

BUDGET SPEECH FOR RANDFONTEIN LOCAL MUNICIPALITY. 29 MAY 2007

THE SPEAKER;

COLLEAGUES IN THE MAYORAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE;

FELLOW COUNCILLORS;

HEADS OF DEPARTMENT, OFFICIALS OF COUNCILS;

LEADERS OF VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES;

COMRADES AND FRIENDS:

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN

INTRODUCTION

MADAM SPEAKER, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO THIS HOUSE AND THE PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN THE BUDGET THAT AIMS TO UPLIFT ITS DEVELOPMENT AND PEOPLE TO HIGHER LEVELS.

MADAM SPEAKER, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT WE NEED TO DO WHEN WE ENGAGE IN THESE BUDGETARY PROCESSES IS TO ENSURE THAT OUR BUDGETS CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF OUR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

HOWEVER, ECONOMIC GROWTH WITHOUT UBUNTU IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR THIS GOVERNMENT. WE NEED TO IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF UBUNTU IN OUR DAILY PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF OUR PROGRAMS. TO DO THIS INDICATES THAT THE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES INCULCATED IN US BY OUR PARENTS AND THE SOCIETY AT LARGE ARE NOT LOST.

DURING HIS TABLING OF THE BUDGET SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT THIS YEAR, THE MINISTER OF FINANCE QUOTED BRITISH WRITER, WILL HUTTON, WHO WROTE "THE FOUNDATION OF HUMAN ASSOCIATION IS THE IDEA THAT HUMAN LIFE HAS EQUAL WORTH AND HUMAN BEINGS ARE

EQUALLY ENTITLED TO POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS WHICH ALLOW THEM TO CHOOSE A LIFE THEY HAVE REASON TO LIVE."

HE WENT ON FURTHER TO SAY, "THE IDEA, THAT HUMAN LIFE HAS EQUAL WORTH, AND THAT THIS IS THE CORE VALUE THAT UNITES US, INVITES US TO ASK WHETHER WE HAVE DONE ENOUGH TO GIVE PRACTICAL EFFECT IN SOUTH AFRICA TODAY TO OUR SHARED HUMANITY. HAVE WE ACTED IN A MANNER THAT SHOWS THAT HUMAN LIFE HAS EQUAL WORTH? OR DO WE STILL LIVE IN A SOCIETY WHERE THE SHADOW OF HISTORY DOMINATES OVER THE OPPORTUNITIES OF AN OPEN SOCIETY..."

I WOULD LIKE TO POSE THE SAME QUESTION TO YOU AS LEADERS OF RANDFONTEIN TODAY; HAVE WE DONE WHATEVER WE HAVE IN OUR POWER IN OUR PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES AS THE MUNICIPALITY TO SHOW THAT HUMAN LIFE HAS EQUAL VALUE?

I KNOW WE MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO VEHEMENTLY AFFIRM THIS. YET, THERE IS SO MUCH THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. EVERYDAY WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH THE REALITY OF POVERTY, EFFECTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF HIV AND AIDS, CRIME, AND ALL THE ECONOMIC/SOCIAL REALITIES OF OUR TIME.

IT IS OF THIS REASON THAT OUR GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER LOST SIGHT OF THE CENTRAL IMPERATIVE TO ENSURE THAT WHATEVER ELSE OUR FREEDOM WOULD MEAN, IT HAD TO ADDRESS THE FUNDAMENTAL AND CRITICAL ISSUE OF THE RESTORATION AND DEFENCE OF OUR DIGNITY AS SOUTH AFRICANS.

IF YOU CAN ALLOW ME TO BORROW FROM THE TERM THAT IS MADE POPULAR BY OUR PRESIDENT CALLED UBUNTUISM, WHICH IS THE OBJECTIVE THAT WE MUST ALL EMBRACE IN RANDFONTEIN. WE NEED TO BUILD ON THE BASICS THAT WERE PASSED ON TO US BY OUR FORE FATHERS. SO FAR WE HAVE GOVERNED AND LED THIS TOWN THROUGH LEGISLATIONS, POLICIES,

AND SOMETIMES COMMON SENSE, IT IS TIME THAT WE GO BACK TO UBUNTU FROM THE PLANNING STAGES FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF OUR STATED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

OUR POLICIES AND STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS MUST NOT FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC REALITIES THAT CONFRONT OUR PEOPLE, WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF UBUNTU.

MADAM SPEAKER, THIS BUDGET IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF THIS GOAL THAT OUR GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY IS BASED ON. IT IS ABOUT HELPING FAMILIES, ABOUT BRINGING BACK THE DIGNITY OF OUR PEOPLE, ABOUT ACHIEVING OUR TOWN'S FULL POTENTIAL, AND SHOWING A PROGRESSIVE, PEOPLE CENTERED CARING AND DEVELOPMENTAL RANDFONTEIN THAT WE ARE.

LASTLY IT IS ABOUT IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN THAT WILL MAKE GOVERNMENT WORK FOR ALL OF US.

