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WATER AND SANITATION PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE
PORTEFEULJEKOMITEE OOR WATER EN SANITASIE
IKOMITI YESEBE LEZAMANZI NOCOCEKO

1. **ITEM NUMBER:** WS 04/05/23

2. **SUBJECT / ONDERWERP / ISIHLOKO:**

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 06 APRIL 2023
BEKRAGTIGING VAN NOTULE: 06 APRIL 2023
UKUQINISEKISWA KWEMIZUZU: 06 EKATSHAZIIMPUZI 2023

3. **DISCUSSION**

The minutes of the Water & Sanitation Portfolio Committee meeting is submitted for confirmation.

ANNEXURE 1: Minutes of the Water & Sanitation Portfolio Committee Meeting:
06 April 2023

MINUTES**OF THE WATER & SANITATION PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 6TH FLOOR, PODIUM BLOCK, CIVIC CENTRE, CAPE TOWN ON THURSDAY, 06 APRIL 2023 AT 11:00**

PRESENT

Ald I Neilson
Ald C Jordaan (Acting Chairperson)
Ald X Limberg
Cllr G Peck
Cllr A Benadie
Cllr R Davids
Cllr C Kobeni
Cllr D Nelson
Cllr C Punt
Cllr L Gungxe
Cllr L Benge
Cllr G Marais
Cllr M Mabungani
Cllr B Maqungwana
Cllr Z Badroodien (Mayoral Committee Member)

LEAVE / APOLOGIES

Ald D Basson
Cllr C Visser
Cllr A Lansdowne
Cllr L Mazwi

ABSENT WITHOUT AN APOLOGY

Cllr T Mpengezi
Cllr S Nodliwa
Cllr P Hendricks

OFFICIALS

M Webster
T Salie
A Kunene
G George
P Moloji
N Africa
C Frehse
M Mallick
M Killick
K Aziz
A Smit
B Saayman

S Bashe
 Y Mohamed
 J de Bruyn
 P Maritz
 B Hanslo
 S Mabona
 M Levendall

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Ms Levendall informed the members that the Chairperson, Ald. Neilson, had taken ill and as a result had lost his voice. He was therefore unable to officiate the meeting, however, he was logged in via the skype platform.

Ms Levendall then referred the members to rule 5.2 of the rules of order, which states that *“should the Chairperson not be present at a meeting, an Acting Chairperson must be elected for that meeting from the members present”*.

Ms Levendall then called for nominations from the members present. Cllr. Punt nominated Ald. Jordaan and the nomination was seconded by Cllr. Peck. No further nominations were submitted.

Ald. Jordaan duly accepted the nomination and proceeded to preside over the meeting.

WS 01/04/23 OPENING OF MEETING/MOMENT’S SILENCE

The Acting Chairperson welcomed everyone present.

Cllr. Maqungwana’s dissatisfaction regarding the late circulation of the skype meeting appointment was noted.

Further concerns were raised regarding the Portfolio Committee meeting taking place a day before the Easter weekend. Certain members were of the view that religious holidays should be taken into account when compiling the Council calendar.

The Acting Chairperson commented that members should have raised these concerns earlier, given that everyone had received the Council calendar long in advance. However, the comments were noted.

WS 02/04/23 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted via the Office of the Chief Whip for Cllr. Visser, Ald. Basson and Cllr. Lansdowne.

RESOLVED that the above be **NOTED**.

ACTION: M LEVENDALL

WS 03/04/23 CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

The Acting Chairperson formally welcomed the Mayoral Committee Member, Cllr. Badroodien and the newly appointed member to the Water and Sanitation Portfolio Committee, Cllr. Bengé.

RESOLVED that the Acting Chairperson's Address **BE NOTED**.

ACTION: M LEVENDALL

WS 04/04/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 02 MARCH 2023

The secretariat was commended for producing a set of concise, accurate minutes.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Water and Sanitation Portfolio Committee meeting held on 02 March 2023 **be CONFIRMED**.

ACTION: M LEVENDALL

WS 05/04/23 WATER AND SANITATION PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT: FEBRUARY 2023

Compliance with drinking water quality standards:

Whilst it was noted that the target for compliance with drinking water quality standards was achieved, it was apparent that the public was still concerned regarding the testing and the quality of drinking water. Consequently, a suggestion was made to invite community members to an open day, in order to showcase the processes used to ensure drinking water quality, thereby alleviating the concern of the public.

Taps provided to informal settlements:

Concern was raised regarding certain informal settlements being categorized as "unrecognised" and as a result were not receiving the necessary services.

In response, the Executive Director, Mr Webster indicated that the City had taken a decision that no informal settlement will be categorised as "unrecognized". However, due processes must be followed and applicable bylaws must be adhered to, in terms of how services will be rendered to these settlements, particularly in the event of illegal land invasions where the land is not favourable for human habitation.

Consequently, Mr Webster informed the members that an informal settlements coordination structure was put in place, which addresses the servicing of informal settlements. A number of pertinent directorates, including Water and Sanitation, consults on this structure.

Given the complexities of this matter, Mr Webster indicated that he could do a presentation to the Portfolio Committee on the levels of servicing of informal settlements and the process by which those decisions are made.

The Mayoral Committee Member, Cllr. Badroodien, commented that he was in the process of organizing a joint information session with the Water and Sanitation and Human Settlements Portfolio Committees; and will invite all relevant directorates to take the councillors through the City's approach in terms of informal settlements.

Cllr. Marais requested that the City's urbanization plans be included as a discussion point at the joint information session, particularly as migration into the City is inevitable, resulting in the increase of informal settlements.

