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## **THE BUDGET CYCLE OF THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG**

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Good Evening Fellow Johannesburg Residents, and welcome to “*The Talk*” with myself, The Speaker of Council. We are live on various platforms such as the City of Jo’burg’s social media platforms, as well as my own page which is “**Nonceba Molwele**” on Facebook and **@Speaker\_CoJ** on Twitter.

We are also live on Jozi Fm until 7-00pm, following which we will then take the stream and play it on Eldos FM from 8-9pm. We also have Chai FM, Eastwave FM, and Radio Islam on board and are very grateful for their partnership. Chai FM will stream the show tomorrow morning (Thursday from 09:00-10:00).

Greetings to my Co-host Dr Fundile Nyati and Mr Collins Hans. Greetings to all the listeners, all our viewers, all the leadership present, officials, and our guest this evening who is our Group Chief Financial Officer in the City of Johannesburg, Mr Manenzhe Manenzhe. (Ophethe ezemali ku Maspala). Welcome to you all this evening.

Let me take this opportunity to wish all the women of Johannesburg a *Happy Belated International Women’s Day* for the 08<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Remember that you are the bedrock of our society. You are unique, you are needed, you are worthy, you are enough, and you are loved.

In today’s dialogue, we take a closer look at the City’s budgeting cycle. For first time viewers and listeners, please be reminded that this is a platform that allows for the Civic to be educated on many issues that relate to Local Government, and particularly the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Council.



Ladies and Gentleman, in our past series, we learnt about community based planning (CBP) and the Integrated Development Plan (IDP). We learnt that The CBP establishes a participatory process to mobilise communities in what is meant to capture what they see as their desired outcomes on issues that are affecting them in their communities.

We also learnt that the CBP processes are an important contributor to the municipality's Integrated Development Plan (IDP). The Integrated Development Planning process is key to ensuring that all voices in the City of Jo'burg are fully reflected, and find expression in municipal plans.

Today we are taking it a step further. Once the goals have been established through the CBP and IDP processes, the City, or Local Government, then needs to align the financial resources to help make the strategic plan a reality. In essence, the **budget** ties funding decisions to high-level goals and objectives.

So today, we will unpack the process flow of the budget (including the adjustment budget which has just been passed in council a few weeks ago). We look at the policies that regulate budgeting at local government level, how this process affects communities, and where and how communities can add their voices in the budget planning of the City.

Today I am joined by the man who is responsible for the finances of the City Mr Manenzhe Manenzhe who is the Group Chief Financial Officer in the City of Johannesburg.



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Mr Manenzhe, welcome to the platform. Before we get into the budgeting process Perhaps lets just start with the policy framework around budgeting. Talk to us about what the law says about municipal budgeting. Over to you...

### **MORE QUESTIONS:**

1. Take us through the budget cycle of the city of Johannesburg.
2. What have the challenges been around budgeting
3. Why is it important for Local Communities to get involved in the budgeting processes and how can they do so.
4. Is there a role for Councillors in this process and if so what would it be

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### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Ladies and Gentlemen, the participation of communities in the formulation and implementation of development plans is important for service delivery and deepening democracy in the City of Johannesburg.

This is because participation is a key planning tool that ensures the fulfilment of community needs and interest. I therefore encourage

communities to develop an  
strive to understand them  
accountable in an effective manner.



interest in these process, and  
so that you too can hold us

Make a habit of visiting our website if you have the means to, on [www.joburg.org.za](http://www.joburg.org.za) because there are many informative documents that will help you understand the city better.

These accessible documents range from all our policies (policies from youth, women, economic development, IT, HR etc), to by -laws, annual reports, the Integrated Development Plan, the budget, and even the scorecards of senior officials such as the City Manager, the COO, our very own CFO, Secretary to Council. You as communities have access to all of this information at your fingertips, so go out there and equip yourself with knowledge, because as they say, knowledge is power.

Ladies and Gentlemen, at this juncture let me thank the GCFO of our City, Ntate Manenzhe. Thank you very much for joining us. A big thank you to our media partners, jozi fm, chai fm, eldos fm, alex fm, easwave radio and radio islam. Thank you to Dr Fundi who is the reason why our shows run

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Thank you to our most important stakeholders and the reason that this  
show exist, and that it is to all our viewers, and all our listeners. Thank you  
for your comments and inputs, during and after the show. We really  
appreciate it.

And with that said, this session officially closed.

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