THEREFORE, OUR PROVINCE AND SUBSEQUENTLY OUR MUNICIPALITY THROUGH THIS BUDGET THAT I AM TABLING TO YOU TODAY, TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES, IT MUST SEEK TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING PROVINCIAL OBJECTIVE:

- ❑ ENABLING FASTER ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION
- ❑ FIGHTING POVERTY AND BUILDING SAFE, SECURE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
- ❑ DEVELOPING HEALTHY, SKILLED AND PRODUCTIVE PEOPLE
- ❑ DEEPENING DEMOCRACY AND NATION BUILDING AND REALISING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF OUR PEOPLE
- ❑ BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE AND CARING GOVERNMENT.

DESPITE THE MANY CHALLENGES THAT STILL LIE AHEAD, AS THE RANDFONTEIN MUNICIPALITY WE HAVE DONE AND ARE STILL DOING EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO OUR COMMITMENTS OF NOT FAILING YOUR CONVICTION IN US.

OUR TASK AS REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT DEPLOYED BY THE ANC IS TO VEHEMENTLY ERADICATE THE LEGACY OF THE APARTHEID STATE AND REPLACE IT WITH A UNITED, NON-RACIAL, NON-SEXIST, DEMOCRATIC AND PROSPEROUS SOUTH AFRICA THAT TRULY BELONGS TO ALL WHO LIVE IN IT, AND THAT HAS UBUNTU AS THE KEY VALUE SYSTEM.

TO STRIVE FOR LESS WOULD BE UNWORTHY OF A FREE AND PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE.

MADAM SPEAKER, THIS BUDGET MUST BRING TO REALITY WORDS OF THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE FREE SOUTH AFRICA TATA MANDELA. "WE ENTER INTO A COVENANT THAT WE SHALL BUILD THE SOCIETY IN WHICH ALL SOUTH AFRICANS, BOTH BLACK AND WHITE, WILL BE ABLE TO WALK TALL, WITHOUT ANY FEAR IN THEIR HEARTS, ASSURED OF THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO HUMAN DIGNITY."

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

MADAM SPEAKER; THE SPIRIT OF THE ERA OF HOPE STILL PERSISTS AMONG OUR PEOPLE, THIS SPIRIT IS LARGELY STRENGTHENED BY THE HEALTHY PERFORMANCE OF THE COUNTRY AND PROVINCIAL ECONOMIES.

SO FAR, OUR COUNTRY IS EXPERIENCING THE LONGEST POST WAR ECONOMIC UPSWING. YET THIS IS STILL DIFFICULT TO CONVERT INTO QUALITATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE JOBS FOR OUR PEOPLE. THE CORPORATE SECTOR IS MAKING PROFIT MARGINS OF UP TO MORE THAN REQUIRED EXPECTATIONS AND THIS IN ITSELF SHOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF NEW BUSINESS INVESTMENTS AND EXPANSION. YET OUR PEOPLE ARE STILL DEMANDING JOBS FROM GOVERNMENT.

PROVINCE WIDE, WE CONTINUE HIGHER LEVELS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF SIGNIFICANCE IS THAT THE SUSTAINED GROWTH OF THE PROVINCIAL ECONOMY HAS RESULTED IN THE CREATION OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND A REDUCTION IN

UNEMPLOYMENT. YET THE PEOPLE OF RANDFONTEIN ARE STILL AGGRIEVED ABOUT JOBLESSNESS AND DEMAND THESE JOBS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY.

WITH THE CURRENT FOCUS INTERVENTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE TEAM IN THE UPWARD DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TOWN AND ITS PEOPLE, WE ARE BOUND TO EXPERIENCE CONCRETE GROWTH RATE, PARTICULARLY ON MARKETING TOURISM. SHOULD WE ACHIEVE THIS, WE WILL CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY IN THE TARGET SET BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF GROWING THE ECONOMY AT A RATE OF 8% BY 2014.

BY DOING THIS, WE WILL HAVE ADDED IN THE STRENGTHENING OF EFFORTS AIMED AT POSITIONING GAUTENG AS A GATE WAY TO THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION AND BECOMING THE ECONOMIC HUB OF AFRICA. FURTHER, AS THE REGION WE WOULD HAVE TAKEN A STEP IN THE EFFORTS OF MAKING GAUTENG A GLOBAL CITY REGION AS ANTICIPATED BY OUR MOVEMENT AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

ACHIEVEMENTS

THE OVERWHELMING CONFIDENCE PLACED ON OUR SHOULDERS BY THE VOTERS LAST YEAR IN MARCH AS POLITICIANS, AND IN TURN, THE RESPONSIBILITY WE AS POLITICIANS PLACE ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE SHOWN BY APPOINTING THE SENIOR STAFF LEVELS, ARE SOME OF THE CRITICAL FACTORS THAT PUT ALL OF US IN GOOD STEAD TO TACKLE THE CHALLENGES WE FACE AS THE MUNICIPALITY TO COMPREHENSIVELY RESPOND TO THE GENUINE HOPE OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN.

