



MINUTES OF THE 36TH ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG MUNICIPALITY HELD ON THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2026, AT 11:00, AT THE CONSTANCE CONNIE BAPELA COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRAAMFONTEIN.

**SPEAKER OF COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR M ARNOLDS**

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1 OPENING

The Speaker requested Council to rise and observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.

The Speaker welcomed the Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Councillor S. Morero, the Whip of Council, Councillor K. Chauke, the Chair of Chairs, Councillor V. Marema, all political party leaders and whips, Members of the Mayoral Committee; Chairpersons of the Section 79 Committees, fellow Councillors; the City Manager, Dr F. Brink; the Secretary to Council, Mr A Gobinca; officials of the City of Johannesburg; residents of the City of Johannesburg; members of the media; and ladies and gentlemen, to the 36th Ordinary Council Meeting of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality.

The Speaker informed Council that requests had been received from the Executive and the Legislature to include two (2) additional items on the agenda as urgency reports. The Speaker acceded to the requests, and the reports were added to the agenda as Items 22 and 23, respectively.

The Speaker allowed ten (10) minutes for the number of Councillors present in the Chamber to be counted and for verification of the attendance registers in order to confirm a quorum.

The Speaker informed Council that there were two registers that Councillors were required to sign. One for the Special Council meeting held earlier and another for the Ordinary Council meeting.

Councillors were requested to minimise movement in the Chamber and to remain seated in their designated seats to assist with the verification process. The Speaker acknowledged that some Councillors were experiencing problems with their seats and indicated that work was underway to resolve the matter and that all seats should be fixed by the next Council sitting.

The Speaker confirmed that, following the count, 211 Councillors were present in the Chamber, excluding those who had entered thereafter. The Speaker indicated that a quorum had been achieved and that the Council meeting could proceed.

2 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The following applications for leave of absence from this meeting were granted:

<i>Councillor Chabalala, M D</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Ill Health</i>
<i>Councillor Dewes, D S</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Lobi, M</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Mhlari, T M</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Mkhonto, M S</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Political Party Business</i>
<i>Councillor Mphefo, L M P</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Ill Health</i>
<i>Councillor Ngwenya (EFF)</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Ill Health</i>
<i>Councillor Nkomo, P T</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Ill Health</i>
<i>Councillor Ramaru, G</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Private Business</i>

<i>Councillor Smit, P A</i>	:	<i>Ill Health</i>
<i>Councillor Wilskut, D</i>	:	<i>Ill Health</i>
<i>Councillor Wissler, S T J</i>	:	<i>Private Business</i>

The following Councillors were granted permission to arrive late

<i>Councillor Karolia, Y</i>	
<i>Councillor Sifumba, N</i>	
<i>Councillor Marais, A F</i>	
<i>Councillor Ncube, W M</i>	
<i>Councillor Khanyile, N M</i>	
<i>Councillor Fourie-Shawe, C</i>	<i>11:00</i>
<i>Councillor Mohamed, N</i>	<i>11:00</i>
<i>Councillor Jacobs, K</i>	<i>11:00</i>
<i>Councillor Steenkamp, D</i>	<i>11:00</i>
<i>Councillor Hooper, R S</i>	<i>11:00</i>
<i>Councillor Shange, P A</i>	<i>12:00</i>

The following Councillors were granted permission to leave the meeting early

<i>Councillor Chame, F</i>	<i>17:00</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Christians, A</i>	<i>17:00</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Cook, M</i>	<i>14:30</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Kaldine, J</i>	<i>15:00</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Kunene, K</i>	<i>15:00</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Landis, R</i>	<i>17:00</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Lefutso, L</i>	<i>15:30</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Mabunda, T E</i>	<i>13:00</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Makhuba, H N</i>	<i>18:00</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Matabane, O</i>	<i>15:00</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Mkhize, T</i>	<i>18:30</i>	<i>Political Party Business</i>
<i>Councillor Mkhonza, N F</i>	<i>16:30</i>	<i>Political Party Business</i>
<i>Councillor Mokoka, M L</i>	<i>13:00</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Nair, R K</i>	<i>17:00</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Nyembe, M M</i>	<i>15:00</i>	<i>Ill Health</i>
<i>Councillor Pietersen, N</i>	<i>17:00</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Ponsonby, D A</i>		<i>Council Business</i>
<i>Councillor Smouse, B M</i>	<i>16:30</i>	<i>Council Business</i>
<i>Councillor Truluck, T F</i>	<i>18:00</i>	<i>Private Business</i>
<i>Councillor Van Wyk, W M</i>	<i>17:00</i>	

3 OFFICIAL NOTICES

The Speaker conveyed well wishes to all councillors who celebrated their birthdays during February and congratulated them on the occasion.

She informed Council that Councillor Nicole Schrader, previously known as Councillor Rahn, had resigned as a Democratic Alliance Proportional Representation (PR) Councillor in the City of Johannesburg and wished her well in her future endeavours. She indicated that Councillor Rahn had been replaced by Councillor Graham de Kock.

