



**OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY HIS WORSHIP CLLR MUESEE  
KAZAPUA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WINDHOEK, AT  
THE OCCASION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL  
MEETING FOR 2017**

**DATE: 28 NOVEMBER 2017**

**TIME: 18H00**

**VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Honourable Councillors;

Pastor Clive Willemse of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran  
Church;

Mr. Robert Nandaa Kahimise, Chief Executive Officer of the  
City of Windhoek;

Strategic Executives and Officials of the City of Windhoek;

Honourable Junior Councillors, Led by Honourable Michael  
Petrus, Junior Mayor of the City of Windhoek;

Esteemed Windhoek Residents;

Members of the Media;

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good evening,

It is my honour and privilege to warmly welcome you to our  
Council Chambers and to our meeting of this evening.

Having said that Honourable Councillors, Windhoek  
Residents, it is important to announce that this is the last

ordinary monthly Council meeting for 2017, after which Council will be on recess from 05 December 2017 and will resume business on 21<sup>th</sup> January 2018. As announced at our previous Council session, this meeting also marks the end of the term of office of the 2017 Office Bearers, being the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the five (5) members of the Management Committee.

The elections of Office Bearers for the 2018 term will take place at a Special Council meeting to be held on Friday, 01 December 2017, at 14H30, followed by the inauguration ceremony at 15:30. The public is invited to attend this very important occasion.

On this note, allow me to express my sincere gratitude to members of this Council, the Chief Executive Officer, management and staff of the City of Windhoek and indeed our residents, for the support rendered to us during our term of office.

While significant achievements have been made during the course of the year, there remained many other areas that still need improvement, in terms of service delivery, socio-

economic development, poverty reduction, whereby translating the commitments enshrined in our adopted 5-year Transformational Strategy 2017-2022 into tangible results.

Our challenges remain; land delivery, housing, unemployment and budgetary constraints that limit Council's ability to adequately deliver on its mandate. Rapid urbanization in particular has been, and still is a major challenge, as most, if not all the other challenges, such as land delivery, housing, unemployment and budgetary constraints are derivatives of this phenomenon.

However, as a Council, we will redouble our efforts on revenue enhancement and attaining financial stability, as part of our transformational strategy 2017-2022.

Nonetheless, **Ladies and Gentlemen**, it has indeed been a high privilege and honour for us as Office Bearers to have served the City of Windhoek and all its peoples for the year 2017. We are thus grateful to have been accorded the opportunity, to serve as Mayor and Deputy Mayor; and 5-members of the Management Committee, to lead a team of

committed people in the implementation of community projects that addresses issues of bread and butter; as we strived to bring hope to the hearts of the needy.

### **Hon Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen**

On our agenda today, we have a number of very important issues that requires our collective inputs and decision. These include submissions on the conversion of pensioners' electricity meters to prepaid meters, items on township establishments and several items on land allocation transactions, amongst others. I hope you have perused your documents during the past days; and therefore invite you to make valuable contributions during our deliberations.

### **Honourable Councillors,**

It is important to mention that this last meeting of the year also marks the beginning of the festive season. As a tradition, I wish to invite the Windhoek residents to join us at the Switching-on ceremony of the City Lights, as a build-on atmosphere for Christmas celebration. The event will be held in the Zoo Park, along Independence Avenue, on 01st December 2017, at 19h00.

I am pleased to inform you that this year's Christmas lighting event is unique, as it is coupled with exciting activities; such as the Christmas Market procession being organized by our Economic Development Division from 1-2 December, and a handover of goods to identified vulnerable groups; on 1 December. The Christmas Market which will be held along Independence Avenue and Post Street Mall comes with exhibitions of handmade items, City Heritage Hunt competition and live music.

It is important to mention that the items that will be handed over are a Charity Drive initiative by the City of Windhoek Staff members. On this note, I would like to use this opportunity to, through the Chief Executive Officer, commend the City employees for this noble initiative.

This demonstrates your commitment to the City's objective, on "*Duty of Care.*"

I am sure that though we are not able to reach out to all the needy, the planned handover of charity items will bring smiles on the faces of those less fortunate members of communities; who find Christmas rather sad than joyful.

## **Esteemed Residents,**

The City of Windhoek is a strong believer in the concept of *'Live Globally, Act Locally'*. As a result, the City has adopted an International Relations Policy, through which it engages various development partners across the globe. As part of this policy, we continue to share our experiences and tap into best practices from sister cities and towns, both locally and internationally.

As a result of this policy, I am pleased to announce that this evening we have in our midst a delegation from the City of eThekweni, from the Republic of South Africa, led by Honourable Sithole, the Whip of the Committee, who are here on a Water Management benchmarking mission, with special interest on waste water and water re-use management.

We feel very honoured to host you as our brothers from the African continent. These kinds of visits are of vital importance, as they are in line with the African Union Policy on continental integration and the ideals of AU agenda 2063.

Therefore feel welcome, as Windhoek is your home away from home.

Finally, allow me once again to extend to you my sincere thanks for the support rendered to the 2017 office bearers and wish the next team 2018 the best of success.

I thank you.