

**Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Special Council Meeting of the Local Council for Beaufort West**  
held in the **Council Chambers, 15 Church Street, Beaufort West**  
on **Tuesday, 05 September 2023 at 09:07**

**Present:**

**Alderman** JJ Van Der Linde  
**Councillors** A Sauls I, N Constable [**Speaker**], N Abrahams, EF Botha, CL De Bruin, LBJ Mdudumani, JDK Reynolds, R Skuza, AM Slabbert and SM Meyers

**Absent:**

**Councillor:** S Essop [*apology*]  
LV Piti [*apology*]

**In service:** **Acting Municipal Manager** [DE Welgemoed], **Director: Corporate Services** [AC Makendlana], **Acting Director: Financial Services** [M Nhlengethwa], **Acting Senior Manager: Community Services** [MC Tshibo], **Senior Manager: Technical Services** [CB Wright], **Senior Clerk: Committees** [LD Draghoender] and **Intern** [P Mpofu]

**1. OPENING AND WELCOMING**

The Speaker welcomes all councillors and officials present in the meeting and open the meeting with prayer.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Speaker informs Council that he received an apology from Councillor S Essop.

Councillor CL De Bruin informs Council that the Deputy Executive Mayor, Councillor LV Piti will join the meeting later.

**3. RESIGNATION OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

3/1/2/1

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The Speaker reads into record that the Executive Mayor, Councillor A Sauls I furnished his resignation as Executive Mayor of the Beaufort West Municipality.

Councillor LV Piti joins the meeting at 09:14.

The Speaker allows the outgoing Executive Mayor, Councillor A Sauls I to address Council and the public.

**NOTED**

#### 4. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MAYOR

3/1/2/1

The Speaker stated 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.

Mr ADE Welgemoed explains the process and requested 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.

Mr DE Welgemoed 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 LBJ Mdudumani seconded by Councillor N Abrahams nominated Councillor EB Botha and Councillor EB Botha 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:

**4** Votes for Alderman JJ Van Der Linde

**8** Votes for Councillor EF Botha

The Speaker declares Councillor EF Botha 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 EB Botha.

**THUS RESOLVED**

The Speaker allows a 10-minute break at 09:50.

At resumption of the meeting at 10:13 the following were:

**Present:**

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

**In service:** **Acting Municipal Manager** [DE Welgemoed], **Director: Corporate Services** [AC Makendlana], **Acting Director: Financial Services** [M Nhlengethwa], **Acting Senior Manager: Community Services** [MC Tshibo], **Senior Manager: Technical Services** [CB Wright], **Senior Clerk: Committees** [LD Draghoender] and **Intern** [P Mpofo]

**5. ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

3/4/1

The Speaker granted the Executive Mayor, Councillor EF Botha the opportunity to deliver her acceptance speech.

Extracts of the Executive Mayor, Councillor EF Botha's speech is quoted below:

***“Speaker,***

*Former Executive Mayor, Present here.*

*The Acting Municipal Manager*

*The Municipal officials*

*Leaders of Community based structures.*

*The Leadership of political parties*

*The political formations represented in council.*

*Distinguished Guests.*

*The Community members.*

*My family members.*

***Kindly receive my warm and fraternal greetings.***

***Speaker,***

*It is with great sense of appreciation and gratitude that today I address you as the newly elected Executive Mayor of Beaufort West Local Municipality. I appreciate the opportunity afforded to me by the Patriotic Alliance leadership especially His Excellency President Gayton McKenzie and the NEC, the African National Congress and KDF.*

*I also wish to thank my local party leadership/members for entrusting me with such a mammoth, challenging and great task.*

***Speaker,***

*It is a rare opportunity to be given and entrusted with the role of acting as a catalyst in the process of delivering effective, efficient and sustainable services to our people. We are sure that our people are yearning for sustainable and effective services.*

**AS one Chinese philosopher once declared, “A journey of thousand miles start with small steps”**

*I therefore wish to thank my predecessors [Honourable G Peterson, T Prince and Asley Sauls 1<sup>st</sup>] for taking the first steps and laying a solid foundation in order for us to be able to continue to change the lives of our communities for better.*

**Speaker,**

*Our key task today is to on behalf of the council formally extend the invitation to the residents, business people, churches and all key stakeholders to join us as we continue to embark on the journey, that of changing the lives of communities for better. I have realized that it will be quicker and easier to deliver services when we are guaranteed your unconditional and unwavering support. We really need active community members to play an assisting role in our quest and commitment to deliver effective and efficient services, as we are moving forward.*

**Speaker,**

*Our key and fundamental commitment to our key stakeholder, which is the community of Beaufort West in its entirety, is that the time for good and clean governance is now and we cannot postpone it any further. We have zero tolerance to any acts of corruption, laziness and maladministration. As per our earlier invitation, our oversight role shall be carried out together with you. We will continue to strengthen governance structures like MPAC and ensure that consequence management is implemented. As this Council we need to continue to support the administration and work as a hand and the glove. **We are going to govern together!***

