

# MUNICIPALITY OF SWAKOPMUND



## COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**28 March 2019**

Presented by  
The Mayor of Swakopmund  
P N D Nashilundo

- ✓ Honourable Councillors,
- ✓ Pastor Hamutenya
- ✓ Namibia Housing Action Group - Melki Namupolo
- ✓ Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia - Johanna Nembungu
- ✓ Members of the Shack Dwellers Federation - Swakopmund
- ✓ 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 March council meeting. Before I proceed with my speech please allow me to quote from the book of wisdom out of *1 Peter 2:16* " *Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.*"

### ***Honorable Councillors***

### ***Ladies and Gentlemen***

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



- Chairperson of MC, Councillor Shitana presented the Keynote address at the 1<sup>st</sup> Namibian Golden Oldies Sports event hosted here in Swakopmund
- Welcoming at the Re-launch of Hepatitis E Outbreak response campaign.
- Meeting with Mr Abisai Theofilus regarding Master Housing waiting list
- Visit by Prof G Totemeyer & Prof A J Totemeyer
- Attended Koep & Partners Coastal Corporate Function
- Welcoming at the Erongo Regional Council's Commemoration of the International Women's Day
- The Deputy Mayor, councillor Elago attended the opening of the Road Fund Administration Conference
- Presented the Vote of thanks at the Nampol Conference hosted for Chief Inspectors
- Councillors have a meeting with the Scientific Society and visit to the Museum
- Accompanied the Minister of Works and Transport to visit the and witness the progress and construction of the main roads serving Swakopmund
- Opening remarks at the 10th AMEU/AEDU Namibia Technical Conference
- Meeting with the Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development together with representatives from O'B Davids Properties

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- Attending the Namibia National Mayor's Forum Executive meeting in Windhoek
  - Councillors attended Namibia's 29<sup>th</sup> Independence Celebrations hosted by Khomas Region in Windhoek
  - Councillors attended a meeting at Erongo Regional Council with the Electoral Commission to prepare for the supplementary registration of votes.

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

### **Ladies and Gentlemen**

Every year we celebrate one of Namibia's main victory events and last week Namibia celebrated and commemorated its 29<sup>th</sup> Independence Celebrations that was hosted by the Khomas Region in the capital of Namibia. Speaking during celebrations to mark Namibia's 29 years of independence, his Excellency, the President of the Republic of Namibia Dr Hage Geingob said that he believes Namibia had made significant progress over the past 29 years following independence from apartheid South Africa in 1990. I think we can say the same for our own town.





Swakopmund Council is committed to continue strengthening principles of effective governance, respect for the rule of law as well as respect for human life and dignity. Swakopmund also displays some of the most modern infrastructure networks in Namibia.

Swakopmund Council remains committed to uphold the principle of fundamental rights as preserved in Namibia's constitution, which include the protection, recognise the urgent need for land delivery as a means to reduce poverty in our community. Swakopmund community should strive to build and establish peaceful, democratic and a prosperous society, where our people can realise their full potential without discrimination or prejudice.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen**

As Namibia's most sought-after holiday destination, Swakopmund, has in recent years not only become the main tourist hub of the country it also became the capital for event hosting. No longer the sleepy village at the edge of the cold misty coastline, Swakopmund is now fast becoming the business and incentive travel capital and event hosting capital of the Southern African region.





Event tourism plays a key role in building a more successful and attractive destination. Event visitors can create a huge economic and touristic impact on the hosting destination. By hosting more events in Swakopmund can help to bring new market segments to Swakopmund. Events bring people together with the same interest and some events have a limited duration.

By promoting Swakopmund for hosting large events can create economic benefits, not only for the tourism industry but also for the whole economy of Swakopmund. Hosting large events will put Swakopmund on the map and it will create more exposure.

Swakopmund Municipality wishes to create an Annual Event Calendar for exposure on Council's website and therefore invites the businesses, community and event hosting organizations to submit their annual, monthly or weekly events to Council's Marketing Officer, Ms Aili Gebhardt // [agebhardt@swkmun.com.na](mailto:agebhardt@swkmun.com.na) or [swkmun@swkmun.com.na](mailto:swkmun@swkmun.com.na) to be placed on the portal created to market all events hosted in Swakopmund.

