

Minutes of the 2nd Special Council Meeting of the Local Council for Beaufort West
held at the **Provincial Traffic Auditorium, N1 North, Weighbridge, Beaufort West**

on **Monday, 13 February 2023 at 08:04**

Present:

Alderman JJ Van Der Linde
Councillors LV Piti [**Executive Deputy Mayor**], N Constable [**Speaker**], N Abrahams, EF Botha, CL De Bruin, LBJ Mdudumani, S Essop, AM Slabbert, SM Meyers, A Sauls I, JDK Reynolds

Absent:

Councillor R Skuza [*no apology*]

In service: **Acting Municipal Manager** [RR Links], **Director: Corporate Services** [AC Makendlana], **Acting Director: Community Services** [MC Tshibo], **Acting Director: Financial Services** [NP Mabhena], **Manager: Technical Services** [C Wright], **Senior Manager: Corporate Services** [P Strumpher] and **Senior Clerk: Committees** [L.D. Draghoender]

1. OPENING AND WELCOMING

The Speaker welcomes Councillors and the public to the meeting and Councillor LV Piti opens the meeting with prayer.

2. APOLOGIES

NONE

The Speaker informs Council that he will be on leave from 13 February 2023 until 19 February 2023.

3. RESIGNATION OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

3/1/2/1

The Speaker confirmed the resignation of the Executive Mayor, Councillor TCJ Prince.

NOTED

4. REPLACEMENT OF THE PATRIOT ALLIANCE (PA) PR COUNCILLOR PRINCE: WC053 – BEAUFORT WEST LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
3/1/1/1; 3/1/1/4

The Speaker confirmed that a letter dated 06 February 2023 attached as **Annexure 002** to these minutes was received from the IEC in which Councillor A Sauls I (being the candidate at the top of the party list for the Patriotic Alliance) has been elected to the Beaufort West Local Municipality in terms of item 18 of Schedule 1 of the Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998) to replace Councillor TCJ Prince who ceased to hold office as a Councillor in the Beaufort West Municipality.

NOTED

5. OATH OF SOLEMN AFFIRMATION BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
2/3

The Speaker requests the Acting Municipal Manager to proceed with the oath of solemn affirmation by Councillor A Sauls I to the council.

Councillor A Sauls I takes the declaration of oath before the Acting Municipal Manager.

The Speaker thank the Acting Municipal Manager and congratulate Councillor A Sauls I after taking the Oath.

NOTED

6. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MAYOR
3/1/2/1

The Speaker states that the process of the election of the Executive Mayor will be handled by the Acting Municipal Manager whom will be the presiding officer and handed over to him. The Acting Municipal Manager informs the meeting that the election of the Executive Mayor will be conducted in accordance with Schedule 3 of the Municipal Structures Act which deals with the election of all office bearers.

The Acting Municipal Manager explains the process and requests the Director: Corporate Services to supply the chief whips of all political parties with the nomination forms. He further explains that in the event that there is more than one nomination, an election by secret ballot paper will be conducted.

The Acting Municipal Manager indicates that:

Councillor SM Meyers seconded by Councillor AM Slabbert nominated Alderman JJ Van Der Linde and Alderman JJ van der Linde has accepted the nomination.

Councillor N Abrahams seconded by Councillor LV Piti nominated Councillor A Sauls I and Councillor A Sauls I has accepted the nomination.

The presiding officer requested administration to hand out the ballot papers.

Councillors are granted an opportunity to cast their votes and the Director: Corporate Services moves around in order for Councillors to deposit their ballot papers in the ballot box.

After all Councillors have voted, the Presiding Officer mentioned that the counting will be done and called the chief whips of the parties to the front, to observe the counting of votes.

The Presiding Officer mentions that counting is done and the results are as follows:

5 Votes for Alderman JJ Van Der Linde
7 Votes for Councillor A Sauls I

The Speaker declares Councillor A Sauls I duly elected as the Executive Mayor of Beaufort West Municipality in accordance with Section 6(c) of Schedule 3 of the Municipal Structures Act and congratulates Councillor A Sauls.

THUS RESOLVED

7. ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

3/4/1

The Speaker granted the Executive Mayor, Councillor A Sauls I the opportunity to deliver his acceptance speech.

Extracts of the Executive Mayor's speech is quoted below:

"The best mayor in South Africa: The District Executive Mayor central Karoo and President of the fastest political party in the country right now: His Excellency- Gayton Mckenzie.

Members of the district council Mr. Speaker

My esteemed colleagues in the Beaufort west council Officials

Members of the NEC in the Patriotic Alliance and the Beaufort West constituency. Honoured guests from political parties in the coalition: The African National Congress and the KDF

Members of the opposition parties

The former Executive Mayor of Beaufort West: Mrs Thersha Prince All Residents of Beaufort West

Vir die afrikaans spreekende Beaufort westers Wees gegroet in die naam van ons Jesus Christus

Die isixhosa spreekendes: Ndibulisa wonke umntu ngegama likayesu

The English speaking: Greetings to you all in the name of God as the Son Jesus Christ by himself as God the Spirit according to his own will as God the Father

I also wish to express my deepest and sincere gratitude to my:

President and mentor Gayton McKenzie for imparting wisdom into me, for his genuine love and loyalty toward me

My Party Leadership in the NEC and all the patriots across South Africa for th confidence, love and support

The coalition partners for the vote of confidence displayed today My church: ignite family church and my pastor
My two biological brothers and my sister present here today

My hometown community in Kliptown, Klipspruit west and eldorado park - awe en Dankie masekinnes.

