

MINUTES

OF A MEETING OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM D, 5TH FLOOR, PODIUM BLOCK, CIVIC CENTRE, CAPE TOWN ON THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 10:00

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA)

Cllr A Cassiem
Cllr RC Cameron
Cllr CV Franklin (Skype)
Cllr EE Jansen
Cllr F Lombard
Cllr NW McFarlane
Ald M Nieuwoudt
Cllr B van der Merwe

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)

Cllr A Gabuza (Skype)
Cllr L Mbiza (Skype)

ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS (EFF)

None

GOOD

Cllr G Joachims (Skype)

AFRICAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Cllr G Haskin (Skype)

CAPE COLOURED CONGRESS

Cllr N Satarien (Skype)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Cllr J Solomon (with apology approved by the Chief Whip)
Cllr P Booï (with apology approved by the Chief Whip)
Cllr N Makasi

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MAYCO MEMBER

None

Note: *Some of the officials were present in the venue while others linked in via Skype.*

OFFICIALS

R McGaffin	-	ED: Spatial Planning and Environment
A Maxwell	-	Manager: Support Services
A Du Plessis	-	Student
B Irrgang	-	Senior Heritage Professional
B Mnisi	-	Manager: Environmental Planning & Sustainability
C Basson	-	Senior Professional Officer
C Walters	-	Director: Development Management
D Colenbrander	-	Head: Coastal Policy Development & Management
D Daniels	-	Committee Support Officer
D Georgeades	-	Manager: District Environmental & Heritage Service
E Naude	-	Director: Urban Planning and Design
E Daniels	-	Manager: Finance
E Williams	-	Legal Advisor
F Cumming	-	Director: Urban Catalytic Investment
J Wood	-	Manager: Biodiversity Management
J Bosenberg	-	Student: Urban Planning and Design
J Bodenstern	-	Head: Environmental Management Frameworks
J Joubert	-	Manager: City Improvements Districts
L Kroese	-	HR Business Partner (SPE)
L Gerrans	-	Director: Environmental Management
L Steenkamp	-	Principal Professional Officer: Technical Partnerships
L von Molendorff	-	Executive Committee Officer
M Marope	-	Student
M Murcott	-	Principal Professional Officer: Urban Planning & Design
M Ozayr Ballim	-	Manager: Project Management Office
M Scharffenorth	-	Office Administration Manager
M Pedzai	-	Professional Officer
N Titus	-	Manager: District Planning and Mechanisms
O Asmal	-	Community Liaison Officer
S Bergoff	-	Principal Professional Officer: Urban Designer
S Ismail	-	Support Assistant
S Roux	-	Head: Environmental Strategy Implementation
T Ables	-	Legal Advisor
T Kabenjani	-	Senior Professional Officer
W Hutton	-	Professional Officer

SPE 01/09/23

OPENING / PRAYER

The chairperson, Cllr A Cassiem welcomed everyone to the meeting whereupon Cllr Jansen opened the meeting with prayer.

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SPE 02/09/23 APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors

Cllr P Booï (Apology approved by the Chief Whip)
Cllr Solomon (Apology approved by the Chief Whip)
Cllr Cameron will arrive late

Mayco Member

Ald Andrews (Apology)

Officials

Ms E Foot (sick leave)

RESOLVED that the applications for leave of absence received for this meeting, **BE NOTED**

SPE 03/09/23 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The chairperson addressed the portfolio committee as per Annexure A attached to these minutes.

NOTED

SPE 04/09/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 AUGUST 2023

The minutes were proposed by Cllr M Nieuwoudt and seconded by Cllr B van der Merwe.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee held on 3 August 2023 **BE CONFIRMED**.

SPE 05/09/23 MATTERS RECEIVING ATTENTION

1. HELDERBERG NATURE RESERVE BUSINESS FRAMEWORK

It was noted that the department has requested an extension until the October 2023 cycle of PC meetings for submission of the Helderberg Nature Reserve Business Framework.

RESOLVED that the Helderberg Nature Reserve Business Framework be submitted to the portfolio committee on 5 October 2023.

ACTION: J WOOD; L GERRANS; R McGAFFIN

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2. GATEWAY PRECINCT MASTERPLAN STATUS PROGRESS

The ED reported that the Executive Directors of Economic Growth, Human Settlements and Spatial Planning and Environment have agreed in-principle to include the identified properties in the Gateway Precinct Programme in the MPP: Land Release. The properties will be included in the MPP: Land Release 3rd Work stream – “Enabling Activities”. The three Directorates will be meeting to develop a work program in this regard that would come to the portfolio committee once completed.

