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## Media Statement

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## City of Johannesburg Council Approves 2025/26 Mid Term Adjustment Budget to Strengthen Service Delivery

The City of Johannesburg Council has today, **Friday, 20 March 2026**, approved the 2025/26 mid-term Adjustment Budget during its 47th Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting held at the Constance Conny Bapela Council Chamber in Braamfontein.

The Adjustment Budget makes provision for both the Operating and Capital Adjustment Budgets, in line with Section 28 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA).

The approved Operating Adjustment Budget presents a balanced and responsive financial plan aligned with the City's mid-year performance assessment.

The 2025/26 Mid-Term Adjustment Budgets for both Operating (OPEX) and Capital (CAPEX) expenditure were duly approved by Council, reinforcing the City's commitment to responsive and adaptive financial management.

Concurrently, the mid-year revisions of the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) were also approved to ensure full alignment between the adjusted financial allocations and revised performance targets.

This alignment is critical in maintaining service delivery continuity, enabling departments and municipal entities to implement programmes within a realistic, responsive, and updated operational framework that reflects current performance trends and fiscal conditions.

### Key allocations within the operating budget focus on:

- Strengthening service delivery through the reprioritisation of existing resources.
- Enhancing infrastructure maintenance and operations, particularly in water, electricity, and waste management services.
- Supporting employee-related costs, including the Politically Facilitated Agreement (PFA) to ensure fair compensation aligned with workforce contributions.

- Advancing a city-wide safety and by-law enforcement agenda, including targeted interventions to combat illegal connections, land invasions, non-compliant businesses, and environmental violations, supported by strengthened interdepartmental coordination and data-driven enforcement strategies to ensure consistent compliance and protect municipal infrastructure.

The Deputy Executive Mayor (DEM), Cllr Loyiso Masuku emphasised that the midterm Adjustment Budget does not introduce new funding but requires departments and municipal entities to reprioritise within existing allocations to address service delivery pressures.

The 2025/26 Mid-term Adjustment Capital Budget follows the mid-year budget and performance assessment as required by law. The adjustment reflects updated project performance, funding realignment, the incorporation of additional grants, and corrections to over- and under-spending.

**The City continues to prioritise critical infrastructure investments, including:**

- Upgrades and maintenance of water and sanitation networks.
- Improvements to electricity infrastructure and substations.
- Investment in transport systems, including Rea Vaya Bus Rapid Transit projects.
- Ongoing development of human settlements and community infrastructure.
- Targeted projects to enhance environmental sustainability and waste management.

The capital adjustments also incorporate increased grant funding, including allocations from the Urban Development Financing Grant, aimed at accelerating infrastructure delivery.

Speaking on the adoption of Mid-term Adjustment Budget, the Deputy Executive Mayor (DEM), Cllr Loyiso Masuku reaffirmed the City's commitment to financial sustainability and improved governance.

“The approval of this Adjustment Budget demonstrates the City's commitment to responsive governance, ensuring that our financial planning remains aligned with current realities. We are prioritising critical infrastructure investments while also recognising the importance of fairly compensating our employees who are at the forefront of service delivery,” said Cllr Masuku.

The City of Johannesburg remains focused on improving the reliability of essential services, strengthening its financial position, and ensuring residents receive efficient and sustainable municipal services.

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