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ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

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The minutes are submitted for confirmation.

**ANNEXURE: MINUTES OF THE ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 06 APRIL 2022**

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, 6 APRIL 2022 AT 11:00.

PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA)

Cllr Z Sulelo (Chairperson)
Cllr H Carstens
Cllr M R H Kleinschmidt
Cllr T A Le Goff
Cllr A J Griesel
Cllr T Jackson
Cllr P Maxiti
Cllr G C Peck
Cllr J Solomon

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)

Cllr D G Cottee
Cllr S S Duka
Cllr L Simangweni

ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS (EFF)

GOOD PARTY (GOOD)

Cllr M Joseph

CAPE INDEPENDANT PARTY (CIP)

Cllr A E Kay

AFRICA RESTORATION ALLIANCE (ARA)

Cllr G J Claasen

VISITING COUNCILLORS:

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH APOLOGY:

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGY:

MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

Cllr Beverly van Reenen (*arrived at 10:30*)

OFFICIALS:

K Nassiep	ED: Energy
Leila M Weideman	Director: Energy
D Leeuwendaal	Electricity Generation and Distribution
S Mosdell	Support Services
L Rencontre	Electricity Generation and Distribution
H Essop	Electricity Retail Management
H Mostert	Electricity Generation and Distribution
E Capes	Electricity Generation and Distribution
G Dindi	Network Control, Electricity Generation
N Anderson	Probity
K Simpson	IDP
W Janse Van Rensburg	Fleet Management
B Sithole	Electricity Generation
M Page	HR Business Partner

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SERVICES:

M Van Wyk
L McGregor

LEGAL SERVICES:

T Gwadiso

INTERPRETER:

None

PRESS:

None

PUBLIC:

EN 01/04/22

OPENING

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

EN 02/04/22

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Applications for leave of absence were received for the following Councillors :

- Cllr B Mei
- Cllr M Temlett
- Cllr B Van Reenen submitted partial leave and joined the meeting at 10h30.

NOTED

EN 03/04/22

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson, Cllr Z Sulelo addressed the meeting as follows:

Good morning Councillors and to the officials joining us via skype and to those that are here with us. Something big happened last Friday and it happened quietly without too much noise. Eskom's price increase was implemented without any uproar. Same thing happens every year and it's the municipalities that will have to deal with the uproar come July. We will have a lot of angry residents to answer to whether we are at fault or not, which is why I am looking forward to the workshop that we will have in two weeks' time to discuss in great detail how we will be spending our budget. We will have to show people what we are doing to be independent of Eskom.

The mayor has made a commitment to the citizens and that is to end load shedding in Cape Town over time and that remains one of his top priorities. There is a lot of work to be done in this portfolio and later on the ED will share some key mayoral projects that are being looked at and it will be up to this portfolio to make sure that they succeed because if those projects succeed there will be less people to answer to when load shedding starts again. We have spent millions upgrading our infrastructure and we are currently encouraging people to move switch to prepaid meters as way of managing revenue and keep the collection rate high but also as a tool for citizens to be energy conscious. While we must help people apply for indigent grants, we must also encourage residents to pay their bills.

In Langa, we had an indigent grant application event last month and I was shocked to see that one beneficiary had over R600 000 written off over the years. With shrinking budgets every year clearly that is not sustainable which is why we need to understand the budget well and be able to defend the city where necessary.

The workshop will help each committee member to have a clear answer on how exactly is the City is planning on protecting residents from loadshedding and also give us an opportunity to track the projects. The City is serious about energy and the Draft

energy budget of R16, 4 million speaks to that commitment. The figure on its own means very little to a resident who will want to know why they are getting less units than last year in July 2021. The only thing that might soften the blow is what the City is doing to make sure that the price of electricity doesn't keep going up.

In council last month, I listed closely to service delivery debate and the problem of vandalism was pushed back as a City responsibility. The City spends millions replacing vandalised infrastructure instead of rolling out service delivery and the questions was asked ,where is law enforcement.

I have said it before but we need to decide if we want to spend more money on security or on service delivery and start being part of the solution by educating residents. On the proposed budget the City has set aside R40 million to help curb and prevent vandalism. While I happy to hear that the City is taking steps to protect its infrastructure this also means that R40 million could have been used to provide more streetlights for areas that need it the most and help protect the most vulnerable in our society. A line needs to be drawn. The report on the agenda on how high voltage lines have been completely taken over, paints a grim picture.

Now more than ever we need to invest aggressively on Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and just last month the City asked the industry to submit new tenders to procure as much as 300 Megawatt (MW) of renewable energy. The launch was followed by an event with the Mayor and Mayco member where the City shared its vision of an independent energy future and where innovation can help realise that dream.

The City committed millions for renewable energy and with new partnerships the City will be able to procure more energy at a cheaper rate and transfer that saving to the residents. To attract the investment on embedded solar the City is offering a competitive feed-in tariff to encourage the feed in of excess electricity into the City's grid. Last month we also heard about how the City is planning on incentivising residential users to feed back to the City's grid.

Last term we had a committee member that managed to go completely off the grid and invited us to his home to see how he managed to do it. This term when the incentives are clearly outlined, I'm hoping there will be many with this committee that will take up the challenge and supply the City with energy.

I thank you.

RESOLVED that the Chairperson's report be noted.

