

**MINUTES**

**OF THE MEETING OF THE ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE HELD VIA THE CITY'S DIGITAL PLATFORM (SKYPE) AND ON-SITE IN COMMITTEE ROOM D, 5TH FLOOR PODIUM, ON WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2024 AT 11:00.**

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**PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA)**

Cllr Z Sulelo (Chairperson)  
Cllr G C Peck  
Cllr P Maxiti  
Cllr U Lasiti  
Cllr M Kleinschmidt  
Ald S Rossouw  
Ald M Kempthorne  
Cllr T Jackson  
Cllr M Temlett  
Cllr C Siebritz

**AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)**

Cllr D G Cottee  
Cllr S Duka (*arrived at 11:23*)  
Cllr L Simangweni (*arrived at 11:23*)

**ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS (EFF)**

Cllr B Mei

**AFRICA RESTORATION ALLIANCE (ARA)**

Cllr G Classen

**VISITING COUNCILLORS:**

Cllr P Heynes  
Cllr A Lightburn (SKYPE)

**COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH APOLOGY:**

Cllr C Brynard

**COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGY:**

None

**MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Ald X Limberg

**OFFICIALS:**

K Nassiep	Executive Director: Energy (attended partially)
L Mahomed Weideman	Director: Sustainable Energy Markets
L Rencontre	Director: Electricity Generation and Distribution
N Mkwane	Executive Support Officer
H Essop	Manager: Electricity Retail Management
B Paliso	Electricity Generation and Distribution
D Leeuwendaal	Manager: Finance and Commercial
M De Swardt	Electricity Generation and Distribution
S Mosdell	Sustainable Energy Markets
M Brookes	Operational Coordination
J Louis	Operational Coordination
R Petersen	Law Enforcement
C Heynes	Electricity Generation and Distribution
S Gqwede	Electricity Generation and Distribution
M Abass	Organisational Performance Management
R Naidoo	Sustainable Energy Markets
I Kruger	Electricity Generation and Distribution

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SERVICES:**

N Damon  
L McGregor

**LEGAL SERVICES:**

T Gwadiso

**INTERPRETER:**

None

**PRESS:**

None

**PUBLIC:**

None

**EN 01/08/24      OPENING**

The Chairperson, Cllr Z Sulelo, welcomed everybody present at the meeting, after which a moment of silence was observed.

**EN 02/08/24      APOLOGIES / APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Apologies were received for the following councillors and officials:

- Cllr C Brynard
- E Capes (Manager: Engineering, Electricity Generation & Distribution)

## NOTED

### EN 03/08/24 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

*Good morning councillors, officials joining us via skype and to those that are joining us in person. Welcome also to our portfolio committee members after being away for almost three months. On our agenda we have quarterly reports for a reason because a lot can change in three months and for this portfolio there has been some changes. With that said I would like to welcome Alderwoman: Xanthea Limberg as our new Mayoral Committee Member and I would like to thank Cllr Beverly Van Reenen for her leadership in her absence. A lot was achieved and I believe we will continue to do more under the new leadership.*

*Last year we were able to launch our energy strategy that looked at short term goals to be achieved by 2026, Medium goals by 2031 and long term goals by 2050. By 2026 the city plans to mitigate up to four stages of load shedding and to achieve this, all our procurement efforts have to align. It is then encouraging to see that the Atlantis project is on track and that construction will start this month. But as you would have noticed the need in Atlantis for power is already there, based on the motion submitted to this portfolio. This means that the city will need lot of power generation facilities across the city in order to meet the demand and to mitigate load shedding. Steenbras Hydro Pump Station refurbishment is underway and over the next three years and beyond will be able to protect more residents from load shedding. The power heroes' programme was launched and wheeling projects launched all in the efforts of adding more to the grid. It is good to note on the MPP report that there are two more customers in the pipeline who will be joining the trial.*

*As tabled on the budget, The City of Cape Town will further invest heavily to reduce service delivery load-shedding, with a budget of R680m over three years. Over three years, the City estimates it will spend an estimated R722m on independent power purchases.*

*The City has further reduced Eskom's 12, 72% electricity increase to municipalities to 11, 78% for City customers in 2024/25 but Electricity in South Africa is still unaffordable for many.*

