

MUNICIPALITY OF SWAKOPMUND



COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

25 July 2019

Presented by
The Mayor of Swakopmund
Pauline Nashilundo

- ✓ Honourable Councillors,
- ✓ Pastor Kevin Mwashuma,
- ✓ The Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Alfeus Benjamin
- ✓ General Managers,
- ✓ Managers,
- ✓ Officials,
- ✓ Junior Town Council,
- ✓ Members of the Community,
- ✓ Members of the Media,
- ✓ Ladies and Gentlemen
- ✓ All Protocol observed

Good evening and welcome to our July Council Meeting. I am pleased to see each and every one of you here tonight.

Please allow me to share a bible verse from the book of Romans Chapter 12 verse 2 and it reads; "Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think."



Ladies and Gentlemen



On behalf of Council, the Office of the Mayor attended to the following official engagements during July 2019:

- Ministerial High level consultative retreat for political office bearers organized by the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development, Walvis Bay
- Welcoming Remarks at the Official Opening of the 4th Interpol Chemical Awareness And Crime Scene Management Course in Swakopmund by Deputy Mayor, honourable councillor Elago
- Conference at the FNCC and Networking Cocktail in Windhoek
- Benchmark visit by the City of Windhoek to our Council,
- Visit by the President of German Bundersrat, President-Minister Daniel Gunther
- Regional Drought Assessment Missions and Town Hall Meeting with His Excellency, Dr. Hage G. Geingob in Swakopmund
- Junior Town Council Inauguration Ceremony
- Annual Conference of the International Association of School & Institute of Administration, Lisbon, Portugal by Councillor Salomon
- Official handover ceremony of CNUC as new majority shareholder of Rössing Uranium Limited in Arandis today
- Various in-house meetings

Honourable Councillors, your commitment and dedication towards the work of the Council is highly appreciated.



Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please allow me to express my profound appreciation to the community of Swakopmund for their attendance and fruitful engagements during the Regional Drought Assessment Missions and Town Hall Meeting hosted by His Excellency, Dr. Hage Geingob and his cabinet delegation at the Tamariskia Town Hall in Swakopmund on the 18th of July 2019.

During his meeting, His Excellency emphasized on the importance of accountability as purposeful governance and urged Namibians to fight for a better Namibia in unity. He encouraged Namibians to engage in dialogue in order to solve issues of concern. This meeting provided a platform for Questions and Answers for the public to engage with the Presidential delegation.

On behalf of Council, I would like to reaffirm the community of Swakopmund that we are in support of the President's call for accountability and open dialogue and we encourage you to contact our offices should you have the need to raise your concerns.



Honourable Councillors



Ladies & Gentlemen

In its effort to continuously strengthen the local economy, the Municipality of Swakopmund is in the process of finalizing the Local Economic Development (LED) Strategy. The Council is aware of the various challenges facing the community of Swakopmund such as the high prevalence of unemployment; limited diversification of the economy due to the dependency on tourism only; the increase of business activities in neighboring towns and the lack of local and foreign investors. The LED Strategy thus aims to contribute to the elimination (or at least) reduction of these challenges.

And as part of local economic development, an Investment Profile has been crafted to promote Swakopmund as an investment hub for local and international investors. The purpose of the Investment Profile is to attract and retain local and economic investors in Swakopmund. As Council, our vision is to promote the town of Swakopmund in ways that will benefit its community at large.



Ladies and Gentlemen



Honourable Councillors

On the 23rd of July, the Junior Town Council inaugurated its new Members and bid farewell to the outgoing Councillors. It was indeed delightful to have witnessed the Inauguration ceremony, specifically because of the Leadership qualities and drive that these young people have in serving the community. It is my honour to announce the new Junior Town Council members to you. Congratulations to the new executives on their portfolios. May you serve the youth of Swakopmund with pride and passion. Please feel free to knock on my door should you need guidance and assistance.

The executive portfolios are as follow:

- Junior Mayor: Her Worship, Clr. Nakita Milne
- Deputy Mayor: Clr. Sinoritha Geises
- Public Relations Officer: Shakira Isaacks
- Treasurer: Frances Burger
- Secretary: Theodore Shikongo

Once again, congratulations to all of you.

Ladies & Gentlemen

Long Service Awards

On behalf of Council, I hereby would like to acknowledge the following staff members and present them with long service awards. We applaud each and every one of them for every effort, their

commitment, trust and loyalty that they have ploughed into this Council.

The staff members are as follows:

10 YEARS SERVICE

- Marolda Tjiriange
- Renathe Mauha
- Selina Tjekaravize
- Leonie Ndeilanga

15 YEARS SERVICE

- Andre Plaatjie

Thank you very much for your loyalty and we look forward to more years and decades of working together.

The Council wishes to express its gratitude to the following employees who will be retiring after many years of their service. We wish for you a well- deserved retirement filled with rest and peace.

Retirement

17 years, 2 months

Elias Nyandi

36 years, 2 months

Ndimulunde Isdora

Ladies & Gentlemen

Thank you for your undivided attention.

Pauline Nashilundo

MAYOR

