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MOTION OF EXIGENCY IN TERMS SECTION 11 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR SUBCOUNCIL MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN, APPROVED BY COUNCIL: 28 JULY 2010 C69/07/10, TO MEETING OF SUBCOUNCIL 14 TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 16TH AUGUST 2019, REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION AND REPORT INTO THE CAPACITY OF THE SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE GUGULETHU AND NYANGA AREAS OF SUBCOUNCIL 14

Gugulethu the township 'was established in 1958 and was originally named Nyanga West. Roads, sewers, water and drainage systems were completed by December in the same year.'¹ Additionally by 'October 1963 Gugulethu's population had expanded to over 27,000 inhabitants.

Nyanga, a sprawling, poverty-stricken illustration of Cape Town's urban sprawl, Nyanga is one of the oldest Black townships in Cape Town. It was established in 1946 and proclaimed a township during the same year. The township is located on the Cape Flats, sixteen kilometres south of Bellville, Goodwood and Parow and about 26 kilometres from the City centre. It has been established along the N2 close to the Cape Town International Airport and, like most of townships in the country, originated as a result of the migrant labour system - a spillover once Langa was filled to capacity.²

In 2011 Gugulethu had a population of 98 468 with 29 577 households. Only 52% of residents of Gugulethu resided in formal dwellings and '63% of households had access to a flush toilet connected to the public sewer system'³ Nyanga on the other hand had a population of 57 990 in 2011 with 67% of households living in formal dwellings and 81% of households having access to a flush toilet connected to the public sewer system.⁴

A number of new housing developments have since been implemented and new informal settlements created which adds pressure to the sewer network. On a very regular basis sewer blockages occur resulting in spilling raw sewage, bad smells and

¹ <https://www.sahistory.org.za/place/gugulethu-township>

² <https://www.sahistory.org.za/places/nyanga-township>

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http://resource.capetown.gov.za/documentcentre/Documents/Maps%20and%20statistics/2011_Census_CT_Suburb_Gugulethu_Profile.pdf

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http://resource.capetown.gov.za/documentcentre/Documents/Maps%20and%20statistics/2011_Census_CT_Suburb_Nyanga_Profile.pdf

general unhygienic conditions. The health risks of this situation are well documented and must be taken seriously, especially in an environment where children are forced to play in the street due to lack of recreational facilities. This situation is compounded by the sewer lines running through backyards of properties. The affluent runs into houses and the City either has difficulty in conducting repairs due to the restricted access or cannot perform work on private property.

Attempts have been made to address the above problems with tender 447Q/2014/15 advertised in 2015 and tender 171Q/2018/19 advertised in 2018, amongst others. All these are in line with the City's Sanitation Master Plan.

The problem of sewer blockages however persists and therefore I, *Councillor Khaya Yozi* submit this motion requesting an investigation and report into the capacity of the sewer infrastructure in the Gugulethu Nyanga areas of Subcouncil 14, recommendations for the resolution of challenges identified, as well as implementation plans, for addressing these challenges.

Motion submitted by:

Cllr Khaya Yozi. (Ward 39)



Signature

Date: 16 August 2019