

**Minutes of the 7th Special Council Meeting of the Local Council for
Beaufort West**

held in the **Council Chambers, 15 Church Street, Beaufort West**

on **Wednesday, 23 April 2025 at 08:08**

Present:

Alderman JJ Van Der Linde [**Speaker**]

Councillors JDK Reynolds [**Executive Mayor**], GJ Duimpies [**Executive Deputy Mayor**] AM Slabbert, SM Meyers, E Links, O Haarvoor, S Jooste, and S Essop (*attends virtually*), G Pietersen, LV Piti LBJ Mdudumani and CL De Bruin

In service: **Municipal Manager** [DE Welgemoed], **Director: Corporate Services** [AC Makendlana] **Director: Infrastructure Services** [L. Ngqotola] **Acting Director: Financial Services** [BS Jacobs] **Senior Manager: Community Services** [M.C. Tshibo], **Senior Clerk: Committees** [P. Mpofu] and **Human Resource Intern:** [CJ Prince]

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Speaker requests Councillor G Pietersen to open the meeting with a prayer. Furthermore, the Speaker welcomes all the Councillors and Officials from the administration present at the meeting.

The Speaker mentions that the first meeting of the Operating and Capital Budget and Integrated Development Plan was held on Wednesday, 16 April 2025 but there was no attendance from the public and the meeting was postponed till further notice for and therefore encourages the Ward Councillors to extend invitation to public to attend. Furthermore, mentions that one of the Councillors at the Central Karoo District Municipality have passed away and there is going to be a memorial services at the Central Karoo District Municipality at 14h00.

Furthermore, the Speaker grants permission for Councillor Piti to utilize the Operating and Capital Budget and Integrated Development Plan engagement to use as a ward meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

NONE

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3. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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The Executive Mayor informs council that he received a responsive letter dated 17 April 2025 in relation to the acting Chief Financial Officer position into record.

Councillor O Haarvoor is of the view that Council can appoint an Acting Director: Financial Services accordance to the Municipal System Act for a specific period of time and if extension is required it can only be done by the MEC. Furthermore, mentions that Mr C Julies declined the employment offer as well as Mr RA Eland and therefore requests that Council give Mr B Jacobs the opportunity to act in the position to complete the months that is outstanding.

Councillor CL De Bruin inquires how many months Mr B Jacobs needs in order for him to qualify for the position of Acting Director: Financial Services in order for him to qualify for the position of Acting.

Councillor SM Meyers contends that council should consider the history of this matter, which indicates that Mr RA Eland acted in the Director: Financial Services position on numerous occasions but decline the acting position, resulting in council with no choice but to engage with the Central Karoo District Municipality for an Acting Director: Financial Services, Mr B Jacobs since the Municipality cannot function without a Director: Financial Services.

Councillor SM Meyers expresses worry about the formulation of the letter received from the MEC. Furthermore, describes the letter obtained from Ms D Baardman, which contains all of the misleading information that the council mandated that the electricity not be switched off in December, despite the fact that the council resolved that it should be blocked if consumer did not pay their, municipal accounts.

Councillor SM Meyers suggests that council seek a legal opinion in this regard.

Councillor SM Meyers proposes that Council and Administration engages with the MEC and that Mr S Kenyon also be invited via teams with the letter to reflect on the MEC Finance letter.

The Municipal Manager informs Council that section 56 is very clear that the person must have the relevant qualifications, skills, competency requirements and experience to act in the position. Furthermore, mentions that Mr B Jacobs still require of 3 months in order to qualify.

The Municipal Manager mentions that he is happy with proposal made by Councillor SM Meyers that Council have a meeting via teams with the MEC of Local Government and Provincial Treasury and Mr Steve Keynon.

The Speaker reads in record the letter received from Mr B Jacobs lawyers that all relevant documents were submitted and his previous work experience.

The Speaker mentions that Council engage with the MEC before answering the letter and that Mr RA Eland did make it clear that he is not willing to act in the position as Acting Director: Financial Services.



Councillor G Pietersen request a caucus.

The Speaker grants a caucus at 08:45

At the resumption of the meeting at 08:56 the following are:

Present:

Alderman JJ Van Der Linde [**Speaker**]

Councillors JDK Reynolds [**Executive Mayor**], GJ Duimpies [**Executive Deputy Mayor**] AM Slabbert, SM Meyers, E Links, O Haarvoor, S Jooste, and S Essop (*attends virtually*), G Pietersen, LV Piti LBJ Mdudumani and CL De Bruin

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Councillor G Pietersen mentions that they are in support of the proposal made that council must engage with the MEC in order to obtain relevant information and that the MEC shows the their calculations made in regarding the Acting Director: Financial Services experience/years so that council can make an informative decision.

After a thorough discussion council resolves as follows:

- 3.1 That Council takes note the letter received from the MEC of Local Government dated 17 April 2025 in relation to the Acting of the Director: Financial Services.
- 3.2 That a meeting be arranged with the MEC: Local Government before Council response the content of the letter.
- 3.3 That the MEC present all the documentation and give an breakdown of the number of years that the Acting: Director Financial Services.

4. SUPER LOADS

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Abnormal Solution be duly invited to do a presentation before Council in the next Council meeting.



