

Goeiemôre almal

Welkom by die eerste subraadsvergadering van 2021. Dit is geen geheim nie dat 2020 'n uiters moeilike jaar vir nie net ons land nie maar die wêreld was. Voor ek vandag begin, wil ek elke raadslid loof en bedank vir die werk wat gedurende hierdie tyd gedoen is. As raadslede is ons elke dag met versoek om kos en werk oorval. Ons moes elke dag vrae oor regulasies en die inperking aanhoor, en daar is van ons verwag om al die antwoorde te weet. Ons het ekstra druk ervaar as gevolg van die grondgrype wat soos nog nooit tevore nie opgeduik het. Weens Covid-verwante vertragings het ons groter diensleweringsagterstande oor departemente heen ervaar. Ons het vriende, familie, kollegas, gemeenskapslede en nog talle ander verloor. Deur dit alles is na ons opgekyk vir leiding, om voor te gaan, 'n voorbeeld te stel en om daar te wees vir baie meer mense wat emosionele en liggaaamlike ondersteuning meer as ooit tevore nodig het. Ons moes dit alles doen terwyl ons meestal in die voorste linie was. Om te sê 2020 was 'n moeilike jaar vir ons, is om dit sag te stel. So ek wil graag vir elkeen van u loof vir wat u moes deurmaak en wees, vir dinge waarvan ander nooit eens sal weet nie.

Ek wil ook graag die subraadspersoneel bedank dat hulle ons soos kampioene ondersteun! Hulle moes ook vorendag kom met nuwe maniere van dinge doen en ons bedrywighede na 'n virtuele platform skuif maar het nooit ooit gefaal in enige van hul take nie en die ekstra tree gegee in hul ondersteuning aan ons. Gedurende hierdie tyd is daar soveel kort spertye gegee en hulle het daarin geslaag om dit te haal. Soms moes hulle inligting uit ons trek terwyl ons pogings en fokus elders gerig was, en daarvoor wil ek hulle bedank.

Laastens aan elke enkele amptenaar, veral ons personeel in die voorste linie, dankie vir julle harde werk gedurende hierdie tyd. 2020 het ons almal beslis geleer om op kort kennisgewing alternatiewe reëlings te kan tref. Soms is die wet nie in ons hande nie en die amptenare kry dit hotagter by die publiek, soos ons maar almal, maar ons is steeds hier, steeds aan die vorentoe beur en daarvoor sê ek aan elke Stadswerknemer dankie.

So aan 'n ieder en 'n elk, baie respek en baie dankie.

Die subraad het gedurende die grootste deel van Desember voortgewerk met talle dranklisensies wat tydens delegasiervergaderings oorweeg moes word. Januarie was 'n besige maand met talle uitdagings. Eskom met sy beurtkrag het ook nie gehelp nie. Nie net het dit ons werk onderbreek nie maar chaos veroorsaak by ons pompstasies. Hierdie pompstasies is nie gebou om gedurende beurtkrag heeldag aan- en afgeskakel te word nie. Hoewel die Stad daarin geslaag het om kragopwekkers vir talle van ons pompstasies te verkry, kon ons nog nie 'n kragopwekker by enige een in werking stel nie. Dit beteken dat riolé dikwels tydens beurtkrag oorloop. Vandeesmaand was daar talle van hierdie voorvalle en ek haal my hoed af vir die raadslede wat daardie situasies moes hanteer.

Ons het grondgryppogings gehad, veral in wyk 4. Welgedaan aan rdl. Ngeyi wat vinnig opgetree het, en die voorval onmiddellik by die noodlyn aangemeld het toe hy daarvan bewus gemaak is en toe aan my. Ek het die uitvoerende direkteur laat weet

en vanaf die eerste verslag kort na 08:00 het die ALIU saam met die Milnerton SAPD aan die gang gespring en teen 11:20 het die operasie begin. Die Stad het daarin geslaag om bykans 50 erwe op Stadseiendom skoon te maak.

Vullisvertragings bly 'n probleem soos vragmotors weens 'n vertraging met die tender nie herstel word nie. Raadsheer Limberg het ons verseker sy werk aan die probleem en sal ons gereelde terugvoering gee.

Ons het ook uitdagings ervaar met die slikverwyderingsteller wat sy tweede appèl in die gesig staar en sedert 1 Januarie 2021 die nieverwydering van slik uit die Potsdam-afvalbehandelingsaanleg tot gevolg het. Ek en rdl. Solomon kry gereelde terugvoering van raadsheer Limberg en mnr. Mike Killick in hierdie verband. Rdl. Solomon het ook die departement gesondheid genader om te verseker dat inwoners veilig bly. Ons het terugvoering van Bettie Leedo gekry dat hoewel die reuk baie onaangenaam is en lewensgehalte in hierdie verband affekteer, dit geen gesondheidsrisiko inhoud nie. Ons sal deurlopend met die betrokke individue in kontak bly en verseker hierdie saak ontvang voortgesette aandag.

Stedelike bestuur se program vir humanitêre voedselverligting sal vanjaar voortgesit word en die verslag sal by die volgende Raadsvergadering ter tafel gelê word. Subraad 3 is een van 22 subrade wat by hierdie projek baat. Beide wyk 4 en 113 het die lys gehaal. Uit 129 aansoeke wat na adverteering ontvang is, het slegs 14 aansoeke oor die stad heen aan die nodige vereistes voldoen. Ons vra dat, wanneer die volgende rondte advertensies geplaas word, u almal dit so ver as moontlik versprei om te verseker baie aansoeke word ontvang sodat soveel organisasies as moontlik daarby kan baat.

