

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE HELD VIA THE CITY'S VIRTUAL PLATFORM (SKYPE) ON THURSDAY, 5 AUGUST 2021

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA)

Alderman E P Andrews (Chairperson)
Councillor F Raymond (Deputy Chairperson)
Councillor C Groenewoud
Councillor R M Quintas
Councillor Y M Plaatjie
Councillor J McCarthy
Councillor E N Brunette
Councillor M A Cassiem
Councillor S Yalezo
Councillor P Helfrich

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)

Councillor A Gabuza
Councillor N Mbombo

COPE

Councillor M F Cassim

ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS (EFF)

Councillor S Nqabeni-Moloto

AFRICAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (ACDP)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Councillor G Haskin (with apology from Chief Whip)
Councillor T Mpengezi (with apology from Chief Whip)
Councillor SG Ngxumza

MAYCO MEMBER

Ald M Nieuwoudt

OFFICIALS

A Gamaldien	-	Assistant Professional Officer
A Ferreira	-	Senior Professional Officer: General Policy Analyst
B Mnisi	-	Manager: Environmental Planning & Sustainability
C Walters	-	Director: Development Management
D Daniels	-	Executive Committee Services
D Georgeades	-	Manager: District Environmental & Heritage Service
E Daniels	-	Manager: Finance
E Naude	-	Acting ED: Spatial Planning and Environment
E van Zyl	-	Senior Professional Officer
F Cumming	-	Director: Urban Catalytic Investment
G Oelofse	-	Manager: Coastal Management
G Brand	-	Manager: Programme Coordination and Partnerships
H Cole	-	Director: Policy and Strategy
J Petersen	-	Disposal Specialist: solid Waste
J Wood	-	Manager: Biodiversity Management
J Kuyler	-	Biodiversity Area Coordinator
L Mossop	-	Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator
L Kroese	-	HR Business Partner (SPE)
L Kruger-Fountain	-	Principle Professional Officer: US
L Gerrans	-	Head: Sustainable Partnerships and Financing
L Buirski	-	Head: Environmental Capacity Building
L von Molendorff	-	Executive Committee Services
L Nzimande	-	Senior Professional Officer
O Meyer	-	Senior Legal Advisor
M Abass	-	Senior Professional Officer
M Murcott	-	Senior Professional Officer
M Scharffenorth	-	Manager: STS Support
N Titus	-	Manager: District Planning & Mechanisms
N Pienaar	-	Assistant Professional Officer
N Tshazi	-	Project Manager
P Ahmad	-	Manager: Metro Spat Plan & Growth Mgmt.
S Roux	-	Head: Environmental Strategy Implementation
S Nene	-	Senior Professional Officer
S Ismail	-	Environmental Technical Assistant
T Masemula	-	Professional Officer
V Rossouw	-	Senior Legal Advisor

SPE 01/08/21 OPENING / PRAYER

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence where after Ald Andrews welcomed everyone to the meeting.

SPE 02/08/21 APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor G Haskin (with apology from Chief Whip)
Councillor T Mpengezi (with apology from Chief Whip)

OFFICIALS

O Meyer (11:00 – 12:00)

SPE 03/08/21 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None

NOTED

SPE 04/08/21 MINUTES OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 JUNE 2021

The minutes was proposed by Cllr Groenewoud and seconded by Cllr Quintas.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee held on 2 June 2021 be confirmed with the amendment to include Ald M Nieuwoudt as being present.

SPE 05/08/21 MATTERS EMANATING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NONE

SPE 06/08/21 MATTERS RECEIVING ATTENTION

1. PRESENTATION BY SERVICE DEPARTMENTS ON INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY ACROSS THE CITY

The portfolio committee noted that the Facilities Sector Plan does not address Infrastructure and Capacity. The Facilities Sector Plan's focus is on a new Service Delivery Model which is in the process of being unpacked for further detailed development in the next few months.

RESOLVED that this matter be removed from the list of Matters Receiving Attention at this stage, with a follow-up presentation from Economic Opportunities and Assets once the draft Service Delivery Model has been finalized.

