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STATEMENT OF THE JOHANNESBURG EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLLR KABELO GWAMANDA FOLLOWING THE BUDGET VOTE ON THE 14th OF JUNE 2023

CONNIE BAPELA COUNCIL CHAMBER, JOHANNESBURG

15 JUNE 2023

Fellow residents

I am pleased to inform you that yesterday, 14 June 2023, the council of the City of Johannesburg passed the budget presented by MMC Cllr Dada Morero of R80,9billion. R73.3 billion is allocated to operational expenditure, R7.6 billion is allocated to capital expenditure with a three-year capital budget of R24.4 billion.

This is a positive indication that the City of Johannesburg Council is stable and the Government of Local Unity (GLU) will be better equipped to serve the 6 million residents of Johannesburg as well as fast track service delivery as agreed in the Integrated Development Plan as a social contract with the residents of Johannesburg.

As you might be aware we inherited a city with a deficit of R291 million, achieving a surplus of R3.9 billion. In addition, the current Government of Local Unity has achieved a revenue collection rate of 92% and maintained healthy levels of liquidity. This is a sign that the current Government of Local Unity is prepared and equipped to turn the financial instability around.

As we celebrate Youth Month, R20 million has been allocated to the department of social development towards youth development. This will be channeled towards

addressing socio-economic ills faced by the Youth of Johannesburg including, lack of skills, inter alia, Substance Abuse Crises and providing rehabilitation services.

Understanding the seriousness of the current energy crises, a three-year capital budget of R4.3 billion has been allocated to City Power that is aimed at various infrastructure projects in responding to service failures, preventive maintenance and securing infrastructure from vandalism and theft.

The spatial development of the City of Johannesburg remains an integral part of the GLU priorities. Potholes and road rehabilitation remain a priority of getting the basics of service delivery right, therefore R445 million of the Johannesburg Roads Agency's (JRA's) capital and operational budget is allocated to addressing potholes through road resurfacing and road rehabilitation. Roads that will benefit from this include M1 Highway, M2 Highway, Soweto Highway, Klipfonteinview, Spencer Road, Richards drive and many other roads City Wide.

In achieving a safer city, a total operational budget of R6.1 billion for 2023/24 is allocated for Public Safety in the City of Johannesburg. The allocation of R75 million towards a hybrid solution aims to close the gap that have emerged following the implementation of the security insourcing to ensure the City of Johannesburg is a secure and more economic friendly city.

I am pleased to inform you that the residents of Johannesburg can expect accelerated service delivery and thoroughly monitored performance on programs as provided for in the budget in line with the Integrated Development Plan.

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