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Performance Agreement

BETWEEN

LUNGELO MBANDAZAYO

THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN

("The City")

AND

ERNEST SASS

("The employee")

FINANCIAL YEAR

1 JULY 2025 - 30 JUNE 2026

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The City duly represented by **Lungelo Mbandazayo**, in his capacity as the City Manager has entered into a contract of employment with the employee, **Ernest Sass**, for a 10-year period ending on **30 June 2032** in terms of section 57 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 ("the Act").
- 1.2 Section 57 of the Act, read with the employee's contract of employment, requires the parties to annually conclude a separate performance agreement ("the Agreement").
- 1.3 For purposes of this Agreement, the 2006 Regulations shall mean the Local Government: Municipal Performance Regulations for Municipal Managers and Managers Directly Accountable to Municipal Managers (GN R 805 of 1 August 2006).
- 1.4 The parties wish to ensure unambiguity regarding the performance targets and objectives to be achieved, and to secure the commitment of the employee to a set of actions that will secure local government policy goals.
- 1.5 For purpose of this agreement, the Municipal Regulations on Minimum Competency Levels refers to the Municipal Regulations on Minimum Competency Levels published by the Minister of Finance in terms of section 168 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003).
- 1.6 The Municipal Regulations on Minimum Competency Levels, number 29967 of 2007 requires that you complete the training as set out in the regulations within the specified timeframe and by signing this agreement, you agree to comply with this requirement.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 2.1 The parties agree that the purpose of this Agreement is to:
 - 2.1.1. comply with the relevant provisions of the Act, as well as the employment contract entered into between the parties and applicable Regulations promulgated under the Act;
 - 2.1.2. specify objectives and targets defined and agreed with the employee and to communicate to the employee the City's expectations of the employee's performance and accountabilities in alignment with the City's Integrated Development Plan ("IDP"), Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan ("SDBIP"), the City's Budget and the

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Performance Dashboard Monitoring System ("Performance Dashboard") and what informs it;

- 2.1.3. specify accountabilities as set out in the Performance Plan, which forms an annexure to the performance agreement;
- 2.1.4. monitor and measure performance against set outputs;
- 2.1.5. use the Agreement as the basis for assessing whether the employee has met the performance expectations applicable to the job;
- 2.1.6. give effect to the City's commitment to a performance-orientated relationship with its employee in attaining equitable and improved service delivery and meeting the operational requirements of the City; and
- 2.1.7. to ensure that the Executive Director maintains a high standard of ethics whilst exercising his fiduciary responsibility to ensure the diligent execution of his portion of the Municipality's approved SDBIP's for the **2025/ 2026** financial year.

3. COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

- 3.1 This Agreement will commence on the **1st July 2025** and will remain in force until **30th June 2026**; thereafter a new Agreement and Performance Dashboard shall be concluded between the parties for the next financial year or any portion thereof.
- 3.2 The parties will review the provisions of this Agreement during June of each year and must conclude a new Agreement that replaces the previous Agreement at least once a year within one month after commencement of the new financial year.
- 3.3 This Agreement will terminate on the termination of the employee's contract of employment for any reason.
- 3.4 If at any time during the validity of this Agreement the work environment alters (whether as a result of government or council decisions, operational requirements or otherwise) to the extent that the contents of this Agreement are no longer appropriate, the contents shall immediately be revised in consultation with the employee.

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4. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 The Performance Dashboard (Annexure "A") sets out:
- 4.1.1 the performance objectives and targets that must be met by the employee; and
 - 4.1.2 the time frames within which those performance objectives and targets must be met.
- 4.2 The performance objectives and targets reflected in Annexure "A" are set by the City in consultation with the employee, and include key performance areas ("KPA's"), key objectives, key performance indicators ("KPI's"), core competency requirements, target dates and weightings.
- 4.3 The key objectives describe the main tasks that must be executed. The key performance indicators provide the details of the evidence that must be provided to illustrate that a key objective has been achieved. The target date describes the timeframe in which the work must be achieved. The weightings show the relative importance of the key objectives to each other.
- 4.4 The performance objectives and targets must be practical, measurable and based on the KPI's set out from time to time in the IDP.
- 4.5 The employee's performance will, in addition, be measured in terms of contributions to the goals and strategies set out in the IDP and the Performance Dashboard.

5. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- 5.1 The employee agrees to participate in the performance management system that the City adopts or introduces for the City, management and municipal staff of the City.
- 5.2 The employee accepts that the purpose of the performance management system is to provide a comprehensive system with specific performance standards to assist the City, management and municipal staff to perform to the standards required.
- 5.3 The City will consult with the employee about the specific performance standards that will be included in the performance management system as applicable to the employee.