5. SPAZA SHOPS APPLICATIONS

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The Speaker mentions that this topic was reviewed in the Standing Committee: Infrastructure and Engineering, and it came to light that only Murraysburg SPAZA shop owners were fined R5000.00 for failing to comply with the legislation regulating the registration of Spaza shops.

Director: Corporate Services, advises that the by-law on spaza shop should be discussed in the Standing Committee: Community Services and be referred to the Executive Mayoral committee and lastly to Council for the final approval.

Councillor G Pietersen is of the view that the portfolio conducts an inspection at the offices in order for them to obtain accurate information.

After a thorough discussion Council resolve as follows:

- 5.1 That this item be discussed in the Standing Committee: Community Services meeting.

The Municipal Manager excuse himself for the discussion of the following item.

6. PRELIMINARY CHARGES AGAINST THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

3/4/7; SP: DE Welgemoed

See Separate Minute

At the resumption of the 7th Special Council Meeting of the Local Council

for Beaufort West

held in the **Council Chambers, 15 Church**

Street, Beaufort West

on **Wednesday, 07 May 2025 at 12:06**, the following are:

Present:

Alderman JJ Van Der Linde [**Speaker**]

Councillors GJ Duimpies [**Executive Deputy Mayor**] AM Slabbert, E Links, O Haarvoor, S Jooste, S Essop (*attends virtually*), SM Meyers, G Pietersen (*joins at 12:11*), LV Piti (*joins at 12:11*), LBJ Mdudumani (*attends virtually*) and CL De Bruin (*joins at 12:11*)

Absent: JDK Reynolds [**Executive Mayor**] (*apology*)

In service: **Municipal Manager** [DE Welgemoed], **Director: Corporate Services** [AC Makendlana], **Acting Director: Financial Services** [BS Jacobs] (*attends virtually*) **Senior Manager: Community Services** [M.C. Tshibo], **Senior Clerk: Committees** [P. Mpofu] and **Human Resource Intern:** [CJ Prince]

Absent: **Director: Infrastructure Services** [L. Nqotola]

A. OPENING AND WELCOMING

The Speaker welcomes everyone at the continuation meeting of the 7th Special Council and requests Councillor O Haarvoor to open with a prayer.

The Speaker raises concern in regards to the Infrastructure Department why is there no one present from their side.

In accordance with Section 5(2) of the Rules of Order the Speaker informed Council that Item 7 on the Agenda will be handled first.



1ST ADDENDUM AGENDA: 7TH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

7. ACTING DIRECTOR: FINANCIAL SERVICES FEEDBACK ON THE PERFORMANCE AND VALIDITY OF INZALO VENDING SERVICE (INZALO PAY) 6/1/1/1

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The Acting Director: Financial Services, gives a brief update on both of the reports and indicates that he consulted National and Provincial Treasury for their inputs in thus regards.

Councillor SM Meyers asks why the Acting: Director Financial Services consulted Inzalo for an input while Council requested the report from the Acting: Director Financial Services.

The Acting: Director Financial Services mentions that the reason why he requested an perspective from Inzalo was to assist him in the compiling of the report.

Councillor S Essop mentions that Supply Chain Management tender process was not followed and ask who authorized Inzalo to take over the vending.

The Municipal Manager states that the former Director Financial Services, Mr MP Nhlengethwa did the due diligence and activated the Inzalo Pay. Furthermore, the Municipal Manager mentions, that he was not aware of the process and only notice it a few months later.

Councillor SM Meyers refers Council to the Municipal Act Chapter 106 subsection 3 and 8. In addition, that Council reads through Section 54 & 55 of the Municipal System Act and that the Municipal Manager have the authority to revoke the process if the correct procedures were not followed.

The Speaker asks what is cost difference between Contour and Inzalo in the last 3 months.

The Municipal Manager informs the meeting that he was not directly involved in the process of procuring Inzalo and that Inzalo pay is not an additional service, it forms part of the master agreement.

The Speaker grants the opportunity to the Municipal Manager to contact someone from the Finance to represent the Finance department in order to provide the necessary information.



The Speaker grants a break at 12:36

At the resumption of the meeting at 12:59 the following are:

Present:

Alderman JJ Van Der Linde [**Speaker**]

Councillors GJ Duimpies [**Executive Deputy Mayor**] AM Slabbert, E Links, O Haarvoor, S Jooste, S Essop (*attends virtually*), SM Meyers, G Pietersen, LV Piti, LBJ Mdudumani (*attends virtually*) and CL De Bruin

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The Speaker grants an opportunity to the Deputy Chief Financial Officer to give Council an overview and the requested figures and asks what the commission is and was on the previous service providers.

The Deputy Chief Financial officer informs the meeting that he does not have the figures in terms of the cost difference and that the commission is 5% and was applicable to both Contour and Inzalo.

Councillor O Haarvoor seconded by Councillor SM Meyers proposes as follows:

That approval be granted that Provincial Treasury conducts a Forensic Audit on the Inzalo contract including payments that have been made to date.

**UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED
THUS RESOLVED**

The Municipal Manager excused himself from this discussion of item 6

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8. ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourns at 13:37

Minutes approved this 11 day of June 2025.



Alderman van Der Linde
[Speaker]

