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MEDIA RELEASE

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Response to Public Commentary on Council Meeting of 05 February 2026

The City of Windhoek has taken note of a social media post circulated by the /Khomas Residents and Ratepayers' Association following the Council meeting held on 05 February 2026, which contains allegations regarding Council agenda setting, governance processes, service delivery priorities, Council leadership, and administrative conduct.

In the interest of public clarity, transparency, and accuracy, the City places the following on record:

1. Council agendas are not set secretly, unilaterally, or by any political party. Agenda setting and decision-making processes are governed by established administrative and governance systems in line with the **Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act No. 23 of 1992) Section 14, Subsection (2)** and the Council's **Standing Rules and Order**. Agenda items follow structured institutional processes, including technical assessments, committee consideration, statutory compliance checks, and administrative vetting before being tabled for Council deliberation.
2. With regard to the deputation request by the /Khomas Residents and Ratepayers' Association, the City confirms that the request for deputation was received on **08 December 2025**, after the Council's last meeting of the year and during the transition period as the newly elected Council prepares for recess which commenced on **15 December 2025**. A formal response was issued on **15 December 2025**, outlining the process to be followed in granting a request for a deputation and that the request would be submitted to the **Chairperson of Council (Mayor)** for consideration in accordance with the Standing Rules and Order once back in office. No decision had been taken by the Chairperson with respect to the deputation; as a result, the matter did not form part of the Council agenda of 05 February 2026. This was communicated to the /Khomas Residents and Ratepayers Association beforehand. Any public claims suggesting otherwise are therefore incorrect.
3. Council remains fully seized with critical service delivery priorities, including pothole repairs, land delivery, electricity supply, storm preparedness, and community concerns. Not all operational matters appear on every Council agenda, as many are managed through standing committees, management structures, and ongoing implementation programmes that report to Council at scheduled intervals. The absence of an item on a specific agenda does not indicate neglect or inaction.
4. Matters such as street renaming and other longstanding agenda items are governed by approved policy frameworks, public consultation processes, and prior Council

resolutions. Deferrals occur due to procedural, legal, or administrative requirements, not arbitrary decision-making.

5. The City further clarifies that the absence of the Chief Executive Officer from a Council meeting does not imply disengagement from City affairs or lack of administrative oversight. Administrative continuity is maintained at all times through established management and delegation systems.

The City of Windhoek reaffirms its commitment to transparent governance, lawful decision-making, accountable leadership, continuous service delivery improvement, and constructive engagement with residents and stakeholders. Public discourse is encouraged and valued, but must be grounded in fact, institutional context, and a competent understanding of municipal governance processes.

Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to engage in good faith to ensure that concerns are addressed responsibly, constructively, and within the framework of the law.

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