

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF DIHLABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, CIVIC CENTRE, BETHLEHEM ON TUESDAY, 31 MAY 2011 AT 10:18**

=====

**PRESENT:**

Councillors    J F Bonthuys  
                  C C Harrington  
                  (Mrs) S M Jacobs  
                  L J Lemako  
                  P D Lengoabalala  
                  P A Maasdorp  
                  (Mrs) L U Makhalema  
                  T A Masoeu  
                  (Ms) M K Mofokeng  
                  M St. V Mofokeng  
                  R P Mofokeng  
                  (Ms) T M Mofokeng  
                  T M H Mofokeng  
                  T V Mofokeng  
                  (Mrs) H E Mokoena  
                  (Mrs) M A Mokoena  
                  M J Mokoena  
                  (Ms) M R Mokoena  
                  P P Mokoena  
                  (Ms) N M Mosupa  
                  S Msimanga  
                  (Ms) M A Noosi  
                  N N Nzimande  
                  J J H Pienaar  
                  (Mrs) M Prior  
                  J M Radebe  
                  M M Radebe  
                  (Mrs) A L Rakhothule-Mkhwanazi  
                  T P Ramaele  
                  G J Roetz  
                  T J Seekane  
                  (Ms) M E Sempe  
                  M D Shabalala  
                  D Stevens  
                  T J Tseki  
                  M J Tshabalala  
                  (Mrs) T J Tshabalala  
                  B D L Venter

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Messrs	T E Tsoaeli	-	Municipal Manager
	M E S Mthwalo	-	Director: Corporate Services
	R Provis	-	Chief Financial Officer

	A B Masuku	-	Director: Public Works
Mrs	T G Hadebe	-	Director: LED
Mrs	M A B Mosima	-	Acting Director: Community Services/ Manager: Solid Waste
Messrs	T S Morare	-	Manager: Internal Audit
	J L Botha	-	Manager: Secretariat
	P V Tlhabanelo	-	Manager: Supply Chain
Mmes	T Maake	-	PA of the Municipal Manager
	S Bronkhorst	-	Manager: Marketing and Communication

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mrs	R Visser	-	Chief Magistrate	(until 10:51)
Mmes	S Maree	-	Vrystaat	
	L Greyling	-	Maluti	
Mr	S Mpetsheni	-	Municipal Electoral Officer	
Mmes	L Magongoma	-	Independent Electoral Commission	
	F Mabena	-	Independent Electoral Commission	
Mr	P H J Olivier			
Ms	(Ms) D M Mofokeng			
±	200 Members of the public			

**SECRETARIAT:**

Mmes	J Etzebeth
	J Erasmus
Ms	B G Tshabalala

**RECORDING OFFICER:**

Ms	B G Tshabalala
----	----------------

**MINUTES**1. Opening, Welcome and Explanation of proceedings

The Municipal Manager, Mr T E Tsoaeli opened the meeting and welcomed all present. He requested Councillor M J Tshabalala to open with a prayer. He indicated what the purpose of the meeting was and explained the proceedings. The agenda was confirmed to be in order.

2. Oath or Solemn Affirmation by members of the Council

The Chief Magistrate, Mrs Ria Visser explained the procedure to Councillors to swear or affirm faithfulness to the republic and obedience to the Constitution.

Councillor D Stevens affirmed faithfulness to the republic and obedience to the Constitution.

Councillors J F Bonthuys, C C Harrington, (Mrs) S M Jacobs, L J Lemako, P D Lengoabalala, P A Maasdorp, (Mrs) L U Makhalema, T A Masoeu, (Ms) M K Mofokeng, M St. V Mofokeng, R P Mofokeng, (Ms) T M Mofokeng, T M H Mofokeng, T V Mofokeng, (Mrs) H E Mokoena, (Mrs) M A Mokoena, M J Mokoena, (Ms) M R Mokoena, P P Mokoena, (Ms) N M Mosupa, S Msimanga, (Ms) M A Noosi, N N Nzimande, J J H Pienaar, (Mrs) M Prior, J M Radebe, M M Radebe, (Mrs) A L Rakhothule-Mkhwanazi, T P Ramaele, G J Roetz, T J Seekane, (Ms) M E Sempe, M D Shabalala, T J Tseki, M J Tshabalala, (Mrs) T J Tshabalala, B D L Venter swore faithfulness to the republic and obedience to the Constitution.

