

**SUBCOUNCIL 24 MEETING**

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**19 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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**1. 24SUB: 42/09/2019**

**2. SUBJECT**

**MINUTES OF WARD COMMITTEE MEETING FOR WARD 84 HELD ON 12  
JUNE 2019**

**3. PURPOSE**

For information only.

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

That minutes of Ward 84 be noted.

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**MINUTES**

**OF THE MEETING OF WARD COMMITTEE FOR WARD 84 OF THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN HELD IN GARDEN VILLAGE COMMUNITY HALL, SOMERSET WEST, ON WEDNESDAY, 12th JUNE 2019 AT 18:00.**

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**MEMBERS****WARD 84**

Alderman Stuart Pringle	Chairman	
Mr Lionel John Benjamin	Environment	Gantouw Heritage
Mr Alan Leo Winter	Safety & Security Organisations	Somerset West Neighbourhood-Watch
Mr. John Havinga	University of the 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Designated Vulnerable Groups
Mr. Steven Louw	Somerset west City Improvement District	
Mr Boudewijn De Vries	Helderberg Renaissance Foundation	
Dorcas Shopane	SANCO	
Rebecca Blaauw	Somerset West Hockey Club	

**MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NO APOLOGIES RECEIVED:**

Amos Komeni	PR Cllr
Dorcas Shopane	SANCO

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mrs Helene Wilson	Sub-council 24
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**ACRONYMS USED IN THE MINUTES**

PR	Proportional Councillors
Cllr(s)	Councillor(s)
Alde	Alderman
SAPS	South African Police Service
EPWP	Expanded Public Works Programme

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**84WC 01/06/19****OPENING AND PRAYER /MOMENT OF SILENCE***(H/O 4/3/1/2)**(Delegation 0)*

The Chairperson, Ald. S Pringle opened the meeting with a moment of silence and welcomed all present

84WC 02/06/19

**APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**  
(Delegation 0)

Mr Alan Leo Winter    Safety &amp; Security

**RESOLVED**

That the leave of absence for the above mentioned Ward Committee members be noted for this meeting

84WC 03/06/19

**OPENING ADDRESS BY WARD COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON****EXTRACTS FROM CITY OF CAPE TOWN MEDIA RELEASES**

Inclusive budget to drive safety, urban renewal, human settlements  
Greater relief for pensioners as Council approves new R50 billion City Budget

- City ready to mitigate winter risks
- City advises on methods to beat the beetle
- Court date set for City energy purchase case
- City's Transport budget prioritizes congestion, public transport and facilities
- City to roll out dedicated ward-based law enforcement officers
- City spends more than R3 million on support for Neighbourhood Watches

Inclusive budget to drive safety, urban renewal, human settlements:  
Speech by City's Executive Mayor, Alderman Dan Plato.

We have an inclusive budget being tabled today. It is one that has received more than 4 000 comments from members of the public. And we have paid attention to the comments.

The Budget was presented and discussed at 27 public meetings across the city. I am confident that this budget is going to set the City back on track after dealing with the unprecedented drought that occurred over the last two years.

One of the deliverables I am most pleased about in the Budget is the commitment to deploy one dedicated law enforcement officer in every ward across this city.

Our councilors are going to have to work closely with those law enforcement officers because our fight against crime and grime in this city is just beginning.

I am not done with the 'Keep Cape Town Clean' campaign and you will see new initiatives coming out of this campaign, while I continue to get my hands dirty picking up the litter in your areas. Although our officials do this on a daily basis, I want to draw the public's attention to their role that they have to play as well. We cannot do it alone. That is why our motto is Making progress possible. Together. We need all members of the public to work with us.

I have taken note of public concerns about the state of our parks following the extreme drought: These complaints do not fall on deaf

justice system. If he needs it I will gladly send President Ramaphosa a copy of the Western Cape Government's court watching briefs, which show how dismally poor our prosecutions have become.

With this year's budget we have also set aside R72 million for the Urban Management Directorate so that we can:

- meet the City's EPWP target for the 2019/20 financial year and beyond
- provide oversight on EPWP projects in accordance with a recent National EPWP audit report
- deploy EPWP safety workers to accompany large groups of school children
- along identified routes so that youth can get safely to and from schools
- deploy EPWP workers required for community based recycling drop-off facilities

We will also be re-launching my youth outreach programmes, which will include community engagements for the youth to meet with EFT colleges and find out about the bursaries available so that they can study further and improve their lives.