ACTION: K NASSIEP, CLLR Z SULELO

EN 04/04/22

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 02 MARCH 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Energy Portfolio Committee held on 02 March 2022, be confirmed, subject to the following corrections as indicated in bold:

- Cllr J Solomon referred to page 14 of the agenda and requested the Cllr Cllr G Classen be corrected to Cllr G Classen.
- Cllr J Solomon referred to Item 11/04/22 and requested the word quarterly be corrected as "quarterly".

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

ACTION: L MCGREGOR

EN 05/04/22

PROGRESS REPORT: MATTERS RECEIVING ATTENTION

1. QUARTERLY LIGHTING PROGRESS REPORT

Item to served on the April 2022 agenda.

ACTION: E CAPES, D LEEUWENDAAL, K NASSIEP

2. ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION (EGD): PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

Item to served on the April 2022 agenda. The committee requested that a separate report be submitted on prepaid meter reading.

ACTION: E CAPES, D LEEUWENDAAL

3. A QUARTERLY REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED REGARDING THE ENCROACHMENT ON HIGH VOLTAGE LINES.

Item to served on the April 2022 agenda.

ACTION: E CAPES, D LEEUWENDAAL

4. PREPAID METERS

The committee requested that a report be submitted on prepaid meter reading.

ACTION: D LEEUWENDAAL

5. PRESENTATION BY THE CABLE THEFT UNIT

The committee requested that a presentation be done by the Cable Theft Unit.

ACTION: K NASSIEP

EN 06/04/22

SERVITUDE ENCROACHMENT OF HIGH VOLTAGE (HV) OVERHEAD POWER LINE (OHL) AND UNDERGROUND CABLE NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE THAT POSE CONTINUITY OF SUPPLY RISKS

Cllr T Jackson enquired when Subcouncils would get involved in protecting City infrastructure. Cllr T Jackson further questioned if there are plans in place of relocating informal settlements.

Cllr J Solomon suggested that food gardens be created in communities. Cllr J Solomon also indicated that ward committee members have to assist the City in keeping infrastructure safe.

Cllr B Van Reenen indicated that the City budgeted 40 million to protect infrastructure and indicated that residents will be rewarded if cable theft are reported and the perpetrators are caught. The hotline number 0800 65 64 63 can be called to report cable theft.

L Rencontre indicated that the purpose of the report was too highlight the risks, health and safety concerns. Communities would have to be relocated where there are safety concerns in areas where residents live under power lines.

RESOLVED

That this item remain on the Matters Receiving Attention (MRA) schedule.

That the report on servitude encroachment of High Voltage (HV) Overhead Power Line (OHL) and underground cable network infrastructure that pose continuity of supply risks, be noted.

AUTHOR: D LEEUWENDAAL

EN 07/04/22

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP) FOR 2022/2023

Cllr G Peck referred to page 59, the rollout plan for solar rooftops.

Cllr P Maxiti proposed a workshop be held regarding the Departmental Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) for 2022/2023.

RECOMMENDED that the report on the Departmental Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) for 2022/2023, be noted.

AUTHOR: D LEEUWENDAAL

EN 08/04/22

DIRECTORATE SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP) FOR 2022/2023

Cllr P Maxiti proposed a workshop be held regarding the Directorate Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) for 2022/2023

RECOMMENDED that the Directorate Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) for 2022/2023, be noted.

AUTHOR: D LEEUWENDAAL

EN 09/04/22

DIRECTORATE AND DEPARTMENT AMENDMENTS TO THE SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP) FOR 2021/22

Cllr P Maxiti proposed and Cllr G Peck seconded the Directorate and Department Amendments to the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) for 2021/22.

D Leeuwendaal indicated that this report is a direct result of the budget amendments.

RECOMMENDED that the Directorate and Department Amendments to the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) for 2021/22, be noted.

AUTHOR: D LEEUWENDAAL

EN 10/04/22

**ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION:
PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT: FEBRUARY 2022**

Cllr G Peck thanked the electricity depot in the Somerset West area for the quick response to residents in the area.

Cllr M R H Kleinschmidt requested that meter installers provide proof that they are staff to residents.

Cllr L Goff requested that a clear process of the Small Scale Embedded Generation (SSEG) overview be provided; this should include the subsidy and tracking of monthly performance, installations and approvals.

Leila M Weideman indicated that a team are working on an online system to track Small Scale Embedded Generation (SSEG). A report will be submitted regarding Small Scale Embedded Generation (SSEG) explaining the current process and numbers received.

RESOLVED that the electricity generation and distribution: performance monitoring report: February 2022, be noted.

AUTHOR: D LEEUWENDAAL

EN 11/04/22

**ENERGY DIRECTORATE'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL PROGRESS
REPORT (FEBRUARY 2022)**

D Leeuwendaal informed the committee that department project a 86.7% spend by the end of the financial year. The department faced a number of challenges, late contracts and the impact of load shedding delayed upgrades.

RESOLVED that the energy directorate's monthly financial progress report (February 2022) , be noted.

AUTHOR: D LEEUWENDAAL

EN 12/04/22

**NEW TERM OF OFFICE: DRAFT 2022-2027 INTEGRATED
DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)**

The portfolio committee noted the report.

RESOLVED that it be noted that comments on the Draft 2022-2027 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) are to be made before 22 April 2022.

ACTION: L MCGREGOR ; L JANSSENS

**SIGNATURE: CLLR Z SULELO
CHAIRPERSON**

DATE

MEETING ENDED: 11:56