3. Signing of the attendance register and leave of absence

**RESOLVED:**

that the procedure regarding the signing of the attendance register and leave of absence be noted.

4. Introduction of Councillors and Officials

The Municipal Manager, Mr T E Tsoaeli requested all Councillors to introduce themselves and thereafter he introduced himself and section 57 managers as well as other managers present.

5. Disclosure of interest

The Municipal Manager requested Councillors to complete and return the declaration of interest forms to the Manager Secretariat, Mr J L Botha.

6. Election of Speaker

The Municipal Manager called for nominations for the position of Speaker.

Councillor R P Mofokeng nominated and Councillor T M H Mofokeng seconded Councillor (Ms) M A Noosi as Speaker.

**RESOLVED:**

that Councillor (Ms) M A Noosi be elected as Speaker of Dihlabeng Local Municipality.

7. Taking the chair by the Speaker and acceptance speech

The Municipal Manger handed the chair to the Speaker, Councillor (Ms) M A Noosi. She thanked the almighty for his grace. She expressed her gratitude to the ruling party for trusting her with the position. She also thanked all the voters who voted on 18 May 2011. She also acknowledged the Chief Magistrate, Mrs Ria Visser in absentia. She expressed her gratitude to the Municipal Manager and his team, all Councillors, the community and the IEC. She acknowledged the media present. She read from Job 15:2 and 5. She said that it is possible to work together regardless of the different organisations Councillors represent.

She said that service delivery should be fast tracked and the education on how government work should be deepened. She added that those goals could only be achieved through an effective public participation Programme.

8. Motions of congratulations by: Councillors and Municipal Manager:

Councillors (Mrs) M A Mokoena, Mrs M Prior, M J Mokoena, D Stevens and L J Lemako congratulated Councillor (Ms) M A Noosi on her appointment as Speaker and wished her all the best in her term as Speaker.

The Municipal Manager also congratulated the Speaker, Councillor (Ms) M A Noosi on her re-appointment and pledged a 100% commitment of administration to support her office.

9. Election of the Executive Mayor

The Speaker called for nominations for the position of Executive Mayor.

Councillor T J Tseki nominated and Councillor (Mrs) L U Makhalema seconded, Councillor T M H Mofokeng as Executive Mayor.

**RESOLVED:**

1. that Councillor T M H Mofokeng be elected as Executive Mayor of Dihlabeng Local Municipality.
2. that the contents of the report of the Municipal Manager in terms of Rule 119(2) of the Standard Rules and Orders be noted.
3. that it be confirmed that the type of Dihlabeng Local Municipality is that of an mayoral executive system combined with a ward participatory system as promulgated by the MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in Provincial Gazette 22 of 27 May 2011.

10. Acceptance Speech: Executive Mayor

The Executive Mayor, Councillor T M H Mofokeng said that the people of Dihlabeng have spoken and the ANC made its choices. The best team has been assembled. He thanked all for voting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2011. He said that local government is under the spotlight and a re-focus is required. Council would continue its oversight role. He said that Council would continue to work with all stakeholders. He indicated to the opposition parties that they would continue working together.

11. Motions of congratulations by: Councillors and Municipal Manager:

Councillors P D Lengoabala, (Mrs) L U Makhalema, L J Lemako, (Mrs) S M Jacobs, M J Mokoena, S Msimanga, R P Mofokeng, T V Mofokeng, D Stevens and (Mrs) T J Tshabalala congratulated Councillor T M H Mofokeng on being appointed as the first Executive Mayor of Dihlabeng Local Municipality and wished him well in his new position as Executive Mayor.

The Municipal Manager congratulated Councillor T M H Mofokeng on his appointment and he committed 100% support from administration in the execution of his responsibilities as Executive Mayor.

12. Appointment of the Mayoral Committee

The Executive Mayor, Councillor T M H Mofokeng announced that the following Councillors would be appointed as members of the Mayoral Committee:

- Councillors C C Harrington  
P D Lengoabala  
(Mrs) L U Makhalema  
T J Seekane  
(Mrs) T J Tshabalala  
(Mrs) D M Mofokeng  
L J Lemako  
(Mrs) N M Mosupa

**RESOLVED:**

that Councillors C C Harrington, P D Lengoabala, (Mrs) L U Makhalema, T J Seekane, (Mrs) T J Tshabalala, (Mrs) D M Mofokeng, L J Lemako and (Mrs) N M Mosupa be appointed as members of the Mayoral Committee.

