

DRAKENSTEIN MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, BERG RIVER BOULEVARD, PAARL ON TUESDAY, 18 MARCH 2008 AT 10:00.

PRESENT: Councillors (See attached schedule)

Senior Officials:	Dr S Kabanyane	(Municipal Manager)
	L Coetzee	(Acting Head: Civil Engineering Services)
	D Delaney	(Acting Head: Planning & Economic Development)
	T Matthee	(Acting Head: Community Services)
	C Petersen	(Acting Head: Financial Services)
	A Sauls	(Head: Communication, Policy & Research)
	S Carstens	(IDP Manager)
	T Traut	(Chief Internal Auditor)
	A V Marais	(Manager: Administrative Services)
	M Fredericks	(Electrical Services)



1. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS BY COUNCILLORS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

OORWEGING VAN AANSOEKE DEUR RAADSLEDE VIR VERLOF VAN AFWESIGHEID VAN RAAD/KOMITEEVERGADERINGS
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The following applications for leave of absence were granted:-

1.	Clr Soudah Ross (sick leave)	-	18 March 2008
2.	Clr CM Smith	-	18 March 2008
3.	Clr R Smuts	-	18 March 2008
4.	Clr J Smit	-	18 March 2008
5.	Clr B Vos	-	18 March 2008
6.	Clr D Kotze (sick leave)	-	18 March 2008
7.	Clr MD Syfers	-	18 March 2008

8.	Clr MW Nothnagel	-	19 - 28 March 2008
9.	Clr E Basson	-	2 April 2008 - indefinitely
10.	Clr JT Basson	-	25 March 2008 - 3 April 2008
11.	Clr NC Stemela	-	25 March 2008 - 11 April 2008

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES / BEKRAGTIGING VAN NOTULE

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Municipal Council held on 28 February 2008 was confirmed as correct, subject to the following addition:-

"4. Statements and Communication by the Executive Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Clr J Smit after requesting to speak, expressed his disapproval of the perceived racist incident that occurred at Free State University and all other similar racist incidents."

3. MINUTES: COMMITTEE MEETINGS / NOTULES : KOMITEEVERGADERINGS

Noted.

**4. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR/
EXECUTIVE DEPUTY MAYOR**

**VERKLARINGS EN MEDEDELINGS DEUR DIE UITVOERENDE BURGEMEESTER/
UITVOERENDE ONDERBURGEMEESTER**

No statements were submitted.

4. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY THE SPEAKER

VERKLARINGS EN MEDEDELINGS DEUR DIE SPEAKER

The Speaker congratulated councillors who celebrated their birthdays during March. The Speaker also explained that the March Council meeting had to be moved from 20 March 2008 to 18 March 2008, due to the Salga National Members Assembly which would be attended by a number of councillors.

Noted.

4. STATUTORY MATTERS / STATUTÊRE SAKE

No matters were submitted.

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7.	CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND MAYORAL COMMITTEE
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	OORWEGING VAN VERSLAE DEUR DIE UITVOERENDE BURGEMEESTER EN BURGEMEESTERSKOMITEE
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7.1	DISPOSAL OF ANTIQUE FIREARMS
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	WEGMAKING VAN ANTIEKE VUURWAPENS
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Councillor ND Du Toit submitted the attached letter from Hugo van Zyl Sports which indicated that firearms could only be decommissioned/deactivated on verification by an armourer and after written approval by the Heritage Resources Agency.

RESOLVED

2. that the firearms be donated to Paarl Museum and that these items be removed from the asset register; and
 3. that the necessary steps be taken to ensure that the deactivation of the firearms complies with all relevant legislation.
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Meeting:	Council - 18/03/2008	Submitted by (Dept):	Corporate Services
Ref No:	6/2/6	Author/s:	K Mrali
Doc No:		Referred from:	EM&MC - 13/03/2008
<u>CLAUSE:</u>	<u>ACTION:</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE DEPT:</u>	<u>DUE DATE:</u>
7.1	Donation of firearms	Head: Corporate Services	

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7.2 REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION OF THE DRAKENSTEIN MUNICIPALITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

VERSLAG VAN DIE OUDITEUR-GENERAAL RAKENDE DIE FINANSIËLE STATE EN PRESTASIE INLIGTING VAN DIE DRAKENSTEIN MUNISIPALITEIT VIR DIE JAAR GEËINDIG 30 JUNIE 2007

Mr B Lodewyk of the Office of the Auditor-General attended the meeting for this item and explained the methodology of the Auditor-General when assessing municipalities and how the reporting format differed from previous reports. He also mentioned that performance information would become more critical in the ensuing years and that the Auditor-General would also provide an opinion not only of the financial matters, but also the performance of municipalities in terms of approved budgets, SDBIPS, etc. He then went on to explain the basis for the qualifications in the report as well as the non-compliance matters.

The DA submitted the enclosed comments on the report of the Auditor-General . After discussion the DA proposed an amendment to the proposal of the Executive Mayor and Mayoral Committee to the effect that the comments in the report be considered as the comments of the Municipal Manager and not Council and be forwarded as such to the Auditor-General. The Speaker ruled that the amendment materially changed the proposal and could therefore not be considered. The proposal of the ANC that the recommendation in the agenda be accepted, was thus put to the vote and carried by 29 votes to 23.