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- 5.4 The employee undertakes actively to focus on the promotion and implementation of the KPA's (including special projects relevant to the employee's responsibilities) within the local government framework.
- 5.5 The criteria upon which the performance of the employee shall be assessed shall consist of two components, namely KPA's and Core Competencies.
- 5.5.1 The employee will be assessed against both components, with a weighting of 80:20 allocated to the KPA's and the Core Competencies respectively as provided for in the 2006 Regulations.
- 5.5.2 Each area of assessment will be weighted and will contribute a specific part to the total score.
- 5.6 The employee's assessment will be based on his performance in terms of the outputs / outcomes specified in the attached Performance Dashboard (Annexure "A").

6. EVALUATING PERFORMANCE

- 6.1 The Performance Dashboard (Annexure "A" to this Agreement) sets out:
- 6.1.1 the standards and procedures for evaluating the employee's performance; and
- 6.1.2 the intervals for the evaluation of the employee's performance.
- 6.2 Despite the establishment of agreed intervals for evaluation the City may in addition review the employee's performance at any stage while the contract of employment remains in force.
- 6.3 Personal growth and development needs identified during any performance review discussion must be documented and, where possible, actions agreed to. Implementation must occur within set time frames.
- 6.4 The annual performance appraisal will involve:
- 6.4.1. An assessment of the achievement of results as outlined in the performance dashboard.
- a. Each KPA will be assessed according to the extent to which the specified standards or performance indicators have been met and with due regard to ad hoc tasks that had to be performed under the KPA.

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- b. An indicative rating on the five-point scale as set out in the Regulations will be provided for each KPA. See table below:

5 POINT SCALE RATING DESCRIPTOR		
Level	Terminology	Description
5	Outstanding performance	Performance far exceeds the standard expected of a staff member at this level. The appraisal indicates that the staff member has achieved above fully effective results against all performance criteria and indicators as specified in the Performance Agreement and Performance Plan and maintained this in all areas of responsibility throughout the year.
4	Performance significantly above expectations	Performance is significantly higher than the standard expected in the job. The appraisal indicates that the staff member has achieved above fully effective results against more than half of the performance criteria and indicators and fully achieved all others throughout the year.
3	Fully effective performance	Performance fully meets the standards expected in all areas of the job. The appraisal indicates that the staff member has fully achieved effective results against all significant performance criteria and indicators as specified in the Performance Agreement and Performance Plan.
2	Performance not fully effective	Performance is below the standard required for the job in key areas. Performance meets some of the standards expected for the job. The review/assessment indicates that the staff member has achieved below fully effective results against more than half the key performance criteria and indicators as specified in the Performance Agreement and Performance Plan.
1	Unacceptable performance	Performance does not meet the standard expected for the job. The review/assessment indicates that the staff member has achieved below fully effective results against almost all of the performance criteria and indicators as specified in the Performance Agreement and Performance Plan. The staff member has failed to demonstrate the commitment or ability to bring performance up to the level expected in the job despite management efforts to encourage improvement.

- c. The applicable assessment rating calculator (refer to regulation 27) will then be used to add the scores and calculate a final KPA score.

6.4.2 Assessment of the Core Competencies

- a. Each Core Competency will be assessed according to the extent to which the specified standards have been met.
- b. An indicative rating on the five-point scale will be provided for each Core Competency. See table below:

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4	Performance significantly above expectations	Performance is significantly higher than the standard expected in the job. The appraisal indicates that the staff member has achieved above fully effective results against more than half of the performance criteria and indicators and fully achieved all others throughout the year.
3	Fully effective performance	Performance fully meets the standards expected in all areas of the job. The appraisal indicates that the staff member has fully achieved effective results against all significant performance criteria and indicators as specified in the Performance Agreement and Performance Plan.
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- c. This rating will be multiplied by the weighting given to each Core Competency to provide a score.
- d. The applicable assessment rating calculator will then be used to add the scores and calculate a final Core Competency score.

6.4.3 Overall rating

- a. An overall rating will be calculated by using the applicable assessment- rating calculator. Such overall rating represents the outcome of the performance appraisal.
- b. For the purposes of evaluating the annual performance of the employee, an evaluation panel shall be constituted by the City and such panel shall comprise of the persons as provided for in the 2006 Regulations.

7. SCHEDULE FOR PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

- 7.1. The performance of the employee shall be reviewed at least quarterly as required in terms of the provisions of the 2006 Regulations and in accordance with the Performance Dashboard.

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- 7.2 The City shall keep a record of the review and assessment meetings and any Performance Dashboard correspondence and written feedback which will form part of the evidence to be taken into account in your annual performance appraisal and the formal poor performance process set out below.
- 7.3 Performance feedback shall be based on the City's assessment of the employee's performance.
- 7.4 The City will be entitled to review and make reasonable changes to the provisions of the performance dashboard (Annexure "A") from time to time for operational reasons on agreement between both parties which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 7.5 The City may amend the provisions of Annexure A whenever a performance management system is adopted, implemented and / or amended as the case may be on agreement between both parties.