ALREADY IN THE YEAR SINCE OUR RE-ELECTION, WE HAVE MADE CONSIDERABLE AND TANGIBLE PROGRESS IN REACTING TO THESE HOPES. THESE ARE:

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPHERE IS THE FACILITATOR AND COORDINATOR OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN OUR MUNICIPALITIES. HOWEVER, WE ARE ALL BOUND BY THE HOUSING ACT, 1997 (NO. 107 OF 1997). WITHIN THE HOUSING ACT, "HOUSING DEVELOPMENT" IS DEFINED AS:

"THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF HABITABLE, STABLE AND SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENTS TO ENSURE VIABLE HOUSEHOLDS AND COMMUNITIES IN AREAS ALLOWING CONVENIENT ACCESS TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, AND TO HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL AMENITIES IN WHICH ALL CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THE REPUBLIC WILL, ON A PROGRESSIVE BASIS, HAVE ACCESS TO."

GONE ARE THE DAYS WHERE PEOPLE ARE PLACED AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE TO DEVELOPMENT, AS GAUTENG IN OUR FIVE YEAR STRATEGY IDENTIFIED:

"BUILDING OF HOUSES AND NEW COMMUNITIES ON WELL LOCATED LAND AND PROMOTE GREATER LEVELS OF DENSIFICATION AND URBAN REGENERATION, INFILL OF EXISTING SETTLEMENTS AND MIXED INCOME AND LAND USE PATTERNS".

AS PRIORITY ACTION AND PROGRAMME THAT WE MUST IMPLEMENT OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS. RANDFONTEIN, IN KEEPING WITH THE LAW, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVINCIAL STRATEGY HAS:

- COMPLETED THE PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR MIXED DEVELOPMENT OF MIDDELVLEI AND DROOGEHEUWEL.
- WE HAVE SECURED FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TOP STRUCTURE FOR THE HOUSES IN MOHLAKENG EXT 7 AND 8
- WE HAVE A COMMITMENT FROM THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF HOSTELS.

- WE HAVE STARTED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL ADDRESS MATTERS OF LANDLESSNESS, INCLUDING LAND INVASIONS AND EVICTIONS.

INFRASTRUCTURE:

MADAM SPEAKER,

WHEN THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, HONOURABLE THOKO DIDIZA, DURING HER VISIT IN OUR TOWN LAST YEAR, SHE ALLUDED TO THE REALITIES THAT WE FACE AS THE TOWN WHEN SHE ASSERTED "TODAY LIKE MOST MUNICIPALITIES, THE GREATER RANDFONTEIN MUST CONTEND WITH THE EFFECTS OF APARTHEID, SOCIAL PLANNING AND FINANCIAL ALLOCATION WITH A LOPSIDED ECONOMY AND A DEFICIENT SOCIAL PLAN CHARACTERIZED BY BACKLOGS IN INFRASTRUCTURE PROCUREMENT AND MAINTENANCE, HOUSING, UNEMPLOYMENT AND HIGH PREVALENCE OF HIV AND AIDS."

TO ADDRESS THIS REALITY THAT THE MINISTER REFERS TO, WE HAD TO FAST TRACK INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AS WE REALIZED THAT THESE PROJECTS PLAY AN ENABLING ROLE IN THE CREATION OF GOOD ENVIRONMENT FOR CREATION OF NEW BUSINESS AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE OLD ONE, AND ALLEVIATION OF POVERTY AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIONS WE TOOK:

- COMMENCED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF BULK WATER SUPPLY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MIDDELVLEI AND DROOGEHEUWEL
- INSTALLED THE BULK WATER AND SEWER FOR THE BADIRILE RURAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT;
- OVER THE LAST YEAR GRAVELED 20 AGRICULTURAL HOLDING ROADS.
- AS PART OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR GREENING OUR TOWN, WE HAVE COMPLETED PRUNING OF TREES IN THE ENTIRE RANDFONTEIN AND WE WILL SHORTLY BEGIN WITH PLANTING OF TREES IN MOHLAKENG AND TOEKOMSRUS.

PUBLIC SAFETY

MADAM SPEAKER,
CRIME IS INCREASINGLY BECOMING A CHALLENGE THAT ALL OF US IN THE SOCIETY NEED TO CONFRONT IN A CALM AND COMPREHENSIVE MANNER. LIKE HIV AND AIDS, THIS GOVERNMENT PERCEIVES CRIME AS A SOCIAL ISSUE AND ENGAGES WITH ALL ITS MANIFESTATIONS IN THAT BROAD YET DECISIVE MANNER. AS PART OF OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHT AGAINST THE SCOURGE OF CRIME WE HAVE:

- HELD NUMEROUS MEETINGS WITH OUR KEY STAKEHOLDERS LIKE THE TAXI INDUSTRY, SAPS AND THE PROVINCE TO AVERT WHAT COULD BECOME A POTENTIAL CRIME SITUATION.
- HELD JOINT OPERATIONS WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF FATALITIES THAT ARE CAUSED BY COLLISIONS AND ACCIDENTS.
- WE HAVE PUT IN THIS BUDGET THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONTROL ROOM SO THAT WE CAN ASSESS AND MONITOR CRIME AS IT TAKES PLACE IN OUR TOWN.
- FURTHER, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DISTRICT, WE WILL START THE FIRST PHASE OF INSTALLING CCTVS AT MAJOR INTERSECTIONS WITH THE INTENTION OF REDUCING CRIME.
- THIS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE WITH THE FITTING OF STOP SIGNS AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT INTERSECTIONS TO CURB ROAD ACCIDENTS.