**Speaker,**

*Allow me to borrow words from former President Thabo Mbeki as he cast his vote on the 1st of November 2002, he had made this assertion **“all of us recognize problems in the municipalities like service delivery. These are challenges faced in municipalities that need to be attended to, THIS NEED HONEST PEOPLE”***

**Speaker,**

*As newly elected Executive Mayor, I am **very confident** that this council is constituted by **honest people** who have the capacity and capabilities to continue to address the challenges as noted and raised.*

**Speaker,**

*As I am about to conclude, as a local sphere of government and being in the cold-face of our people, we have a responsibility to continue to fight the triple challenges facing our society, being unemployment, poverty and inequality. More efforts need to be made to ensure that we invest on infrastructure development in order to establish a vibrant economy. We are also in the process to work hand on glove with the Central Karoo District Municipality to organize a Local Economic Development Summit to attract investors to the area/region.*

**Our envisaged town may look like a distant dream, like I said any journey starts with a single step. This is the continuation of that journey and I truly believe that we can achieve any objective, if we really put our collective effort towards our common goal.**

**As one scholar said, if you want to move faster go alone! And if you want to go further go together with others.**

***As this cohorts of Cllrs we choose to go together with all the citizens of our town in this journey of achieving our dream, where basic service like clean, potable and reliable water, good and quality roads, a clean and habitable environment become common place.***

**Speaker,**

*I want to conclude with the following Bible verse to encourage all of us:*

***“Those who trust the Lord for help, will find their strenght renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles, they will run and not get weary, they will walk and not grow weak... “***

**LET’S CONTINUE TO WORK!  
MASIQHUBEKE SISEBENZE!**

*I thank you.*

**EF Botha  
Executive Mayor”**

**NOTED**

**6. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE MAYORAL COMMITTEE**  
3/1/2/1

The Executive Mayor, Councillor EF Botha appointed the following Councillors to serve on the Executive Mayoral Committee as fulltime councillors:

**dcs**

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

**NOTED**

The Acting Municipal Manager recuses himself at 10:38 for the discussion of item 7.

**7. APPOINTMENT OF SELECTION PANEL: MUNICIPAL MANAGER**  
10/3/2/3/4

**dcs//hrm**

Councillor CL De Bruin seconded by Councillor N Abrahams proposes that Councillor EF Botha replaces Councillor A Sauls I to serve as chairperson on the selection panel for the position of Municipal Manager.

**UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED  
THUS RESOLVED**

The Acting Municipal Manager re-joins the meeting at 10:41.

**8. REMUNERATION OF PUBLIC OFFICE BEARER ACT, 1998: DETERMINATION OF UPPER LIMITS OF SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS OF DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCILS**

5/16/1

The Acting Municipal Manager requests that Council allow the Administration more time to do the calculations with regards to the remuneration of Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of different members of Municipal Council in order to ensure the correct information is provided to Council.

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Council concluded that this item will not be discussed and allow the Administration time to do the calculations with regards to the Determination of Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of different members of Municipal Council and report back to Council at the next Monthly Council meeting.

**UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED  
THUS RESOLVED**

**9. LG CIRCULAR C17 OF 2023: LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE: ROLL-OUT OF MUNICIPAL STAFF REGULATIONS TRAINING**

**dcs**

The Speaker reads into record that in accordance with LG Circular C17 of 2023 attached as **Annexure 027 to 034** to the Agenda the following three members of Council must attend the Training:

- The Executive Mayor
- The Deputy Executive Mayor
- The Speaker

Councillor SM Meyers requests that a member of the DA Component also attend the meeting to ensure transparency.

After discussion on this matter, Council concluded:

- 9.1 That approval be granted that the Executive Mayor, Deputy Executive Mayor and Speaker must attend the Roll-out of Municipal Staff Regulations Training to be held on 27-29 September 2023 in Beaufort West.
- 9.2 That the Administration should enquire whether more Councillors may attend the Local Government Capacity Building Initiative: Roll-out of Municipal Staff Regulations Training.
- 9.3 That should it be possible to nominate more councillors to attend the above-mentioned training, the following councillors be nominated:
  - 9.2.1 Councillor SM Meyers
  - 9.2.2 Councillor S Essop
  - 9.2.3 Councillor CL De Bruin
  - 9.2.4 Councillor N Abrahams

**THUS RESOLVED**

## 10. MOTION OF EXIGENCY

**dcs** The Speaker informs Council that he received a Motion of Exigency: Resignation of Councillor A Sauls I. The letter confirms Councillor A Sauls I's resignation as councillor of the Beaufort West Municipality. Furthermore the Speaker informs Council that the Acting Municipal Manager needs to follow protocol by declaring a vacancy of a PR councillor in the PA component and inform the IEC accordingly.

**NOTED**

The Speaker thanked all for attending the meeting.

The meeting closes at 10:49.

Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

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N Constable  
**[Speaker]**