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JOBURG LEADERSHIP ORDERS INNER CITY CRACKDOWN: “THE CURRENT STATE CANNOT CONTINUE”

The City of Johannesburg’s political and administrative leadership has ordered urgent and decisive action to restore law, order and cleanliness in the Inner City.

Executive Mayor Cllr Dada Morero and City Manager Dr Floyd Brink this morning met with senior management of the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD) and demanded stronger enforcement, greater accountability and visible operational improvements in the Inner City.

The 07:00 engagement today, held at the JMPD Head office in Martindale, follows growing concern over conditions on the ground, including widespread illegal trading, irregularly parked JMPD vehicles, officers appearing idle while on duty and deteriorating levels of cleanliness linked to inadequate Pikitup deployment.

The City’s leadership has made it clear that the status quo is unacceptable. The meeting brought together key operational stakeholders, including JMPD management, the Managing Director of Pikitup, Group Head: Citizen Relationship and Urban Management (CRUM), Group Head: Legal, Group Executive Director (GED) and Group Corporate & Shared Services (GCSS), in recognition that the challenges facing the Inner City require a coordinated, City-wide response.

JMPD management has been instructed to produce a clear and comprehensive programme for Inner City by-law enforcement.

The programme must set out:

The deployment of personnel and resources;

- Priority enforcement hotspots;
- Specific response measures;
- Operational targets and interventions; and
- How JMPD will work with other City departments and strategic partners.

JMPD management has also been directed to revise its improvement plan to address persistent operational challenges and matters previously raised by the City's leadership.

The City expects these plans to translate into visible action and measurable results, rather than further commitments without sustained implementation.

The City leadership has emphasised that enforcement cannot be addressed in isolation.

Illegal trading, law enforcement, waste management, public space management and urban cleanliness are interconnected challenges requiring departments and entities to work together.

The objective is to move beyond isolated operations towards a sustained Inner City turnaround that restores confidence among residents, businesses, workers and visitors.

The City will continue to monitor implementation and expects the relevant operational structures to demonstrate improved performance and accountability.

The message from the City's leadership is clear:

The Inner City needs action, it needs accountability and it needs results.

The City of Johannesburg remains committed to restoring a safe, clean, orderly and functional Inner City and will take the necessary steps to ensure that this commitment is translated into tangible improvements on the ground.

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