FINANCE

MADAM SPEAKER,
ONE OF OUR KEY OBJECTIVES AS THE RANDFONTEIN LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IS TO “CREATE A DEMOCRATIC AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT”.

WE HAVE IN THE LAST YEARS THAT WE HAVE BEEN IN GOVERNMENT, DEALT WITH CORRUPTION AND UN-DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES VERY DECISIVELY AND HARSHLY. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE FACT THAT INTENTIONALLY OR MAYBE SUBCONSCIOUSLY THERE IS NO EXISTING STATISTICAL INSTRUMENT TO MEASURE OUR PROGRESS, WE HAVE SEEMED TO HAVE FAILED.

WE THEREFORE NEED TO FINALISE THE RANDFONTEIN MUNICIPALITY'S ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENT IT. THIS WILL RESOLUTELY DEMONSTRATE ZERO-TOLERANCE TOWARDS FRAUD AND CORRUPTION BY OUR STAFF MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

AS MUCH AS WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS DEPARTMENT IS ONE OF THE KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIES TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY, IT HAS BECOME IMPORTANT THAT IN OUR QUEST FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, WE BECOME SENSITIVE TO UBUNTUISM THAT WE SPOKE ABOUT EARLIER.

WE ALL AGREE THAT WE NEED TO BE FIRM IN IMPLEMENTING THE LEGISLATION AND POLICIES OF GOVERNMENT IN THE RUNNING OF THE MUNICIPALITY, BUT IN DOING SO WE HAVE A HEART. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE A HISTORY, AND WE ALWAYS ADHERE TO THE VALUES OF A CARING GOVERNMENT.

SINCE THE FINANCE DIRECTORATE IS OUR FACE TO THE PUBLIC, WE HAVE DONE ALL POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR PEOPLE PLACED IN THAT DIRECTORATE COMPLY AND IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF BATHO PELE WITH NO COMPROMISE OR PREJUDICE.

KEEPING UP TO THE VALUES OF UBUNTU AND THE FACILITATION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ALLEVIATING POVERTY, WE HAVE DONE THE FOLLOWING IN THIS DEPARTMENT:

- SPEEDY REGISTRATION AND VERIFICATION OF THE INDIGENT HOUSEHOLDS WITH THE INTENTION OF BRINGING HELP WHEN IT IS NEEDED.
- EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED SUPPLY CHAIN PROCEDURES TO BE ALIGNED WITH THE NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL OBJECTIVES TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO THE CALL OF LEVELED ECONOMIC GROWTH.
- WE HAVE REVISED THE CREDIT CONTROL POLICY TO ALIGN IT WITH THE LEGISLATION TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE KEY AREAS OF UBUNTU.

- TAKING FULL COGNIZANCE THAT THIS BUDGET MUST ALLOW FOR GROWTH, BOTH THAT OF THE TOWN AND THE INDIVIDUAL LIVING IN THE TOWN, WE HAVE REVIEWED THE BILLING SYSTEM TO ALLOW FOR THIS GROWTH.
- ADJUSTED THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY AND PROCESSES AND FUNCTION TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO THE CALL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH WITH UBUNTU VALUES.

SOCIAL SERVICES

MADAM SPEAKER,

DEFEATING THE SCOURGE OF POVERTY IS ONE OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S MANDATE AND THE PRIORITY OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT POVERTY IS THE RESULT OF A LACK OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AND RESULTING HIGH LEVELS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND INDIRECTLY CRIME.

IT IS ENABLED BY POOR HEALTH AND SKILLS LEVELS AND THE ONGOING APARTHEID SETTLEMENT PATTERNS WHICH LEAVE THE MOST POOR ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF OUR TOWNS, FAR FROM ECONOMIC OPORTUNITIES.

WE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PROVINCE, STRIVE TO PROVIDE GOOD HEALTH AND EDUCATION TO OUR COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THAT PROVISION OF THESE IS CRITICAL ROUTE OUT OF POVERTY, RESTORATION OF DIGNITY AND FULFILMENT OF THE TRUE OBJECTIVE OF OUR FREEDOM.

AS THE MUNICIPALITY IN THE PAST YEAR HAVE EMBARKED ON THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS TO REINSTATE AND ADDRESS THESE FUNDAMENTALS:

- WE HAVE MADE SURE THAT RURAL COMMUNITIES HAVE ACCESS TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE BY PROVIDING MOBILE CLINICS.

