



ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

GEWONE VERGADERING VAN DIE RAAD

INTLANGANISO YESIQHELO YEBHUNGA

MINUTES / NOTULE /

IMIZUZU

**DATE / DATUM / UMHLA : 28 OCTOBER / OKTOBER /
OKTOBHA 2020**

**VENUE / PLEK / INDAWO : AUDITORIUM / OUDITORIUM
CIVIC CENTRE / BURGERSENTRUM / IZIKO LOLUNTU
HERMANUS**

TIME / TYD / IXESHA: 15:00

OVERSTRAND

MUNICIPALITY / MUNISIPALITEIT / U-MASIPALA

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM, CIVIC CENTRE,
HERMANUS, ON 28 OCTOBER 2020, AT 15:00**

PRESENT: Councillors were present as per attached attendance register.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr C Groenewald, Municipal Manager
Ms D Arrison, Director : Management Services
Ms S Reyneke-Naudé, Director : Finance
Mr R Williams, Director : Community Services
Mr N Michaels, Director : Protection Services
Mr S Müller, Director : Infrastructure & Planning
Mr H Blignaut, Deputy Director : Engineering Services
Mr D Hendriks, Senior Manager : Engineering Services
Ms R Louw, Senior Manager : Strategic Services
Mr F Myburgh, Senior Manager : Gansbaai Administration
Mr D Lakey, Senior Manager : Kleinmond Administration
Mr B King, Senior Manager : Financial Services
Mr L Smith, Chief : Fire & Rescue & Disaster Management
Mr R Fraser, Chief : Traffic/Licences
Ms A Le Roux, Manager : Property Administration
Ms J van Asperen, Senior Business Analyst
Ms H van Tonder, Manager : Council Support Services
Ms N Zweni, Manager : Communication
Ms R Steenekamp, Media and Social Media Liaison Officer
Ms H van der Stoep, Senior Town Planner
Mr S van der Merwe, Senior Town Planner
Mr R Fraser, Chief : Traffic/Licences
Ms G Erasmus, Clerk : Auditorium
Ms S Swart, Administrative Officer : Council Support Services

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Public

MINUTES/....

OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY
ATTENDANCE REGISTER

COUNCIL MEETING
28 OCTOBER 2020

ALDERMAN/COUNCILLORS	SIGNATURE
AFRICA, F	Absent with leave.
BOTHA, D	✓
BRICE, KD	✓
COETSEE, A	✓
COETZEE, DP	✓
COHEN, G	✓
DE CONING, CA	✓
GILLION, E	✓
KALOLO, SV	✓
KOMANI, AS	✓
KRIGE, F	✓
NQINATA, NNT	✓
MAY, C	✓
MOLEFE, B	✓
MORGAN, H	✓
MSWELI, X	✓
NTSABO, L	✓
NUTT, R	✓
ORBAN, J	✓
PUNGUPUNGU, V	✓
RESANDT, C	✓
SAPEPA, NM	✓
TAFU-NWONKWO, CC	✓
TEBELE, S	✓


28/10/20

1. OPENING

The Speaker, Ald A Coetsee, observed 30 seconds of silence. The Municipal Manager, Mr C Groenewald, read the notice convening the meeting. The Speaker welcomed the Municipal Manager's wife, Ms R Groenewald, as well as the Executive Mayor's wife, Ms S Coetsee.

2. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr F Africa

RESOLVED

that the above-mentioned application for leave of absence, **be granted.**

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**3.1 Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 30 September 2020 at 11:00****RESOLVED:**

that the Minutes of an **Ordinary Meeting** of the Overstrand Municipal **Council** held on **Wednesday, 30 September 2020 at 11:00, be confirmed.**

4. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE SPEAKER / EXECUTIVE MAYOR

The Speaker, Ald A Coetsee, dealt with certain formalities, like the roaming microphones which must be sanitised after use.

The Speaker, Ald A Coetsee, then mentioned that he will allow the different political parties as well as the Municipal Manager to make speeches under Paragraph 7 of the agenda.