3.1 Statement by the Executive Mayor

The Executive Mayor conveyed greetings to the Speaker of Council, the Chief Whip, the Chair of Chairs, leaders of political parties and caucuses, councillors, residents of Johannesburg, and members of the public gallery.

He addressed the ongoing water supply challenges affecting several areas across the city, noting that Johannesburg Water, in collaboration with Rand Water, is implementing measures to mitigate disruptions. An apology was extended to residents of Wards 66 and 118 who continue to experience prolonged water outages.

He informed Council that interventions include improvements to pumping stations, particularly to support supply in high-lying areas, and that some areas are beginning to show signs of stabilisation. Persistent challenges at Hursthill 1 and Hursthill 2 were noted as contributing to pressure-related supply issues in surrounding areas, including Crosby and Coronationville, while the Brixton Reservoir and Tower are expected to improve storage capacity and water supply in Region B.

The Executive Mayor further reported that the Executive has resolved to ring-fence a portion of water revenue for reinvestment into infrastructure, including a pipe replacement programme targeting approximately 2,600 km of pipelines. This initiative is aimed at reducing water losses from approximately 33% by at least 10%, with projected annual savings of over R300 million.

Additional interventions include the construction of four reservoirs and three water towers in Midrand, with one tower nearing completion, as well as the refurbishment of nineteen reservoirs to improve system efficiency. While water supply in Soweto has remained relatively stable, ongoing challenges in Meadowlands and Doornkop were noted, with improvements anticipated.

The Executive Mayor also highlighted ongoing engagements with financial institutions, including the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the African Development Bank, and AfriSam Bank, to secure funding for infrastructure upgrades, with support from the City's Finance Department. Further support from national and provincial government, including the Ministers of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) and Water and Sanitation, was acknowledged.

He called on all Councillors and political parties to support the City's interventions, emphasising the importance of water security and demand management, and expressed appreciation to ward councillors for their continued efforts in assisting affected communities during this period.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(35th Ordinary Meeting held on 29 January 2026)

Councillor Fourie-Shawe noted, for clarity, that Councillor Hughes was on maternity leave and requested that this distinction be accurately reflected in the minutes under leave of absence.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the 35th Ordinary meeting of the City of Johannesburg Council held on 29 January 2026, be taken as read and confirmed.

5 (a) QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN IN TERMS OF RULE 105(1) STANDING RULES AND ORDERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Bolani (ANC) addressed Council and asked the oral question as follows:

Noting that:

1.(a) A municipality must: Structure and manage its administrative, budgeting and planning processes to give priority to the basic needs of the community and to promote social and economic development of the community.

Given that on 10 April 2024, The MMC received and signed a written memorandum from the residents of Rethabile Block, Braamfischerville Extension 4, Ward 49, in which clear commitments were made regarding the tarring of roads and the installation of stormwater drainage infrastructure on Czarevich Street, Contessa Street, Baronet Street and Emperor Avenue

- 1. Why has nothing been done to date to implement or advance the promises made to the community on that day?*
- 2. What accountability does the MMC take for the failure to act on a signed commitment made to residents facing ongoing flooding, unsafe roads, and restricted mobility?*

In the absence of action, does the MMC accept that the continued inaction of his department is undermining public trust and unfairly damaging the credibility of the elected Ward Councillor

MMC Kunene addressed Council and responded to the oral question as follows:

An update was provided on road infrastructure in Ward 49, noting that the Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) is finalising tender documentation for the procurement of the contractor to undertake the upgrade of gravel roads to surface standards. It was highlighted that there is a significant backlog in the upgrading of gravel roads and the installation of stormwater infrastructure, with budget constraints affecting not only Braamfischerville but the broader city.

It was further reported that efforts are being made to use internal capacity within the JRA to construct roads without external tenders, with examples cited in Diepsloot, Rabie Ridge, and Ivory Park, where approximately 500 metres of road have been constructed to surfaced standards. While commitment and political will to improve road infrastructure were reaffirmed, it was emphasised that budget limitations remain a key constraint and that commitments are subject to the availability of funding.

In conclusion, reference was made to a motion sponsored in Parliament by a Member of Parliament from the Patriotic Alliance to review and amend the Prevention of Illegal Eviction from and Unlawful Occupation of Land Act, to strengthening provisions to address hijacked buildings, including criminalising such activities, revisiting eviction clauses, and enabling more effective enforcement.

The Speaker asked Councillor Bolani if he had a follow-up question. In response, Councillor Bolani indicated that he was not satisfied with the answer but that he did have a follow-up question.

Councillor Christians (DA) rose in terms of Rule 108(6) of the Standing Rules and Orders of Council, indicating that, as Councillor Bolani had not exercised the opportunity to ask a follow-up question, he wished to do so.

The Speaker referred to Rule 108 of the Standing Rules and Orders of Council, read it out to Council, and ruled that Rule 108 does not provide for a follow-up question to be asked by another Councillor other than the member who posed the original question.

(b) QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN IN TERMS OF RULE 105(2), OF THE STANDING RULES AND ORDERS OF COUNCIL

The Executive Mayor indicated that the responses had been uploaded to the relevant link.