Ald Nieuwoudt asked if there is a SOP as well as distinct timelines in place with the relevant directorates and proposed that a task team, overseen by the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee, be established between the three directorates to ensure process flow.

The ED: SPE responded that the MPP has a particular framework through which it works and that the three relevant ED's and teams meet on a monthly basis to work through the three work streams and that it is difficult to predict a timeline at this stage as target dates would depend on the program. Once the program has been developed, it would be made available to the portfolio committee members.

In light of the ED's response Ald Nieuwoudt requested that should it not be possible to make available the minutes of the monthly meetings between the relevant ED's the ED: SPE should provide the portfolio committee with a written progress report every second month.

The Chairperson requested that an Activity Day be held to inform the portfolio committee of the role/function and constitution of relevant outside committees/stakeholders that require Council representation and whose work impacts the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee. The ED: SPE requested that the portfolio committee compile a list of relevant bodies for which the committee requires more information.

The following examples were mentioned during debate: MPP, PAAC, and MPT, Council representation on CIDs, Sustainability and Risk Assessment Committee, relevant Nature Reserve Committees, Catchment Management Forums, WESA, Parks Forum.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the verbal status report by the ED: Spatial Planning and Environment be noted.
- (b) That a Task Team, overseen by the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee, be established between the three directorates to monitor and ensure process flow.

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- (c) That an Activity Day be held to inform the portfolio committee members of the roles/functions and constitution of relevant outside committees/stakeholders that require Council representation and whose work impacts the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee.
- (d) That a list be compiled of relevant bodies for which the portfolio committee requires more information.

**ACTION: F CUMMING; R McGAFFIN; M SCHARFFENORTH;
CLLR A CASSIEM; ALD M NIEUWOUDT**

3. FEEDBACK: UPDATE ON RECREATION AND PARKS UNBUNDLING PROCESS

Ms. Gerrans reported that discussions with the Recreation and Parks department in respect of the ongoing unbundling process are on track and that current discussions relate to the impact on staff as well as resource- and budget requirements. She informed that the Environment Management Department will be drafting business frameworks for the respective resorts to obtain a better understanding of the viability and maintenance requirements for the resorts. .

RESOLVED that it be noted that going forward business frameworks will be drafted for the respective resorts to obtain a better understanding of the viability and maintenance requirement for the resorts.

ACTION: R McGAFFIN; G OELOFSE; L GERRANS

4. PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT: MANAGEMENT OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES

The ED reported that a proposal is being prepared for review by Organizational, Effectiveness and Innovation to determine the extent of and functional analysis required in order to finalize the proposed functional and organizational structure with regard to the PMU and Urban Regeneration Department.

Ald Nieuwoudt proposed that an Urbanization Task Team, represented by members of the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee, CIDs, MURP as well as UCI be established to meet on a quarterly basis with the focus on the needs in terms of urbanization within the City.

RESOLVED

- a) That it be noted that the proposal is being prepared for review by OEI – to determine the extent of functional analysis required in order to

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finalize the proposed functional and organizational structure with regard to the PMU and Urban Regeneration Department.

- b) That an Urbanization Task Team, represented by members of the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee, CIDs, MURP as well as UCI be established to meet on a quarterly basis.

ACTION: R McGAFFIN; CLLR CASSIEM; ALD NIEUWOUDT

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DAMS) UPDATE

The ED: SPE and Director: Development confirmed that finalization and implementation of the Development Application Management System is still estimated to be optimally functional by end September 2023 as initially planned, with a limited number of new identified items to be implemented post September 2023.

It was clarified that a comprehensive historic report will follow to the portfolio committee during the November 2023 cycle of portfolio committee meetings considering that the finalization date is 30 September 2023, which would not allow sufficient time for completion and submission of a comprehensive report to the October 2023 cycle of portfolio committee meetings.

The committee further raised concern that delayed implementation of DAMS 2 is impacting on performance in respect of land use applications and building applications as well as that it causes challenges to properly report on auditable data. Ald Nieuwoudt remarked that it is very concerning that a zoning certificate cannot currently be issued within a week's time.

Cllr Cassiem requested some information on the interaction between DAMS and CARCOR. The ED proposed that a demonstration in this regard be included in the final report to the portfolio committee and Ald Nieuwoudt suggested that the members of the Corporate Services Portfolio Committee be invited to the demonstration.