*Cape Town's proposed 2024/25 Budget includes a R4, 8bn social package made up of R2, 2bn in rates rebates and R2, 6bn in indigent relief but even the director general has warned that this is not sustainable. Besides taking care of the indigent the same budget also needs to fund the projects that I have mentioned earlier while theft and vandalism*

*continues to be a huge problem not only here in Cape Town but is South Africa. This winter, due to strong winds and floods, the City of Cape Town was put under a lot of pressure with over 19 000 primarily storm-related faults resulting in damages in excess of R16, 6 million to date on power infrastructure alone.*

*Even before the storms, residents including councilors has always said that streetlights are a huge concern in their communities and many people get robbed in the dark. While the work that the department does with the resources available is commendable, if the residents remain in the dark all the other projects will not be able to get the support it needs.*

*Yes, no other city has reduced the price of electricity for indigent households over the last two years but we need to work even harder to ensure that service requests are attended to quicker, which is why I am looking forward to the report of service requests later. If we need to get better at communication then let us do that but we need to work with councilors to make sure that service delivery takes place across the city.*

*I thank you.*

**RESOLVED** that the Chairperson's report be noted.

**ACTION: L MCGREGOR**

**EN 04/08/24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 3 APRIL 2024**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Energy Portfolio Committee held on 3 April 2024, be confirmed.

**[Proposed by Ald M Kempthorne and seconded by Cllr P Maxiti]**

**ACTION: L MCGREGOR**

**EN 05/08/24 CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: 19 APRIL 2024**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the special meeting of the Energy Portfolio Committee held on 19 April 2024, be confirmed.

**[Proposed by Cllr T Jackson and seconded by Cllr U Lasiti]**

**ACTION: L MCGREGOR**

**EN 06/08/24 CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: 8 MAY 2024**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the special meeting of the Energy Portfolio Committee held on 8 May 2024, be confirmed.

**[Proposed by Cllr M Kleinschmidt and seconded by Cllr G Peck]**

**ACTION: L MCGREGOR**

**EN 07/08/24    *PROGRESS REPORT: MATTERS RECEIVING ATTENTION***

**1.    METALS THEFT UNIT PRESENTATION TO THE ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE MEETING**

The metals theft presentation was discussed under item **EN 23/08/24**.

**RESOLVED** that Safety and Security officials provide updates to the Energy Portfolio Committee on a quarterly basis. The next presentation is due in November 2024.

**ACTION: M BROOKS , R PETERSEN**

**2.    UPDATE ON THE ATHLONE POWER STATION**

Ald M Kempthorne suggested that the committee wait on the completion of the appeals process from Heritage. As soon as the appeals process has been completed, the committee would request an update on the progress.

**RESOLVED** that an update on the Athlone Power Station be provided to the committee once the appeals process has been finalised.

**ACTION: K NASSIEP**

**3.    INNOVATION    FRIDAY    THEFT    AND    VANDALISM PRESENTATION**

Cllr Z Sulelo stated that Director: Mahomed Weideman requested for the Innovation Friday presentation on the agenda to be noted, and that she would address any questions relevant thereto.

**RESOLVED** that the item is minuted under **EN08/08/24**.

**ACTION: L MAHOMED WEIDEMAN**

**4.    2022 SOLAR DETECTION AI GIS SURVEY**

Cllr Z Sulelo requested the committee members to indicate when they wished to receive an update on the new solar detection technology the City of Cape Town is exploring.

Cllr G Peck informed the committee that new developments where solar power is being installed are not signed off on the Certificate of Compliance. He further requested that the Department of Labour be approached to include solar power and batteries on the Certificate of Compliance. Cllr Z Sulelo indicated that she would bring this to the attention of Director: L Mahomed Weideman.

**RESOLVED** that the updated on the 2022 solar detection AI GIS Survey be noted.

**ACTION: M HAW , L MAHOMED WEIDEMAN**

**5. A DETAILED REPORT ON C3 NOTIFICATIONS**

The presentation on C3 Notifications was done under item **EN 25/08/24**.

**ACTION: H ESSOP**

**6. A REPORT ON HIGH MAST LIGHTS IN ALL AREAS AND THE FUNCTIONING THEREOF**

The presentation on high mast lights was done under item **EN 24/08/24**.

**ACTION: B PALISO**

**EN 08/08/24 INNOVATION FRIDAY FEEDBACK 23/24 – PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** that the presentation on Innovation Friday feedback 23/24, be noted.

