



STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES

OF THE

SPECIAL COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON

26 August 2025

09:05 am

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON TUESDAY,
26 AUGUST 2025 AT 09:05**

PRESENT

Cllr ST Mathunyane (Chairperson)	Ald SM Mogola
Cllr PM Masilela	Cllr LS Qoka
Cllr CS Mashiloane	Ald GHE Romijn
Cllr BC Shabangu	Cllr CM Soko - arrived at 09:08
Cllr LE Nkwana	Ald A Struwig
Cllr MC Mphego	Cllr DA Stuurman
Cllr ZJ Ngubeni	Cllr AO Thabatha - arrived at 09:08
Cllr MG Amigo – arrived at 09:12	Cllr DJ van der Merwe
Cllr I Mahlangu – arrived at 09:07	Cllr EW Vermooten
Cllr PV Malinga	Ald S Wait
Cllr ME Nyambi	Cllr N Bottoman
Cllr WMM Phetla - arrived at 09:07	Cllr A Chego
Cllr LN Magagula	Cllr OA Cossa
Cllr ML Shabangu	Cllr EP Mahlangu
Ald J Skosana	Cllr P Malinga
Cllr JM Shongwe	Cllr JN Mthombeni
Cllr PE Williams	Cllr NT Tshoane
Cllr LJN Zondo	Cllr BC Mashabela
Cllr SW Zulu - arrived at 09:14	Cllr NZO Motla
Cllr P Mnisi	Cllr H Uys
Cllr E M Bruiners	Cllr MC Skosana
Cllr HG de Klerk	Cllr JC Haarhoff – left at 11:38
Ald J Dyason	Cllr J Mentz
Ald AS Grobler	Cllr TR Mpye
Cllr CS Smith	
Ald HF Niemann	
Ald P Mobango	

ABSENT

Cllr JF Sithole

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OFFICIALS

Mr SM Mnguni (Municipal Manager)
Ms D Philip (Acting Chief Administrative Officer)
Ms P Japal (Clerk Grade 2)

Temporary absence from the meeting in terms of Section 45(2)(c)

Name of Councillor	1		
	From	To	Item
Cllr DA Stuurman	10:30	caucus	SC12/08/2025
Cllr AO Thabatha	10:30	caucus	SC12/08/2025

1 **OPENING**

The Speaker welcomed everyone, requested that a moment of silence be observed and declared the meeting open.

2. **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

2.1 Application for leave of absence in terms of Section 13 (1) of the Rules of Order

2.1.1 **THAT** note be taken that Cllr GNB Mathibela and Cllr J Segage have applied for leave of absence due to other obligations and their applications were approved.

2.2 Application for leave of absence in terms of Section 13 (2) of the Rules of Order

2.2.1 **THAT** note be taken that Cllr CJ Wolmarans, Cllr MJ Mapheto and Ald MJ Sekgwele have applied for leave of absence due to other obligations and their applications were approved.

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None

4. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

With the consideration of point 4 on the Agenda, Cllr ZJ Ngubeni requested a caucus period and was granted by the Speaker from 09:14 to 09:51.

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NON DELEGATED POWERS

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SC12/08/2025

FORENSIC INVESTIGATION INTO THE NEW MHLUZI INTAKE SUBSTATION

5/14/2/4 (K)

With the consideration of this matter, the Municipal Manager informed Council that Paragraph 4 as well as the recommendation by the Municipal Manager on the report be withdrawn.

Cllr LE Nkwana submitted the following proposal which was seconded by Cllr CS Mashiloane:

- "- THE REPORT BE REJECTED BY COUNCIL AND WE REGARD IT AS IRREGULAR & WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE – AND CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT MUST KICK IN
- AND THAT THE SUB-STATION BE ELECTRIFIED BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER
- THIS IS AN INCOMPLETE REPORT NEVER GIVEN EVERYONE AN OPPORTUNITY

(sic)"

Ald P Mobango then submitted the following counter proposal which was seconded by Ald HF Niemann:

"That Council resolves as per annexure PM 1, to be read and incorporated as a council resolution

RECOMMENDATIONS BY COUNCIL

After taking into consideration the contents of the Forensic Report presented by Mgiba Consulting, Council resolves to adopt the following recommendations:

CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 **THAT** the accounting officer, Initiate disciplinary proceedings against all implicated officials in terms of the Disciplinary Regulations for Senior Managers and applicable HR policies.
- 1.2 **THAT** the accounting officer refers criminal matters to the South African Police Services (SAPS) and/or the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks).
- 1.3 **THAT** the accounting officer is to Blacklist implicated service providers in accordance with National Treasury guidelines and SCM policy.
- 1.4 **THAT** the accounting officer is to Recover financial losses through civil litigation and/or asset forfeiture proceedings.

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GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE REFORM

- 1.5 **THAT COUNCIL** is to Review and strengthen SCM controls, including mandatory conflict of interest declarations and rotation of Bid Evaluation Committee members and the Bid Adjudication Committee members.
- 1.6 **THAT** the accounting officer is to investigate the possible implementation of a digital contract management system with audit trails and automated alerts for non-compliance if one does not yet exist.
- 1.7 **THAT** the Accounting Officer is to facilitate and oversee and conduct quarterly forensic audits on high-risk projects and report findings to the Oversight Committee such as MPAC and Council if and when necessary.
- 1.8 **THAT** Council is to establish a whistleblower protection framework and ethics hotline to encourage anonymous reporting.

REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT

- 1.9 **THAT** the Accounting officer must submit a progress report at bi-monthly Council Sitting starting from September 2025 meeting, detailing implementation of consequence management actions.
- 1.10 **THAT** the MPAC Committee shall monitor compliance and escalate non-performance to Council.
- 1.11 **THAT** a follow-up forensic review shall be commissioned within 12 months to assess the effectiveness of remedial measures.

(sic)"

The proposal by Ald P Mobango was therefore put to vote and the results were as follows:

In favour of the Proposal by Ald P Mobango	=	20
Against the Proposal by Ald P Mobango	=	26
Abstain	=	4

The proposal by Cllr LE Nkwana was then put to vote and the results were as follows:

In favour of the Proposal by Cllr LE Nkwana	=	26
Against the Proposal by Cllr LE Nkwana	=	20
Abstain	=	4

Ald P Mobango then requested a division on the vote and the results were as follows:

In favour of the proposal by Cllr LE Nkwana	Against the proposal by Cllr LE Nkwana
1. Cllr P M Masilela	1. Cllr E M Bruiners
2. Cllr C S Mashiloane	2. Ald J Dyason

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3. Cllr C B Shabangu	3. Cllr C S Smith
4. Cllr L E Nkwana	4. Ald P Mobango
5. Cllr M C Mphego	5. Cllr L S Qoka
6. Cllr Z J Ngubeni	6. Cllr C M Soko
7. Cllr M G Amigo	7. Cllr D A Stuurman
8. Cllr P V Malinga	8. Cllr D J Van Der Merwe
9. Cllr M E Nyambi	9. Ald S Wait
10. Cllr W M M Phetla	10. Cllr H G De Klerk
11. Cllr L N Magagula	11. Ald A S Grobler
12. Cllr I Mahlangu	12. Ald H F Niemann
13. Cllr M L Shabangu	13. Ald S M Mogola
14. Cllr J M Shongwe	14. Ald G H E Romijn
15. Ald J Skosana	15. Ald A Struwig
16. Cllr P E Williams	16. Cllr A O Thabatha
17. Cllr L J N Zondo	17. Cllr E W Vermooten
18. Cllr S W Zulu	18. Cllr J C Haarhoff
19. Cllr P Mnisi	19. Cllr J Mentz
20. Cllr N Bottoman	20. Cllr T R Mpye
21. Cllr A Chego	
22. Cllr O A Cossa	
23. Cllr E P Mahlangu	
24. Cllr P Malinga	
25. Cllr J N Mthombeni	
26. Cllr N T Tshoane	
Total = 26	Total = 20

The proposal by Ald P Mobango was therefore not accepted.

The proposal by Cllr LE Nkwana was accepted.

RESOLVED BY COUNCIL

1. **THAT** the report be rejected by Council.
2. **THAT** the report be regarded as irregular and wasteful expenditure.
3. **THAT** consequence management processes be instituted in line with applicable legislation and policies.
4. **THAT** the service provider be instructed to electrify the substation.
5. **THAT** it be noted that the report is incomplete and did not afford all stakeholders an opportunity to provide input.

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SC13/08/2025

REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE FORMER LICENSING EMPLOYEES WHO REFUSE TO TRANSFER TO THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY, SECURITY AND LIAISON ON THE TAKEOVER OF REGISTRATION AND LICENSING SERVICES

4/3/3(C)/nm

With the consideration of this item, Cllr CS Mashiloane requested a caucus period, and was granted by the Speaker from 10:31 to 10:52.

RESOLVED BY COUNCIL

1. THAT note be taken that this item was withdrawn by the Municipal Manager.

SC14/08/2025

PERSONNEL: APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: COMMUNITY SERVICES

4/3/R

With the consideration of this matter Ald HF Niemann submitted the following proposal which was seconded by Ald P Mobango:

1. *That the correspondence received from the MEC for COGHSTA regarding the appointment of the Executive Director: Community Services be noted.*
2. *That the status quo regarding the appointment Dr. L Tshabalala as Executive Director Community Services be maintained based on the competency assessments done by independent service providers as well as the need to address gender inequality in senior management structures.*

(sic)"

In view of the fact that no other counter proposals were received, the proposal by Ald HF Niemann was therefore accepted.

RESOLVED BY COUNCIL

1. THAT the correspondence received from the MEC for COGHSTA regarding the appointment of the Executive Director: Community Services, be noted.
2. THAT the status quo regarding the appointment of Dr EK Tshabalala as Executive Director: Community Services be maintained based on the competency assessments done by an independent service provider as well as the need to address gender inequality in senior management structures.

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SC15/08/2025

FORMAL COMPLAINT: RECRUITMENT PROCESS (INTERVIEW AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS)

4/3/R

With the consideration of this item, the Speaker then requested a temporary adjournment at 11:02. The meeting resumed at 12:05.

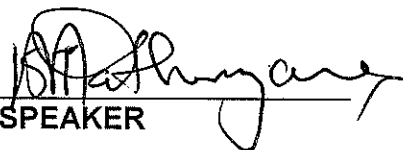
RESOLVED BY COUNCIL

1. **THAT** the matter be deferred to the next Ordinary Council meeting for further investigation and reporting.

5. **CLOSURE**

The meeting adjourned at 12:08

SIGNED AT MIDDELBURG ON : 30/09/2025


SPEAKER