(c) EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S QUESTION TIME OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN IN TERMS OF RULE 112(4)(a) OF THE STANDING RULES AND ORDERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Mosehla addressed Council and stated that where he comes from, after using the toilet, he needs to take a bath because of the bad odour from the toilets.

He said that in areas such as Diepsloot, Ivory Park, Kliptown, and Orange Farm, there is no water. He expressed frustration that it took "white people" from Midrand for the water issue in Johannesburg to receive proper attention, while longstanding complaints from communities such as those previously mentioned (Diepsloot, Ivory Park, Kliptown and Orange Farm) had been ignored. A question was then posed regarding when similar attention would be given to the underserved areas.

- 1) *What specific and measurable interventions has the City of Johannesburg implemented or plans to implement to address and reverse the ongoing decay of infrastructure in the city with particular reference to our water and sanitation systems?*
- 2) *How does the city intend to ensure that the basic services are restored, maintained, and sustainably managed for all residents without further service delivery failures?*

The Executive Mayor addressed Council, stating that it did not take “white people” for action to be taken in Midrand to address water challenges. He emphasised that post-1994 Johannesburg has transformed its suburbs and communities, and that the majority of residents in Midrand are Black, African, working-class, poor, and middle-income. He added that the growth of the middle-income population in Johannesburg is reflected in the developments observed in the Midrand area.

The Executive Mayor acknowledged that water supply remains a challenge but noted that the Grand Central Reservoir has started to show signs of improvement. President Park, however, continues to experience constraints; the reservoir fills to approximately 50%, but within a few hours of distribution, levels drop to around 30%, limiting the City’s ability to supply water. These challenges are due to water harvesting and illegal connections in the area, which continue to constrain the system.

The Executive Mayor outlined measurable interventions undertaken by the City. Since the beginning of the financial year, 19 reservoirs, including President Park, have been refurbished to ensure sufficient storage and reduce losses from leakage. A commitment has also been made to construct four new reservoirs in Midrand. Construction has started on a 20-megalitre municipal reservoir and a 10-megalitre reservoir funded by private developers, providing a total of 30 megalitres in that area. Completion is anticipated by December 2026 or February 2027. Three additional reservoirs and three towers are planned, with one tower already completed.

He acknowledged that Johannesburg’s infrastructure is ageing and requires refurbishment. Through service entity reforms with the National Treasury, the City is receiving approximately R400 million in grants to support infrastructure investment and refurbishment. The Executive Mayor noted that Johannesburg’s population has grown to approximately 5.8 million, and while deployment of bulk infrastructure has lagged, private sector development has continued, requiring the City to play a catch-up role.

The Executive Mayor apologised to residents affected by water shortages, including those in Soweto, Orange Farm, and other areas, and affirmed that all efforts are being made to ensure water supply throughout the City. Councillor Mosehla was commended for raising the concerns of community members in the Council chamber.

On a follow-up question, Councillor Mosehla stated that the Executive Mayor did not answer but attempted to do so. He said that Johannesburg does not have a shortage of water but is experiencing significant losses due to leakages. He noted that the City’s reservoirs and storage capacity are not the problem; rather, water is being lost through sewer spillages, dysfunctional water treatment plants, and decaying infrastructure. He further indicated that many small pipes currently in use were

installed during the 1950s and 1960s under the previous Apartheid government. While the population has grown, the same aging infrastructure continues to be used, which is insufficient to meet the needs of all residents. Councillor Mosehla emphasised that the primary issue is the loss of water and that this should be addressed.

In response, the Executive Mayor said that Johannesburg has approximately 12,000 kilometres of water infrastructure and a similar length of sewer infrastructure, much of which is severely damaged and in need of replacement. A pipe replacement programme is being undertaken, and due to limited resources in the current financial year, only 84 kilometres of pipes could be replaced. Efforts are now underway to escalate the programme, with a target of replacing 2,600 kilometres of pipe. Completion of this programme is expected to reduce water losses from leakages to approximately 10%, resulting in estimated annual savings of around R300 million.

Councillor Meyers (DA) referred to the Council meeting of August 2024, during which the Johannesburg Water Turnaround Plan was unanimously approved. While some projects were mentioned in the Executive Mayor's earlier statement, he noted that very little of the plan's implementation has been observed to date. Councillor Meyers highlighted that the plan requires a capital expenditure increase of over R3 billion for the current financial year, yet only R1.7 billion was allocated. In addition, a loan of over R700 million was approved by Council in November last year. He asked how much of that amount had been paid over to Johannesburg Water and not merely reflected on paper. He further asked the Executive Mayor if he was still committed to the turnaround plan and how he planned to catch up and ensure its full implementation.

In responding, the Executive Mayor stated that the Johannesburg Water Turnaround Strategy adopted by Council is on track. He noted that efforts are underway to increase capital investment in both water and sewer infrastructure. Pipe replacement for water is being coordinated alongside sewer replacement, as in some instances both run together underground.