- WE HAVE DEDICATED SENIOR NURSES TO MANAGE HEALTH FACILITIES.
- WE HAVE, IN ALIGNING OURSELVES WITH BATHO PELE PRINCIPLES; IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT OF CLEANLINESS IN OUR HEALTH FACILITIES, IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY INTO OUR FACILITIES AND ARE ADDRESSING PATIENT'S COMPLAINTS WITHIN 3 DAYS,
- THROUGH GIRLS AND YOUNG MEN DIALOGUES, WE HAVE CAPACITATED YOUTH AGAINST TEENAGE PREGNANCY, HIV AND AIDS AND CRIME.
- WE HAVE COMPILED A LIST OF CHILD AND GRANNY HEADED HOUSEHOLDS WITH THE INTENTION OF MAKING INTERVENTIONS TO ALLEVIATE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STRAINS THAT THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH.
- THIS YEAR WILL SEE THE EXECUTION OF A PLAN THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON TO BUILD TWO EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENTRES IN MOHLAKENG.
- MADAM SPEAKER, WE HAVE VIGOROUSLY RESUMED OUR STRATEGY FOR MANAGEMENT OF HIV/AIDS WHICH INCLUDED PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT.
- LASTLY, WE HAVE COMPLETED THE STADIUM AT TOEKOMSRUS TO BE UTILIZED BY THE COMMUNITY.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION,

MADAM SPEAKER,

WE, IN OUR CONTINUOUS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS FOR THE LAST YEAR, INCLUDING THE RECENT PEOPLES ASSEMBLY AND THE BUILD UP TO IT WHICH WAS CALLED STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION THAT TOOK PLACE OVER TWO WEEKS, ARE ON OUR WAY TO ENSURE THAT DEMOCRACY IS ALIVE AND THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF OUR PEOPLE ARE REALIZED.

GENERAL

WE HAVE FURTHER ENGAGED THE MORE SOPHISTICATED METHOD BY IMPROVING THE DESIGN OF OUR WEBSITE TO INCLUDE EVERYONE IN THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

OUR EFFORTS TO POSITION RANDFONTEIN AS AN ALTERNATIVE DESTINATION FOR ALTERNATIVE COMPETITIVE SPORT DURING THE SOCCER FEVER OF 2010 ARE BEARING FRUIT.

IN A FEW WEEKS, THE EXECUTIVE IS MEETING THE LAFARGE CEMENT COMPANY, THEY ARE GOING TO OPEN A FACTORY IN OUR SHORES. THIS WILL TRANSLATE TO MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PEOPLE.

CHALLENGES

MADAM SPEAKER,

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY, IT HAS NOT BEEN EASY ACCOMPLISHING THE GOALS THAT WE SET OURSELVES. WE HAVE FACED NUMEROUS CHALLENGES FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL, INCLUDING AREAS THAT ARE BEYOND OUR CONTROL. I WOULD LIKE TO NAME BUT A FEW CHALLENGES THAT CAUSED DELAYS IN THE SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN WE HAD LAST YEAR:

- BUREAUCRATIC PROCESSES AND PERCEIVED UNNECESSARY RED TAPE POSED BY OUR SISTER DEPARTMENTS AT TIMES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, SEEMED TO BE THE MAJOR OBSTACLES IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF JOINT PROGRAMS.
- SOMETIMES OUR OWN PEOPLE, STAND AS STUMBLING BLOCKS TO NEW DEVELOPMENT. THEY ABUSE THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION AND DEMAND INDIVIDUAL PROFIT ON PROJECTS, THIS DELAYS DEVELOPMENT.
- LASTLY OUR STAFF, SOME KNOWINGLY, OTHER NOT APPRECIATING THAT THEIR NEGATIVE ACTIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AFFECTS SERVICE DELIVERY.

OPERATING EXPENDITURE

THE 2007/2008 WILL BE COMPILED IN TERMS OF CHAPTER FOUR OF THE MFMA.

THE PROJECTED OVERALL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE 2007/2008 FINANCIAL YEAR WILL BE AS FOLLOWS :-

PROJECTED BILLING INCOME	-	R336,788,200
LESS : PROJECTED WORKING CAPITAL RESERVE	-	R 40,984,000
PROJECTED REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED	-	R295,804,200

THE OPERATING EXPENDITURE BUDGETED FOR THE 2007/2008 WILL BE R295,804,200 BASED ON REVENUE REALISTICALLY EXPECTED TO BE COLLECTED.

AN INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON ANY CASH SURPLUSES. IF THERE ARE CASH SURPLUSES THE ALLOCATION WILL BE DONE BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR (CHAPTER 7 & 8 OF THE MFMA).

THE PROPOSED OVERALL, OPERATING BUDGET ALLOCATION PER VOTE (DIRECTORATE) WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:-

COUNCIL GENERAL	-	R 25,856.3
MUNICIPAL MANAGER	-	R 7,123.6
FINANCE	-	R 16,946.4
CORPORATE SERVICES	-	R 13,068.0
SOCIAL SERVICES	-	R 19,198.7
LICENSING & TRAFFIC	-	R 16,996.6
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING	-	R 10,124.9
INFRASTRUCTURE	-	R186,489.7
		R295,804.2

THE ABOVE INDICATIVE FIGURE INCLUDES ALL COSTS FOR EACH DIRECTORATE.

THE PROPOSED APPROACH IS AS FOLLOWS:-

- (I) PERSONNEL COSTS TO BE ADJUSTED IN LINE WITH AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED BETWEEN UNIONS AND SALGA, (HUMAN RESOURCES TO ASSIST).