Ek het gedurende Desember die werkswinkels bygewoon wat stedelike bestuur vir potensiële deelnemers aan die projek vir stedelikeboerdery-kostuine gehou het, en ons sien uit daarna dat hierdie projek vanjaar floreer.

Soos u kan sien, is daar baie aktiwiteite in die subraad en het hy skaars stil gestaan gedurende die feesgety. Ons sien uit na 'n suksesvolle 2021, ongeag die uitdagings wat ons in die gesig staar!

Ek is ongelooflik bly om te hoor dat die Covid-19- positiewe gevalle 'n plato bereik het en dit lyk of ons oor die kruin van hierdie vlaag is. Ek wil dit egter op u almal se harte druk om voort te gaan om die Covid-veiligheidsprotokolle na te kom, om u gemeenskappe aan te moedig om dit te doen, om aan te hou om die veiligheidsboodskappe te deel en te verseker dat daar aandag geskenk word aan die nienakoming in u wyke. Ons het 'n paar brandpunte in ons subraad, en saam met ons gemeenskapsgebaseerde spanne gaan ons op hierdie gebiede fokus om te verseker ons help om die kurwe af te plat.

Weer eens, baie dankie aan u almal vir u harde werk in die subraad.

Good morning to everyone,

Welcome to the first Subcouncil meeting of 2021. It is no secret that 2020 was a tough year for not only our country, but for the world. Before I begin today I really would like to honour and thank every Councillor for the work that has been done during this time. We have been inundated as Cllrs with food and job requests. We have been asked questions day in and day out about regulations and lockdown and are expected to know all the answers. We have experienced extra pressure from land invasions that have been on the rise like never before. We have suffered more service delivery backlogs across departments due to Covid related delays. We have lost friends, family, colleagues, community members and more. In all this we have been looked to for guidance, to lead the way, set the example and to be there for far more people in emotional and physical support than ever before. We have had to do all this whilst being in the frontline much of the time. To say that 2020 was a difficult year for us would be an understatement. So I would like to applaud each and every one of you for what you have had to go through and be, some of which others will never even know of.

I would also like to thank the Subcouncil staff for supporting us through this time like champions! They have also had to figure out new ways of doing things and move our operations to a virtual platform but have never once failed in any of their tasks and have supported us above and beyond. So many short deadlines have been given through this time and they have managed to reach them, sometimes dragging information out of us whilst our efforts and focus have been elsewhere, and for that I want to thank them.

Lastly to every single official, especially our frontline staff, for their efforts during this time. 2020 certainly taught us all to make alternative arrangements in short time frames. Sometimes the law is not in our hands and the officials have suffered abuse from the public, as have we all, but we are all still here, all still pushing and for that I thank every City employee.

So to one and all, much respect and thank you.

The Subcouncil kept going throughout much of December with several liquor licences having been considered in delegation meetings. January has been a busy month with several challenges. Eskom has not been helpful with their loadshedding. Not only has it interrupted our work but it has created havoc with our pumpstations. These pumpstations are not built to be switched on and off all day and really do suffer during load shedding. Whilst the City managed to procure generators for several of our pump stations we have still not managed to attach a generator to every single one as yet. This means frequent sewage overflows during loadshedding. This month has seen several of these incidents and hats off to the Councillors who have had to deal with those.

We have had land invasion attempts, specifically in ward 4. Well done to Cllr Ngeyi who acted swiftly, reported the incident immediately to the emergency line when he was made aware of it and then to me. I alerted the ED and from the first report shortly after 08h00, the ALIU jumped into action along with Milnerton SAPS and by

11h20 the operation had started. The City managed to clear almost 50 plots off the City property.

Refuse delays continue to be a problem as trucks are not being repaired due to a delay with the tender. Alderman Limberg has assured us that she is working on the problem and will provide us with regular feedback.

We have also had challenges with the sludge removal tender that is facing it's second appeal resulting in non-removal of sludge from the Potsdam WWTW since 1 January 2021. Cllr Solomon and myself receive regular updates from Alderman Limberg and Mr Mike Killick in this regard. Cllr Solomon has also approached the Health department to ensure that residents remain safe. We have received word back from Bettie Leedo that although the smell is very unpleasant and affects quality of life in this regard, the smell poses no Health hazard. We will remain in constant contact with the relevant individuals and ensure this matter receives continuous attention.

Urban Management's Humanitarian Food Relief programs will continue this year and the report will be tabled at the next Council meeting. Subcouncil 3 is one of 22 Subcouncils that has benefited from this project. Both Ward 4 and Ward 113 have made the list. Out of 129 applications received after advertising, only 14 applications met the necessary requirements across the City. We ask that when the next round of advertisements goes out, that you will all distribute it far and wide to ensure plenty of applications so that as many organisations as possible benefit.

Urban Management held workshops with potential participants in the Urban Farming food gardens project during December which I attended and we look forward to seeing this project bloom this year.

As you can see, the Subcouncil is full of activity and barely stood still during the festive season. We look forward to a successful 2021, regardless of the challenges we face!

I am extremely happy to hear that the Covid 19 positive cases have reached a plateau and it seems we are over the peak of this wave. I however continue to urge all to practice the covid safety protocols, to encourage your communities to do the same, to keep sharing the safety messages and to ensure that non-compliance in your wards is attended to. We do have some hotspots in our Subcouncil and together with our Community Based Teams, we will be focusing our attention on these areas to ensure that we assist with flattening the curve.

Once again, thank you for all the hard work being done in the Subcouncil by all.