13. Appointment of a Council Whip

The Executive Mayor, Councillor T M H Mofokeng nominated and Councillor C C Harrington seconded, Councillor M M Radebe as the Council Whip.

**RESOLVED:**

that Councillor M M Radebe be elected as the Council Whip of Dihlabeng Local Municipality.

14. Designation of full time Councillors

Councillor M M Radebe proposed and Councillor (Mrs) M A Mokoena seconded that the Speaker, Executive Mayor, Council Whip and Members of the Mayoral Committee be designated as full-time Councillors.

**RESOLVED:**

1. that the Speaker, Executive Mayor, Council Whip and Members of the Mayoral Committee be designated as full-time Councillors.
2. that the contents of the report of the Municipal Manager in terms of rule 70 of the Standard Rules and Orders, be noted.

15. Election of the representatives in Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality

The election of representatives of the Council to Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipalities was managed by the Municipal Electoral Officer, Mr S Mpetsheni.

The following four (4) candidates were elected to be representatives in Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality by show of hands:

ANC candidates:

- Councillor (Mrs) M A Mokoena	- 9 votes
- Councillor (Mrs) H E Mokoena	- 9 votes
- Councillor T J Tseki	- 10 votes

DA candidate:

- Councillor P T Ramaele	- 8 votes
--------------------------	-----------

**RESOLVED:**

that Councillors (Mrs) M A Mokoena and (Mrs) H E Mokoena, T J Tseki and P T Ramaele be elected to represent Council in Thabo Mofutsanyana District Council.

16. Election of other committees

**REFERRED BACK** to the next Council meeting.

17. Election of representatives in the Executive Committee of the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) (Free State)

**REFERRED BACK** to the next Council meeting.

18. Election of representatives on Provincial and District IGR Structures

**REFERRED BACK** to the next Council meeting.

19. Code of Conduct for Councillors

**RESOLVED:**

that notice be taken that the Code of Conduct for Councillors is legally binding on Councillors as part of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000.

20. Standard Rules and Orders

**RESOLVED:**

that the Standard Rules and Orders, be noted.

21. Remuneration of Public Office Bearers: Determination of upper limits of salaries, allowances and benefits of different members of Municipal Councils

**RESOLVED:**

that the Remuneration of Public Office Bearers: Determination of upper limits of salaries, allowances and benefits of different members of Municipal Councils be noted and that it be confirmed that Dihlabeng Local Municipality is a category 4 municipality.

22. 2011/12 Budget and 2011/12 Integrated Development Plan (IDP)

**RESOLVED:**

that the 2011/12 Budget and 2011/12 IDP, be noted.

23. Review of Delegated Powers

**REFERRED BACK** to the next Council meeting.

24. Review/Determination of Language Policy

**REFERRED BACK** to the next Council meeting.

25. Establishment of Ward Committees

**REFERRED BACK** to the next Council meeting.

26. Inauguration of the Executive Mayor and Speaker

**DISCUSSION:**

Councillor M M Radebe proposed and Councillor (Mrs) S M Jacobs proposed that expenditure in respect of the Inauguration of the Executive Mayor and Speaker does not exceed the amount of R200 000,00. Councillor G Roetz raised concern about the amount of money to be spent on the inauguration and he requested that it be re-considered.

**RESOLVED:**

1. that the provision of an amount not exceeding R200 000,00 be referred to the 2011/12 Adjustments Budget for the Inauguration of the Executive Mayor and Speaker.
2. that it be noted that Councillor G Roetz raised his concern regarding the expenditure in 1 above.

27. Notification of time, date and venue of first ordinary Council meeting to be held as well as the dates for the next ordinary Council meetings to be held for the remainder of the year

**RESOLVED:**

that it be delegated to the Speaker and Executive Mayor to determine the schedule for Council; Mayoral Committee and Portfolio Committee meetings.

Closing of meeting

The business of the day having been concluded the Speaker, Councillor (Ms) M A Noosi adjourned the meeting at 12:09.

DATE: .....

.....  
SPEAKER