The portfolio committee appealed to the directorate together with the IS&T department to achieve the implementation targets and expressed appreciation that the DAMS system is now part of the CAR system.

Cllr Lombard requested that the SPE PC Chairperson liaises with the Chairperson of the Corporate Services Portfolio Committee to ensure that IS&T fulfills their role in implementation of DAMS 2.

RESOLVED

- a) That it be noted that finalization and implementation of the Development Application Management System (DAMS 2) is still

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estimated to be optimally functional by end September 2023, as initially planned, with a limited number of additional items to be implemented post September 2023.

- b) That it be noted that a comprehensive historic report and demonstration on the interaction between DAMS and CARCOR will follow to the portfolio committee during the November 2023 cycle of portfolio committee meetings, considering that the finalization date is 30 September 2023, which would not allow sufficient time for compilation and submission of a comprehensive report to the October 2023 cycle of portfolio committee meetings.

ACTION: C WALTERS; R McGAFFIN

6. LIST OF TRAINED CONTRACTORS TO REMOVE PSHB INFESTED MATERIAL

Ms. Wood informed that more than 40 contractors have been trained. With regard to the delay in submission of a list of trained contractors she informed that Supply Chain Management had to be consulted, permission had to be obtained to publish the contractor's details in terms of the POPIA Act as well as that the contractors has to confirm that it would be in order to publish their contact details and commit to the SOP. The confirmation letters from the contractors should be returned by 8 September 2023 and the department is hoping to complete the list by 15 September 2023.

Cllr Lombard commented that should such an exercise ever be done again, it be ensured that the POPIA and release forms are available during the training.

RESOLVED that it be noted that the department is currently awaiting confirmation letters from the contractors before the list will be finalized for circulation.

ACTION: L GERRANS; J WOOD

7. ACTION ITEMS EMANATING FROM FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL/OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE RSA TRIP UNDERTAKEN BY TWO CITY OFFICIALS FROM 10- 23 OCTOBER 2022 TO ACCOMPANY THE EXECUTIVE DEPUTY MAYOR TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURES LEADERS FORUM IN SOUTH KOREA AND THE C40 MAYORS SUMMIT IN ARGENTINA

RESOLVED that the next quarterly report to the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee is due on 2 November 2023.

ACTION: D VAN SCHALKWYK

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8. TASK TEAM - ZANDVLEI ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cllr Lombard reported that the task team has been in contact with the relevant officials and that they have received a draft of what the public participation process would entail, which includes advertisements in local- and broader publication newspapers, meetings with the PAAC and Mayco as well as a sixty day comment period from 1 October 2023 – 30 November 2023.

She informed that the task team has requested that the public participation process includes consultation with Ms. P Reddy regarding a social media mechanism targeting the geographic area of the estuary where the management plan is to be implemented in order to solicit comments from the immediate public, which have been agreed to.

Cllr Lombard further informed that the task team has additionally requested, taking into consideration the fractured community, that a broad public meeting be held either at the False Bay look out or at the Canoe Club, for which agreement is still awaited.

RESOLVED

- a) That the feedback from the Task Team, headed by Cllr Lombard regarding the public participation plan for the Zandvlei Estuary Management Plan, be noted.
- b) That Cllr Gabuza and Cllr Joachims be included in the membership of the Task Team.

ACTION: CLLR LOMBARD

SPE 06/09/23 PROCESS AND KEY AREAS OF INVESTIGATION FOR THE REVIEW OF THE CITY'S SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS

The ED: SPE and Ms Naude gave introductory remarks to the report and explained the different components and how the various products and work pieces feed into the review process. The report spoke to particular areas that will be focused on in order to obtain proper policy decisions and assumptions that will inform the next MSDF and DSDF reviews. The PC noted that this is to ensure that the amendment of the spatial plans on a 5 year cycle is aligned to the IDP process.

Ms. De Bruin gave a presentation on the process and key areas of investigation for the review of the City's Spatial Development Frameworks and responded to questions for clarification.

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Ald Nieuwoudt requested that in terms of the process, the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee receive the final report with input from the subcouncils after the subcouncils have discussed the position papers for their districts. She further commented that what is missing from the report, is the opportunity to comment on sector roads and that spending should be done according to the sector plan. She further referred to re-development and that the document should also address urban decay.

Cllr McFarlane reinforced the sentiment from Ald Nieuwoudt that the City should place more emphasis on informal areas, due to the social and economic consequences envisaged upon these areas.