Toilets provided to informal settlements:

It was noted that this target was achieved significantly above the requirement.

Sewer reticulation pipeline replaced:

There was a request for future reports to include the particular areas where the pipe replacement was happening in order to better exercise oversight.

Mr Webster confirmed that future reports will include particular areas as requested. It was further pointed out that on pages 42 and 43 of the report, the regions were indicated where pipe replacement was taking place.

Total augmented water capacity in mega litres per day:

Cllr. Gungxe commented that the City invested a lot of money in aquifer projects and requested that the administration submit a report on the amount of aquifer projects that were presently working.

Mr Webster indicated that such a report will be submitted to the Portfolio Committee as requested.

Valid applications for residential water and sewerage services closed within the response standard

The members addressed the water and sewerage service application targets simultaneously.

Concern was raised with regard to the projections for quarter three, given that the targets were missed for both quarter one and quarter two.

Ms Bashe commented that the delays, in respect of quarter one and two were set out in the report. Additionally, she indicated that an analysis was performed in January 2023 to establish where and how to clear the backlog. The projection for quarter three is that the target will be met with certain challenges, (e.g. access to sites due to disruptions and some sites are not ready for installation). Plans are in place to deal with challenges to ensure that the target for quarter four will be met as well.

An in-depth discussion ensued in terms of the provision of security, for staff who have to gain access to volatile areas.

It was noted that a report would be submitted to the Portfolio Committee that deals with the full extent of measures undertaken to address the issue of security for staff accessing volatile areas.

At this stage, the members agreed to address only areas of concern as opposed to dealing with all the indicators in the report.

The following questions of clarity / concerns were raised:

1. Can the administration look at a system by which one can expand non-potable water, as there seem to be a stagnation at around five to six percent?
2. What methods are in place to track water leakages?

In response to question one above, Mr Webster commented that in relation to reused water, the target was finally exceeded. However, he agreed that there is more opportunity to expand.

In response to question two above, relating to leakages, Mr Webster commented that this was a huge frustration, however, a lot of work was being done in this regard, and various mechanisms (e.g. leak detector devices) are used to assist in locating leakages. Additionally, Mr Webster urged the members to notify officials of leakages as a matter of urgency as this would assist in addressing the matter swiftly.

3. Can a viability study be done in terms of a system design that combines the sewer and storm water lines to prevent illegal connections from occurring?
4. What is the progress update in terms of the generators and the rapid response teams?
5. What other water quality testing is performed in addition to E.coli?

6. What progress was made in terms of establishing catchment forums?

In response to question 3 above, Mr Webster commented that sewer in the storm water was one of the directorate's biggest challenges. A partial solution is the design of a number of low flow diversion schemes across the city, however this is not an infallible solution. Mr Webster commented that this was a long term, difficult issue, but one that was receiving attention.

In response to question 4 above, Mr Webster commented that all key water pump stations and remaining sewer and waste water treatment pumps will be equipped with generators during the 23/24 financial year. This will have financial implications, which means either tariffs will be increased further or budgets will have to be reassigned.

In response to question 5 above, Mr Webster indicated that other water quality testing is performed, but the E.coli count is particularly important for recreational use.

In response to question 6 above, it was noted that progress was made in terms of establishing catchment forums. A full update will be included in the next report.

RESOLVED that the Water and Sanitation Performance Monitoring Report: February 2023 **be NOTED**.

ACTION: J DE BRUYN / M WEBSTER

WS 06/04/23 WATER & SANITATION MONTHLY FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT (FEBRUARY 2023)

An updated schedule reflecting the CAPEX and OPEX for the Water & Sanitation Directorate was circulated in hard copy.

It was noted from the report that the directorate will achieve the expenditure targets, however, the members expressed grave concern regarding the capital expenditure, given that there were only two months left in this financial year. Furthermore, it was noted that the directorate will be receiving a significant increase in budget in the new financial year, which is cause for concern in terms of achieving targets in 2023/24, given that the directorate is straining to meet the target during the current financial year.

Council Davids enquired about tenders which were at risk, how many tenders were still awaiting supply chain management approval and if there will be funding that will not be spent as a result of the aforementioned or other factors.

The Executive Director, Mr Webster indicated that the actual spend to-date was forty percent and there was a commitment of thirty four percent, which means that another ten percent of the budget still had to be committed to meet the target of ninety percent. Mr Webster further indicated that he had received assurance from the various departments that collectively the directorate will reach its target.

Ms Bashe indicated that various actions were undertaken to ensure funds are spent. For instance, additional funding was allocated to contracts that were doing well and were able to take on further funding and a number of variments were done where there were potential opportunities to spend. Ms Bashe further indicated that performance and values at risk were being assessed on a weekly basis.

Ms Bashe mentioned that an area of concern was the slow performance during the first quarter of the year, however, a plan of action was in place for the new financial year in this regard.

In terms of the demand plan, Ms Bashe indicated that currently, there were only two tenders that were not finalized. One of which was cancelled and the other one has been approved at the Bid Adjudication Committee. In terms of the new financial year, the completion of projects, which are linked to the demand plan, is at thirty seven percent.

At this stage, the various directors/managers were given an opportunity to present their plans of action to ensure that the directorate meet its targets.

The officials were commended for their confidence, in respect of achieving the targets by the end of the financial year.

RESOLVED that the Water and Sanitation monthly financial progress report (February 2023) **be NOTED**.

ACTION: S BASHE / B SAAYMAN / M WEBSTER

~~The meeting concluded at 13:30~~

ALD. JORDAAN: ACTING CHAIRPERSON

DATE