve all parties and prioritize the needs of the community.</p> <p><u>Congress of the People (COPE)</u></p> <p>Cllr TM Ngesi, on behalf of COPE indicated that he could not congratulate the Speaker of a Municipality that was recently declared by the Auditor General as the 2nd highest in the country with regard to financial mismanagement.</p> <p><u>FF+</u></p> <p>Cllr SDM Taljaard, on behalf of FF+ congratulated Cllr B. Stofile on his election as Speaker and indicated that she was privileged to serve under such a leader who has the qualities of integrity and intellect.</p>

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	<p><u>Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)</u></p> <p>Cllr MT Macingwane, on behalf of the EFF could not congratulate the Speaker as he alleged that the previous Councillors disappointed him/ his party with regard to the use of finances.</p> <p><u>Democratic Alliance (DA)</u></p> <p>Cllr JS Marais, on behalf of DA congratulated Cllr B. Stofile on his election as Speaker and saluted him for his expertise. He stated that he was the only person who could keep seven parties together and wished him well.</p> <p><u>African National Congress (ANC)</u></p> <p>Cllr MJ Sephiri congratulated Cllr B. Stofile on his election as Speaker and urged him to ensure that order is maintained in Council and Council does not turn into a laughing stock.</p>
(h)	<p>Taking of Chair by the Speaker and acceptance speech</p> <p>The Municipal Manager handed over the Chair to the newly elected Speaker, Cllr B. Stofile to proceed with the remaining items.</p> <p>The Speaker acknowledged all dignitaries from various organizations, honourable guests, representatives of various organizations, the Chief Magistrate, the outgoing Councillors, officials, members of the Community and everyone present.</p> <p>He indicated that since 1994 all citizens of South Africa were given a voice by means of electing the candidates of their choice. Councillors are therefore servants of the community and they should strive to work as a team towards achieving their goal, which is to defeat poverty, expedite service delivery and fulfill the mandate from the community of Matjhabeng.</p> <p>He thanked all the Councillors for electing him as Speaker of Matjhabeng Local Municipality.</p>
(i)	<p>Election of the Executive Mayor</p> <p>IA2/2016</p>
(j)	<p>Motion of congratulations from Political Parties</p> <p><u>FF+</u></p> <p>Cllr SDM Taljaard, on behalf of FF+ congratulated Cllr NW Speelman on his election as Executive Mayor of Matjhabeng Local Municipality and wished him well.</p> <p><u>Congress of the People (COPE)</u></p> <p>Cllr TM Ngesi, on behalf of COPE indicated that Cllr NW Speelman as a former MMC for Finance should work hard to serve the people, better the services and create jobs.</p> <p><u>Independent</u></p> <p>Cllr SE Tshabangu indicated that the Executive Mayor would have his support if he observes all pillars of the NDR, if he avoids factionalism and if he develops an IDP which addresses the needs of the community.</p>

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	<p><u>Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)</u></p> <p>Cllr ME Senxesi, on behalf of EFF stated that his Party abstained from voting for the Executive Mayor who could not assist the learners from TOSA College during the “Fees Must Fall” campaign.</p> <p><u>Democratic Alliance (DA)</u></p> <p>Cllr PF Botha, on behalf of DA congratulated Cllr NW Speelman on his election as Executive Mayor and indicated that he won the election but not the war of getting the Municipality out of the state that it is in. He promised that he would have their support because the people of Matjhabeng want change in service delivery, change in attitudes of employees, change in the manner in which business is conducted, change in poor job creation strategies, change in the manner in which finances are utilized, change in negative Auditor General Report outcomes. He urged the Executive Mayor to work for the people who look up to him as the first citizen of the Matjhabeng.</p> <p><u>African National Congress (ANC)</u></p> <p>Cllr TD Khalipha congratulated Cllr NW Speelman on his election as Executive Mayor and urged his Party to stop arrogance of taking people’s votes for granted. He indicated that people want better lives and urged the Executive Mayor to serve all people, to deal with corruption and to use all the good systems that were put in place by the former Executive Mayor, Cllr S. Ngangelizwe.</p>
<p>(k)</p>	<p>Acceptance speech by the Executive Mayor</p> <p>The Executive Mayor, Cllr NW Speelman acknowledged all dignitaries from various organizations, guests, representatives of various institutions, the Chief Magistrate, members of the Community and everyone present. He thanked the Speaker and the Councillors for electing him and also expressed his great appreciation to his family, especially to his mother who has moulded him into what he is at the present moment.</p> <p>He indicated that Lejweleputswa District Municipality had received an unqualified Audit report under his leadership and he intends to achieve the same for Matjhabeng as well. He indicated that the situation of continuous disclaimers could only change through working together.</p> <p>He promised to prioritize service delivery, to avail sites for the community, ensure that mandates and legislative duties are fulfilled, improve work ethics among employees, tolerate no corruption, introduce a budget for bursaries to assist needy learners, work together with business people to improve the economy of Matjhabeng, ensure that 90% of projects is awarded to local contractors and turn the Municipality around as guided by the ANC Manifesto.</p> <p>In conclusion, the Executive Mayor expressed his gratitude to Cllr JS Marais and Cllr Botha for their good work in Lejweleputswa District Municipality, to Cllr A. Styger and Cllr DC Smit for their continuous invaluable advice and to the outgoing Council led by the former Executive Mayor, Cllr S. Ngangelizwe for laying a good foundation.</p> <p>He then congratulated the newly elected Speaker, Cllr B Stofile and hoped that he will continue to do the good work.</p>

