

MUNICIPALITY OF SWAKOPMUND



COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

26 April 2019

Presented by
The Deputy Mayor of Swakopmund
Maria Elago

- ✓ Honourable Councillors,
- ✓ Pastor Bamm
- ✓ 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

A very good evening, and welcome to our April Council meeting. Before I proceed with my speech please allow me to quote from the Frontline leader by Saki T. Nikodemus:-

“All true leaders depend totally on God for guidance, direction and inspiration “.

Honorable Councillors

Ladies and Gentlemen

The Mayoral office is a public office our purpose here remains that of serving our community and as a result this office always needs to attend to other duties and we have been involved in the following engagements for the month:

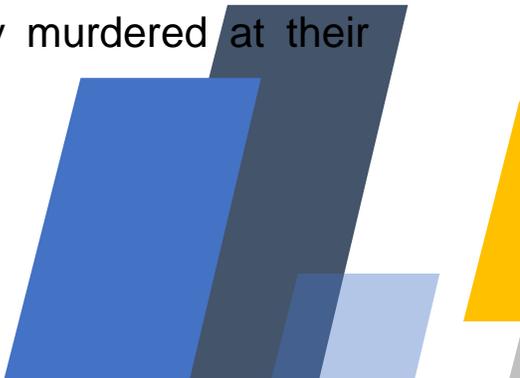


- Meeting with Abisai Theofilus, community member on behalf of Built Together Beneficiaries.
- Meeting with Schackdwellers Federation & Committee
- Ms N P Davids – Rahab Investment
- Budget Presentation at Erongo Regional Council
- Funeral of the late Ondonga King Immanuel Kauluma Elifas in Oniipa was represented by some of the Councillors
- Various internal administrative meetings
- Crayfish Festival currently attended by the Mayor & Chairperson of Management Committee
- This coming weekend the Nkurenkuru Gala Dinner & Expo will be attended by myself and the Councillor Ngwena

Thank you Honourable Councillors for the team work and the support fulfilling some of the duties of the Mayor's Office.

Ladies & Gentlemen

On behalf of the Community of Swakopmund, I offer my deepest sympathy to the two citizens of Swakopmund, who was shot in the wake of the Easter Weekend and was brutally murdered at their work place in Arandis, our neighbouring town.





During 2009 the Federal Republic of Germany awarded the Cross of Order of Merit to Mr Eckhart Mueller, the honour bestowed on him was a true and fair reflection of the person who fully deserves this award and he showed the same commitment towards Swakopmund. Late Mr Mueller also formed part of the C.H.A.I.N board, a person who really cared for the handicapped children of our community. Late Mr Mueller is a well know public figure in education. Education was his passion, the same passion and commitment he had for all the community members, young and old. Late Mr Mueller served on various advisory committees for Council in the past. One of the committees has been the committee to establish the Swakopmund Memorial Park; he was the vehicle who encouraged the previous Council to establish the well-known and established Swakopmund Memorial Park next to the Swakop River bed.

As Deputy Mayor of Swakopmund, I condemn this cowardly, hateful and senseless act of shooting that took innocent lives. May the Namibian Police be successful and bring the person who did such meaningless crime be brought to justice. This tragedy hits home, as the two victims, Late Mr Eckhart Mueller and Late Mr Heimo Hellwig lived in Swakopmund and Late Mr Hellwig used to be a staff member of Swakopmund Municipality many years ago and used to work at Council's vehicular workshop.



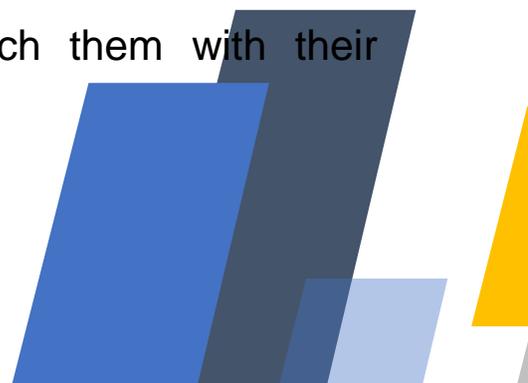
Swakopmund is committed to fostering diversity, understanding and mutual respect. One of our greatest strengths is tolerance and acceptance. Ours is a community that is welcoming, inclusive and compassionate. We continue to reach out with love, concern and prayers for Mr Eckhart Mueller and Mr Heimo Hellwig family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both of them who were killed and with the families and friends that are affected. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The Volunteers Beach Ambassador Program is one part of our pronged approach to furthering our mission of promoting our beach conservation through education and awareness during high festive seasons.

