



**OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY HIS WORSHIP CLLR MUESEE
KAZAPUA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WINDHOEK, AT THE
OCCASION OF THE 10TH MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
FOR THE YEAR 2017**

DATE: 31 OCTOBER 2017

TIME: 18H00

VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**Bishop Meriam Omonigbehin of the Repentance and
Holiness Ministries;**

**Your Worship Cllr Fransina Ndateelela Kahungu, Deputy
Mayor of the City of Windhoek;**

**Hon Matheus Joel Amadhila, Chairperson of the
Management Committee of the City of Windhoek;**

Honourable Councillors;

Mr. Robert Nandaa, Kahimise, Chief Executive Officer;

**Strategic Executives and other Officials of the City of
Windhoek;**

**Honourable Junior Councillors, Led by Honourable Alonuska
Belonkon, Deputy Junior Mayor of the City of Windhoek;**

Esteemed Windhoek Residents;

Members of the Media;

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Evening!

I am pleased to welcome you all in this August House, as we gather here for the 10th Ordinary Council Meeting for the year 2017. It is amazing to notice how time flies. Just few

months ago it was January, now in one month time, December will be here. Naturally, December's arrival signals the beginning of the time to take stock of what we have done throughout the year, before we embark upon the well-deserved holidays.

Hon Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen!

As one of the promises we made to our residents, Council undertook to intensify its efforts of finding ways and means to integrate our residents in the mainstream economy of our City. To this end, I am pleased to announce that at its sitting of September 2017, Council approved the revamping of the current Ward Cleaning Contractor System of our City.

With the newly approved system, the City of Windhoek through its Solid Waste Management Division aims to re-demarcate the Ward System, which will also include the Groot Aub Settlement. This re-demarcation will mainly be done for the informal settlements, as they pose the greatest challenge in providing waste management services as they grow much faster as compared to the formal areas.

The new system is passionately referred to as the “Community Based Ward Contractor System”. As the name states, this initiative will involve local communities to actively participate in the provision of Solid Waste Management services, organised in the form of Closed Corporations, with members being equal shareholders.

Through this initiative the City intends to create the much needed employment opportunities for our residents, encourage youth entrepreneurship, increase community participation and ownership, and positively change the community’s perceptions and attitudes by involvement them in the cleaning services, within their constituencies. But most importantly, we aim to bring Windhoek back to its former glory; of being the cleanest city in Africa.

Esteemed Residents,

Furthermore, Council also undertook to take “a bull by the horns”, to formalise all the informal settlements in Windhoek. As a continuation of this noble process, Council at meeting

of September 2017 approved the upgrading of Havana Extension 4.

This upgrading will see Erven 1027 and 1030 subdivided into approximately 93 single residential plots for the people of Havana. The Erven are located along the streets of Somalia, Sudan, Kenya, Seychelles, and Karasburg, in the northern part of Havana.

Esteemed Residents,

Walking and cycling are the most basic and most important forms of transport in our society. Not only for their health benefits, but that they are the cheapest and easiest to access.

However we have to confess that this was not always reflected in the way the City of Windhoek is developing.

Over the years more attention has been given to motorised transport (private cars) in terms of infrastructure development and services.

It is a known fact that many of us in Windhoek walk and the ones that take public transport have to walk also to get to the public transport ranks.

Currently there are no safe sidewalks and cycling lanes. What we see are more roads for more cars without provision for sidewalks or bicycle lines. The question then is: what about those that prefer to walk and cycle? These groups include amongst others our learners and workers who walk on a daily basis.

To address these challenges, the City, together with the Central Government and our technical partners GIZ is in the process of formulating a Non-Motorised Transport Strategy. As part of the formulation process, Council will soon commence with the Public Consultation Meetings, which are aimed at soliciting inputs from our esteemed residents

Once this strategy is in place the situation for all of us can change to the better; hence it is important that we support this strategy and give our inputs as much and as far as possible. Let us therefore attend these consultative meetings in large numbers, as in the end, this is for our benefit. The

meetings, which will be at Constituency level, are scheduled for the weekends of the 4th to 5th of November and 11th to 12th November 2017. Our Public Participation Office is in the process of announcing the meetings in your respective Constituencies.

Hon Councillors, Dear Residents,

The October month has also witnessed historic events. This was the month when the HE President Hage G. Geingob, officially launched the New City Hall and indeed this August House, on 5th October 2017. This is a public building and I am happy to have observed that members of communities have already started using the space for movies shooting and wedding photos.

It was also on this date that the First Lady of the Republic of Namibia, HE. Madame Monica Geingos launched the Mayoral Relief Fund, at the Gala Dinner that received a total of N\$1,2million in pledges and in table sold.

I am further happy to announce that in additions to the pledges and table sold at the Gala dinner, we have also received a number of financial commitments from various partners, which total amount will be announced when confirmed. Allow me therefore to use this opportunity to extend our appreciation to all good Samaritans who heed to our call on this corporate social endeavour. We will announce the total funds collected at the November's Council meeting when all accounts are reconciled. The two events were indeed historic, as it was the first time we ever had the first couple at the City Hall.

Hon Councillors

On the entertainment front, I am pleased to inform you that the City of Windhoek's much anticipated Jazz Festival 2017, which was launched on 10 August 2017, has finally arrived. As we all know, Music is a universal language that can unite people across cultures.

Its unifying power could be attested, when the Windhoek Jazz Festival last year attracted about 4000 spectators from all walks of life, who assembled at the Hage Geingob Stadium to enjoy the festival.

The hosting of the Windhoek Jazz Festival continues to significantly contribute to elevating Windhoek's status as a vibrant City, both culturally and artistically. It is also important to note that due to its increasing magnitude and evolution, there is significant scope for the involvement of more stakeholders as it develops into a truly noteworthy Windhoek event.

It therefore gives me great pleasure to invite you to the 2017 Windhoek Jazz Festival, which will take place this Saturday, the 04th of November 2017, at the Independence Stadium.

With these remarks, Hon Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen, once again, welcome and,

I thank you!