The Speaker, Ald A Coetsee, then afforded the Executive Mayor, Ald D Coetsee, time to make his directional speech of the 2021/22 IDP Review and 2021/2024 Budget process, a copy of which is attached as Annexure A to the minutes.

5. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR TO COUNCIL, IN TERMS OF SECTION 160(2) OF THE CONSTITUTION, 1996, AND SECTION 59(1)(a) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS ACT 2000 (ACT 32 OF 2000)

5.1

IN PRINCIPLE APPROVAL FOR THE ALIENATION OF ERF 6924 KLEINMOND (SITUATED AT 26 NERINA STREET, EXTENSION 6) BY MEANS OF A COMPETITIVE PROCESS

(ITEM 6, PAGE 128: INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING PORTFOLIO - MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING : 28 OCTOBER 2020)

RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):

1. that the alienation of Erf 6924 Kleinmond (284m² in extent), for residential purposes by means of a competitive process, **be approved in principle**;
2. that all costs pertaining to the transaction, e.g. the transfer costs, water-, sewer- and electricity connections, the section 14 advertisement, but excluding the valuation costs and application fee, be paid by the successful bidder/purchaser;
3. that a condition be included in the title deed of the property that it may only be used for residential purposes; and
4. that it is hereby confirmed by Council that the municipal property herewith envisaged to be alienated is not required for the provision of basic municipal services in terms of paragraph 5 of the Administration of Immovable Property Policy approved by Council on 25 November 2015 and Section 14 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003).

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:

W MURTZ

TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

30 NOVEMBER 2020

5.2

TRANSFER OF UNREGISTERED ERF 1929 (A PORTION OF ERF 599) PEARLY BEACH, SITUATED IN BROADWAY STREET, AS WELL AS A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER ERF 599 PEARLY BEACH, SITUATED IN OR BEHIND BROADWAY STREET, TO DE PYP TRUST

(ITEM 7, PAGE 136: INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING PORTFOLIO - MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING : 28 OCTOBER 2020)

RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):

1. that the transfer of unregistered Erf 1929 (a portion of Erf 599) Pearly Beach, adjacent to Erf 1930 Pearly Beach, (413m² in extent) to the owner of the adjoining property, De Pyp Trust, at a market related value of R49,560.00 (FORTY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY RAND) (VAT excluded), **be approved;**
2. that the transfer of a portion of Remainder Erf 599 Pearly Beach, adjacent to Erf 1930, (±300m² in extent) to the owner of the adjoining property, De Pyp Trust, at a market related value of R120.00/m² (ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY RAND) PER SQUARE METRE (VAT excluded) **be approved;**
3. that it be confirmed, as per condition of the in principle approval dated 26 February 2020, that no construction except a boundary fence or wall be allowed on the properties to be alienated and this condition must be registered against the title deed of the consolidated property;
4. that it be confirmed, as per condition of the in principle approval dated 26 February 2020, that Council take cognisance of the fact that the direct alienation is only possible as unregistered Erf 1929 (a portion of Erf 599) Pearly Beach and the subject portion of Remainder Erf 599 Pearly Beach can be classified as non-viable property;
5. that it be confirmed, as per condition of the in principle approval dated 26 February 2020, that it be noted that a condition for alienation will be that the subject properties to be alienated, must be consolidated with the adjoining property of De Pyp Trust, being Erf 1930 Pearly Beach;
6. that it be confirmed, as per condition of the in principle approval dated 26 February 2020, that the transfer of the properties, be subject to the suspensive condition that the Applicant, at own cost, obtain the necessary Town Planning approvals;

7. that it be confirmed, as per condition of the in principle approval dated 26 February 2020, that all costs pertaining to the transaction, e.g. application cost, valuation cost, road closure, subdivision, rezoning and consolidation, transfer and related costs, advertisement, etc., be paid by the Applicant;
8. that it is confirmed that Council has taken cognisance of the fact that the municipal properties herewith envisaged to be alienated are not required for the provision of basic municipal services in terms of the provisions of paragraph 5 of Council's Administration of Immovable Property Policy and Section 14 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003); and
9. that it be confirmed, as per condition of the in principle approval dated 26 February 2020, that a water pipeline servitude be registered over unregistered Erf 1929 Pearly Beach in favour of the Overstrand Municipality at the cost of the Applicant with the specific conditions that:
 - (a) the applicant provides access at all times to the Overstrand Municipality for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining, repairing or removing, if necessary at a later stage, of water line or equipment; and
 - (b) no structures, trees or plants may be erected within 1,5m (one and a half metre) on each side of the water pipeline.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :**W MURTZ****TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :****30 NOVEMBER 2020****TARGET DATE TO INFORM APPLICANT :****13 NOVEMBER 2020**