- (II) BULK SUPPLIERS COSTS WERE ADJUSTED IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGE INCREASE AS PUBLISHED BY EACH SUPPLIER.
- (III) OTHER GENERAL EXPENDITURE WERE MOTIVATED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF ZERO BASED BUDGETING.
- (IV) ALL EXPENDITURE ITEMS WHICH ARE NOT WITHIN THE CONTROL OF THE MUNICIPALITY WILL BE ALLOCATED IN TERMS OF THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF THAT ITEM OF EXPENDITURE.

THE ALLOCATION AS CAPTURED ABOVE WILL BE ADJUSTED BY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS THE PROVINCIALISATION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES. THIS IS EXPECTED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR ACCELERATED SERVICE DELIVERY. IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT DID NOT SUBSIDIZE HEALTH SERVICES FULLY. THE PORTION THAT WAS CONTRIBUTED BY THE RANDFONTEIN LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, SHOULD BE CHANNELLED TOWARDS ACCELERATED SERVICE DELIVERY .

ALL DIRECTORS MUST OBTAIN INFORMATION ON GRANTS THAT WERE RECEIVED FOR INCLUSION IN THE BUDGET.

ANY MONEY THAT WILL BE RECEIVED THAT IS NOT IN THE BUDGET WILL NOT BE USED UNTIL A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL IS OBTAINED TO USE THAT MONEY AND THE BUDGET IS ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY.

DIRECTORS MUST USE THE ADJUSTMENT BUDGET TO COMPUTE THE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE 2007/2008 BUDGET. EXTRAORDINARY ALLOCATIONS IN THE ADJUSTMENT BUDGET MUST NOT BE EXTRAPOLATED IN THE 2007/2008 BUDGET.

THE 2007/2008 BUDGET WILL BE TARGETED TOWARDS VISIBLE ACCELERATED SERVICE DELIVERY. IT THEREFORE MEANS THAT VISIBLE ACCELERATED SERVICE DELIVERY WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY IN THE PRIORITIZATION OF THE 2007/2008 BUDGET.

DIRECTORS ALSO ENSURED THAT THEIR BUDGET REQUESTS WERE IN THE IDP AS WELL AS IN THE SDBIP IN TERMS OF THE INPUTS OF THE STRATEGIC WORKSHOP. THIS WILL ASSIST IN STREAMLINING STRATEGIC PLANNING AND OPERATIONS.

THE TARIFFS OF THE MAIN SERVICES WILL BE DONE BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR FINANCE.

CAPITAL BUDGET

THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE 2007/2008 WILL BE FUNDED AS FOLLOWS:-

MIG GRANTS

DPLG GRANTS

PROVINCIAL GRANTS

COUNCIL'S OWN CONTRIBUTIONS

WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF ALL GRANTS WERE OBTAINED BEFORE PROJECTS COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET FROM THE PROVIDERS OF THE GRANTS.

COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDED COUNTER FUNDING AS WELL AS REQUESTS FROM THE POLITICAL OFFICES AND DIRECTORS. ALL CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS WERE BE PRIORITIZED OVER THE MTEF TO FACILITATE MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE PLANNING.

CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR: R14,663,400 – COUNCIL'S FUNDING AND R42,619,300 – GRANTS. TOTAL

TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET - R57,282,700

INFRASTRUCTURE:

DIRECTORATE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS R000
MIDDELVLEI BULK WATER	5,850.0
ZUURBEKOM LINK ROAD RETENTION MONEY	20.0
REPLACEMENT OF BULK METERS	617.0
TELEMETRY SYSTEM – BADIRILE RESERVOIR	20.0
CONSTRUCTION – LAFARGE SUBSTATION	17,000.0
BADIRILE BULK SEWER	6,561.9
REFURBISHMENT ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	750.0
EQUIPMENT	1,218.0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	5.0
SHIFT SYSTEM – FENCING – CHANGE ROOMS	270.0
VECTOR MACHINE	1,500.0
REFURBISHMENT OF COUNCIL BUILDINGS	800.0
RESURFACING OF ROADS	4,000.0
CHANGE HOUSE FOR DUMPING SITE	250.0
REGRAVEL OF ROADS	320.0
REFURBISHMENT OF MOHLAKENG EXT. 7 ELECTRICITY	1,000.0
IMPLEMENTATION ELECTRICITY MASTER PLAN	200.0
HIGHMAST LIGHTS PEACE HAVEN	280.0
HIGHMAST ZENZELE	600.0

SOCIAL SERVICES

DIRECTORATE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS R000
UPGRADING – FINSBURY HALL / SPORTSGROUNDS	200.0
TOEKOMSRUS MULTI PURPOSE SPORTS COMPLEX	5,911.0
TOEKOMSRUS STADIUM – PHASE 2	1,200.0
UPGRADING – LIBRARY EQUIPMENT	10.0

MOHLAKENG INDOOR SPORTS FACILITY EQUIPMENT	90.0
FENCING – KOCKSOORD CLINIC	150.0
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	100.0
FENCING – RANDGATE HALL	200.0
UPGRADING – LIBRARIES	700.0
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE	2,000.0

