

MUNICIPALITY OF SWAKOPMUND



COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

26 July 2018

SPEECH PRESENTED BY

The Mayor of Swakopmund

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- Honourable Councillors,
- Pastor Samuel Franz,
- The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr Clive Lawrence
- General Managers,
- Managers,
- Officials,
- Members of the Community,
- Members of the Media,
- Ladies and Gentlemen
- All Protocol observed

Good evening and a warm welcome to our Council Meeting.

Before I proceed with my speech, allow me to quote from the book of wisdom; out of Isaiah 30:18 “The Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him”

Honorable Councillors

Ladies and Gentlemen

My office was very busy with the following duties for the month of July:

Duties for the month:

- The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Chairperson of Management Committee and I attended the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development Workshop on Local Authorities Amendment Act.
- The Deputy Head of Chancery and Chinese Embassy paid a courtesy visit to the office of the Mayor to Build Friendship and Mutual Understanding with the Mayor and chairperson of MC .
- I attended and delivered the Welcoming Remarks at the 5th Western Regional Conference of (NAPWU).
- Councillors Marsh, Ngwena and myself attended the Walvis Bay Lutheran Parish Gala Dinner.
- Cllr Hangula attended the Kindergartens Gala Dinner and delivers the word of encouragement on behalf of the Mayor.
- Councillor Marsh and I attended a dinner with Chinese delegation with the Chinese Embassy at the jetty restaurant.
- Cllr Uahimisa Kaapehi attended the Fisu World University Rugby Sevens Championship Official Opening Ceremony on behalf of the Mayor and delivered the Welcoming remarks.
- I attended the Anglican Diocese of Namibian Choir Annual Conference and delivered Welcoming Remarks.

- We had a familiarization visit on the Implementation of the Fast Track Cities Strategies at the City Of Windhoek
- Councillor Ngwena attended the Swaitex Launch and delivered the Welcoming Remarks.
- We attended the Regional Consultation in Preparation for the Second Land Conference at the Multi-purpose center.
- The Chairperson of Management attended the Election Meeting: Employer Trustee Representative for Erongo Region: Retirement Fund for Local Authority and Utility Services in Namibia and also as the proxy for the Mayor.
- Councillor A Marsh attended the Youth Conference Namibia and delivered the Welcoming Remarks and I also attended the same conference and delivered the Keynote address.
- We attended the State Funeral of Late Comrade Theo-Ben Gurirab in Windhoek.
- We attended the Inauguration Of Junior Town Council of 2018/2019
- The //Uitani congregation from Khorixas paid a courtesy visit to the Office of the Mayor.

- I attended the Breakfast Meeting “Invest in Kavango” Introduction of Operation Werengendje & the Launch of Food Expo 2018, hosted by the Governor of Kavango East Region in Walvis Bay.
- I also attended in-house meetings.

Again thank you Honourable Councillors for the team work and the support.

Honorable Councillors

Ladies and Gentlemen

Shack fires are one of Council’s main concerns especially during the hot and windy weather conditions. Nine shacks were reportedly destroyed by fire at the beginning of July alone. The first shack fire occurred on 4 July 2018, when three shacks burnt down. On Monday morning 08 July 2018, a shack was destroyed by a fire in the Matutura suburb and on the very day in the afternoon five shacks were burnt down in Tuliwana, Mondesa. Fortunately no lives were lost, but it remains a concern as properties are lost.

It is for this reason that I am urging the community of Swakopmund to take proper precautions when handling materials such as candles, matches and gas. Also avoid

illegal connections of electricity as this is also hazardous and can cause fire and death.

Honorable Councillors

Ladies and Gentlemen

Four confirmed cases of Hepatitis E have been recorded in Swakopmund. Hepatitis E is a virus that infects your liver and can cause your liver to swell up. It is especially dangerous for pregnant women or anyone with a weak immune system, including the elderly or people who are ill.

The Ministry of Health has contacted information session with the community and is continuing with this meetings. Whenever information session is called up, let us attend in big number, so that we can have proper information on what is happening in our surroundings.

As it is always said prevention is better than cure, there is no vaccine that can prevent Hepatitis E. therefore I urge you please to take recursion, so that we prevent the spread and outbreaks of these vicious diseases.

Honorable Councillors

Ladies and Gentlemen

Namibia Parking Solutions invested N\$1.5 million dollar in the new state-of-the art digital monitoring system to bring about a more efficient way of managing parking in the CBD, this information was shared during their presentation Swakopmund Council.

A new parking management system is due to come into operation in the Swakopmund central business district (CBD) at the end of July. The system aims primarily to improve the management and availability of parking in the central business district CBD.

Our local business community in Swakopmund has generally welcomed the change as it will mean motorists can no longer park in front of shops in the CBD for the whole day as before, as they will be charged a fixed hourly rate for parking.

The change in the way parking is managed in Swakopmund is in line with international best practices and will also create job opportunity. Existing car guards are appointed as parking marshals, many went through police screening and clearance. They also received training on how the new parking system operates.

The new parking management will curb the regular harassment by unregistered car guards, crime and theft from vehicles.

Council hope that, this will bring a degree of professionalism and public order in the management of parking, and will thus improve the experience of visitors to the town as well as local residents by offering a standardized parking rate and a more efficient service.

As noted, a large number of former car guards will be employed on a fulltime basis and will acquire new skills that are likely to improve their terms of employment and standard of living, with improved opportunities for professional advancement.

Long Service Awards

Ladies and Gentlemen

Today we will acknowledge the following staff members:

Mr Paulus Shapota - 30 years of services and Mr Grasienu Paulus is going on retirement after 40 years and 7 months of services, thank you for your devoted service to Swakopmund Council and we wish him good health and prosperous years ahead.

In conclusion, Ladies and Gentlemen; as we mentioned in last month's Council meeting that Council Agenda were distributed in hard copy which has been a voluminous document, that increased the production cost. Council Agenda for the public are now available on our Council Facebook page and the Swakopmund Municipal website and dropbox.

I thank you for your attention.