Ms. De Bruin responded that they have not yet put in place a process on how position papers will be drafted and whether there will be a position paper of each subcouncil. She explained that the idea was that the position papers would contain the assumptions used for the number crunching that goes into the land use model for engineering calculations (*GIS and Excel that uses numbers on a map*) and not spatial plans.

With regard to the informality, she referred to the section in the presentation that mentioned residential growth estimates and said that these reports are compiled between the Spatial Planning department, the City's Population Unit, the City's Economic and Analytics department and Community Facilities to produce a baseline of the number of households (formal/informal) in Cape Town. Census data and supplemental data sources would be used for this exercise.

It was further noted that when the MSDF will be updated again, it would not include extensive documents and meetings, as it would have to be finalised within one year and that it would be a strategic process with leaner documents.

The portfolio committee supported the recommendations as set out below.

RECOMMENDED that the portfolio committee and the Executive Mayor together with Mayco note:

- a) That that the leading departments drafting the IDP (Policy and Strategy) and the Spatial Development Frameworks (Urban Planning and Design) will collaborate, develop and obtain Council approval for the consolidated process plan outlining the planning, drafting, adoption of the IDP and Spatial Development Frameworks (MSDF and DSDF-EMFs). This is to ensure that the amendment of the spatial plans on a 5 year cycle is aligned to the IDP process.
- b) That the annual review of the spatial development frameworks will be produced in a form of an Annual Monitoring and Evaluation Report to highlight and build up a list of issues to be addressed as part of the 5-year review of the MSDF and District Plans.
- c) That the Urban Planning and Design Department (in association with the Policy and Strategy Department and the Research Branch) shall proceed with position papers on the seven research topics and consolidate those as

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contributions to the key assumptions used in the Long-term Plan and the Land Use Model Review.

ACTION: E NAUDE; A DE BRUIN; V MOONSAMY

SPE 07/09/23

MONITORING AND EVALUATION: SPATIAL TRENDS AND IMPLEMENTATION TRACKING REPORT

Ms. De Bruin gave a presentation and informed that the purpose of the report is to generate maps and a position about how the City is growing and how it is aligned to City Policies by looking back at data sources.

Ald Nieuwoudt congratulated the department on the excellent work done in this regard and requested that the infrastructure department commences with an effective communication strategy to inform councillors. She requested that a series of Skype information sessions be hosted for all councillors. Ms. De Bruin clarified that the purpose of the report is to look at City data sources to get an idea on how the City is growing and to monitor alignment and not to prioritise implementation of Capital projects. She elaborated that the Mayco Member is engaging the public on how the directorate's Capital Projects is being rolled out.

Ms. Naude clarified that the d policy is not set by the document. Also to note that it would guide in terms of policy changes and indicated if there are specific areas under pressure. It would thus not change how budget decisions are made, but would monitor how the budget is implemented.

Cllr Franklin raised concern in respect of the lack of monitoring of endangered wild life and diversity in terms of fauna across the metro. Ms. De Bruin clarified that the report monitors the building environment and land uses happening on City land. Ms Wood informed that the Bio Net includes numbers and stats on plant species, animal species and birding areas. She informed that by law all protective areas have to have monitoring programmes in place and that it is very difficult to have exact numbers on protective species. She further elaborated that special species are being monitored according to a National Special Species Management Plan e.g. penguins and baboons and that the department also works extensively with universities in monitoring endangered species.

In response to a question from Cllr van der Merwe, Ms. De Bruin explained that 32% available land is land within the urban development edge that is still vacant, most of the land is zoned for agriculture and some parts have biodiversity hatchings over them in which instance an EIA would have to be done to build on it. It also includes road and servitudes under ESKOM power lines. Mr. Moonsamy commented that there is a separate data set that looks at underutilised land parcels as well as land with development potential.

Cllr Haskin pointed out with concern the shrinkage of the Philippi Horticultural Area. Ms Naude informed that there has been a number of detailed reports and investigations between the City and Provincial Government regarding the agricultural potential of the Philippi Horticultural Area and based on this

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information the urban edge has been determined as it currently appears in the spatial development frameworks. It had to take into account various development applications submitted and approved previously and with the land use rights in place, there is nothing that the City can do to reclaim the land. It was noted that a report has been approved by Council around the protection of the Philippi Horticultural Area, recognising its importance around food security and the underground aquifer.

Ms. Naude informed that the department is busy finalising an interactive E-book, which will be easy to navigate and once it has been finalised, it would be published on the City Web, also to note that roadshows would follow to allow other people to access the information, which will include information sessions for councillors via the Skype platform.