My very best friend and brother Timothy Harrison and your wife Astrid Harrison Thankyou

My partner who believed in me and consistently supports me through good and bad, much and little -thank you Liesl Penniken.

To my mother the queen of my for your prayers and unwavering faith in me, i love you mommy this one is for you.

My two beautiful children Ashley Sauls II and Bailey Olufemi Sauls you are my reason.

The residents of Beaufort west (those for and against me) thank you

And lastly to the God of my mother, my God who has remained faithful to this day thank you Lord. Die Here is die Here man

I was born in the same month, a day before (not the same year) and in the same place where the freedom charter was drafted and signed on the 25 and 26 June 1955.

I was born in the residue of history and grew up playing in the soil upon which the sweat and blood of our founding fathers of our revolution for freedom was spilled.

As such i believe i became ONE with the dreams and aspirations of those who penned the 10 pillars that became the bases upon which our constitution was written.

History lets us know that this historic turning point would not have been possible if the African National Congress did not form an alliance or coalition with other anti apartheid forces: the South African congress of trade unions, The South African congress of democrats consisting of white people, the South African Indian Congress and the South African Coloured People's Congress.

AS1 they were known as the Congress of the people - ladies and gentleman our constitutional democracy was birthed through us working and fighting AS1

EQUALLY SO THE ONLY WAY WE CAN TURN BEAUFORT WEST INTO THE NEXT DUBAI IS WHEN WE SAY BYEBYE TO SELFISH AMBITION, CORRUPTION AND INDIVIDUALISM.

Because the PA/KDF and ANC coalition worked AS1

1) The Beaufort Wes Municipality consistently PAID ESKOM every month for the last 8 months.

Because the PA/KDF and ANC coalition worked AS1

Since the implementation of the FRP great strides has been made in the finances of the Municipality. Currently AFTER A VERY LONG TIME the Municipality has cash in the bank. The Municipality has all the grant funds in an investment account and is 100% cashback.

Because the PA/KDF and ANC coalition worked AS1

The collection rate is up from 60% to 85%. For the last 10 months the municipality had no problem to pay the monthly salaries of Municipal employees. Last December 2022 the municipality was even able to pay bonuses to all employees.

Because the PA/KDF and ANC coalition worked AS1

The Municipality embarked sometime ago on the development of Mayoral projects in order to

create sustainable job opportunities to the people of Beaufort West, Murraysburg, Nelspoort and Merweville.

These projects are:

1. The Flisp Housing Project - Already Service Provider appointed
2. The Logistics Hub - Service Provider appointed
3. Private Hospital - Will be re-advertise as soon as possible

Ladies and gentleman one thing is clear I AM NOT IN BEAUFORT WES TO BUILD A WINNING IM HERE TO JOIN AND LEAD A TEAM THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN WINNING. MINE IS NOT TO PLANT AGAIN BUT IT IS TO FACILITATE A PROCESS OF WATERING AND GROWING WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PLANTED.

At this juncture i would like us to recognise, acknowledge and celebrate the former executive mayor, the district executive mayor and the entire PA/KDF and ANC coalition partners for bringing the municipality this far.

Beaufort wes there is still much more to do, the task ahead will not be easy and i am the first to concede that i CANT DO THIS , When i look at the challenges still facing this municipality i must confess and i have to agree with those who are against me; YOU RIGHT I CANT FIX BEAUFORT, I CANT TAKE BEAUFORT FORWARD I CANT BUT WE CAN AS1 WE CAN AND AS ONE WE WILL AS1 WE WILL:

Upgrade our fleet. ESpecially the yellow fleet.

AS1 WE WILL:

Revisit the Debt and Credit control policy in order to help our people in a more sustainable way. AS1 WE WILL:

Emphasise SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND DELIVERY WITH TIME FRAMES AND EXECUTION WITH MILITARY PRECISION. AS1 WE WILL

PERMANENTLY FIX THE WATER SUPPLY CHALLENGE AS1 WE WILL

Create sustainable economic opportunity and job security:

TODAY we shall discuss and hopefully approve, for the Administration to continue with the Supply Chain processes for:

1. Proposed Golf Estate
2. Proposed Civic Centre
3. Proposed Residential Development at Damkoppie
4. Proposed AirPort development
5. Proposed Renewable energy IPP

THE SUCCESS OF BEAUFORT WES WILL REQUIRE BLACK, WHITE, COLOURED AND ALL OTHER RACES HERE TO LIVE AND WORK AS1

WE WILL FIRST SEEK TO INSPIRE THEREAFTER WE SHALL FIRE THOSE WHO INTENTIONALLY REFUSES TO WORK AS1 WILL LEAVE ONE BY ONE.