Volunteer Beach Ambassadors, being appointed High School Learners acting as beach ambassadors, wearing visible t-shirts, interact with the public in a positive and friendly way, while they're on the beach, stationed at beach areas. By wearing a t-shirt, the public knows to know that they can approach them with their questions about beach cleaning.





What does it take to be a Volunteer Beach Ambassador? A willingness to help people, and a desire to be a part of a positive presence on and off the beach.

Swakopmund's Beach Ambassadors have the following responsibilities:-

- Encourage visitors to the beach to keep our beaches clean.
- Monitor and Control demarcated areas on the beach.
- Minimize/prevent the illegal dumping of waste.
- Promote a clean and healthy environment.

We encourage our community and tourist the support Council Beach Ambassador programme in beach conservation through-out the year.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Tonight, Swakopmund Municipality's annual budget for 2019/2020 will be tabled. For the 2019/2020 financial year, a proposed amount of N\$237 million has been allocated for capital expenditure.





The budget of this municipality, and is an expression of the objectives of the Swakopmund Council in quantifiable outcomes that will be implemented by the administration for the 2019/2020 financial period.

This budget provides the detail of the funded commitments of the Municipality to deliver on projects and other initiatives, to ultimately improve the lives of all in Swakopmund. The Alternate Chairperson of Management Committee, Councillor Kleopas Nwgena will cover the proposed budget in more detail shortly after the announcements

What we are tabling today will require the public's input, because as an open, transparent and accountable Local Authority, we work together with our residents.

The budget takes into account the fiscal pressures facing government and residents and reflects the need to continue delivering effective services as well as to improve efficiencies so as to not put undue financial pressure on our residents.



The budget attempts to deliver on our responsibilities to Swakopmund's poorest residents, ensuring that funding is available for the delivery of the services that our residents deserve and respecting our ratepayers whose contributions we cannot do without.

This is an enabling budget; enabling in terms of creating the environment where job creation can continue, where housing is delivered, and where we deliver services so that our residents can call it home, their own property what they enjoy, their neighbourhoods, and the places where they relax and where they work.

Housing delivery remains a top priority of this administration as reflected in this year's budget.

Ladies & Gentlemen

There is often a lot of focus on the new infrastructure that we are delivering, and we continue to deliver in this regard, but it is equally important that we also ensure the optimal maintenance of existing infrastructure and that we play our part to protect it from vandalism.



We encourage communities to engage in helping to play their part too in protecting this infrastructure so that our limited resources are not unnecessarily diverted and to ensure that all communities have access to high quality and functional infrastructure.

In conclusion, I want to emphasize that the budget presented this evening is focused on and committed to directing resources where they are needed most and where they will have the biggest impact, so that we can continue to make progress possible together.

Ladies & Gentlemen

Crime and grime go hand-in-hand and create an unsafe environment for communities across the whole of Swakopmund. While education, skills development and job creation remain the fundamental means through which we can increase safety, we unfortunately also need to pick up the slack from the under-resourcing of Nampol.



I must take this opportunity to say a special thank you to the neighbourhood watch members across this town, who volunteer their time to help keep our communities safe and act as a critical force multiplier. They do this, often after a long day of work, and at night into the early hours of the morning. We hosted an awards ceremony over the weekend to honour their selfless dedication and I was truly humbled to see how many of our residents are playing their part to keep their neighbourhoods safe.

Ladies & Gentlemen

Long Service Awards

We acknowledge the following staff member and present him with a long service award; we equally want to thank him for his time and contributions. The municipality will never forget what a wonderful job each one of its staff members contributes and continue to do.



15 YEARS SERVICE

Sanfriedt Tjiurutue

⇒ 1 April 2004

Ladies & Gentlemen

I thank you for your undivided attention this evening and may our deliberations be fruitful.

Maria Elago

DEPUTY MAYOR