5.3**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING TRIBUNAL****(ITEM 8, PAGE 149 : INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING PORTFOLIO - MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING : 28 OCTOBER 2020)****THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS REQUESTED A CAUCUS AT 15:25****THE MEETING RESUMED AT 15:45****RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):**

1. that the municipal officials that will serve on the Municipal Planning Tribunal are the Director: Infrastructure and Planning (Mr S Müller), Director: Economic Development & Tourism (Mr S Madikane), Deputy Director : Engineering Services (Mr H Blignaut) and Senior Manager : Strategic Services (Ms R Louw);
2. that Ms H Janser from the Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning be appointed as the external member to the Municipal Planning Tribunal and Ms Dalene Carstens as secondi (as per Annexure C to the item);
3. that the members of the MPT mentioned in 1 and 2 above be appointed for a five-year period starting from 8 February 2021;
4. that the legally prescribed process be followed to include an additional, external, publicly nominated member of the MPT; and
5. that the Ms H Janser from the Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs be appointed as Chairperson of the MPT and the Director: Infrastructure & Planning (Mr S Müller) as Deputy Chairperson of the MPT.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :**R KUCHAR****TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :****11 NOVEMBER 2020**

5.4

PORTION OF REMAINDER ERF 243, ERVEN 6462, 6464, 6465, 6468, 6469, 6471, 6473, 6474, 6476, 6477, 6479, 6480, 6483 to 6490, 6974, 7701, A PORTION OF ERF 7684, ERF 11892, HERMANUS (MOUNT PLEASANT) : DEVIATION FROM THE OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY SPATIAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY : MESSRS NUPLAN AFRICA ON BEHALF OF OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY / THE ADAMA FOUNDATION TRUST

(ITEM 9, PAGE 160 : INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING PORTFOLIO - MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING : 28 OCTOBER 2020)

RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):

that the application for the deviation of the Overstrand Municipal Growth Management Strategy, 2010 in order to provide a residential density of more than 30 units/ha in lieu of the status quo allocation (for Areas 1 to 7 for the infill housing project), in terms of Section 10 of the Overstrand Municipality By-Law on Municipal Land Use Planning, 2015 and in terms of the provisions of the Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), **be approved.**

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :

H OLIVIER

TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :

11 NOVEMBER 2020

TARGET DATE TO INFORM APPLICANT :

11 NOVEMBER 2020

TARGET DATE TO INFORM OBJECTOR :

N/A

5.5

MONTHLY REPORT TO COUNCIL ON SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (SCM) POLICY: PARAGRAPH 36, 16(1)(b) AND 17(1)(c) AND PARAGRAPH 6(7)(4)(F) OF THE DIRECTIONS OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, SEPTEMBER 2020

(ITEM 5, PAGE 1 : MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING : 28 OCTOBER 2020)

RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):

1. that the deviations from the procurement processes, approved in terms of the delegated authority for September 2020, **be noted**;
2. that the awards made in terms of Paragraph 16(1)(b) and 17(1)(c), approved in terms of the delegated authority for September 2020, **be noted**; and
3. that the awards made through the Bid Committee system, and formal written price quotations in excess of R30 000 and all price quotations below R30 000 for September 2020, **be noted**.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :

C LE ROUX

TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :

TO BE NOTED

5.6

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT: SOFTWARE AND WEBSITE FOR CARAVAN PARK / CAMPING RESERVATIONS FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2023

(ITEM 6, PAGE 17 : MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING : 28 OCTOBER 2020)

RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):