RESOLVED

1. that the report of the Auditor-General on the financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2007, be noted; and
2. that the comments in the report of the Auditor-General be approved as Council's comment on the report;

(The DA requested that their counter vote to the above be registered for the reasons as set out in their comment.)

Meeting: Council - 18/03/2008		Submitted by (Dept): Financial Services	
Ref No: 5/12/3/3		Author/s: C M Petersen	
Doc No: 1990/08		Referred from: EM&MC - 13/03/2008	
<u>CLAUSE:</u>	<u>ACTION:</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE DEPT:</u>	<u>DUE DATE:</u>
7.2	Forward decision to Auditor-General	Admin (P January)	

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7.3 PROPOSED MEDIUM TERM CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL BUDGET: 2008/2009 – 2010/2011 AND IDP REVIEW REPORT 2008/09

ISINDULULO ESIPHAKATHI KONYAKA SOHLAHLWABIWO MALI: KA /2008/2009 – 2010/2011 KUNYE NENGXELO YOPHENGULULO YE IDP KA 2008/09

The Portfolio holder for Finance, gave an overview of the proposed budget and proposed tariff increases.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

1. that the draft three year Capital and Operational Budget 2008/09 - 2010/2011 as set out in the agenda, as well as the proposed tariff increases, be approved for release for public comment;
2. that the IDP/Budget Review Report 2008/09 be approved for public release and comment;
3. that the PAWC evaluation and comments on the 2007/08 IDP and responses thereon, be noted; and
4. that the public participation process be noted.

Meeting: Council - 18/03/2008		Submitted by (Dept): Financial Services	
Ref No: 5/2/2 (2008/09 - 2010/11)		Author/s: C Petersen	
Doc No: 2003/08		Referred from: EM&MC - 13/03/2008	
CLAUSE:	ACTION:	RESPONSIBLE DEPT:	DUE DATE:
7.3	Public consultation	IDP / PR & C / Finance	

8. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION/INFORMATION

SAKE VIR OORWEGING/INLIGTING

8.1 TENDER PROP 1/2007: SALE OF PORTION OF ERF 8431, PAARL: SPORTS FACILITY AND RIVER FRONT DEVELOPMENT

ITHENDA PROP 1/2007: INTENGISI KA ERF 8431 , EPAARL: SPORTS FACILITY AND RIVER FRONT DEVELOPMENT

The DA indicated that they could not support the recommendation due to the view that certain technical and legal comment was not duly taken into account, and a lack of information. A number of questions were raised with regard to this matter and it was agreed that the matter be held over for the next Council meeting and that councillors submit their questions to the Municipal Manager.

RESOLVED

that this matter be referred to the next Council meeting and that councillors be allowed to submit questions to the Municipal Manager for clarity.

Meeting: Council - 18/03/2008		Submitted by (Dept): Corporate Services	
Ref No: 15/4/1 (8431) P		Author/s: N Marais	
Doc No: 8755/07		Referred from: PBAC - 25/02/2008	

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8.2 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT: 2006/07 FINANCIAL YEAR
KONSEP JAARVERSLAG: 2006/07 FINANSIËLE JAAR

RESOLVED

that the draft Annual Report: 2006/07 be approved for release for public comment.

Meeting:	Council - 18/03/2008	Submitted by (Dept):	Municipal Manager
Ref No:	9/1/2	Author/s:	S Carstens
Doc No:		Referred from:	
<u>CLAUSE:</u>	<u>ACTION:</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE DEPT:</u>	<u>DUE DATE:</u>
8.2	Release report for public comment	IDP Manager	

9.	CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND APPLICATIONS DEALING WITH MATTERS OF URGENCY SUBMITTED BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER
	OORWEGING VAN VERSLAE, MEDEDELINGS, VERSOEKSKRIFTE EN AANSOEKE IN VERBAND MET DRINGENDE SAKE VOORGEË DEUR DIE MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER

9.1 TELEPHONE ACCOUNTS

The Municipal Manager mentioned that certain information on the telephone accounts was not available when salaries were finalized and therefore double billing may be applicable for certain individuals at the end of April.

Noted.

9.	CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF QUESTIONS
	OORWEGING VAN KENNISGEWINGS VAN MOSIES EN KENNISGEWINGS VAN VRAE

10.1 MOTION: OPENING PRAYERS AND REFRESHMENTS AFTER COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Speaker ruled that the status quo with regard to opening prayers and refreshments after meetings be maintained as it allowed for both prayers and a moment of silence for those who wished not to pray as well as the fact that all councillors' needs were already taken into consideration with the arrangement of refreshments.

Noted.

Meeting:	Council - 28/02/2008	Submitted by (Dept):	
Ref No:		Author/s:	
Doc No:		Referred from:	

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11.	SUPPLEMENTARY AGENA (IF ANY)
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IN-COMMITTEE	
12.	CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS
	<u>OORWEGING VAN VERTROULIKE SAKE</u>

No confidential matters were considered.

The meeting ended at 2:20.

CHAIRPERSON:

DATE:

Confirmed on with/without
amendments.

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