**ACTION: L MAHOMED WEIDEMAN**

**EN 09/08/24 ELECTRIFICATION IN WITSAND**

Cllr P Heynes introduced the motion to the Energy Portfolio Committee.

The Councillor indicated that the area called Witsand near Atlantis has been in existence for over 16 years. Houses were built as far back as 2008 without proper streetlights. In 2018, residents from both formal and informal houses requested streetlights and high mast lights by handing over a memorandum to the Subcouncil and are yet to receive a response from the Line Department, making them feel as if they don't belong in the City of Cape Town and not worth living in a safe area.

Cllr A Lightburn responded that Subcouncil 1 is currently dealing with this matter and provided an update on interventions that have been implemented by Subcouncil 1. Cllr A Lightburn stated that both Cllr P C Heynes and Cllr B

Majingo would be kept informed on the progress with regards to street lighting in the Witsand area.

**RESOLVED** that the

- a) motion received from Cllr P Heynes in regards to the Witsand area be noted.
- b) that the relevant official at Subcouncil 1 keep Cllr P C Heynes and Cllr B Majingo up to date on progress with regard to street lighting in the Witsand area.

**ACTION: CLLR A LIGHTBURN , CLLR M RAISE, W VAN DER WESTHUIZEN , K SNIPPERS**

The following three items which relate to the Mayoral Priority Programmes for April to June 2024, were noted at the request of the chairperson given that these reports contain dated information.

**EN 10/08/24 MAYORAL PRIORITY PROGRAMME - APRIL 2024**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayoral Priority Programme - April 2024, be noted.

**ACTION: K NASSIEP**

**EN 11/08/24 MAYORAL PRIORITY PROGRAMME - MAY 2024**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayoral Priority Programme - May 2024, be noted.

**ACTION K NASSIEP**

**EN 12/08/24 MAYORAL PRIORITY PROGRAMME - JUNE 2024**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayoral Priority Programme - June 2024, be noted.

**ACTION: K NASSIEP**

**EN 13/08/24 MAYORAL PRIORITY PROGRAMME - JULY 2024**

Cllr T Jackson referred to page 108 on the agenda and raised a concern on the progress of the load shedding mitigation work package. Cllr Z Sulelo requested that in future the official include more information on budget spending and timelines in order for the portfolio committee to monitor the progress on load shedding mitigation.

L Rencontre further explained in detail the procurement processes, tender processes and Independent Power Producers (IPP's).

**RESOLVED** that the Mayoral Priority Programme - July 2024, be noted.

**ACTION: K NASSIEP**

**EN 14/08/24 ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE 2024/25 ANNUAL OVERSIGHT WORK PLAN**

**RESOLVED** that the Energy Portfolio Committee 2024/2025 Annual Oversight Work Plan be adopted.

**ACTION: CLLR Z SULELO**

**EN 15/08/24 ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 2023 TO JUNE 2024**

The Energy Portfolio Committee Annual Report was supported subject to the correction of the attendance of Cllr C Siebritz and Cllr M Temlett under Section 7 (number of meetings attended by each member) of Annexure A to the report on the agenda.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Energy Portfolio Committee Annual Report, for the period July 2023 to June 2024, as set out in Annexure A on the report, be approved by Council.

**ACTION: L MCGREGOR, G JOSEPHS, M CAROLUS, N MEISSENHEIMER**

**EN 16/08/24 PUBLIC LIGHTING DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT QUARTER 4 OF 2023/2024**

**RESOLVED** that the public lighting development quarterly project progress report, quarter 4 of 2023/2024, be noted.

**ACTION: B PALISO**

**EN 17/08/24 ENERGY DIRECTORATE'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT (JUNE 2024)**

Cllr T Jackson proposed that the committee receive a briefing on the NERSA versus City of Cape Town court case. L Rencontre responded that the court cases would occur in September 2024 and only once judgement had been passed, would the official be in a position to present to the committee.

Ald X Limberg explained tariff applications, submissions made to NERSA in the past by the City of Cape Town and the reasonable minor profit margins which municipalities are allowed to implement. Ald Limberg



further indicated that the City of Cape Town always adheres to Section 15 of the Energy Regulating Authority (ERA) in relation to how applications are made.

An updated report would serve before the committee at the September 2024 Energy Portfolio Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the Energy Directorate's Monthly Financial Progress Report (June 2024), be noted.