RESOLVED

- a) That the contents of the report on Monitoring and Evaluation: Spatial Trends and Implementation be noted, with comments.
- b) That information sessions be held via Skype to inform all councillors of the Monitoring and Evaluation: Spatial Trends and Implementation Tracking report.

ACTION: A DE BRUIN; V MOONSAMY; E NAUDE

SPE 08/09/23 PROGRESS UPDATE ON POTSDAM SUSTAINABILITY CAMPUS INITIATIVE

Ms. Naude gave an overview on the report and responded to questions for clarification. Ald Nieuwoudt commented that the processes involved in the Executive Mayor's sustainable projects could be replicated into other projects.

RESOLVED

- a) To take note of the progress on the Potsdam Sustainability Campus initiative;
- b) To promote this integrated programme implementation to other relevant Portfolio committees, to ensure transversal ownership.

ACTION: D COLENBRANDER

SPE 09/09/23 REPORT ON THE DIRECTORATE AND DEPARTMENT 2022/23 FOURTH QUARTERS PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DIRECTORATE AND DEPARTMENT'S PERFORMANCE

The Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee raised concern with regard to the impact of the Development Application Management System (DAMS II) on performance in respect of land use applications and building applications as well as challenges to properly report on auditable data. The

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department responded that there are still challenges in the DAMS system which are being addressed on a daily basis and that finalization and implementation of DAMS II is estimated to be optimally functional by end September 2023 with completion of the project, which includes implementation of additional functionalities, during the first quarter of 2024. The portfolio committee appealed to the directorate together with the IS&T department to achieve the implementation targets and expressed appreciation that the DAMS system is now part of the CAR system.

Ald Nieuwoudt raised concern in respect of the Spatial Planning and Environment's vacancy rate and requested that the directorate's vacancy status be discussed in depth during the next portfolio committee meeting to look at ways to assist the directorate in this regard.

Cllr Jansen pointed out that the percentage of annual recreational coastal water samples taken is below target. The department responded that as remedial action, a decision has been taken to institute monitoring by an independent company to assist with taking water samples and analysing of water quality within the next couple of weeks.

RECOMMENDED

- a) That the Executive Mayor together with the Mayoral Committee evaluate and review the 2022/2023 quarterly progress report on Corporate Performance and submit the report to Council for noting, as well as to note the PC's request to relook the current tedious recruitment and selection process.
- b) That the concerns raised by the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee be noted and that the directorate's vacancy status be discussed in depth during the next portfolio committee meeting to look at ways to assist the directorate in that regard.

ACTION: M ABASS; S SAUNGWEME; L KROESE

SPE 10/09/23 REDUCTION IN THE 2023/24 ADDITIONAL RATE FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED PARK ISLAND CITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PICID) – CHANGE TO EXISTING RESOLUTION

Mr. J Joubert gave introductory remarks to the report and explained that with the new general valuation data available, it was brought to the attention of the CID Branch by a property owner in the Park Island CID that the additional rates for the 2023/24 financial year appeared to be excessive. After testing the rate for affordability and sustainability against the new general valuation 2022 data it was confirmed that the rate was in fact too high due to a previous error and that it will result in an over-collection of R242, 000. The rate therefore needs to be rectified.

The portfolio committee supported the proposed correction to the rate amount and recommended approval of the lower additional rate-in-the-rand of

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R0.001133 for residential property owners of the Park Island City Improvement District and that the approved rate-in-the-rand of R0.001568 be set aside.

RECOMMENDED

- (a) That Council approves the lower additional rate-in-the-rand of R0.001133 for residential property owners of the Park Island City Improvement District and that the approved rate-in-the-rand of R0.001568 be set aside.
- (b) That the billing of additional rates for residential property owners in the Park Island City Improvement District be corrected retrospectively at the additional rate-in-the-rand of R0.001133 from 1 July 2023.

ACTION: J JOUBERT

SPE 11/09/23 WOODSTOCK/ SALT RIVER AND SURROUNDS LOCAL SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LSDF) - PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED that

- a) The Spatial Planning and Portfolio Committee in its role to ensure public participation in the development of policies, support the public participation process towards the development of the Woodstock/ Salt River and Surrounds LSDF. *Delegated for decision by Subcouncil*
- b) Sub council 16 in their role to undertake public participation, support the approach to undertake a public participation process to develop the Woodstock/ Salt River and Surrounds LSDF as outlined in this report.