8. OBLIGATIONS OF CITY

- 8.1 City shall –
- 8.1.1 create an enabling environment to facilitate effective performance by the employee;
- 8.1.2 provide access to skills development and capacity building opportunities;
- 8.1.3 work collaboratively with the employee to solve problems and generate solutions to common problems that may impact on the performance of the employee;
- 8.1.4 on the request of the employee delegate such powers reasonably required by the employee to enable him to meet the performance objectives and targets established in terms of this Agreement; and
- 8.1.5 make available to the employee such resources as the employee may reasonably require from time to time to assist him to meet the performance objectives and targets established in terms of this Agreement.

9. CONSULTATION

- 9.1 The City agrees to consult the employee timeously where the exercising of the City's powers will, amongst others, –
- 9.1.1 have a direct effect on the performance of any of the employee's functions;

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9.1.2 commit the employee to implement or to give effect to a decision made by the City; and

9.1.3 have a substantial financial effect on the City.

9.2 The City agrees to inform the employee of the outcome of any decisions taken pursuant to the exercise of powers contemplated in clause 9.1 as soon as is practicable to enable the employee to take any necessary action without delay.

10. MANAGEMENT OF EVALUATION OUTCOMES

10.1 The evaluation of the employee's performance will form the basis for assessing outstanding performance or correcting unacceptable performance.

10.2 The employee acknowledges that the payment of a performance bonus contemplated in the regulation 32(2) of the 2006 Regulations is within the sole discretion of the City.

10.3 In the event that the evaluation outcome reflects an unacceptable performance, the process per regulation 32(3) shall apply.

11. PROCESS FOR SUBSTANDARD PERFORMANCE

11.1. It is acknowledged and accepted by the parties to this Agreement that performance monitoring remains a continuous process to ensure that the employee performs in accordance with the minimum performance standards of the position.

11.2. In the case of sub-standard or unacceptable performance the definition provided for in the Local Government: Disciplinary Regulations for Senior Managers, 2010 ("the 2010 Regulations") shall apply. Such definition being: *"...poor work or unacceptable performance or failing to meet the required standard set for the post"*.

11.3. Should the City have reason to believe that the aforementioned definition has been met, the provisions per Chapter 3 of the 2010 Regulations and specifically the legislative process outlined in regulation 16 shall be applied.

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12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISMS FOLLOWING AN ADVERSE FINDING AND/OR OUTCOME AFTER THE SUB-STANDARD/POOR PERFORMANCE INQUIRY:

12.1. You will have the right to refer any finding and/or outcome imposed on you pursuant to the inquiry to the accredited agency in terms of the provisions of section 133 of the Labour Relations Act ("LRA").

12.2. Pre-Dismissal Arbitration

12.2.1. The Council may with your consent, request the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration ("CCMA") to conduct an arbitration into the allegations of sub-standard performance as provided in s188A of the LRA in which case the decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding subject only to review by the Labour Court.

12.3. Dispute Resolution

12.3.1. There are 3 areas of dispute resolution in the performance arena:

- a. The first is where the formal poor performance process has been triggered as per clause 10 above, which may take place at any time during the annual performance cycle, and you dispute the findings and/or outcome of the Performance evaluation. The dispute resolution processes in this instance are set out in clause 12.1 and 11.2 above.
- b. The second is where there is a dispute about the conclusion of a Performance Agreement as required by the Act and your contract of employment. In such instance the provisions of clause 12.4 below apply.
- c. The third is where you dispute the outcome of the annual performance process. In such instance the provisions of clause 12.5 below apply.

12.4. Section 57 of the Act provides that a person to be appointed as a senior manager may be appointed only subject to a separate performance agreement concluded annually which, in terms of section 57 must be concluded within a reasonable time after appointment and thereafter within one month after the beginning of the financial year of the Municipality.

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This is carried through to your contract of employment which provides in Clause 4 thereof that it is a condition precedent of your employment that you sign a performance agreement as contemplated by section 57 of the Act within 60 days after appointment and thereafter annually for the duration of your contract within one month after the beginning of each financial year failing which your appointment lapses; provided that upon good cause shown by you to the City, the appointment shall not lapse. Accordingly, should you not enter into a performance agreement within the time frames specified above your appointment shall lapse, subject to the proviso set out above.

- 12.5. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, any disputes by yourself about the outcome of your annual performance evaluation must be mediated by a member of Council provided that such member was not part of the evaluation panel provided for in regulation 27(4)(e) of the 2006 Regulations within 30 days of receipt of a formal dispute from you, whose decision shall be final and binding on the parties.

13. GENERAL

- 13.1 The contents of the Agreement and the outcome of any review conducted in terms of Annexure "A" will not be confidential for the purposes of implementing any provision of the applicable Regulations and internal purposes of the City.
- 13.2 The City undertakes not to make the employee's performance evaluation results available to the public without the prior written consent of the employee.
- 13.3 Nothing in this Agreement diminishes the obligations, duties or accountabilities of the employee in terms of his contract of employment, or the effects of existing or new Regulations, circulars, policies, directives or other instruments which are binding on the employee.

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