An additional R2 million has been set aside to ensure that community food gardens get the attention and support that they deserve.

And let me use this opportunity to address one of the many false narratives that people like to spread in the media: there is no over recovery on our water income. The City has not made massive profits that it is not using elsewhere. There was in fact an under recovery on our water income, which means the City did not even cover its expenses in providing water services. So please be careful what you read on social media, which is often full of misinformation.

Councillors, I hope you are ready for what is coming, because we are going back to basics to ensure that our residents feel and enjoy the services that we provide. Your ward allocation has been increased from R850 000 to R1 million per ward and I trust that you will spend it wisely on delivering the best services for the residents in your ward.

Greater relief for pensioners as Council approves new R50 billion City Budget-Statement by Deputy Mayor, Alderman Ian Neilson:

Going forward, pensioners and those with special needs who earn up to R17 500 will qualify for rates discounts. This is a R2 500 increase in the monthly household income threshold for rates assistance. This change was incorporated after the tabling of the Budget in March 2019 and in response to the public participation process. Today, 29 May 2019, the City of Cape Town's 2019/2020 Budget has been tabled to Council for approval. Beneficiaries will need to re-apply to qualify for the rebate. The rebates for all income bands between R4 500 and R17 500 per month have also been adjusted upwards.

As always, our budget process is an intricate one of balancing different needs and considerations; aspects of affordability and sustainability.

Not everyone who retires does so on a standard pension. We have thus taken care to define the word 'pension' to cover a wide range of retirement funding strategies that are now commonplace, such as retirement living annuities. A pensioner must be the registered owner and be a minimum of 60 years old.

'The City's overall social safety net also remains in place for indigent households who will continue to receive a basic level of services free of charge. While we constantly review the limits on the qualifying criteria, we also have to be mindful that the cost is covered by other residents, who may themselves not enjoy the highest standard of living.

'We would also like to ensure that we do not tax those in our city, whose income is limited, more than is absolutely necessary. In the draft Budget we announced a lifting of the indigent household income for those who qualify for a 100% rebate on property taxes, from R4 000 per month to R4 500 per month. Similar adjustments were made to rebates on rentals on Council-owned housing,' said Alderman Ian Neilson, the City's Mayoral Committee Member for Finance.

Since the tabling of the draft budget in March, further analysis has indicated that the City's cash flow status is stronger than was assumed at the time. This has enabled a number of additional short-term needs to be met, while also enabling a reduction in the borrowing requirements that were set out in the draft Budget.

The operating budget expenditure is now set at R41,8 billion and the capital budget at R8,3 billion, giving an overall expenditure budget of R50,1 billion.

The revenue budget has been contained to R40,9 billion, which is a 4% increase on the previous year's budget and below the Consumer Price Index, despite the considerable cost pressures on the City.

The borrowing requirement for the three-year budget has been halved from the R14,5 billion that was tabled in March to R7 billion, due to the favourable cash flow projections.

Changes to disposable income levels for pensioners and people with special needs

Current 2018/19	2019/20			
Income bracket	Rates rebate %		Income bracket per month	
Rates rebate %				
-	4,000	100	-	4,500
100				
4,001	6,000	95	4,501	6,000
95				
6,001	7,000	90	6,001	7,500
90				
7,001	8,000	80	7,501	9,000
80				
8,001	9,000	70	9,001	10,500
70				
9,001	10,000	60	10,501	12,000
60				
10,001	11,000	50	12,001	13,500

50				
11,001	12,000	40	13,501	14,500
40				
12,001	13,000	30	14,501	15,500
30				
13,001	14,000	20	15,501	16,500
20				
14,001	15,000	10	16,501	17,500
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#### Service charges at a glance:

The required increase in water and sanitation tariffs has been lowered by subsidizing costs to the tune of R200 million from the Equitable Share Allocation and keeping the tariff increase at 9%, which is an increase of R1,23 per 1 000 litres of water

No increase in the fixed charge for water

A controlled increase in the electricity tariff of 8,88% (compared to the 15,63% increase in the tariff that the City pays to Eskom for bulk electricity supply). Approximately 65% of the tariff cost is for buying bulk electricity from Eskom

An increase of 5% for refuse removal services, down from 5,7% .