The Executive Mayor outlined measures to raise capital for infrastructure expansion. Approximately R500 million previously raised has been deployed on reservoirs, and additional resources are being allocated by reinvesting a percentage of water revenue into infrastructure, in line with the service entity reforms. Furthermore, the City is expected to receive approximately R400 million as a grant under the service entity reforms to support pipe replacement.

The Executive Mayor confirmed that an average of R3 billion annually is required to address the backlog. With R1.7 billion already allocated and an additional R500 million deployed, the City is exploring further options, including raising R13 billion in the market to address 2,600 kilometres of water pipes and approximately 1,800 kilometres of sewer pipes across Johannesburg. Engagements with several financial institutions are ongoing to raise blended finance, including grants and loans, to support the programme. The Executive Mayor concluded that, if successful, these measures will ensure the Turnaround Strategy remains on track and will achieve its objectives.

On a follow up question, Councillor Meyers acknowledged the Executive Mayor's commitment to advancing the Johannesburg Water Turnaround Plan and thanked him for the efforts. He requested that the Executive Mayor provide a guarantee, both to Council and to the residents at large, that revenue for Johannesburg Water will be ring-fenced in the new financial year. He further asked for clarification on the sources of funds that have already been received.

In responding, the Executive Mayor stated that approximately R400 million has already been received from the National Treasury as part of the service entity reforms.

Councillor Mogapi (EFF) requested a 15-minute caucus break. Councillor Munyayi (ActionSA) and Councillor Avant-Smith (DA) requested a 30-minute caucus break.

The Speaker acceded to the requests, and a 30-minute caucus break was granted.

The political parties reported back from the caucus break and indicated that they were ready to continue with the meeting.

Councillor Sifumba (DA) requested proper caucus rooms where political parties can hold their caucus meetings. She acknowledged the improvements in the current system but appealed for dedicated caucus facilities to be provided.

The Speaker responded that the Legislature had requested a provision in the budget to address the need for caucus rooms. She indicated that this would be a long-term project and assured members that efforts were underway to make proper caucus facilities available.

6 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION 79 COMMITTEE IN TERMS OF RULE 24 OF THE STANDING RULES AND ORDERS OF COUNCIL

The Speaker stated that one nomination form had been received, which was properly completed. Councillor Lubabalo Magwentshu was noted as the proposer of the nomination of Councillor Tabisa Anthia Mogapi for the position of Chairperson. Councillor Yongama Zigebe was noted as the seconder, and Councillor Mogapi had accepted the nomination.

The Speaker asked Councillor Magwentshu, as the proposer, followed by Councillor Zigebe, as the seconder, and Councillor Mogapi, as the nominee, to read the form into the record.

Councillor Lubabalo Magwentshu (ATM) read the nomination form for Councillor Tabisa Anthia Mogapi for the position of Chairperson of the Section 79 Health and Social Development Committee.

Councillor Zigebe (UDM) seconded the nomination of Councillor Tabisa Anthia Mogapi for the position of Chairperson of the Section 79 Oversight Committee on Health and Social Development.

Councillor Mogapi (EFF) accepted the nomination for the position of Chairperson of the Health and Social Development Committee.

The Speaker confirmed that no further nominations had been received and declared Councillor Tabisa Anthia Mogapi duly elected as Chairperson of the Section 79 Health and Social Development Committee. She congratulated Councillor Mogapi on her new role.

7 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG MUNICIPALITY

The Speaker stated for the record that the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) had been formally requested to conduct the election process and that the Commission had acceded to the request. The Speaker called upon all Councillors and relevant officials to cooperate fully with the IEC in this regard.

Before the commencement of the election of the Deputy Executive Mayor, the Speaker brought the following matters to the attention of Councillors:

“In terms of section 55(1) of the Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998), as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Act:

“If a municipal council chooses to have an executive mayor it must elect an Executive Mayor and if the MEC for Local Government so approves, also an Executive Deputy Mayor.”

The election would be conducted in accordance with Schedule 3 (Election of Municipal Office-Bearers), which provides that:

“The procedure set out in this schedule applies whenever a municipal council meets to elect a speaker, an executive mayor, a deputy executive mayor, a mayor, and a deputy mayor.

In terms of Schedule 3 to the Act, as the presiding officer must call for nominations of candidates for the position of Deputy Executive Mayor at this meeting.

- *Each nomination must be submitted on the prescribed form and must be signed by two councillors, a nominee, and a seconder.*
- *A person’s nomination must indicate acceptance of the nomination by signing the nomination form.*

Item 4 of Schedule 3 to the Act, in terms of which the person presiding at this meeting must announce the names of persons who have been nominated as candidates but may not permit a debate.

In terms of item 5 of the Schedule, if only one candidate has been nominated, the person presiding must declare that candidate elected.

