

**CITY OF CAPE TOWN
ISIXEKO SASEKAPA
STAD KAAPSTAD**

REPORT TO SUBCOUNCIL 1

- 1. ITEM NUMBER: 1SUB04/09/20**
- 2. SUBJECT / ISIHLOKO / ONDERWERP**

CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

AMAGQABANTSHINTSHI KASIHLOLO

VERKLARING EN BOODSKAP VAN VOORSITTER

- 3. DISCUSSION**

The Chairperson's statements along with further issues will be tabled at the meeting.

SUB COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON REPORT:

27 AUGUST 2020

Good day Colleagues and officials to this SC virtual meeting.

I especially want to welcome back our Manager Mr vd Westhuizen, we are glad to hear he and his wife recovered well from Covid. The same to the rest of the admin staff, those with co-motilities who had to work from home, we are glad they are all welcome and it is great to see them all back in office.

As you are aware our Ward Assistants are all back at office which will help ease the load in our Wards.

I especially want to thank Kenny Snippers and Gail Hoffmeester who worked tirelessly to keep Sub Council operational in the absence of other colleagues. Our EPWP staff members who assisted the staff in so many ways during this COVID period.

Administration has gone yet again through many technology challenges due to power outages creating many challenges with our servers, making working in this office not only a challenge but a huge frustration at times. The late printing of the Agendas is but one such challenge.

All Ward Committees must become functional, elected members must understand their role, duties and responsibilities and serve their communities. As elected members and employees of the City, ward committee members have a duty to support their elected councilors and jointly take responsibility in the functioning, upliftment and

allocation of ward funding. Projects must not only be discussed at Ward Committee meetings but be the platform where information is shared to all relevant sectors they represent. Ward sector reports must be submitted as it plays a fundamental role in the Administration to gauge the challenges and successes in Wards.

The finalization of Ward allocation funding and projects must be prioritized to enhance and uplift communities, and the spending of allocated funding must be carefully overseen.

We are celebrating Women's month however Woman should be celebrated everyday not only one month a year. To all our sisters we celebrate life and support each other against the continued patriarchal system in society. The City is a proud employer of more than 11 300 women and over 19 400 women through its EPWP programme. I salute each and every one of our female colleagues for their contribution and sacrifice. For pushing through difficult times. Recognising, developing and appointing female leaders within the City continues to be a key objective in creating an inclusive culture within the organization.

The City's Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) and Wellness department provides all female staff with confidential professional and holistic interventions. The Young Women empowerment initiatives are also further examples of the City's commitment to encouraging growth and development for females within the workplace.

One of the City's flagship programmes , Women in Business, will be training more young Female Entrepreneurs. Violence

against Women is a concern to many, no matter how many program society has embarked on, the disrespect and treatment of woman is still felt and seen across all spheres of our society.

Several positive developments are happening in Atlantis:

Business Retention and Expansion Visitation Programme (BR&E) A bid to help businesses recover from the severe negative impact of the national COVID-19 lockdown measure, the City is working hard to ensure that we not only minimize the effects of this crisis, but build a stronger, more resilient future for our businesses and ultimately the residents in Atlantis.

Alderman James Vos has made huge strides in the Economic Opportunity and Assets Management portfolio.

We were honored to accompany Alderman Vos on a visit with the City's Investment Facilitation Unit (IFU) to several industries in Atlantis: PF Nonwovens (PFN) a Czech Republic Company, Hisense a Chinese Company all companies looking to expand their business profile here in Atlantis will result in more work opportunities for Atlantis.

The Atlantis Green Technology Hug is another huge success.

Council unanimously approved the transfer of land in Atlantis to the Special Economic Zone (Ltd). This milestone decision will lay the foundation for attracting and securing more investment and unlock future employment opportunities in the Atlantis area over the coming years.

The informal sector, Spaza Shops and other were all beneficiaries of the COVID-19 tool kits.

We are also celebrating Arbour Day, we encourage all councilors to involve the community to plant trees in the community.

The City has recently been inundated with land invasions across the Metro and unfortunately the City is compelled by law to provide humanitarian service as per their basic human rights. That is water and toilets.

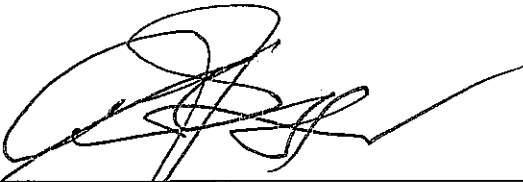
This is in no means whatsoever the Cities agreement to approve nor consent to the illegal invasions. During the last few court cases the City lost each case as the judge ordered the City may not continue evicting people from land under the COVID Regulations.

On Monday, the Mayor put out a media statement stating that the City will appeal the Western Cape High Court's order granting an interdict removing the City's right to protect property from land invasion.

The City will keep standing up for all law-abiding residents, first in appealing this interim relief, and second in continuing to oppose the SAHRC / EFF application overall. The City has stood firm against the illegal occupations over the last six weeks. We will not desert the residents of our City now and we will act to prevent land invasions until the ruling has been reviewed and sanity has prevailed.

Anonymous tip-offs:

Residents can give anonymous tip offs if they are aware of illegal activity that is taking place; that has happened or is still to happen. Please call 107 from a landline or 021 480 7700 for emergencies.

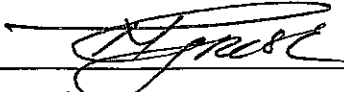


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Subcouncil 1 Manager



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