There will be no rates payable for residential properties on the first R300 000 (currently it is R200 000).

#### Social assistance

If you know of someone who might potentially qualify for social assistance, please visit:

<http://www.capetown.gov.za/local%20and%20communities/financial-relief-and-rebates/our-approach-to-financial-support/indigent-grants>

22 MAY 2019

#### City ready to mitigate winter Risks-Statement by Alderman JP Smith

The City of Cape Town's Disaster Risk Management Centre (DRMC) is again leading efforts to coordinate a multi-departmental response to any risks that may result from flooding or storms over the winter period. The South African Weather Service forecasts above average rainfall this winter with a higher frequency of normal weather episodes, rather than extreme events. The caveat is that there is low confidence in these forecasts as the different models that have been used have all given varying results.

That said, the City has planned and continues to plan for the worst-case scenario to ensure that we can react swiftly to any eventuality.

#### The Winter Readiness Plan includes:

Identifying at-risk informal settlements and moving residents to higher ground or implementing flood-mitigation measures. The City has

identified 29 high-risk areas to prioritise, which include informal settlements in Khayelitsha, Philippi, Gugulethu, Klipheuwel and Strand  
Ongoing education and awareness programmes around flood and fire awareness This includes practical tips on how to raise floor levels, divert flood waters and reduce the health hazards associated with stagnant water

Cleaning critical storm water infrastructure in high flood-risk areas and removing invasive aquatic and terrestrial plants along key river corridors  
Proactive pruning/maintenance of trees to minimize the risk of falling branches and debris

Issuing of weather warnings to residents, based on advisories received from the South African Weather Service

Service level agreement with the South African Social Service Agency to provide humanitarian aid to residents in distress and discomfort as a result of flooding and storm damage

Collaborating with the Recreation and Parks Department to identify and activate emergency shelter in the event that residents are displaced during severe weather episodes

Funding to create additional temporary capacity at qualifying shelters to accommodate street people

The Winter Readiness Plan and the work that goes into mitigating the impact of severe weather episodes is a massive undertaking. However, it comes to naught without the assistance of our residents. For instance, an annual occurrence over the winter months is the increase in sewerage and storm water system blockages and overflows due to illegal dumping. Illegal dumping into storm water channels and the sewers comes at a massive cost not only because it requires resources and funding to clean, but also because it increases the risk of flooding when it rains.

Residents must also please reduce the risk to their properties by ensuring that gutters are cleaned, that trees are pruned and that there are no obstructions in waterways around the home that could result in flooding or water damage.

Furthermore, we require that residents inform us immediately of any problems so that our teams can react and deal with these as they occur. Last year DRM responded to 377 flood incidents which affected 7 435 people.

The City has a number of channels available to residents to report problems or seek assistance:

Flooding, blocked drains and service disruptions can be reported to the City's Call Centre on 0860 103 089

Enquiries and/or complaints regarding burst and leaking water mains, faulty and leaking water meters, blocked and overflowing sewers can also be sent via SMS to 31373

Enquiries and/or complaints regarding electricity fault reporting can be sent via SMS to 31220

For emergencies, residents can contact the Public Emergency Communication centre by dialling 107 from a landline or 021 480 7700 from a cellphone

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City advises on methods to beat the beetle

The City of Cape Town has developed best practice methods for the removal and disposal of trees infested with the invasive Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer beetle (PSHB). Horticulturists, landscapers, arborists or contractors assisting residents with the removal of dying, or dead trees are requested to follow this protocol.

In March 2019, a possible PSHB beetle infestation was discovered in Oldenland Road, Somerset West, in an ailing London plane tree. In April 2019, DNA tests conducted by scientists confirmed it was a positive PSHB identification.

An experienced invasive species removal team from the City has since then removed 46 trees from the Somerset West area in an attempt to contain and limit the spread of this invasive Asian borer beetle. The wood, from trees cut down in Somerset West, was chipped on site and carefully removed under cover of heavy duty plastic and incinerated at appropriate sites.