- *If more than one candidate is nominated, and in accordance with item 6 of the Schedule:*
 - A) A vote must be taken at the meeting by secret ballot;*
 - B) Each councillor present at the meeting may cast one vote;*
 - C) The person presiding must declare elected the candidate who receives the majority of the votes.*

In terms of item 7 of the Schedule; "Elimination Procedure":

- 1. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the candidate who receives the lowest number of votes must be eliminated and a further vote taken on the remaining candidates in accordance with item 6. This procedure must be repeated until a candidate receives the majority of the votes.*
- 2. When applying subitem (1), if two or more candidates each have the lowest number of votes, a separate vote must be taken on those candidates and repeated as often as may be necessary to determine which candidate is to be eliminated."*

In terms of item 8, "Further Meetings":

- 3. If only two candidates are nominated, or if only two candidates remain after an elimination procedure has been applied, and those two candidates receive the same number of votes, a further meeting must be held within seven days at a time determined by the person presiding.*
- 4. If a further meeting is held in terms of subitem (1), the procedure prescribed in this schedule must be applied at that meeting as if it were the first meeting for the election in question.*
- 5. If at a further meeting held in terms of subitem (1) only two candidates are nominated, or if only two candidates remain after the elimination procedure has been applied, and those two candidates receive the same number of votes, the person presiding at such meeting must determine by lot who of the two candidates will hold the office for which the election has taken place."*

Speaker indicated that the meeting would now proceed with the election process of the Deputy Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, in accordance with Schedule 3 to the Act, as previously outlined.

The Speaker then handed over to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) to outline the election process.

The IEC indicated that it is constitutionally mandated to administer elections of national, provincial, and local government legislative bodies and, from time to time, accedes to requests to facilitate elections of municipal office bearers in line with Schedule 3 of the Municipal Structures Act. The IEC stated that its duty for the day was to facilitate the election of the Deputy Executive Mayor, preceded by the nomination of candidates.

The IEC confirmed that 275 ballot papers would be prepared, including five additional copies above the 270 corresponding to the total number of Councillors. Agents or observers would be invited to assist in observing the electoral process. The IEC further addressed acceptable documents for voting, confirming that only the following would be accepted: the official green barcode ID, the smart card, or a valid temporary identification certificate. The IEC advised that preparation of the voting station would take approximately 30 minutes and then opened the floor for nominations, distributing three nomination forms.

Councillor Christians (DA) indicated that, based on a previous Council decision, the Democratic Alliance (DA) had rejected the position of Deputy Executive Mayor and would not participate in the election, as reflected on their nomination form. The Speaker confirmed that three nomination forms had been received and duly completed. One form reflected Councillor Adolphus Marema as the nominator, seconded by Councillors Makhosazana Ndlela and Tefo Albert Raphadu, nominating MMC Loyiso Masuku. The second nomination form reflected Councillor Thapelo Kenneth Kunene as the nominator, seconded by Councillors Thapelo Amad and Dwayne Ponsonby, also nominating MMC Loyiso Masuku. The third submission, from the DA, indicated non-participation in the election.

Accordingly, the Speaker confirmed that only two valid nomination forms had been received and requested that the nominators and seconders read their nominations into the record.

Councillors Marema, Ndlela, and Raphadu read their nomination, and MMC Masuku accepted the nomination. Councillors Kunene, Amad, and Ponsonby read their nomination, and MMC Masuku again accepted the nomination.

The Speaker announced that, as there was only one candidate, MMC Loyiso Masuku was duly elected as the Deputy Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality.

The Speaker thanked the IEC for its services and indicated that there was no longer a need to proceed with the set-up. The Speaker further informed MMC Masuku, now Deputy Executive Mayor-elect, that the swearing-in ceremony would take place within the next hour, as confirmed by the RCP.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

MMC Masuku, on behalf of the Executive, tabled the reports from the Executive and requested the withdrawal of Item 9. She further requested that the Section 71 reports, being Items 1, 2, 3 and 4, be considered together. In addition, she requested that the budget items, being Items 18, 19, and 20 be scheduled to follow immediately after the consideration of the Section 71 reports.

The Speaker confirmed that Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 would be considered together, that Item 9 would be withdrawn, and that Items 18, 19, and 20 would be considered immediately thereafter in the proposed sequence.

The Chair of Chairs tabled recommendations from the Legislature.

Item 1 CITY OF JOHANNESBURG MFMA IN-YEAR
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

This item was considered together with Items 2, 3, and 4.

NOTED

(GROUP FINANCE)
(Ms. P Tshezi)
(Tel. (011) 021-3350)

Item 2 CITY OF JOHANNESBURG MFMA IN-YEAR
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

NOTED

(GROUP FINANCE)
(Ms. P Tshezi)
(Tel. (011) 021-3350)

Item 3 CITY OF JOHANNESBURG MFMA IN-YEAR
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2025

NOTED

(GROUP FINANCE)
(Ms. P Tshezi)
(Tel. (011) 021-3350)

Item 4 CITY OF JOHANNESBURG MFMA IN-YEAR
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

NOTED

(GROUP FINANCE)
(Ms. P Tshezi)
(Tel. (011) 021-3350)

- Item 5 GROUP STRATEGIC SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
ACQUISITION STATUS REPORT REFLECTING BIDS
CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY ACCOUNTING
OFFICER FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 OCTOBER 2025 TO
31 DECEMBER 2025

NOTED

- 1 That the contents of the report and the information contained in Annexure A thereto be noted.
- 2 That the Group Head: Strategic Supply Chain Management, in compliance with Regulation 6(4) of the Supply Chain Management Regulations issued in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003, makes this report public in the manner prescribed in section 21A of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act No 32 of 2000, for access thereof by the public.