ACTION: COMMITTEE SERVICES; R GELDERBLOEM

2. REPORT ON BLAAUWBERG ROAD DISTRICT PLANNING PROCESS / CLARITY ON STATUS OF THE PRE-DIRECTIVE PROHIBITING DENSIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE TABLEVIEW AREA

Acting ED Naude commented that as reported previously, there has been ongoing discussions with the Water and Waste Directorate to get an understanding of the various challenges and to unpack that in more detail as not all the incidents relating to spills and other service issues are directly related to development and capacity of the waste water treatment plant specifically. There are a whole range of factors related to old infrastructure etc. that also contributes to the situation. Various discussions were held to get an understanding of the root causes and in regard to proposed responses to development and how this would be dealt with in terms of the various categories. This process is currently being finalized to understand the potential impacts and to obtain legal opinion on the proposals. The process should be finalized for submission to subcouncils during the September 2021 cycle of portfolio committees.

RESOLVED that the report on the Table view - Blaauwberg road district planning process be submitted to subcouncils for comment and that it comes back to the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio committee with input from the subcouncils.

ACTION: E NAUDE

3. COMMUNITY INTERPRETATION OF “WASTE” WITH REGARD TO WASTE MINIMISATION

For the minute refer to item SPE 15/08/21.

INFORMATION: J PETERSEN

4. WORKSHOP AT GREEN POINT PARK: ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND SMART LIVING PROGRAMMES AND COLLABORATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS

RESOLVED that a Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee workshop on Environmental Education and Smart Living Programmes be scheduled to take place on 27 August 2021.

ACTION: L BUIRSKI

5. MONTHLY REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS ON CAPITAL BUDGET RISKS

The portfolio committee agreed that this item be combined with no. 7 ***ENGAGEMENT WITH FINANCE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IMPACTING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS***

on the MRA list and that the committee receive a monthly dashboard presentation on the progress and status of all Spatial Planning and Environment projects.

RESOLVED that the Spatial Planning and Environment receive monthly presentations on the status and progress with projects.

INFORMATION: E DANIELS; N TSHAZIE; E NAUDE

6. **STATUS UPDATED: WEBSITE - CITY OF CAPE TOWN SLIPWAYS: STATE OF AFFAIRS AND ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

It was noted that the intention was to have a database and registration of boat users who will use public launch sites to launch their boats in line with national legislation in terms of the required management of public launch sites

Mr. Oelofse reported that they have started this process for small scale “skiff” fishers that use Simons Town long beach with significant buy-in from the user community. They intend to develop this process further and are putting in place a process to manage private information in terms of the POPIA Act. Once the process has been established it will be rolled out to a wider group of boat users across the city.

It was further reported that the department is preparing a report to Subcouncil 12 speaking to the current state of the Sonwabi parking area as well as the legal requirements to free this space up as a potential beach launching site as well as safety concerns raised in that regard. Depending on the outcome of discussions at Subcouncil 12 this report will come back to the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee.

Ald Andrews requested that the process to accommodate private investment also be put in place and addressed in the report to Subcouncil 12.

RESOLVED that the Spatial Planning and Environment be kept informed on progress with the database and registration of boat users as well as with the process to accommodate possible private investment.

ACTION: G OELOFSE

7. ENGAGEMENT WITH FINANCE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IMPACTING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS

RESOLVED that this item be combined with item no. 5 above.

8. PROGRESS UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS STRATEGY

The portfolio committee noted that the Implementation Plan for the HSS has not yet been finalized and due to the transversal nature of the HSS, a report has been prepared for EMT for purposes of establishing an approach to finalizing the transversal implementation plan and requested that a due date be advised.

RESOLVED that the Human Settlement Directorate advise a due date for finalization of the transversal implementation plan.

ACTION: G EDDY; L VALETA

SPE 07/06/ 21 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND DELIVERY FRAMEWORK

Mr. H Cole presented to the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio committee the Infrastructure Planning and Delivery Framework and responded to the comments below.

Transformation of townships into viable economic areas should be addressed. It was noted that this would be addressed through the Township Economic Development Strategy project that will be serving at EMT. The portfolio committee requested a presentation on the Township Economic Development Strategy.

Environment Compliance needs to be taken into consideration when setting priorities.

Sufficient budget should be made available to protect and sustain the environment and there should be a balance between sustainability and resilience.

Upgrading of the CRM system was pointed out by the portfolio committee to ensure an integrated view and proper flagging, tracking, reporting & issue identifying on the C3 platform. *Ms. Lockwood as offered to engage Cllr Graham directly.*

RESOLVED

- a) That the comments provided by the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee on the Infrastructure Planning and Delivery Framework be noted.
- b) That the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee receive a presentation on the Township Economic Development Strategy Project. (Oct 2021)

ACTION: H COLE / A FERREIRA b) L GREYLING

SPE 08/08/21 SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (SPE): FINANCIAL DASHBOARD REPORT

Acting ED, Ms. E Naude gave introductory remarks and an overview on the contents of the report. Ms. Daniels responded to questions for clarification.