Best practice

This week, the City of Cape Town's Invasive Species Unit, in cooperation with the City's Recreation and Parks Department, local arborists and the country's top entomologists, released a PSHB Protocol which prescribes the best practice for how to remove and dispose of trees infested with PSHB.

The PSHB Protocol can be downloaded from [www.capetowninvasives.org.za](http://www.capetowninvasives.org.za).

Report PSHB beetle sightings online

The City also encourages residents to report suspected sightings of a PSHB invasion or fusarium dieback online by visiting the Invasive Species Unit's Shot Hole Borer Reporting Tool on [www.capetowninvasives.org.za](http://www.capetowninvasives.org.za).

Click on 'Report a PSHB sighting' to give your details and the location of the infected tree. Residents can also upload images of the tree and entrance tunnels as this will assist the City to do a speedy identification. Officials from the City's Invasive Species Unit and an arborist at the City Parks and Recreation Department will conduct an investigation. The website has an extensive database of information about PSHB where residents can learn more about this destructive beetle.

End

21 MAY 2019

Court date set for City energy purchase Case-Statement by the City's



Executive Mayor, Alderman Dan Plato

The City of Cape Town is pleased that the date of 18 June 2019 has been set for its hearing on being allowed to purchase power from independent power producers (IPPs) and not only from Eskom. The City is fighting for the right to buy cleaner energy directly from IPPs.

If successful in our court challenge, the City would opt for a public tender and solicit proposals from IPPs.

The price of power generated from IPPs would differ based on technology. It is foreseen that the City would then periodically advise on new tenders with new prices for power to be purchased, based on prevailing and predicted market trends.

For the sake of our country's economy, the entire electricity regime urgently needs to be restructured. The City is ready to be part of that change and move towards a low carbon, diversified and decentralized energy system.

End

29 MAY 2019

City's Transport budget prioritises congestion, public transport and Facilities-Statement by the City's Mayoral Committee member for Transport, Alderman Felicity Purchase

All Capetonians arrange their lives around traffic, be it the thousands of commuters who rely on public transport to get to work, the motorists who travel in private vehicles to their destinations or the businesses who need our road network to move their goods and services to grow our economy.

The budget I present to Council this morning addresses the Transport Directorate's main priority namely, to improve transport across Cape Town so that all of us can spend less time and money on commuting.

Traffic and peak-hour congestion is an ever present factor we can hardly avoid. It has a direct impact on our quality of life. It determines how much time we spend commuting and most often we lose hours on congested roads when we could have been at home with our families.

It is also a fact that our inefficient transport system has the worst impact on low-income households who live far away from work opportunities. They spend the longest hours commuting and up to 43% of their monthly income is spent on transport costs alone.

Therefore, our immediate priority is to improve public transport across Cape Town

Over the next three financial years we will be spending about R2, 9 billion rand on extending the footprint of MyCiTi bus service in the Metro South-east. This money is budgeted for the new roads and other infrastructure that are needed to establish MyCiTi routes between Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha and Claremont and Wynberg.

Up to R412, 4 million is set aside for this financial year alone.

Furthermore, thousands of Capetonians rely on minibus-taxis to

commute. They often queue for hours in wind, sun, and rain. This coming financial year we will invest approximately R114, 8 million on building new public transport interchanges (PTIs) and to refurbish existing interchanges for commuters and the minibus-taxi operators. Construction of a new minibus-taxi facility is already under way in Dunoon, while the contractor for a new PTI in Somerset West will be appointed within the next five months. Plans are also under way for major refurbishments of the facilities in Retreat and Wynberg.

Traffic congestion remains one of our biggest challenges. To beat the traffic, we are building new roads and we are prioritising public transport, among other interventions.

Rail is the most efficient and cheapest mode of public transport in the world. I want to make it clear to all present today that we remain committed to taking over the rail function from the National Government so that the City can be in charge of the most important public transport service in Cape Town. We will not be deterred from our ultimate goal. Transport officials are working on a thorough business plan which will be presented to Council once completed.

