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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF WINDHOEK ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 08 NOVEMBER 2023

1. Mayor's Statement

Windhoek's Mayor, Cllr Joseph Uapingene, revealed that a proposal on the debt write-off is being finalised to serve at Council before the year ends. The proposed submission will highlight the various options for a debt write-off programme for eligible residents. This programme is a crucial measure to ease financial pressures and assist residents in recovering. The ultimate aim is to ensure that the community stays strong and resilient. It is vital to tackle the problem of debt write-offs, especially at a time when many residents are facing financial challenges. The Mayor appeals to the community to support each other in these tough times. Uapingene said the council will announce the results of this work as soon as possible.

The Mayor also appeals to all residents to save water. The city has surpassed its monthly water consumption goal, and the Von Bach Dam water level is currently low at 17.9%. All residents must act immediately to adopt water-saving measures that can help lower water consumption and conserve this precious resource. The Mayor appeals to the community to make a deliberate effort to be more careful with water usage.

The mayor speech is attached for more information.

2. The urban and municipal development grant funding to the municipal council of Windhoek from the African Development Bank (AfDB)

The Windhoek municipal council has received a grant of USD 485,000.00 from the African Development Bank (AfDB) through its Urban and Municipal Development Fund (UMDF). The grant aims to assist the City in providing electricity to the peri-urban areas and enhancing its renewable energy capacity. The grant from the AfDB will allow the Council to accelerate the provision of electricity services in the peri-urban settlements around Windhoek.

3. Application to rename Hennie Laubscher Street in Olympia in honor of the late Brigadier General Karel Ndjoba

The Windhoek municipal council has approved the application to change the name of Hennie Laubscher Street in Olympia to honour the late Brigadier General Karel Ndjoba. The request

for the street renaming was made by Ndjoba's widow and children. The street is where the Ndjoba family lives and other households, who all agreed to the renaming. The application followed the guidelines on street naming, which included consulting the affected parties and the public, through an expression of intention which was placed in two local newspapers, among other requirements.

According to his biography, Brigadier General Karel Ndjoba was a loyal, dedicated, determined, and disciplined soldier who played a significant role in transforming the defense system of Namibia after independence. He integrated former SWATF members into the national defense force, contributing to nation-building and reconciliation. He was also responsible for hoisting the Namibian flag on 21 March 1990 as a Company Commander of the Presidential Guard of Honour. He played a key role in developing training and fighting doctrines for the Namibian Defense Force (NDF). At the international level, he served as Defense Attache to the Federal Republic of General Germany, a position he held until his unexpected death in November 2014.

Please take note that the above are only highlights of the council meeting. More details about all the items discussed are available on our website through this link

https://www.windhoekcc.org.na/coun_agenda.php

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