**Ladies and Gentlemen**



Swakopmund Municipality, the Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia and Namibia Housing Action Group recognized the importance of the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals 11 and 6, the UN-Habitat New Urban Agenda and the African Union Urban Agenda 2063 recognizing tenure security, territorial planning, urban management systems and improving conditions in informal settlements, and the Harambee Prosperity Plan of Namibia and Vision 2030 of the Government of Republic Namibia to work towards a prosperous and industrialized Namibia, developed by human resources and political stability. In light thereof, the parties wish to commit themselves to a constructive and collaborative partnership to pursue the realization of these goals in Swakopmund.

The envisaged partnership shall be to develop and implement a comprehensive and sustainable process aimed at scaling up the community driven land and shelter development processes envisaged by the Municipality of Swakopmund for low-income residents. These include those households who are most at risk socially, economically and geographically and who are unable to afford any alternative formal land and shelter options available to individual households in Swakopmund.

The parties commit to join forces to secure sustainable land and shelter allocation to the low-income community of Swakopmund through the following objectives:

- ✓ To improve and promote a working partnership.
- ✓ To fast track the delivery of affordable land, services and shelter to organized low-income community groups in Swakopmund.
- ✓ To ensure a transparent and simplified system of access to land and the process of application.
- ✓ To create a learning environment to enable communities and the Local Authority to share best practices.



Ladies and Gentlemen, we therefore now will witness the signing of the **Memorandum of Understanding** between Swakopmund Municipality, the Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia as a network of saving groups from informal settlements, rented rooms, backyard structures and homeless people affiliated to the Slum/Shack Dwellers International network and Namibia Housing Action Group a non-profit organization for cooperation on increasing secure tenure, basic services, and decent shelter for low-income communities in Swakopmund.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen**

Tonight I wish to congratulate a son of our own community on his para athlete sporting achievements for the past 3 years. **Bradley Murere** a para athlete was born on 26 September 2002 in Tsumeb and started his schooling career in Swakopmund at Namib Primary School, currently he is a grade 10 learner at Namib High School.

For the past 3 years Bradley represented Namibia at various para athlete events and had profound achievements:



2017, Windhoek was awarded and received a trophy as Best Junior Para Athlete in Namibia.

2018, he participated in South Africa as well as Namibia and obtained 2 Gold medals in the SASAPD National Championships for the 100m and 200m final, he was then awarded in Namibia and received a trophy at the Disability Sports Award.

During March 2018, Bradley participated in World Para Athletics Grand Prix Event hosted in Berlin, Germany and received a silver for the 200m and a bronze for 100m.

Recently he represented Namibia in South Africa at the Stellenbosch Championships and received a gold for 100m as well as 200m.

Our Swakopmund Community is proud of you Bradley, and we congratulate you on your achievement and wish you the very best in all your future endeavours – make Swakopmund as well as Namibia proud.

**Ladies and Gentlemen**



Erongo RED requested from Council to nominate 2 community members to represent Swakopmund community on a voluntary basis on Erongo Red's Consumer Liaison Committee on matters of common concern, interest and to exchange information and views and to give direction on its policies, procedures and processes as they affect the community of Swakopmund.

Council nominated the following Community Members to represent the community of Swakopmund:

- ⇒ Ms Hella Mukwiilongo
- ⇒ Ms Sara-Leigh Elago

## **Ladies and Gentlemen**

### **Long Service Awards**

We acknowledge the following staff members and present them with long service awards, we equally want to thank them for their time and contributions to develop this Municipality and transform it into what it is today. The municipality will never forget what a wonderful job each one of you did and continue to do.



The staff members are as follows:

### **10 YEARS SERVICE**

Jonas Moongo                   ⇒       1 March 2009

### **15 YEARS SERVICE**

Toini Stephanus               ⇒       1 March 2004

Hosea Valombola              ⇒       1 March 2004

### **20 YEARS SERVICE**

Petrus Tjipute                ⇒       1 March 1999

### **On Retirement**

Retirement is not about giving up, losing yourself, slowing down or feeling old. Retirement is about enjoying the longest holiday of life.

**Ms Stella van der Colf** worked at the Municipality of Swakopmund for **33 years and 6 months** giving her devoted service to the community in the Finance Department.

Ms van der Colf, we thank you for the sincere care towards the Swakopmund community, the dedication and hard work to serve your community for so many years, you deserve the best retirement ever. Enjoy this new journey of your life. Cherish every moment and have fun!



## **Ladies & Gentlemen**

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

PND Nashilundo  
**MAYOR**