In the meantime, we have partnered with PRASA and the Western Cape Government to establish the Rail Enforcement Unit to improve the safety and security of rail commuters and infrastructure. Once the rail service has stabilised, it will be more punctual and reliable and we will see more commuters shifting from road-based transport to rail. This will go a long way in reducing the number of vehicles on our road network and easing congestion in the peak-hour periods.

Our congestion management programme is well under way and has already delivered additional road capacity in Somerset West with the dueling of Broadway Boulevard (R44) from Beach Road to Main Road; in Bellville with the extension of Jip de Jager Drive from Van Riebeeckshof Road to Racecourse Road; in Blaauwberg with the dueling of Platteklouf Road from De Grendel Avenue to Gert van Rooyen Road; and in Kuils River with the extension of Amandel Road from Bottelary Road to River Bridge, to name but a few.

We will be spending an additional R165, 7 million in this financial year alone on new roads and links to relieve congestion in the worst affected areas. These include the dueling of Broadway Boulevard (R30 million); work on the Belhar Main Road (R35 million); the completion of the Kommetjie Road and Ou Kaapse Weg project (R24,9 million); Langverwacht Road (R23 million); and Sandown Road (R46 million). A further R22 million has been allocated to upgrade the north- and southbound lanes of the R44.

Finally, Cape Town's road network comprises over 10 600 kilometres and every inch of it is managed by the Transport Directorate. Our road network is our biggest asset and must be maintained and looked after so that we can prolong its lifespan.

Thus, we have set aside over R173 million for the maintenance and reconstruction of the city's roads for the 2019/20 financial year. The money is allocated for among others, the upgrading of concrete roads

in Bonteheuwel, Uitsig, Bishop Lavis, Hanover Park, Heideveld, and Kalksteenfontein, as well as in Gugulethu.

Roadworks by its very nature cause traffic delays and unfortunately, this is the inconvenience we have to endure when protecting and preserving our assets and when providing new infrastructure.

I am thanking our residents for their patience and understanding while we are working at improving transport networks, roads and other infrastructure.

I also want to call on communities to work with us so that we can deliver these projects on time and with the urgency that is required.

End

28 MAY 2019

City to roll out dedicated ward-based law enforcement Officers-Statement by the City's Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security, Alderman JP Smith.

This is but one of the priorities for the City of Cape Town's Safety and Security Directorate from an increased budget allocation in the 2019/20 financial year. The City is allocating R535 million capital budget to the Safety and Security Directorate in the 2019/20 financial year.

The capital allocation will be used for the acquisition of vehicles and equipment, as well as improvements to facilities across the seven departments within the Directorate.

These include the Metro Police Department, Law Enforcement Department, Cape Town Traffic Service, Fire and Rescue Service, Disaster Risk Management and the Public Emergency Communication Centre and Events.

There will also be an additional operating budget totalling R112 million which is split between R70 million for staff and R42 million for general expenses for vehicle maintenance, fuel, overtime, uniforms and equipment as well as the expansion of volunteer services.

Plans to deploy one dedicated law enforcement officer to each of the 116 wards in the metro will be in addition to the existing 100 extra officers we are deploying in the Neighbourhood Safety Team in Bonteheuwel, Valhalla Park and Bishop Lavis,' said the City's Executive Mayor, Alderman Dan Plato.

The ward-based law enforcement officers will serve their communities by coordinating safety operations, working with the local communities, councillors, Neighborhood Watches, Community Policing Forums, the business community, the South African Police Service (SAPS) and City departments to ensure that areas in need of attention are addressed.

They will receive specialised training for working in a fixed precinct which includes strategies for addressing social and urban management

issues as well as logging City infrastructure and other defects, in addition to enforcing traffic and by-law offences and doing crime prevention. An allocation of R70 million has been made in the new budget for additional staff, including the new ward-based initiative.

The officers will work from existing City facilities within their respective wards. It is envisioned that they will be deployed from December 2019.

'The City's law enforcement officers can never replace the SAPS but it is clear that SAPS are under-resourced and while we are fighting to ensure that the National Government addresses this shortcoming, we cannot allow our communities to wait until that happens. We believe that these dedicated law enforcement officers will be a crucial link between the City and residents,' said Mayor Plato.