It was noted that one of the directorate's interventions is to strengthen project management- and supply chain capacity within the directorate.

Ald Nieuwoudt pointed out that when spending is measured and monitored it should be done against the priority needs identified in the IDP. It was inter alia noted that with implementation of the MSDF, the sector plans become the key instrument to ensure that any gaps are completed in that the need is clearly identified within the departmental sector plans and that it be prioritized within the sector plan. Ald Andrews commented that oversight and monitoring at a macro level is needed.

RESOLVED that the Spatial Planning and Environment Financial Dashboard Report be noted.

ACTION: E DANIELS

SPE 09/08/21 SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT VACANCY ANALYSIS AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

Ms. L Kroese gave an overview on the vacancy status and responded to questions for clarification.

The portfolio committee raised serious concerns in regard to the duration of the appointment process and seeks clarity in regard to improving the timespan for appointments.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report on Spatial Planning and Environment Vacancy Analyses as at 30 June 2021 be noted, with comment.

ACTION: L KROESE

SPE 10/08/21 ATHLONE POWER STATION

RECOMMENDED

- a) That Council note the de-prioritisation of the Annual Power Station from the City's TOD Catalytic Projects Programme;
- b) That Council support a request from the Directorate: Energy and Climate Change, to investigate the development potential of the APS for non-residential uses, including for energy and/ or industrial use, particularly in light of the emerging energy crisis and the availability of new sustainable technology options and in the interest of all stakeholders.

ACTION: F CUMMING

**SPE 11/08/21 TWO RIVERS LOCAL SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:
PROGRESS REPORT**

Mr. Nigel Titus gave introductory remarks to the interim report as contained on the agenda and addressed questions for clarification.

RESOLVED that

- a) it be noted that the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio committee noted and considered the comments received from the external public consultation that was conducted from 17 October 2019 to 17 December 2019 and supports the responses provided by District Planning and Mechanisms, as set out in this report and more fully explained in Annexure 5;
- b) the Two Rivers Local Spatial Development Framework proposals be noted and supported;
- c) the intention that the relevant and appropriate proposals and guidelines from the Two Rivers Local Spatial Development Framework be incorporated into the review of the Table Bay District Spatial Development Framework be noted and supported; and
- d) the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio committee support that the Two Rivers Local Spatial Development Framework and the revised Table Bay District Spatial Development Framework be presented for a simultaneous recommendation for approval to Council in 2022.

ACTION: N TITUS

SPE 12/08/21 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT AND DRAFT MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK FOR RENTAL STRATEGY

Mr. S Roux gave background and introductory remarks to the Annual Progress Report and Draft Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for Rental Strategy as contained on the agenda and responded to questions for clarification.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee notes the Annual Progress Report and supports the recommendations identified in the report that may support the effective implementation of the Environmental Strategy, including:
 - The establishment of institutional structures to coordinate and provide high-level oversight of the implementation, monitoring and review of the Environmental Strategy.
 - An Implementation Plan, based on stakeholder engagements and in conjunction with relevant line functions, be developed to ensure effective implementation of the Environmental Strategy.
 - Priority Implementation Tools (bylaws, policies, and strategies), as outlined in Implementation Framework, be further developed and implemented.
- b) the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee note and review the draft Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for the Environmental Strategy and support various steps required to finalize the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, including:
 - Further development and refinement of indicators and targets, as outlined in the draft Logic Model.
 - integration of the Environmental Strategy and its principles and directives into SDBIPs, business plans, and other performance monitoring tools.

ACTION: S ROUX

SPE 13/08/21 2020/21 FOURTH QUARTER'S PROGRESS REPORT ON CORPORATE PERFORMANCE

RECOMMENDED that the 2020/21 Fourth Quarter's Progress Report on Corporate Performance be submitted to the Executive Mayor together with the Mayoral Committee for submission to Council.

ACTION: M RHODE

SPE 14/08/21 PRESENTATION: BUSINESS FRAMEWORK FOR WITZANDS AQUIFER NATURE RESERVE

Ms. Mossop presented to the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio committee the Business Framework for Witzands Aquifer Nature Reserve and responded to questions for clarification.

The portfolio committee noted that the framework will be sent to Bulk Water and Economic Development teams and will be submitted to Subcouncil 1.

