

DRAKENSTEIN MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES: EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND MAYORAL COMMITTEE

ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FIRST FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE, BERG RIVER BOULEVARD, PAARL ON WEDNESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2010 AT 10:00.

PRESENT: The Executive Mayor, Clr C M Manuel (Chairperson) 1
The Executive Deputy Mayor, Clr M W Nothnagel

Councillors: J T Basson
A Bekeer
S Davids
H Douman
T M Kompela
M J Le Hoe
A M Petersen
A B Sishuba and
B E Vos

Officials: Mr T Matthee (Acting Municipal Manager)
Mr K Mrali (Executive Director: Corporate Governance)
Dr P Naidoo (Executive Director: Strategic Services)
Mr C Petersen (Executive Director: Financial Services)
Mr G S Du Plessis (Head: Civil Engineering Services)
Mr A Marais (Head: Corporate Services) and
Mr K Gordon (Manager: Administrative Services)



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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Executive Mayor and Mayoral Committee held on 2 December 2009, was **confirmed as correct**.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

The Committee was reminded of the Executive Mayor and Mayoral Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 26 January 2010. The Executive Mayor announced that this is the first meeting for 2010 and welcomed councillors back from the period of recess. The Executive Mayor emphasized that 2010 will be a challenging and important year in terms of the local government election to be held in 2011, the Soccer World Cup tournament which will be hosted by South Africa and the Municipality's service delivery program. Councillors and officials were wished a blessed and prosperous 2010.

3. LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS AND NON-AVAILABILITY OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT

The following leave arrangements were announced:

- (a) Dr ST Kabanyane - 4 – 29 January 2010
- (b) Mr L Coetzee - Leave until 15 January 2010.

4. WARD PROJECTS 2009/2010

RESOLVED

1. that the recommended ward projects for the 2009/2010 financial year be approved, except for the projects in ward 11 and the learners license project in ward 9 and 12;
2. that the allocations for projects in wards that exceed the budget of R100 000, be limited to R100 000;
3. that the Executive Director and Portfolio holder take up the replacement of the learners license project with the driver's license project in ward 9, with the Directorate Social Services;
4. that a workshop with ward councillors be arranged to discuss ward projects;
5. that the guidelines for the identification of ward projects be reconsidered before the end of the current financial year; and
6. that Ward Councillors be requested to submit outstanding ward projects by the end of January 2010 and also refer it to the Office of the Speaker.

Meeting: Ref No: Doc No:	EM&MC – 13/01/2010 17/19/5/1 48965	Submitted by Directorate: Author/s: Referred from:	Social Services A Robinson
PARAGRAPH:	ACTION: Implement decision	RESPONSIBLE DEPT: Executive Director: Social Services	DUE DATE:

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5. APPLICATION TO PURCHASE MUNICIPAL LAND: ERF 6267, MAY STREET, WELLINGTON, FOUNDATION BACKBONE

RESOLVED

that the matter be held over for additional information on the applicant and organisations who support the project.

Meeting:	EM&MC – 13/01/10	Submitted by Directorate:	Corporate Services
Ref No:	15/4/1 (6267)W	Author/s:	
Doc No:	49037	Referred from:	
PARAGRAPH:	ACTION: Submit information	RESPONSIBLE DEPT: Estate and Properties Section	DUE DATE:

6. DETERMINATION OF UPPER LIMITS OF SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS OF COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED

That it be recommended to Council:

1. that the increase in the annual remuneration of councillors of 7% per annum with effect from 1 July 2009 as determined by Government Notice No R.1225 dated 21 December 2009 and published in Government Gazette No.32833 of the same date, be approved;
2. that the council resolution in this regard and prescribed information be submitted to the Provincial Minister for Local Government for consultation in terms of the Remuneration of Public Office Bearers Act (Act 20 of 1998); and
3. that the increase in the councillor remuneration be implemented as soon as all due processes are followed and the concurrence of the Provincial Minister has been received.

Meeting:	EM&MC – 13/01/10	Submitted by Directorate:	Financial Services
Ref No:	3/8/4	Author/s:	
Doc No:	49059	Referred from:	
PARAGRAPH:	ACTION: Submit to Council	RESPONSIBLE DEPT: Admin Services	DUE DATE:

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7. OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Noted.