Other areas where additional staff will be deployed in the 2019/20 financial year include:

- Additional law enforcement resources for challenged central business districts across the city, such as Rylands, Bellville and Wynberg
- Increase in clerks at driving licence testing centres to operate vacant counters and to work split shifts to allow the facilities to be open later and six days a week, including every Saturday
- Increase capacity of the Transport Enforcement Unit and Operation Reclaim to address transgressions in the public transport sector including taxi violations
- Additional staff for the Fire and Rescue Service

'Earlier this year, we announced that additional funding had been secured through the Adjustments Budget. The R165 million was spent on purchasing additional patrol vehicles, CCTV cameras and recruiting additional officers who are currently finishing their training and will be deployed soon in the Bonteheuwel, Valhalla Park and Bishop Lavis areas.

'I understand the dire need for more safety interventions across the metro. We will continue this trend with the new budget, which will allow for massive increases in the purchase of vehicles, equipment, extra CCTV cameras, where they are needed, and improvements to facilities from which our staff have to operate. The increase in the vehicle budget will allow for much more effective enforcement work by our officers who are currently hamstrung by a lack of patrol vehicles. The City cares about improving the quality of life for our residents and safety plays a big part in this,' said the City's Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security, Alderman JP Smith.

End

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN THE WARD

- Sub Council 24 Meeting-13th June 2019 @ 10am Kuyasa Library Building, Khayelitsha

- Sir Lowry's Pass Village Child Protection March-14 June @ 10am, SLP Library
- Sir Lowry's Pass Farm Watch and Village Watch Visibility Drive- 15 June @ 2pm, SLP SAPS
- Youth Day with CoCT and SAPS-16 June@9am, Helderzicht Sports Fields
- Helderberg PAAC-8 July@5pm, Helderberg Nature Reserve

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES UNDERWAY:

Anyone requiring information on any of these important documents is welcome to contact me.

With regards to the registration of interested parties for participation in the Spatial Development Framework, I will request the sub council to contact all members of the ward committee, together with all organisations on the sub council database to encourage them to register.

-CITY'S DRAFT RESILIENCE STRATEGY  
-SUB COUNCIL AWARDS NOMINATION PROCESS  
-CITY OF CAPE TOWN COASTAL BY LAW  
-SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (DRAFT DISTRICT PLANS)

WARD OFFICE  
SOMERSET WEST TOWN HALL  
CNR CHURCH AND MAIN ROADS  
BETWEEN 9AM AND 2PM  
TEL: 021 4004611

- It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Mr. Etienne Gouws, former headmaster of Parel Vallei High School. Our condolences to his family, and to Parel Vallei High School on their loss.
- A number of initiatives flow from the passing of the budget last month, including the implementation of ward allocation projects (listed below), the additional law enforcement officers who will be employed from the end of this year, construction of the PTI which starts in the latter part of 2019, congestion alleviation in Somerset West, the finishing of Onverwacht Road and Sir Lowry's Pass Road, Completion of the Fire Station, Ward Allocations, Indigent Relief, Public Meetings, CCTV Cameras and the Mayoral Urban Regeneration Project.
- I have requested the sub council to arrange meetings with residents to discuss the new budget, deal with applications for financial assistance for those receiving pensions and disability and also to explain the process of doing business with the City, particularly for small businesses via the sub council

- Ward allocation funding is a top up on the capital budget and for the 2019/20 financial year will be allocated to:
  - Parks upgrades in Van Der Stel, Sir Lowry's Pass Village, Garden Village and Bizweni-R80 000
  - Sidewalk Construction-R80 000
  - Traffic calming-R100 000
  - CCTV Cameras-R100 000
  - NHW Equipment-R50 000
  - Festival of Lights-R50 000
  - Rent a cop-R200 000
  - Area Cleaning-R30 000
  - River Cleaning-R20 000
  - Social Development-R50 000
  - Youth Development-R20 000
  - Repainting street names-R50 000
  - Canal Cleaning-R20 000

There is an additional R150 000 for ward allocations and residents are welcome to email me with any recommendations for the ward committee to consider and organisations will be requested to make input.

The process of determining the ward allocation for 2020/21 will commence next month and residents and organisations will be invited to make their submissions.