In response to questions, it was noted that to maximize the use of the Witzands Boardroom and hall, it could be used to a limited degree for conferencing purposes in balance with environmental education and awareness opportunities.

In regard to wood, it was noted that there are ongoing awareness and compliance activities on site with the repeated message to woodcutters that the alien wood would not be there forever.

In regard to the status of Business Frameworks for Nature Reserves, it was noted that the department is working on a framework for Witzands Aquifer that will come to the portfolio committee once engagements with sister departments have been finalized.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the presentation on the Business Framework for Witzands Aquifer Nature Reserve be noted.
- (b) That the portfolio committee receive information on the status of the online booking system.
- (c) That the Business Framework for Witzands Aquifer Nature Reserve be submitted to subcouncil 1.

ACTION: J WOOD

SPE 15/08/21 PRESENTATION: WASTE CATEGORIZATION CLASSIFICATION AND DISPOSAL

Ms. J Petersen presented to the portfolio committee the categorization and classification of waste types as well as disposal methods for each category of waste to enable members of public to dispose of waste responsibly.

Ms. Petersen addressed questions for clarification as set out below:

- Why are we trenching waste that could be recycled for wood-chipping? Are other partnerships being pursued for waste to be further repurposed?

It was advised that the planning section within Solid Waste would be able to respond. (Alfonzo van Vuuren)

- Do we know which waste types people want to get rid of in order to establish the disposal need *i.e.* waste being dumped in storm water drains.

An analyses and needs investigation are being done through the “Bin It, Don’t Block It Campaign” in collaboration with the Solid Waste department.

- What is the future plans for waste resolution, other than recycling, considering population growth?

Alternative waste treatment plants *i.e.* Athlone Refuse Station and there is a need to include both Provincial Government and the Private Sector.

- Is someone investigating the waste already in the environment and the impact thereof? How do we control this?

Alfredo Roman to advise.

- Is bottom ash repurposed into concrete?

Alfonzo van Vuuren to advise

- Which law enforcement body is checking environmental pollution *i.e.* water and air pollution? Law Enforcement department within Solid Waste- and Water and Waste departments to advise on enforcement in regard to environmental pollution *i.e.* water- and air pollution.

Alfredo Roman to advise.

- What are we doing to mitigate dumping of sewerage?

Sewerage is no accepted at Vissershok due to high moisture content and it is deemed as health care risk waste. It is managed by private contractors.

RESOLVED

1. That the presentation on Waste Categorization Classification and Disposal be noted, with comments.
2. That the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio committee receive information/ presentation on the role of law enforcement within the Solid Waste- and Water and Waste departments in regard to waste- and pollution enforcement.

ACTION: J PETERSEN; L NZIMANDE; A VAN VUUREN; A ROMAN

SPE 16/08/21 PRESENTATION: GATEWAY PRECINCT MASTERPLAN: CATALYTIC LAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Ms. E van Zyl presented to the portfolio committee the Gateway Precinct Masterplan and responded to questions for clarification.

RESOLVED that the contents of the Presentation on the Gateway Precinct Masterplan be noted.

ACTION: E VAN ZYL

SPE 17/08/21 PRESENTATION: PHILIPPI OPPORTUNITY AREA HERITAGE STUDY

RESOLVED that the presentation on the Philippi Opportunity Area Heritage Study be deferred to the next meeting.

ACTION: F CUMMING

SPE 18/08/21 PRESENTATION: BELLVILLE HERITAGE STUDY

RESOLVED that the presentation on the Bellville Heritage Study be deferred to the next meeting.

ACTION: F CUMMING

SPE 19/08/21 PRESENTATION: COVID: WHAT ARE THE LESSONS AND POINTERS FOR SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

RESOLVED that the presentation on Covid: what are the lessons and pointers for Spatial Planning and Environment be deferred to the next meeting.

ACTION: P AHMAD

SPE 20/08/21 AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: DRAFT LOCAL SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS (SDF): BO-KAAP, DISTRICT SIX & MAMRE

RESOLVED that the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee, in its role to ensure public participation in the development of policies, support that the Draft Local Spatial Development Framework (SDF) reports for Bo-Kaap, District Six and Mamre go out for public participation as this forms part of the process to develop policy that will be recommended to Council for approval.

ACTION: N TITUS

SPE21050821 SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT PC ANNUAL OVERSIGHT WORK PLAN

RESOLVED that the presentation on the Spatial Planning and Environment PC Annual Oversight Work Plan be deferred to the next Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee meeting.

ACTION: M SCHARFFENORTH

The meeting closed at 16:15

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