(GROUP FINANCE)
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- Item 6 GROUP STRATEGIC SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
1 OCTOBER 2025 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

NOTED

- 1 That the contents of the report and the information contained in Annexure A, B, C, D, E and F thereto be noted.
- 2 That the Group Head: Strategic Supply Chain Management publishes the report on the Council's website in compliance with Regulation 6(4) of the Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations issued in terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003, for access thereof by the public.]

(GROUP FINANCE)
(Louis Fourie)
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(Louisf@joburg.org.za)
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- Item 7 GROUP STRATEGIC SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
DEVIATION AND RATIFICATION REPORTS THAT WERE
CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY THE ACCOUNTING
OFFICER FOR THE PERIOD FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2025
TO DECEMBER 2025

NOTED

- 1 That the contents of the report and the information contained in Annexure A be noted in compliance with Regulation 36(2) of the Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations.
- 2 That the deviation contained in Annexure A be included as a note to the Annual Financial Statements in compliance with Regulation 36(2).

(GROUP FINANCE)
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(Ops Manager: Committees)
(nokuzolad@joburg.org.za)
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- Item 8 TABLING OF THE THIRD-GENERATION
CITY OF JOHANNESBURG DISTRICT
DEVELOPMENT MODEL (DDM) ONE PLAN

Councillor Christians (DA) referred to Rule 84 of the Standing Rules and Orders of Council, which provides that "Whenever a question is put by the Presiding Officer, any Councillor may inform the Presiding Officer that she/he wishes her/his party's opposition on the item to be formally recorded in the Minutes of the Proceedings," and formally recorded the dissent of the Democratic Alliance.

NOTED

DA DISSENT

(GROUP STRATEGY, POLICY COORDINATION, AND RELATIONS)
(Limeze Suleman)

- Item 9 RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS
OF THE EXECUTIVE HEAD: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

WITHDRAWN

(GROUP CORPORATE AND SHARED SERVICES)
(Zameka Ngele)
(Group Head: Group Human Capital Management)
(Tel. (011) 407-6785)

- Item 10 2026/27 INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT
PLAN (IDP), MEDIUM TERM BUDGET AND
TARIFFS REPORT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

NOTED

(COJ LEGISLATURE)
(Yusuf Lachporia)
(Tel. (011) 407-6310)

- Item 11 RULING OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER:
REQUEST FOR ALDERMANSHIP
BY COUNCILLOR HOON

Councillor Echeozonjoku (DA) stated that a minority report had been submitted; however, it did not appear to be attached to the report under consideration. She requested that it be placed on record that the minority report submitted by the Democratic Alliance be included. She further raised concern regarding the submission of reports that are not reflected in the documentation presented to Council, despite having been circulated to Legal Services and committee members.

The Speaker sought clarification from Councillor Mofokeng as the Chairperson of the Committee.

Councillor Mofokeng acknowledged the concern raised by the Democratic Alliance and noted that, in accordance with procedure, minority reports discussed in committee must be circulated to all Councillors. He further stated that such reports should not be submitted solely to the Chairperson.

Councillor Echeozonjoku apologised for any perception of initiating debate and clarified that minority reports submitted to the committee are received by committee officers. She stated that where such reports are addressed to the Chairperson and committee, it is the responsibility of the committee officers to circulate them. She expressed concern regarding the apparent lack of clarity, noting that the rules governing this process are explicit.

The Speaker reiterated that a minority report must be tabled in the committee in order to be included in the Council agenda. She further stated that if the report were not tabled, it would not form part of the documentation presented to Council. The Speaker cautioned against further debate on the matter.

Councillor da Gama (DA) added that a minority report typically arises when opposition members indicate dissatisfaction with a report during a meeting and subsequently submit a minority report. Such a report is then provided to officials for tabling.

The Speaker clarified that, in terms of Rule 130(2), where there is substantial disagreement on policy issues, a minority report must accompany the committee report. However, in this instance, the minority report did not follow the required submission process and was therefore not included as part of the report.

Councillor Echeozonjoku (DA) referred to Rule 84 of the Standing Rules and Orders of Council which provides that "Whenever a question is put by the Presiding Officer, any Councillor may inform the Presiding Officer that she/he wishes her/his party's opposition on the item to be formally recorded in the Minutes of the Proceedings," and formally recorded the dissent of the Democratic Alliance.

RESOLVED

- 1 That Council notes the outcome of the Rules Committee.
- 2 That Council affirms that the ruling of the Speaker is valid, stands, and is procedurally correct.
- 3 That Council confirms that Councillor Hoon's application for conferment of Alderman status is not acceptable.

(COJ LEGISLATURE)
(DA DISSENT)

Item 12 TERMS OF REFERENCE –
SECTION 79 FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That Council approves the amended Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee.

