1. STATUS OF ROAD UPGRADING PROJECT IN THE NORTHERN SUBURBS COLLECTOR ROADS TO BITUMEN STANDARD - PHASE 2

The public is hereby informed that the project for road upgrading in the Northern Suburbs of the City has been put on hold due to the termination of the current contract for non-performance as of 17 May 2017.

The project mainly comprises of the upgrading of existing gravel roads to bitumen standard (tar) in the suburbs of Goreangab and Havana. The affected streets are: Lucia, Tolla, Outapi and Monte Christo, Matshitshi, Bethanie and Walvis / Omutula Streets.

In the meantime, the City of Windhoek will continue with the routine maintenance and general safety until the new contractor has been appointed. Road users are therefore urged to adhere to the traffic signage and speed restrictions around the affected areas.

2. TRANSFORMATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2017-2022

Council at its 6th ordinary meeting yesterday also approved the City’s Transformational Strategic Plan for the period 2017 – 2022. The Strategic Plan will be the guiding document for the City’s operations for the next 5-years. This Transformational Strategic Plan will be accompanied by a corresponding organisational structure to ensure that we achieve our objectives by 2022. The details about this plan will be shared at the launch that will be announced soon.

3. 2017/18 BUDGET PRESENTATION

It is a norm that after tabling of our budget at Council, we always find it necessary to engage you our influential stakeholders in terms of information dissemination to the
public. Mr George Esterhuizen, our Strategic Executive: Finance will go through the highlights of the approved budget and put meaning to the budget figures for the benefit of our masses out there.

Generally, budget discussion is a very sensitive topic especially when it comes to tariffs adjustments and it requires due diligent reporting to avoid triggering emotions associated with money matters. I therefore would like to appeal to all of us to make sure that we get all the needed clarity to inform our residents factually.

It is important for our residents to understand why it is necessary for the City to adjust its tariffs. As we are mandated to ensure that municipal services are efficiently and effectively rendered to our residents in a sustainable manner and that necessitate tariffs adjustments when required.

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