#### Van Der Stel Pedestrian Bridge

The first motion which I brought to the Sub Council after the election in 2016 was for feedback from SANRAL and Provincial Government regarding the construction of a pedestrian bridge over the N2 at De Beers Avenue. This has long been a call from the community arising from accidents along the N2, often involving school children. I am pleased to announce that the construction has now commenced by the Contractor, and local labour will be employed.

The roll out of Mayoral Urban Regeneration Program (MURP) will include ward 84, with particular focus on the CBD, Garden Village, Sir Lowry's Pass and Chris Nissen Park with the intention of coordinating and consolidating service delivery activities by the relevant line departments. Establishing this important initiative is on this month's sub council agenda and the ward plan, as well as the numerous service delivery requests are being coordinated to draw up the plan for consultation with the community to prioritize. The establishment of Area Coordinating Teams will then commence so that we can maximize engagement with the community. I will be mentioning below some of the issues which can be fed into the plans, but they include Infrastructure upgrades, economic development, improving safety and security and sport and recreation facilities.

Canals in Sir Lowry's Pass Village continue to be a huge challenge and the City is considering how to re-block the informal settlement along the Canals so as to provide services. Cleaning teams of the canal will be provided with additional resources from the ward allocations and will be listed as a possible MURP project.

Fencing off of various City properties along the Lourens River Protected Natural Environment River has long been a call from residents, both for security reasons as well as to protect this important natural asset. The City have finalized the designs after consultation with residents and we are now awaiting to hear from the City regarding the budget requests and this may well fall into the MURP projects if we don't receive the budget before that.

Parking Management in the CBD of Somerset West has long been a contentious issue and in spite of numerous previous engagements with the City, the call for doing away with this economic impediment have not been effective. With the appointment of Alderman Felicity Purchase at the end of 2018 as Mayco member for Transport however, this approach has changed and after a series of engagements by Cllr Carl Punt and I with the City an announcement will be made during next week regarding finalization of this issue.

Since visiting the Somerset West Food Garden on the corner of New and Drama Streets, Alderman Dan Plato has often referred to its success as an example of what can be done, and with the welcome rains, the City is looking at rolling out more of these gardens in Ward 84 and further information will be forth coming at the next sub council meeting.

Housing remains a major issue in the lives of many residents in the ward, and the Project Steering Committee meetings which I have attended show that progress is on track. The TDA at Riemvasmaak in Sir Lowry's Pass is now completed and residents are moving in, and the Mayco member for Human Settlements will be spelling out further developments at the Sir Lowry's Pass Village Community Hall on the 13 July, at 10am.

In particular, the issue of the Memorandum between Transnet and the City to assist with the moving of residents living in the informal settlement around the railway line will be addressed at this meeting.

The roadworks through Sir Lowry's Pass Village are nearing completion in spite of some attempts at disruption by a small group wanting to influence issues of employment. The Onverwacht Road extension too is nearing completion which, together with Reunion Drive, is a means to alleviate congesting.

The request by the Garden Village community to improve safety along Rose street has now resulted in this busy road between De Beers Avenue and Victoria Road being changed to a one-way street.

I have been working closely with residents in Sir Lowry's Pass around the issue of electricity outages in this Eskom supply area and thanks to community engagement, illegal connections have been removed and the load on the system has been alleviated. I will be assisting residents who have claims arising from loss / damage caused by the electricity outages.

The District Plan Review Process is ongoing, and I have met a number of organisations and residents to encourage people to register to be part of the process of redesigning the area.

I have visited Somerset Park with residents and officials to discuss how various parks can be upgraded and improved and, flowing from an assessment by the department, a number of road are on the candidate list for upgrades, which are long overdue.

The Van Der Stel Problem Building on the corner of School and Main Roads is now on the market, after several months of activity by the City to get the owner to deal with this eyesore. Together with the officials, I will monitor progress around dealing with this matter.

The City is still in the process of trying to find someone at the Chris Nissen Park Trust regarding the transfer of the public open space from the developer to the City so that the City can provide services. In the meantime, the City will be providing lighting on the park / sports area and speed calming has been approved.

The Old Pigeon Club building on the corner of Dorhill and Dummer, is being upgraded at the moment for use by Law Enforcement and the Neighbourhood Watches as offices.