PUBLIC SAFETY

DIRECTORATE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS R000
FENCING	72.0
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	100.0
FIREARMS	80.0

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND LED

DIRECTORATE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS R000
BUSINESS HIVES – VILLAGE STR – RETENTION MONEY	98.7
BUSINESS HIVES – TOEKOMSRUS – RETENTION MONEY	66.6
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT PLUS GIS PLOTTER	250.0
OSAMAC PHASE 2	3,000.0

COUNCIL & EXECUTIVE

DIRECTORATE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS R000
UPGRADING FACILITIES	50.0

EXECUTIVE MAYOR

DIRECTORATE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS R000
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	50.0

SPEAKER

DIRECTORATE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS R000
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	50.0

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

DIRECTORATE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS R000
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	50.0

CORPORATE SUPPORT SERVICES

DIRECTORATE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS R000
FURNITURE EQUIPMENT	50.0
CLEANING EQUIPMENT	92.5
IT DEPARTMENT – COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	1,000.0

FINANCE

DIRECTORATE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS R000
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT & METER READING EQUIPMENT	450.0

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (A) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR REGARDING THE 2007/2008 BUDGET AND THE 2008/2009 AND 2009/2010 MEDIUM TERM FORECASTS;
- (B) THAT A CAPITAL BUDGET AS CAPTURED HEREUNDER BE APPROVED:
- I. R14,663,400 – COUNCIL'S OWN FUNDING
 - II. R42,619,300 – GRANTS
- (C) THAT THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2006/2007 BE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:
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| ✓ | INCOME (R000) | : | R336,788,200 |
| ✓ | EXPENDITURE (R000) | | R336,788,200 |
- (D) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THAT A WORKING CAPITAL RESERVE OF R40,984,000 HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR TO CATER FOR THE PORTION OF BILLING THAT IS EXPECTED NOT BE COLLECTED.
- (E) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THAT WORKING CAPITAL VISION WILL BE ADJUSTED WITH IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COLLECTION LEVELS;
- (F) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THEREOF THAT A MEDIUM TERM BUDGET 2008/2009 AND 2009/2010 HAS BEEN COMPILED AS PART OF THIS REPORT;
- (G) THAT IN ORDER TO ENABLE COUNCIL TO MEET THE BUDGETED EXPENDITURE OF R336,788,200 AND NOT TO HAVE A DEFICIT, THE FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENTS AND TARIFFS BE APPROVED;
- (I) THAT THE TARIFFS FOR REFUSE REMOVAL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/2008 BE INCREASED BY 6% EXCLUDING VALUE ADDED TAX;

- THAT REFUSE REMOVAL SERVICES BE RENDERED FREE OF CHARGE TO REGISTERED INDIGENTS;
 - THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THEREOF THAT THE PROPOSED TARIFF ADJUSTMENTS ARE PART OF THIS REPORT.
- (II) THAT THE TARIFFS FOR BASIC SEWERAGE AND ADDITIONAL SEWERAGE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/2008 BE INCREASED BY 6%, EXCLUDING VALUE ADDED TAX;
- THAT THE SEWERAGE SERVICES BE RENDERED FREE OF CHARGE TO REGISTERED INDIGENTS;
 - THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THEREOF THAT THE PROPOSED SEWERAGE TARIFFS ARE PART OF THIS REPORT.
- (III) THAT THE TARIFFS FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/2008 BE INCREASED BY 6% BASED ON A STEPPED TARIFF BASIS, EXCLUDING VALUE ADDED TAX;
- THAT THE 6KL FREE BASIC WATER BE ACCORDED FOR ALL DOMESTIC CONSUMERS OF RANDFONTEIN;
 - THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THEREOF THAT THE PROPOSED WATER TARIFFS ARE PART OF THIS REPORT.
- (IV) THAT THE ELECTRICITY TARIFFS FOR THE 2007/2008 FINANCIAL YEAR BE INCREASED BY 6,45% SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE NERSA, BE PROMULGATED AND IMPLEMENTED, EXCLUDING VALUE ADDED TAX. INDUSTRIAL USERS USING MORE THAN 1,000 KVA'S BE GIVEN A VOLTAGE DISCOUNT OF 4%;

