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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF WINDHOEK, HELD ON THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST 2026

1. **New residential township approved for Cimbebasia**

Council approved the establishment of Cimbebasia Extension 10, an important step towards expanding residential development and increasing the availability of serviced land in Windhoek. Located approximately seven kilometres south of the Central Business District, on the southwestern edge of Cimbebasia and bordered by Mataman and Ondangaura Streets, the proposed township covers approximately 63,175 square metres.

The approved layout provides for 107 erven, comprising 99 residential erven, two general residential erven, municipal erven, an office erf, public open space and streets. Residential properties will be developed at a density of one dwelling unit per 300 square metres, while the general residential erven will allow for a higher density of one dwelling unit per 150 square metres.

Approximately 104 erven are anticipated to be made available for public sale. The development is intended primarily for residential purposes, with provision for complementary land uses to support the future neighbourhood.

2. **City approves land for Windhoek International Convention Centre and sports hub development**

The City of Windhoek has approved land for the development of the Windhoek International Convention Centre (WICC) in Venus Township, together with additional land to accommodate a Sports Hub as part of a major proposed mixed-use development.

The envisaged development will comprise a 5,000-seat conference centre, a five-star hotel with approximately 510 rooms, a shopping mall, residential developments, recreational and entertainment facilities, as well as landscaped public spaces incorporating a linear park and feature lake.

The development will also include a Sports Hub, for which Council has approved the allocation of additional land. The proposed Sports Hub is envisaged to feature a multipurpose stadium with a seating capacity of approximately 40,000, an African Football Museum, a football academy and supporting sporting and recreational facilities.

The proposal was submitted by the Namibia Investment and Development Agency (NIDA), with support from the Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB).

Venus Township is located south of the Western Bypass and west of Prosperita Industrial Township, in an area with access to the city's southern suburbs and the road network connecting Windhoek to Hosea Kutako International Airport. The proposed development has the potential to introduce a new destination for international conferences, major sporting events, tourism, recreation and business activity.

For the Windhoek community, the development could create employment opportunities, stimulate local businesses, open opportunities for local suppliers and service providers, and expand the range of sporting, recreational and entertainment facilities available in the city. It is also expected to strengthen Windhoek's ability to attract international events, visitors and investment, contributing to broader economic growth.

3. Telecom Namibia donates N$719,388 in surveillance equipment to City Police

The City of Windhoek has approved the acceptance of surveillance equipment valued at **N$719,388.25**, donated by Telecom Namibia to the Windhoek Municipal Police Service. The donation comprises two DJI Matrice 4T drone units, 13 fixed high-resolution surveillance cameras and 13 advanced surveillance cameras designed for wider-area monitoring.

The donation responds to growing concerns over vandalism, theft and sabotage targeting critical infrastructure, particularly copper and fibre-optic cables. Such incidents not only result in infrastructure damage and financial losses but can also disrupt communication networks and essential services relied upon by residents and businesses.

The equipment is expected to strengthen the operational capacity of City Police by improving surveillance, supporting crime prevention, assisting with law-enforcement operations and enabling more effective monitoring of vulnerable infrastructure. The partnership also demonstrates the importance of collaboration between the City and private-sector institutions in protecting public assets and maintaining essential services.

4. Revised municipal road and traffic regulations approved

Council approved the revised Road, Traffic and Miscellaneous Regulations for the Windhoek Municipal Police Service, marking an important step towards modernising the City's regulatory framework for road use and public spaces.

The revised regulations are intended to replace the Street and Traffic Regulations No. 152 of 1930, which have been in place for decades. The updated framework seeks to respond to the changing needs of a growing city by addressing matters relating to traffic management, public transport, parking, road users and the management of public places.

Following Council's approval, the regulations will proceed through the applicable statutory approval and promulgation processes, including the requirements under the Road Traffic and Transport Act, 1999 (Act 22 of 1999).

5. Early exit arrangements could unlock more than N$100 million in potential land-sale revenue

According to a progress update presented at the City of Windhoek Council meeting on 29 October 2026, five developers involved in selected township development projects have expressed willingness to pursue early exit arrangements under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) agreements.

The initiative follows Council Resolution 161/07/2023, which authorised negotiations for early exit arrangements as a way of accelerating township development, improving land delivery and reducing the City's exposure to risks associated with delayed project implementation.

Under the proposed arrangements, developers may acquire qualifying land subject to agreed conditions, including approved subdivision layouts, environmental requirements, valuations and payment arrangements. The agreements also provide for development to commence within two years of the relevant addendum being concluded.

Importantly, land reserved for public open spaces, municipal purposes, streets and other designated public uses will remain the property of the City. The arrangements are intended to enable developers to proceed with projects as private developments while ensuring that the City's interests and service-delivery responsibilities are protected through appropriate agreements.

Once fully implemented, the early-exit land sales have the potential to generate more than N$100 million in revenue for the City.

6. City approves electric vehicle and charging infrastructure pilot project

Council approved the Electric Vehicles (EVs) and EV charging infrastructure pilot project for the Department of Electricity. The pilot project will allow the City to explore the practical use of electric vehicles within its operations, alongside the supporting charging infrastructure required to operate them.

The initiative represents a step towards assessing cleaner mobility options and the role that electric vehicle could play in the City's longer-term approach to energy efficiency and environmental sustainability. The pilot will also provide an opportunity to gain practical experience in the operation and support requirements of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure before considering wider application within municipal operations.

7. City approves EUR3 million GIZ grant to support access to energy

Council approved the acceptance of grant funding amounting to **EUR3 million** from the GIZ ACCESS to Energy Project, which will support the City's efforts to improve access to affordable energy. The project, which is expected to run through 2029, is intended to support initiatives aimed at expanding access to energy and addressing affordability challenges. This includes a universal access pilot project, as well as interventions to strengthen energy planning, monitoring and management.

The proposed areas of support include the use of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems to strengthen monitoring and management of electricity infrastructure, as well as artificial intelligence-based financial modelling to support improved planning and decision-making.

The grant provides an opportunity for the City to strengthen its institutional and technical capacity while exploring approaches that could contribute to more inclusive and sustainable energy access.

Council recess and 2027 meeting schedule

The Windhoek City Council will go on its annual recess from Monday, 7 December 2026, to Sunday, 17 January 2027. The first Management Committee meeting for 2027 is scheduled for Tuesday, 19 January, followed by the first Council meeting on Thursday, 28 January 2027.

During the recess, the Chief Executive Officer may convene special meetings where necessary to address urgent matters. Any urgent matters dealt with during this period will be submitted to the first Management Committee meeting for consideration and condonation, where required.

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-agendas-2/

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