(COJ LEGISLATURE)
(Tikanelo Tseki)
(Tel. (011) 407-6423)

Item 13 OVERSIGHT VISIT REPORT OF THE
SECTION 79 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TO DEVILLIERS STREET, JHB CBD,
REGION F ON THE 12 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLVED

- 1 That the Council approves the oversight visit report noting the observations cited in the body of the report.
- 2 That the committee organize a joint oversight visit with all affected departments/entities of the City of Johannesburg, the departments/entities to include but not limited to the following, Economic Development Department, Joburg Property Company, Joburg Market, Department of Development Planning, Finance Department, before the end of January 2026.

(COJ LEGISLATURE)
(T Marokwane)
(Cell: 083 401 7992)

Item 14 OVERSIGHT VISIT OF SECTION 79
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO
RANDBURG LICENSING CENTRE ON
15 JANUARY 2026

RESOLVED

- 1 That the Council approves the oversight visit report noting the findings referred to in the body of the report.
- 2 That the Licensing services make sure they advertise vacant funded positions within three months from the approval of this report by Council.
- 3 That the Licensing services sort out issues with Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport within three months from the approval of this report by Council.
- 4 That the Licensing services procure the furniture and computers before end of 2025/2026 financial year.
- 5 That Department makes sure that all the licensing centres have got new filling system within three months of approval of this report by Council.

(COJ LEGISLATURE)
(T Sidubulekana)
(Tel. 060 561 4717)

Item 15 CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP OF
VARIOUS SECTION 79 COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

That Council approve the changes in membership of the various Section 79 Committees, as reflected in the body of the report.

(COJ LEGISLATURE)

Item 16 OUTCOME OF INVESTIGATION INTO THE
ALLEGED BREACH OF THE CODE OF THE
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS:
COUNCILLOR N NOFEMELA

RESOLVED

- 1 That Council note and accept the report and findings of the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee on the outcome of investigation into the alleged breach of the Code against Councillor Nofemela.
- 2 That Council issue a formal warning to Councillor Nofemela in line with Item 16(2)(a) of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

- 3 That the Speaker of Council reports the outcome of investigation, the findings, recommendations and decision of Council to the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance, Gauteng Province, in accordance with Item 15(3) of the Code after this matter has been referred to and noted by the full sitting of Council.

(COJ LEGISLATURE)
(Mpho Komane)
(Tel. 011 407-6009)

Item 17 OUTCOME OF INVESTIGATION INTO THE
ALLEGED BREACH OF THE CODE OF THE
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS:
COUNCILLOR JACQUE HOON

RESOLVED

- 1 That Council note and accept the report and findings of the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee on the outcome of investigation into the alleged breach of the Code against Councillor Hoon.
- 2 That the Speaker of Council reports the outcome of investigation, the findings and decision of Council to the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance, Gauteng Province, in accordance with Item 15(3) of the Code after this matter has been referred to and noted by the full sitting of Council.

(COJ LEGISLATURE)
(Mpho Komane)
(Tel. 011 407-6009)

Item 18 OPERATING ADJUSTMENT BUDGET
FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Speaker reminded Councillors that, in her opening remarks, she had indicated that requests had been received from the Executive and the Legislature to include two additional items on the agenda as urgency items, and that she had acceded to those requests. The Speaker further stated that where reports are received late, Councillors have the opportunity to caucus and consider the items.

The Chair of Chairs reminded Council that, when the matter was previously raised, the Democratic Alliance (DA), through its Whip, Councillor Avant-Smith, had indicated that they would request a caucus break at the relevant stage, and that this had not been disputed at the time. The Chair of Chairs proposed that the meeting proceed in an orderly manner.

The Speaker concurred and indicated that the DA had already submitted the names of Councillors who would speak on the item.

Councillor de Lange (VF+) raised concerns regarding the late circulation of the adjustment budget, stating that it had been made available overnight without sufficient time for caucuses or the Whippery to consider it. He further indicated that such an item should undergo proper scrutiny, including consideration by a Section 79 Committee, and expressed concern regarding adherence to the 72-hour rule and the potential precedent being set.

The Speaker indicated that she was not in a position to withdraw the item, as it was not a Legislature item, and requested that the Executive provide guidance on the matter.

MMC Masuku, on behalf of the Executive, indicated that while caucus breaks are permissible, the Executive would not be withdrawing the report and that the meeting should proceed.

The Speaker confirmed that the Executive would not be withdrawing the report. Councillor Boer (VF+) then requested a three-hour caucus break and that the document be printed and distributed to Councillors.

Councillor Christians (DA) advised that insufficient time to consider the documents could result in legal implications and urged that the Executive reconsider, suggesting that an Extra-Ordinary Council meeting be convened to allow adequate time for due diligence.

The Speaker indicated that she would consult with legal advisors and requested a 10-minute adjournment for this purpose. She further stated that the document would not be printed for distribution to all Councillors, and that Councillors could access the documents electronically via the system.

Upon resumption, the Speaker reported that she had obtained a legal opinion. The Speaker then indicated that the items would be withdrawn for the time being and that an Extra-Ordinary Council meeting would be convened to allow Councillors sufficient time to consider the documents. Councillors would be informed of the date of the Extra-Ordinary meeting.

