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Highlights from the Municipal Council of Windhoek ordinary council meeting held on Monday, 11 November 2024

1. Municipal Council of Windhoek Receives A-Grade Rating for Employment Equity Compliance

The Municipal Council of Windhoek has received an A-Grade rating from the Employment Equity Commission, achieving an impressive score of 95.56% for its implementation of the Affirmative Action Program during the 2023/2024 review period. The assessment report praised the Council's progress but highlighted the need for improvement in the employment of persons with disabilities. In response, the Department of Human Capital and Corporate Services is developing targeted strategies to address this priority.

This A-Grade rating reflects the Council's commitment to promoting a fair and inclusive workplace that actively addresses historical inequalities affecting marginalized groups. The Council's initiatives focus on diversity and inclusion across gender, race, ethnicity, disability, and other underrepresented categories, fostering an equitable work environment that values all employees. This recognition also reinforces the City's dedication to creating a competent and motivated workforce aligned with the Council's strategic objectives. The ongoing transformation efforts are essential for building an inclusive, diverse, and equitable workplace for everyone.

2. Renaming of Barug Street in Katutura in honour of the late Dr Fleming Aspara

The Municipal Council of Windhoek has approved the renaming of Barug Street in Luxury Hill, Katutura, to honour the legacy of the late Dr. Fleming Aspara. Dr. Aspara was a renowned medical practitioner who both lived and operated his clinic on Barug Street. Highly respected in the community, Dr. Aspara was regarded as a pioneer in providing essential healthcare services to Katutura's Black community, bringing quality consultation and medical care closer to residents.

In addition to meeting all requirements under the Street and Place Naming Guidelines, the proposed renaming received overwhelming support from the Barug Street community, with over 90% of local residents endorsing it. No public objections were recorded during the review and consideration process, reflecting the community's appreciation of Dr. Aspara's enduring legacy.

3. Khomasdal Stadium to be renamed in honour of the late Bobby Walter Sissing

Council has approved the renaming of Khomasdal Stadium in honour of the late Bobby Walter Sissing, a respected leader in the sports movement. Affectionately known as Uncle Bob, Sissing is widely recognized as the founder of the Khomasdal Football League and the Central Namibia Football Association in the 1980s. His initiatives played a pivotal role in laying the groundwork for the development of football in modern-day Namibia.

Khomasdal Stadium is owned and managed by the Municipal Council of Windhoek, serves as a vital venue for socializing and entertainment for both the immediate community and neighboring areas, particularly for the youth and school-going population.

4. Windhoek Council to Renew and Approve New Cooperation Agreements with Sister Local Authorities

The Municipal Council of Windhoek has actively developed strong relationships with various local authorities across Namibia, often formalized through five-year cooperation agreements. Some of these agreements, which have now expired, were signed with the Aranos Town Council, Otjinene Village Council, Outjo Municipality, Otavi Town Council, and Opuwo Town Council. Both Windhoek and its partner councils have expressed a mutual interest in renewing these agreements.

Furthermore, Windhoek has received requests from several other local authorities, including the Bethanie Village Council, Omaruru Municipality, Aroab Village Council, and Kalkrand Village Council, that aim to establish new cooperation agreements.

The areas of collaboration outlined in these agreements encompass a wide range of sectors, including economic development and trade, public safety and emergency management, waste management, health and wellness, and town planning and land management. These partnerships are designed to enhance service delivery, promote sustainable development, and facilitate knowledge-sharing among local authorities throughout the country.

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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