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Highlights from the Municipal Council of Windhoek Ordinary Council Meeting, held on Thursday, 30 January 2025:

1. Renaming of Sheffield Street in Honour of Methusela Simataa Khama

The Municipal Council has approved the renaming of Sheffield Street, located in the Northern Industrial area and adjacent to the Fire Brigade Headquarters, to honor the late Methusela Simataa Khama. Khama was a dedicated firefighter who tragically passed away on 7 July 2024. He served the City of Windhoek with unwavering commitment for 16 years before his untimely death in a car accident while returning from a duty call. His passing marked a significant moment in the City's history, as he became the first firefighter to die in the line of duty both pre and post-independence. The renaming of Sheffield Street stands as a permanent tribute to Khama's exceptional service, bravery, and contributions to the safety and well-being of Windhoek's residents.

2. Memorandum of Understanding with the National Heritage Council

The Windhoek Municipal Council has agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Heritage Council (NHC). This collaboration will focus on the research, preservation, and promotion of Windhoek's cultural and historical heritage. The MoU will also facilitate joint educational initiatives that aim to foster intercultural understanding, raise awareness about the importance of heritage conservation, and protect both tangible and intangible heritage resources within the city.

3. Strategic Partnership with PowerCom for Enhanced Security

The City of Windhoek has resolved to formalize a strategic partnership with PowerCom to strengthen public safety through the integration of advanced technological solutions. Under this partnership, PowerCom will donate CCTV cameras and related equipment to the Windhoek City Police Department. In addition, PowerCom will fund the installation, maintenance, and technician training to ensure the effective operation of the system. The Windhoek City Police will manage the installation and monitoring of the cameras, which will enhance the city's ability to respond to security incidents and improve overall safety for residents.

4. Implementation of Panic Button in Emergency Response System

The Municipal Council has approved the introduction of a panic button feature within the Windhoek City Police's emergency response system. This feature, available on a voluntary

subscription basis, will allow residents to rapidly alert authorities in the event of an emergency. The implementation of the panic button is expected to enhance the city's emergency response capabilities, improve public safety, and generate revenue for the City Council through subscription fees.

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/council-agenda/>

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