Several proposals for a safe space for people living on the streets, such as the one in Culemborg in Cape Town, are being considered and this may well have to be part of the MURP proposals for consideration.

I have attended this week's meeting of the Helderberg Liquor Traders Forum where the City officials explained the process of applying for Business and Liquor Licenses, including suggestions to ensure that the process is handled as speedily as possible.

The Radloff Park Facility Management Committee meeting this month discussed, inter alia, the impact of the drought on Sports bodies and it is heartening how they continue to take ownership of this facility.

The Southey's Vines committee meeting have agreed to again play a major role in this year's Festival of Lights, it is a great opportunity to raise funds for the service organisations in Somerset West which do so much to assist the less fortunate.

Library Month last month saw a number of events in the ward, where the sub council made small amounts available for entertainment and educational programs for children in the ward.

Residents are always welcome to attend the ward committee meetings to meet their representatives.

### COMMENTS

The Chairperson asked if there are any questions regarding the opening address?

Mr Havinga mentioned that he previously requested that the open spaces along the N2 be used possible for the children to have play areas for soccer fields etc. Please can Mr Sipumele Mbusi to send a report back on this for the next meeting. Alde Pringle suggested that a meeting between Mr Havinga and Mr Mbusi be set up to discuss this matter further.



**RESOLVED**

Mover Mr de Vries and seconded by Mr Havinga

**84WC 04/06/19****CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

That the minutes of the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 be approved.

**RESOLVED**

Mover Mr de Vries and seconded by Mr Steven Louw

**84WC 05/06/19****MATTERS RECEIVING ATTENTION**

This was tabled and worked through.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The committee where satisfied with progress thus far

**84WC 06/06/19****SUBCOUNCIL'S CIVIC AND SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019)**

Alde Pringle asked the Committee to please send through names to the Sub Council for the above purpose.  
This was noted.

**84WC 07/06/19****NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE FINALISATION OF THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN COASTAL-BY-LAW.**

This was tabled and committee had no comments.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Noted

**UNDER DISCUSSION**

Information was asked regarding the housing project in Ward 15 next to the mall, Lourencia Park. When will the houses be built. Alde Pringle replied that the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will be in July 2019.

Mr Louw asked about the Casino and if there is any information with regard to this. Alde Pringle replied that he unfortunately has no idea and is not sure if the application has been sent in or not. This will be looked into and will have a reply at the next meeting. Mr Louw also asked about the My Citi bus. He would like to know about the transport plan and Alde Pringle said that a public meeting will be arranged with this regard and the Mayco member will be invited to report on this.

Mr Louw also wanted to know about the drinking by laws and is worried that at the moment the City is promoting drinking and driving with the 04h00 am licences being allowed. Alde Pringle replied that a presentation on this will be arranged as well as how to comment on the liquor licences when they are sent out for comment. Mr Louw also enquired about the PAAC and was

under the impression that it was disbanded. He would like to have a status update of the PAAC. Mr Owen Witridge will be asked to please send this through.

Mr de Vries asked about the clinic that was burnt down and if there was any information regarding this incident. Unfortunately, no information is currently available.

In regard to the fencing off of Stormhaven park, Alde Pringle explained that the idea is to put up a fence on the culverts side then running parallel between the stairs and the gate. This will not be closed to the public. In Andries Pretorius Street the fence to close off access areas there and access gates will be in place for the public.

**84WC 08/06/19****PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE DRAFT RESILIENCE STRATEGY OF THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN**

Noted

**84WC 09/06/19****DISTRICT SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK/ DISTRICT SPATIAL PLAN/ REVIEW 20/21**

Noted

**84WC 10/06/19****WARD ALLOCATION PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Noted

**84WC 11/06/19****PROGRESSIVE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: MAY 2019**

Noted

**84WC 12/06/19****PORTFOLIO REPORT BACKS**

Report backs needed from all sectors.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Report backs to be emailed to Helene Wilson

**84WC 13/06/19****DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT WARD COMMITTEE MEETING CLOSING**

The next Ward Committee meeting is to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Wednesday.

**FOR INFORMATION: GOODMAN RORWANA**

The meeting adjourned at 20h00

  
**ALDERMAN S PRINGLE**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

28/08/2019  
**DATE**