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(l)	<p>Motions of congratulations from the Speaker</p> <p>The Speaker congratulated Cllr NW Speelman on his election as the Executive Mayor of Matjhabeng Local Municipality. He requested the Executive Mayor to focus on economic growth, to carefully consider the economic drivers and determine which projects could turn Matjhabeng around.</p> <p>He mentioned that the network infrastructure is very important in attracting investors, therefore much effort should be placed on service delivery matters such as fixing of potholes, cutting of trees that are falling at the roads and so forth.</p> <p>In conclusion, the Speaker advised that the IDP should be developed in consideration to the needs of the community.</p>
(m)	<p>Election of the Representatives of the Municipality in the Lejweleputswa District Council</p> <p>IA3/2016</p>
(n)	<p>Draft Schedule of meetings</p> <p>IA4/2016</p>
(o)	<p>Standard Rules and Orders as Amended</p> <p>IA5/2016</p>
(p)	<p>Legislative Information</p> <p>IA6/2016</p>
(q)	<p>Dress Code Policy for Councillors</p> <p>IA7/2016</p>
(r)	<p>Announcements by the Speaker</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Speaker requested that as soon as the meeting ends, all Councillors should go to Ferdie Meyer hall to take a group photo and those who did not take an individual photo should do so as well. 2. He announced that all new Councillors are requested to come and sign the documentation pertaining to their benefits at Ferdie Meyer hall on Thursday, the 18th of August 2016 at 10h00. 3. On Tuesday, the 23rd August 2016 and Wednesday, the 24th August 2016 an orientation would be conducted for Councillors on Standard Rules and Orders as well as all other related policies of Council at Ferdie Meyer hall. 4. On the 5th – 9th of September 2016 an induction for Councillors would be conducted by SALGA and all Councillors are expected to attend. No apologies would be accepted. 5. On the 12th – 16th of September 2016 an induction of all Councillors who are elected to represent Matjhabeng in Lejweleputswa District Council would be conducted by SALGA.
(s)	<p>Closing</p> <p>The Speaker thanked everyone who participated and ended the meeting at 21h35.</p>

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CLLR B. STOFIE (SPEAKER)

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IA1/2016

ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER (ED: CSS) (4/1/2/1)

PURPOSE

To submit the item in order to enable Council to elect a Speaker.

DISCUSSION

The Municipal Manager requested proposals from Councillors for the nomination of a Speaker.

Cllr NW Speelman proposed the name of Cllr B. Stofile and was seconded by Cllr M Kabi.

Cllr ME Senxezi proposed the name of Cllr MT Macingwane and was seconded by Cllr MA Sithole.

Cllr TM Ngesi proposed the name of Cllr MJ Sephiri and there was no seconder.

Cllr JS Marais proposed the name of Cllr A. Styger and was seconded by Cllr MJ Badenhorst.

Voting for the election of the Speaker was done by means of secret ballot papers under the inspection of IEC representatives in front of the Chief Magistrate, Ms A. Motlekar.

The results were as follows:

Cllr B Stofile	-	ANC	=	47
Cllr A. Styger	-	DA	=	16
Cllr T. Macingwane	-	EFF	=	5
Spoilt ballots			=	2
Cllrs who did not attend			=	<u>2</u>
		Total	=	72

COUNCIL RESOLVED: (16 AUGUST 2016)

1. That Cllr B. Stofile **BE ELECTED** as the Speaker of Matjhabeng Local Municipality in terms of Section 36(1) of the Municipal Structures Act 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998).

//The Municipal Manager handed over the Chair to the newly elected Speaker, Cllr B. Stofile to proceed with the remaining items//

IA2/2016

ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR (ED: CSS) (4/1/2/1)**PURPOSE**

To submit an item to Council in order to enable Councillors to elect an Executive Mayor.

DISCUSSION

The Speaker requested proposals from Councillors for the nomination of an Executive Mayor.

Cllr MH Ntsebeng proposed the name of Cllr NW Speelman and was seconded by Cllr ML Radebe.

Cllr TM Ngesi proposed the name of Cllr MA Mbana and there was no seconder.

Cllr MS Van Rooyen proposed the name of Cllr LN Presente and was seconded by Cllr PF Botha.