- THAT THE 50 KWH FREE BASIC ELECTRICITY BE ACCORDED TO ALL DOMESTIC CONSUMERS OF RANDFONTEIN;
 - THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THEREOF THAT THE PROPOSED ELECTRICITY TARIFFS ARE PART OF THIS REPORT;
 - THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THEREOF THAT PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE IN THE TARIFF FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE NERSA.
- (V) THAT THE TARIFF THAT WILL BE APPROVED BY NERSA BE IMPLEMENTED.
- (VI) THAT IN TERMS OF *SECTIONS 21(1), 21(2), 21(3)(A)* OF THE *ORDINANCE 11 OF 1977* AS AMENDED, A GENERAL RATE OF 17,4C (SEVENTEEN COMMA FOUR CENTS) IN THE RAND ON THE SITE VALUE OR ANY RIGHT IN LAND BE APPROVED;
- (VI) (I) THAT IN TERMS OF *SECTION 21(4)* OF THE SAID ORDINANCE, A REBATE OF THE GENERAL RATE LEVIED ON THE SITE VALUE OF LAND OR ANY RIGHT IN LAND REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (VI) ABOVE, OF 30% IS GRANTED IN RESPECT OF LAND WHICH IS ZONED IN TERMS OF THE TOWN PLANNING SCHEME FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES OR WHICH IS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES;
- (II) THAT IN TERMS OF *SECTION 21(4)* OF THE SAID ORDINANCE, A FURTHER REBATE OF 20% BE GRANTED IN RESPECT OF LAND WHICH IS ZONED IN TERMS OF THE TOWN PLANNING SCHEME AS RESIDENTIAL 1 WHICH IS 500M² OR LESS IN SIZE AND THAT IN TERMS OF *SECTION 21(5)* OF THE SAID ORDINANCE THE APPROVAL OF THE PREMIER OF GAUTENG BE OBTAINED FOR AN ADDITIONAL REBATE OF 20%;
- (VII) THAT IN TERMS OF *SECTION 21(4)* OF THE SAID ORDINANCE, A REBATE OF THE GENERAL RATE LEVIED ON THE SITE VALUE OF LAND OR ANY RIGHT IN LAND

REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (VI), OF 30% IS GRANTED IN RESPECT OF LAND WHICH IS ZONED IN TERMS OF THE TOWN PLANNING SCHEME FOR AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS OR WHICH IS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR AGRICULTURE BE APPROVED;

- (VIII) THAT THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT RATES MENTIONED IN (VI) SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE ON 1 JULY 2007 AND SHALL, IN TERMS OF SECTION 26 OF ORDINANCE 11 OF 1977, BE PAYABLE IN TWELVE EQUAL MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE MONTH FOR WHICH THE LEVY HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RATES ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY WHICH ARE LEVIED YEARLY AND PAYABLE IN A SINGLE AMOUNT;
- (IX) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THEREOF THAT THE TARIFF FOR ASSESSMENT RATES HAS BEEN INCREASED BY 6% FOR THE BUDGETARY PERIOD 2007/2008.
- (H) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THEREOF THAT THE CURRENT VALUATION ROLL BE EXTENDED FOR TWELVE MONTHS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING ASSESSMENT RATES;
- (I) THAT SUNDRY TARIFFS BE ADJUSTED AS PER THE ATTACHED 'ANNEXURE ".."' AND THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THEREOF THAT ALL TARIFFS ARE EXCLUSIVE OF VALUE ADDED TAX;
- (J) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THAT ALL TARIFFS ARE EXCLUSIVE OF VALUE ADDED TAX;
- (K) THAT INTEREST AS IT IS CHARGED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICES FROM TIME TO TIME BE CHARGEABLE ON ALL ACCOUNTS IN ARREARS IN RESPECT OF CURRENT ACCOUNTS AFTER THE DUE DATE OF THE ACCOUNT;

- (L) THAT ALL RATEPAYERS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE ACCOUNTS BE ADVISED TO INFORM THE FINANCE DIRECTORATE, AS THE NON-RECEIPT OF ACCOUNTS DOES NOT RELIEVE THEM FROM A LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT;
- (M) THAT THE TARIFF INCREASES BE ADVERTISED AND PUBLISHED IN TERMS OF THE *MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO 56 OF 2003)*;
- (N) THAT ALL DOMESTIC CONSUMERS RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE:
- I. WATER - 6KL BASIC WATER FREE
 - II. ELECTRICITY - 50 KWH BASIC ELECTRICITY FREE
- AND THAT THIS BE REFLECTED ON THE BILLS
- (O) THAT PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE IN THE BUDGET FOR SALARY INCREASES AND INCREASES AS APPROVED BY THE BARGAINING COUNCIL BE IMPLEMENTED WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JULY 2007;
- (P) THE RAND FOR RAND PRINCIPLE WILL CONTINUE INTO THE 2007/2008 BUDGET YEAR;
- (R) THAT THE GRANT AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR FOSTER CARE SHOULD NOT FORM PART OF THE TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR INDIGENT STATUS.
- (S) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THAT AN AMOUNT OF R750,000 HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET.
- (T) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THAT AN AMOUNT OF R800,000 HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL BUILDINGS IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET.
- (U) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THAT AN AMOUNT OF R4,000,000 HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR RESURFACING OF ROADS IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET.

- (V) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THAT AN AMOUNT OF R320,000 HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE REGRAVELLING OF ROADS.
- (W) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THAT AN AMOUNT OF R1,000,000 HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS IN MOHLAKENG EXT 7.
- (X) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THAT AN AMOUNT OF R280,000 HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR HIGH MAST LIGHTS IN PEACE HAVEN.
- (Y) THAT COGNIZANCE BE TAKEN THAT AN AMOUNT OF R600,000 HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR HIGH MAST LIGHTS IN ZENZELE.

IN CONCLUSION I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER, ACTING DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ALL DIRECTORS WHO HAVE MADE THIS BUDGET COMPILATION PROCESS A SUCCESS. ALSO ALL COUNCILLORS WHO RESPONDED TO THE CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE SPEECH, IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

I THANK YOU