8. URGENT MATTERS

8.1 Sport Facilities: Uniform Structure and Outstanding debt

RESOLVED

that item 16 of the resolution taken at the meeting of 25 November 2009 and amended at item 1 of the meeting held on 2 December 2009, be amended by the addition of paragraph 5;

“16. Sport Facilities: Uniform Tariff Structure and Outstanding Debts

1. that the introduction of the payment of annual fees in line with the current tariff structure be supported;
2. that the Community Services Department compile a proposed annual fee structure for the different sport codes and where no sport code exists, an annual fee structure for clubs;
3. that sports codes and clubs be required to pay for facilities during the current financial year and that clubs only be allowed access to sport facilities once the approved tariff has been paid;
4. that the outstanding debts of sport clubs to the amount of R226 448.56 as at 30 June 2009 be written off subject to clubs undertaking in writing to in future pay for the use of facilities and comply with booking and payment procedures; and
5. that sport codes and clubs be required to pay for any outstanding tariffs for the period 1 July 2009 to date.”

Meeting: EM&MC – 13/01/10		Submitted by Directorate:	
Ref No: 17/7/2/1		Author/s:	
Doc No's: 9813/09		Referred from:	
<u>PARAGRAPH:</u>	<u>ACTION:</u> Implement decision	<u>RESPONSIBLE DEPT:</u> Executive Director: Social Services	<u>DUE DATE:</u>

8.2 Property on Corner of Loop and Derksen Street, Erf 1591, Paarl

Councillor A M Petersen reported that the building on Erf 1591 situated on the corner of Loop and Derksen Street, Paarl which has been declared a heritage building, is in an unsafe and delapidated state and a haven for criminal activities.

Councillor A Bekeer also reported that in his ward there is an empty building situated in Lantana street, which is used for criminal activities.

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RESOLVED

1. that alternative options be investigated to address the state of the building on Erf 1591 situated on the corner of Loop and Derksen Street, Paarl as well as buildings in a similar state in the Drakenstein area; and
2. that the empty building in the ward of Councillor A Bekeer be investigated.

Meeting: EM&MC – 13/01/10		Submitted by Directorate:	
Ref No: 15/4/1(1591)P		Author/s:	
Doc No's: 8564		Referred from:	
PARAGRAPH:	ACTION:	RESPONSIBLE DEPT:	DUE DATE:
	1. Investigate alternative options 2. Investigate empty building	Infrastructure and Planning (Building Control)	

8.3 Overgrown Vacant Erven in the Drakenstein area

Councillor A M Petersen reported on overgrown vacant erven in the Drakenstein area which are not attended to by the Municipality.

RESOLVED

that more attention be given to the identification of overgrown vacant erven and measures be taken in terms of council resolutions and policy to clear the erven as soon as possible.

Meeting: EM&MC – 13/01/10		Submitted by Directorate:	
Ref No: 17/1/4/4		Author/s:	
Doc No's:		Referred from:	
PARAGRAPH:	ACTION:	RESPONSIBLE DEPT:	DUE DATE:
	Implement decision	Executive Director: Social Services	

8.4 Debt Collection Policy: Blocking of Pre-Paid Electricity Sales

Councillors reported that complaints have been received from the community of a 90/10 blocking of electricity as well as debt collection during the festive season especially on the eve of Christmas.

RESOLVED

that the complaints as well as possible changes in strategy to recover arrears be investigated, and a report be submitted.

Meeting: EM&MC – 13/01/10		Submitted by Directorate:	
Ref No: 5/B, 5/9B & 16/2/8		Author/s:	
Doc No's:		Referred from:	
PARAGRAPH:	ACTION:	RESPONSIBLE DEPT:	DUE DATE:
	Investigate complaint	Executive Director: Financial Services	

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8.5 Electricity Supply to Gouda by Eskom

Councillor JT Basson reported that there are complaints that service providers on behalf of Eskom are selling electricity including the free units to residents in Gouda and are receiving a commission on the free electricity units which is paid to Eskom by the municipality.

RESOLVED

that the matter be investigated and a report be tabled.

Meeting:	EM&MC – 13/01/10	Submitted by Directorate:	
Ref No:	16/2/1	Author/s:	
Doc No's:		Referred from:	
<u>PARAGRAPH:</u>	<u>ACTION:</u> Investigate complaint	<u>RESPONSIBLE DEPT:</u> Infrastructure and Planning (Electricity)	<u>DUE DATE:</u>

The meeting ended at 11:40.

CHAIRPERSON:

DATE:

Confirmed on with/without amendments.

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13/01/2010