Voting for the election of the Executive Mayor was done by means of secret ballot papers under the inspection of IEC representatives in front of the Chief Magistrate, Ms A. Motlekar.

The results were as follows:

Cllr NW Speelman	-	ANC	=	48
Cllr LN Presente	-	DA	=	16
Spoilt ballot			=	1
Cllrs who abstained			=	5
Cllrs who did not attend			=	<u>2</u>
		Total	=	72

COUNCIL RESOLVED: (16 AUGUST 2016)

1. That Cllr NW Speelman **BE ELECTED** as the Executive Mayor of Matjhabeng Local Municipality in terms of Section 55(1) of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998) as well as Rules 118 to 121 of the Standard Rules and Orders, as promulgated.

//Cllr NW Speelman was duly sworn in as the Executive Mayor of Matjhabeng Local Municipality by the Chief Magistrate, Ms A. Motlekar//

IA3/2016

ELECTION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MUNICIPALITY IN THE LEJWELEPUTSWA DISTRICT COUNCIL (ED: CSS) (4/1/2/2)

PURPOSE

To submit a report to Council on the election of representatives in the Lejweleputswa District Council.

DISCUSSION

The Speaker requested proposals from each Political Party for the nomination of a list of Councillors who will represent Matjhabeng Local Municipality in the Lejweleputswa District Council.

The IEC representatives informed Council that Matjhabeng Municipality has obtained 13 seats in Lejweleputswa District Council. They explained in detail how the process will unfold.

The following formula which was used to calculate the seats was also explained in detail:

$$\frac{72 + 1}{13}$$

The following Parties submitted their name lists as follows:

ANC	DA	EFF	FF+	Independent
Cllr MH Ntsebeng	Cllr JS Marais	Cllr AM Sithole	Cllr SDM Taljaard	Cllr SE Tshabangu
Cllr ML Tlhone	Cllr LN Presente	Cllr LE Khetsi		
Cllr KSV Moipatle	Cllr EJ Jacobs	Cllr MT Macingwane		
Cllr MG Mafaisa		Cllr ME Senxesi		
Cllr NE Thelingoane		Cllr NA Mthebere		
Cllr XN Masina				
Cllr MR Tsupa				
Cllr NE Monjovo				
Cllr DM Mafa				

The list for the Independent Councillor was afterwards withdrawn by Cllr SE Tshabangu.

Voting for the election of the representatives was done by means of secret ballot papers under the inspection of IEC representatives.

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The results were as follows:

ANC	=	46/6	=	7,67	=	8
DA	=	16/6	=	2,67	=	3
EFF	=	5/6	=	0,83	=	1
FF+	=	1/6	=	0,17	=	-
Independent	=	1/6	=	0,17	=	-
				Total	=	12

COUNCIL RESOLVED: (16 AUGUST 2016)

1. That the election of representatives of the Matjhabeng Municipality who will serve at the Lejweleputswa District Council **BE** as follows:

ANC	=	8 representatives
DA	=	3 representatives
EFF	=	1 representative

2. That the allocation of the remaining seat will **BE DECIDED** by the MEC for COGTA as both the FF+ and the Independent Councillor scored 0.17 percentage.

IA4/2016

DRAFT SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS (ED: CSS) (3/1/3/1)

PURPOSE

To submit the proposed schedule of ordinary Council meetings from August 2016 to June 2017 to Council, for consideration.

DISCUSSION

The Speaker informed Council that the function of scheduling of Council meetings falls under his delegated functions in terms of Section 37(c) of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998).

COUNCIL RESOLVED: (16 AUGUST 2016)

1. That the item **NOT BE DEALT** with, as the Speaker would determine the Schedule according to the stipulated Act.

IA5/2016

STANDARD RULES AND ORDERS AS AMENDED (3/1B) (ED: CSS)

PURPOSE

This serves to submit the Standard Rules and Orders as amended, to Council for noting and / or adoption.

DISCUSSION

The Speaker presented the item to Council.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: (16 AUGUST 2016)

1. That the Standard Rules and Orders as amended, attached herein **BE NOTED** and adopted as the Standard Rules and Orders of the Council of the Matjhabeng Municipality's working document.
2. That a workshop in which all new Councillors would be orientated in Standard Rules and Orders as well as all other related policies of Council **BE CONDUCTED**.

IA6/2016

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION (ED: CSS) (2/1/1)

PURPOSE

To submit to the Council the basic laws that constitutes essential legislative framework applicable in the Council.

DISCUSSION

The Speaker presented the item to Council.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: (16 AUGUST 2016)

1. That the item **BE NOTED**.

IA7/2016

DRESS CODE POLICY FOR COUNCILLORS (ED: CSS) (SPEAKER) (5/5/4)

PURPOSE

To present to Council the draft Dress Code Policy for Councillors for information.

DISCUSSION

The Speaker presented the item to Council.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: (16 AUGUST 2016)

1. That the item **BE NOTED**.