ACTION: M MURCOTT; E NAUDE

SPE 12/09/23 SUPPORT TO PROCEED WITH A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS TO OBTAIN COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN URBAN DESIGN POLICY (2013) (TO BE RENAMED DESIGNING QUALITY PLACES: URBAN DESIGN POLICY CITY OF CAPE TOWN)

RESOLVED that the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee support the commencement of a public participation process to call for comments on the proposed draft amendment of the City of Cape Town Urban Design Policy.

ACTION: S BERGOFF

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SPE 13/09/23 PRESENTATION ON THE MAYOR'S PORTFOLIO OF URBAN SUSTAINABILITY: INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Mr. S Alexander presented to the portfolio committee an introduction and background on the Mayor's Portfolio of Urban Sustainability and responded to questions for clarification.

It was requested that the operational process for the Helderberg Building be used as an example.

The presentation focussed on the following key areas:

- Objectives of the Mayor's Portfolio
- Strategic alignment
- Programme structure and process
- Mayor's Portfolio 2023
- Sustainability lessons
- Contribution to project planning and implementation
- Future direction of Mayor's Portfolio

RESOLVED that the contents of the presentation on the introduction and background on the Mayor's Portfolio of Urban Sustainability be noted, with appreciation.

INFORMATION: S ALEXANDER

SPE 14/09/23 ENVIRONMENTAL AND HERITAGE BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2023

Ms. Gerrans introduced the Annual Report on the Environmental and Heritage Branches where after Mr. Georgeades elaborated on the contents of the report.

Ald Nieuwoudt congratulated the department on a balanced regulatory framework and improved practice for outdoor advertising and signs and commended the department on a thorough public consultation process in respect of the Outdoor Advertising By-law. She requested that going forward, the department work closer with Safety and Security law enforcement officers. She further commented that it is a remarkable sector for investment and economic growth in the City and thanked the department for always working in a transversal manner and for keeping the City clean.

With regard to the Heritage Branch, Ald Nieuwoudt commented that the department is small in number, but huge in impact. She elaborated that she would like to see an increase in the number of legacy buildings as well as emphasized the importance of heritage preservation and commenting on the Urban Design Policy.

Cllr van der Merwe raised concern regarding outdoor advertising by estate agents who are placing giant signs on every open space, whether it is for sale

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or not. He mentioned that Law Enforcement has to refer such matters and that there is a shortage of law enforcement officers in this space.

Mr. Georgeades responded that the revised by-law that will be adopted by Council later during the year will allow a lower court (magistrates court) to order the removal of private signs on land where it previously would have been dealt with by a higher court as well as that the department will be working closer with the CIDs as well as that tendering for removal of unauthorised posters and signs will be done.

Ald Nieuwoudt referred to the appointment of ambassadors within the MURP area and suggested that their job descriptions be relooked to possibly include assisting law enforcement with outdoor signage.

Cllr Lombard informed that she has been removing illegal signs of a gentlemen who is in the tar business within her ward several times and that it appears as if the by-law is not relevant to him. Mr. Georgeades undertook to look into this matter by tracing his business partner account and to bill him for removal of the signage.

RESOLVED

- a) That the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee notes the Annual Report on the Environmental and Heritage Branch, with appreciation.
- b) That cognisance be taken of the comments/concerns raised by the members of the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee.

ACTION: D GEORGEADES; L GERRANS

THE MEETING ENDED AT 14:30


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ADDRESS BY CLLR ASLAM CASSIEM TO THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

07 September 2023

Aldermen & Councillors

Mayoral Committee for Spatial Planning – Ald Andrews

Executive Directors, Directors & Managers

Committee Secretariat

Greetings and welcome all to this September 2023 seating of the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee Meeting.

It is heart-warming to know that the City is dedicated and committed to long-term sustainability. It was an absolute honour, yesterday; to listen and to witness the best practices thus far achieved by our City Project Managers and their respective teams.

Taking into consideration the urban ecosystem, our sustainability practitioners were able to plan and implement projects without compromising our environment.

We can comfortably say that based on the evidence, sustainability principles have become an integral component into City Capital projects.

We will recommend and comment on matters relating to a review process of the City's SPFs and with this ensure that amendments to the MSDF and DSDF-EMFs are aligned to the cycle of the IDP process.

The Potsdam sustainability Campus initiative from being an under-utilised space, so much potential is being unlocked and we will see this initiative moving from challenge to tremendous benefit.

I thank you.

CLLR ASLAM CASSIEM
PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON
SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT