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City of Windhoek Denounces Attempts to Undermine Public Engagements

The City of Windhoek informs residents that a new series of Public Meetings for the 2025/2026 cycle commenced on **3 September 2025**, with the first meeting held at the Rocky Crest Multi-Purpose Centre for the Windhoek West Constituency.

While the majority of residents participated constructively, the City regrets that a few individuals deliberately attempted to disrupt the proceedings. The City of Windhoek strongly discourages such behavior, as these meetings are convened to provide a platform for open engagement between Council and the community on developmental and service delivery matters, **not as an avenue for lobbying or political campaigning.**

The City reminds residents that Public Meetings are **non-political platforms** designed to foster inclusivity, transparency, and constructive dialogue on municipal issues. Disruptions or behavior intended to derail the objectives of these engagements will not be tolerated. All residents are welcome to attend, but **orderly participation and mutual respect are a strict requirement.**

In this regard, the City refers to **Section 88 of the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act 23 of 1992)**. This section empowers local authorities to convene and conduct public meetings within their areas of jurisdiction and to establish the format of engagement.

By virtue of this legal mandate, the City of Windhoek is entrusted with ensuring that all Public Meetings remain peaceful, orderly, and focused on municipal development and service delivery matters. **Any individual or group attempting to disrupt or politicize these meetings will be cautioned, and where necessary, removed from the proceedings.**

The City of Windhoek reiterates its commitment to inclusivity, service delivery, and citizen engagement. We appeal to all residents to use the scheduled Public Meetings as constructive platforms to share ideas, raise concerns, and work with Council in the spirit of partnership and mutual respect.

For more information about this statement, please contact our Corporate Communication Section at Tel.: 061 290 3797 /2044, or email: cowcommunication@windhoekcc.org.na

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