AS1 WE CAN AND AS1 WE WILL

BEAUFORT WES SEE YOU AT WORK SALUTE ONS BAIZA NIE"

NOTED

The Speaker allows a 5-minute break at 08:58.

At Resumption of the meeting at 09:09 the following were:

Present:

Alderman JJ Van Der Linde
Councillors A Sauls I [**Executive Mayor**], LV Piti [**Executive Deputy Mayor**], N Constable [**Speaker**], N Abrahams, EF Botha, CL De Bruin, LBJ Mdudumani, S Essop, AM Slabbert, SM Meyers, JDK Reynolds

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8. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE MAYORAL COMMITTEE
 3/1/2/1

The Speaker informs the meeting that the Beaufort West Municipality qualifies for three fulltime Councillors and MEC has given approval, however due to financial constraints the Municipality preferred to only appoint two (2) fulltime Councillors. The Speaker then hands over to the Executive Mayor to appoint his Mayoral Committee.

The Executive Mayor, Councillor A Sauls I appoints the following Councillors to serve on the Executive Mayoral Committee as fulltime councillors:

Councillor LV Piti [Executive Deputy Mayor]
 Councillor N Abrahams
 Councillor CL De Bruin

NOTED

9. RE-COMPOSITION OF SECTION 79 COMMITTEES
 3/1/2/2

In light of the Executive Mayor, Councillor TCJ Prince's resignation Councillor N Abrahams seconded by Councillor CL De Bruin proposes that Councillor A Sauls I replaces Councillor TCJ Prince to serve as a member and chairperson of the Finance Committee.

UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED
THUS RESOLVED

10. REPRESENTATION ON SALGA WORKING GROUPS

10/3/2/3/4

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Councillor LV Piti seconded by Councillor EF Botha proposes that Councillor A Sauls I be nominated to serve on the SALGA Working Group: Municipal Finance and Fiscal Policy.

**UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED
THUS RESOLVED**

11. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS

7/3/4/1/3/1; 7/3/4/2/3/5; 7/3/4/1/3/2

The Speaker makes a ruling that this item be discussed at a Special Council meeting that will be held on Tuesday 14 February 2023 at 08:00 in the Council Chambers.

NOTED

12. APPOINTMENT OF SELECTION PANEL: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

10/3/2/3/4

The Speaker reads into record the content of the item.

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Councillor CL De Bruin seconded by Councillor EF Botha proposed that the Selection Panel consists of the following:

1. The Executive Mayor, Councillor A Sauls I (Chairperson)
2. The Deputy Executive Mayor, Councillor LV Piti
3. Municipal Manager from Laignsburg, Mr J Booysen

Councillor SM Meyers requests that the Executive Mayor ensures that all panel members be available when needed in order to finalise the process of appointing a Municipal Manager.

**UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED
THUS RESOLVED**

13. APPOINTMENT OF SELECTION PANEL: DIRECTOR: INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

10/3/2/3/4; 4/3/1

Councillor LBJ Mdudumani seconded by Councillor N Abrahams proposes that the Selection Panel for the appointment of Director: Infrastructure Services consists of the following:

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1. Acting Municipal Manager, Dr. R.R. Links (Chairperson)

2. Chairperson Portfolio Committee: Infrastructure Services, Councillor CL De Bruin
3. Director: Infrastructure Services: Theewaterkloof Municipality, Ms N Baliso

**UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED
THUS RESOLVED**

14. APPOINTMENT OF SELECTION PANEL: DIRECTOR: FINANCIAL SERVICES

10/3/2/3/4; 4/3/1

Councillor LV Piti seconded by Councillor CL De Bruin proposes that the Selection Panel for the appointment of the Director: Financial Services be constituted as follows:-

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1. Acting Municipal Manager, Dr. R.R. Links (Chairperson)
2. Executive Mayor, Councillor A Sauls
3. Municipal Manager: Laingsburg Municipality, Mr J Booysen

**UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED
THUS RESOLVED**

15. INTERGRATED RECOVERY SUPPORT PLAN: BEAUFORT WEST MUNICIPALITY

13/7/16/1

The Acting Municipal Manager gives an overview regarding the Integrated Recovery Support Plan and emphasise that no financial assistance will be received from the Department of Local Government. Furthermore the Acting Municipal Manager reiterates that the responsible agency/department is Beaufort West Municipality in ensuring continuous implementation of the Support Plan.

The Acting Municipal Manager informs Council that SALGA and the Department of Local Government will assist the Beaufort West Municipality with reviewing of by-laws and policies.

The Speaker reiterates that the onus is on Beaufort West Municipality in ensuring that the Municipality gets out of the Financial Recovery Plan.

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Councillor EF Botha seconded by Councillor LBJ Mdudumani proposes that Council accept and approve the Integrated Recovery Support Plan attached as **Annexure 005 to 052** of the Agenda, compiled by Department of Local Government in response to the diagnostic report.

**UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED
THUS RESOLVED**

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The Speaker thanked all for attending the meeting.

The meeting closes at 10:40.

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____ 2023.

N Constable
[Speaker]