**ACTION: D LEEUWENDAAL**

**EN 18/08/24      ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION: PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT: JUNE 2024**

**RESOLVED** that the Electricity Generation and Distribution: Performance Monitoring Report: June 2024, be noted.

**ACTION: D LEEUWENDAAL**

**EN 19/08/24      ENERGY: 2023/24 THIRD QUARTER'S PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DIRECTORATE AND DEPARTMENTS' PERFORMANCE**

**RECOMMENDED** that the impact and performance of the 2023/24 third quarter's progress report in relation to its functional area, be noted.

**ACTION: D LEEUWENDAAL**

**EN 20/08/24      FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL/OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE RSA TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM 19 MAY 2024 TO 25 MAY 2024 TO ATTEND THE XCELERATE 2024 ENERGY MODELLING AND SIMULATION SUMMIT IN GREECE**

**RESOLVED** that the feedback on the international/outside the borders of the RSA trip undertaken by R Naidoo from 19 May 2024 to 25 May 2024 to attend the Xcelerate 2024 energy modelling and simulation summit in Greece, be noted.

**ACTION: R NAIDOO**

**EN 21/08/24      FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL/OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE RSA TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA TO BARCELONA, SPAIN FROM 25 - 28 JUNE 2024 TO ATTEND THE AFRICA ENERGY FORUM (AEF) IN BARCELONA, SPAIN**

**RESOLVED** that the feedback on the international/outside the borders of the RSA trip undertaken by the Executive Director: K Nassiep to

Barcelona, Spain from 25 - 28 June 2024 to attend the Africa Energy Forum (AEF) in Barcelona, Spain, be noted.

**ACTION: K NASSIEP**

**EN 22/08/24 2023/2024 QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON CORPORATE PERFORMANCE**

**RECOMMENDED** that the impact and performance of the 2023/2024 quarterly progress report on Corporate Performance in relation to the Energy Directorate's functional area, be noted.

**ACTION: M ABASS; M FILLIES; G MORGAN; G JOSEPHS; L MCGREGOR**

**EN 23/08/24 PRESENTATION: METALS THEFT UNIT PRESENTATION TO THE ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE MEETING - QUARTER 1 & 2- JANUARY TO JUNE 2024**

R Petersen and J Louis gave an updated presentation to the committee on the cases pertaining to vandalism and theft at court.

Cllr T Jackson commended the unit on progress made in quarter one and two. Cllr Jackson raised a concern with regard to the 23 cases at court and the number of cable theft and vandalism cases taking place each day. She further requested clarity on the opening of cable theft cases at SAPS.

The committee requested an update on further training required for the recording of statements to be done by Law Enforcement and SAPS.

Cllr Jackson suggested that the Mayoral Committee Member address the issue where officials refuse to provide statements or make cases at SAPS, to send out a memorandum to make it compulsory for officials to provide statements, should they witness theft and vandalism. Should officials not adhere to the request, disciplinary action should follow.

J Louis made a suggestion to have a dedicated person at each directorate to deal with vandalism and theft statement taking in order to secure prosecutions.

Ald Limberg informed the committee that a schedule of operations is in place on a weekly basis for law enforcement to attend to illegal connections.

**RESOLVED** that the metals theft unit presentation to the energy portfolio committee meeting for quarter 1 & 2 January to June 2024, be noted.

**ACTION : R PETERSEN , J LOUIS, M BROOKES**

**EN 24/08/24 PRESENTATION : HIGH MAST LIGHTING OUTSTANDING**

B Paliso gave a presentation on high mast lighting and provided a list of outstanding supply connections for high mast lighting already installed.

**RESOLVED** that the presentation on high mast lighting, be noted.

**ACTION: B PALISO**

**EN 25/08/24 PRESENTATION: C3 FEEDBACK**

H Essop gave a detailed presentation on the City's C3 Notifications insofar as it relates to street lighting to the committee.

H Essop stated that the Corporate Call Centre engages with customers on progress of a complaint. Cllr Z Sulelo stated that she would liaise with the Corporate Services Portfolio Committee Chairperson regarding C3 Notifications.

**RESOLVED** that the presentation on C3 Notification feedback, be noted.

**ACTION: H ESSOP**

<b>SIGNATURE: CLLR Z SULELO CHAIRPERSON</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	

**MEETING ENDED: 14:01**