The Speaker indicated that the meeting would proceed with the remaining items on the agenda.

DEFERRED

(GROUP FINANCE)
(Ntuthuzelo April)
(Director: Group Budget and Planning)
(Tel. (011) 358 3290)

Item 19 CAPITAL ADJUSTMENT BUDGET
FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

DEFERRED

(GROUP FINANCE)
(Ntuthuzelo April)
(Director: Group Budget and Planning)
(Tel. (011) 358 3290)

Item 20 2025/26 MID-YEAR REVIEW OF THE INSTITUTIONAL
SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN (SDBIP), DEPARTMENTAL AND MUNICIPAL
ENTITIES' BUSINESS PLANS

DEFERRED

(GROUP STRATEGY, POLICY COORDINATION AND RELATIONS)

Item 21 2025/2026 INSTITUTIONAL SDBIP MID-YEAR
SERVICE LEVEL STANDARDS REVIEW,
(DEVIATION AND ADJUSTMENT)

DEFERRED

(GROUP GOVERNANCE)
(Mr. B Nkuta)

Item 22 PROGRESS REPORT ON TABLING OF THE
CITY OF JOHANNESBURG RESPONSE AND
DISPUTE OF SPECIFIC AUDITOR-GENERAL
OF SOUTH AFRICA (AGSA) AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR FY 2024/25

NOTED

(GROUP STRATEGY, POLICY COORDINATION AND RELATIONS)
(Tswaledi Kubjane)
(Acting Unit Head: Core Accounting Group Finance)

Item 23 THE REMUNERATION OF PUBLIC OFFICE BEARERS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO 20 OF 1998) AS AMENDED: DETERMINATION OF UPPER LIMITS OF SALARIES ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS OF DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCILS: 2025/2026

After deliberations, the Speaker posed a question to the House. As the response was not clear, she put the item to a vote, and the results were as follows:

ABSTENTIONS: 30
AGAINST: 85
IN FAVOUR: 98

Accordingly, the item was carried.

RESOLVED

- 1 That Council notes the contents of the report and Annexure attached hereto.
- 2 That Council vote to approves the report on the implementation of the upper limits of the salaries, allowances, and benefits of different members of the Council of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, as set out in Notice No. 7159 of 20 February 2026 published in Vol. 728 Government Gazette 54179 of 20 February 2026
- 3 That the Speaker of Council be authorized to submit an application, together with the Council resolution, the 2024/25 Audited Financial Statements and 2024/25 Auditor-General Management letter, to the MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in Gauteng Province. the MEC, to obtain his concurrence before implementation of the provisions contained in this Notice.
- 4 That implementation of the provisions contained in this Notice be affected as soon as possible and, in any case, after concurrence has been obtained from the MEC.

(COJ LEGISLATURE)
(Shirlyn Serobatse)
(Director: Councillor Support Services)

9 MOTIONS

MOTION 1:

A MOTION OF A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE AGAINST THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG, CLLR SELLO DADA MORERO

Councillor Magwentshu indicated that the proposer of the motion had been summoned by his leadership and was therefore not present.

In the absence of the proposer and the seconder, the motion was not considered.

MOTION 2:

A MOTION OF A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE AGAINST THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE GENDER, YOUTH AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE (GEYODI): COUNCILLOR YONGAMA ZIGEBE

Proposer: Councillor P Nzimande

Secunder: Councillor L Hlatshwayo

WITHDRAWN

MOTION 3:

A MOTION OF A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE AGAINST THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SECTION 79 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE: COUNCILLOR LUBABALO MAGWENTSHU

Proposer: Councillor F Sindani

Secunder: Councillor P Shange

Both the proposer and the seconder were not present. Accordingly, the motion was not considered.

MOTION 4:

A MOTION OF A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE AGAINST THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SECTION 79 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENT, COUNCILLOR MOLOKO MPOLOBOSHO

Proposer: Councillor T Moeti

Secunder: Councillor T Mhlari

WITHDRAWN

MOTION 5:**A MOTION FOR RENAMING WOLMARANS STREET TO DR UZWI-LEZWE RADEBE**

Proposer: Councillor Y Zigebe

Seconder: Councillor L Magwentshu

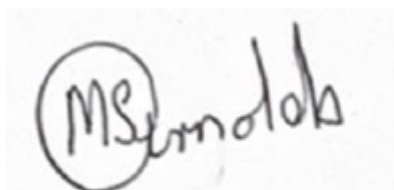
DEFFERED

10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker advised that a legal opinion had been provided, confirming that an Extra-Ordinary Council Sitting would be convened to consider the outstanding items. Councillors will receive formal notice in due course. The specific date is yet to be confirmed and will be communicated once finalised.

11 CLOSURE

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 19:25.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Arnold', is written over a circular stamp. The stamp contains the letters 'MS' in a bold, sans-serif font.

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**SPEAKER OF COUNCIL
CLLR M ARNOLDS**

15 April 2026
DATE