1. that the reasons for the proposed amendment of **Contract SC1701B/2016: Software and Website for Caravan park / camping reservations** for a Contract Period ending 30 June 2023, in terms of the enabling provisions of Section 116(3) (a) & (b) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act 2003 (Act 56 of 2003), **be noted** and the amendment **be consented to**; and
2. that **cognisance be taken** that no recommendations or representations were received from the local community by closing date 02 October 2020.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :

**D LAKEY
J VAN ASPEREN**

TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :

1 NOVEMBER 2020

5.7**PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF LONG TERM CONTRACT NO. SC 1890/2018:
WATER AND WASTE WATER BULK WORKS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE****(ITEM 7, PAGE 32 : MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING :
28 OCTOBER 2020)****THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS REQUESTED A CAUCUS AT 15:50****THE MEETING RESUMED AT 16:10****RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):**

1. that the reasons for and the estimated financial implications of the proposed amendment of Contract SC 1890/2018 between Overstrand Municipality and Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies South Africa (Pty) Ltd for the operation and maintenance of the bulk water and waste water infrastructure, in terms of the enabling provisions of Sections 33 and 116(3) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act 2003 (Act 56 of 2003), **be noted**; and
2. that the comments received from the Western Cape Provincial Treasury in respect of the proposed amendment of long term Contract SC 1890/2018 between Overstrand Municipality and Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies South Africa (Pty) Ltd for the operation and maintenance of the bulk water and waste water infrastructure, in terms of the enabling provisions of Sections 33 and 116(3) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act 2003 (Act 56 of 2003), as well as the inquiry received from National Treasury and the Municipal Manager's response to National Treasury **be noted**.

RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 15 COUNCILLORS):

3. that the proposed amendment of Contract SC 1890/2018 between Overstrand Municipality and Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies South Africa (Pty) Ltd for the operation and maintenance of the bulk water and waste water infrastructure, **be consented to**.

**THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS AND THE ECONOMIC FREEDOM
FIGHTERS REQUESTED THAT THEIR OBJECTION AGAINST
RECOMMENDATION 3 BE MINUTED****RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:****H BLIGNAUT****TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :****1 NOVEMBER 2020**

5.8**QUARTERLY BANK ACCOUNT WITHDRAWALS IN TERMS OF SECTION 11(4)
OF THE MFMA FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 2020****(ITEM 8, PAGE 59 : MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING :
28 OCTOBER 2020)****RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):**

that the consolidated quarterly report, as per Annexure A to the item, in respect of Bank Account Withdrawals in terms of Section 11(4) of the MFMA for the quarter ended September 2020, **be noted**.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :**BA KING****TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :****TO BE NOTED**

5.9**SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT – 2020/2021:****1ST QUARTER: 1 JULY 2020 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2020****(ITEM 9, PAGE 62 : MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING :
28 OCTOBER 2020)****RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):**

that the activities undertaken and outcomes achieved in the implementation of the Overstrand Municipality's Supply Chain Management Policy for the 1st Quarter of 2020/2021 **be noted**.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :**C LE ROUX****TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :****TO BE NOTED**

5.10**BUDGET REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 2020****(ITEM 10, PAGE 96 : MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING :
28 OCTOBER 2020)****RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):**

that the budget report for the quarter ended September 2020, prepared as part of the financial reporting obligations arising from the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 and additional information, **be noted**.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :**BA KING****TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :****TO BE NOTED**

5.11**SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP)****FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT: JULY- SEPTEMBER 2020****(ITEM 11, PAGE 141 : MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING :
28 OCTOBER 2020)****RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):**

that the content of the report for the first quarter of the 2020/21 financial year on the top level Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan **be noted**.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :**R LOUW****TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :****TO BE NOTED**

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**6.1****RECESS: DECEMBER 2020 / JANUARY 2021****3/2/1/4****H van Tonder****Manager : Council Support Services****11 October 2020****(028) 313 8037**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to obtain confirmation of Council's recess from 25 November 2020 to 17 January 2021 and related matters.

RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):

1. that the proposed period of recess, ie **25 November 2020, immediately after the Council meeting, to 17 January 2021 (the latter included) be approved;**
2. that, during the period of recess, all urgent matters / emergency situations be dealt with by the Executive Mayor in consultation with the Municipal Manager, except those reserved by law for full Council;
3. that the municipal offices in the Overstrand area, including libraries, but excluding other essential services, **be closed as from 13:00 for the general public on:**
 - **Thursday, 24 December 2020** and reopen on **Monday, 28 December 2020** at 07:45; and
 - **Thursday, 31 December 2020** and reopen on **Monday, 4 January 2021** at 07:45
4. that the public and personnel be informed timeously and in an appropriate way, of the arrangement in 3 above; and
5. that **cognisance be taken** that a **Special Council Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, 20 January 2021** and that in 2021 the first meeting of the **Joint Portfolio Committee** will be held on **16 February 2021** at **10:00**, the **Mayoral Committee** on **24 February 2021** at **10:00** and the **Council Meeting** on **24 February 2021** at **11:00** in the Banqueting Hall, Civic Centre, Hermanus.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :**H VAN TONDER****TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :****25 NOVEMBER 2020**

**6.2
APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCILLOR TO THE SECTION 62 APPEALS
COMMITTEE****3/2/3/5****H van Tonder****Manager : Council Support Services****19 October 2020****(028) 313 8037**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to grant Council an opportunity to appoint a councillor to the Section 62 Appeals Committee.

RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):

that Cllr V Pungupungu **be appointed** to the Section 62 Appeals Committee.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:**H VAN TONDER****TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION:****28 OCTOBER 2020**

6.3**APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MEMBER : DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE****3/2/3/7****H van Tonder****Manager : Council Support Services****19 October 2020****(028) 313 8037**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to afford Council the opportunity to appoint a new member to the Disciplinary Committee due to Cllr V Macotha's resignation as councillor.

THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS REQUESTED A CAUCUS AT 16:25**THE MEETING RESUMED AT 16:45****RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):**

that Ald M Sapepa **be appointed** to the Disciplinary Committee.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :**H VAN TONDER****TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :****IMMEDIATELY**

7. URGENT MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER (IF ANY)

The Speaker, Ald A Coetsee, afforded the Economic Freedom Fighters, the African National Congress and the Democratic Alliance time to bid Mr C Groenewald farewell, who is retiring as Municipal Manager on 30 October 2020. The Speaker then afforded Mr Groenewald time to make a farewell speech.

8. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS

None

9. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS OF EXIGENCY (IF ANY)

Cllr X Msweli submitted a motion of exigency to address the Municipal Manager, Mr C Groenewald. The motion was seconded by various Councillors.

The Speaker recognised the urgency of the motion.

Cllr X Msweli, on behalf of all councillors, thanked the retiring Municipal Manager, Mr C Groenewald, for the manner in which he dealt with various challenges and conveyed their gratitude towards him for everything he has done for the Overstrand Municipality. Council then

RESOLVED (SUPPORTED BY 23 COUNCILLORS):

that the whole Council rise and applaud the Municipal Manager, Mr C Groenewald, not only for his efforts towards councillors during the riots, but everything he did for this municipality at the time that he was here.

The Speaker, Ald A Coetsee, allowed the Executive Mayor, Ald D Coetzee, in terms of Rule 5 of the By-law on Rules of Order for Internal Arrangements, to announce that SALGA is offering a 4-day virtual training course on performance management. Anyone who wishes to attend must give their names to Ms D Taljaard at the Executive Mayor's office.

The meeting adjourned at 17:05

DATE

THE SPEAKER – A COETSEE

**EXECUTIVE MAYOR DIRECTIONAL SPEECH FOR THE
2021/22 IDP REVIEW AND 2021/2024 BUDGET PROCESSES**

28 OCTOBER 2020, COUNCIL MEETING

Mr Speaker,

The 4th and final review (2021/22) of the current 5 year IDP is in progress.

The Integrated Development Plan (IDP) is the 5 year development plan of the Municipality that is required by legislation. The **current 5 year IDP** was approved by Council on 31 May 2017 and covers the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2022. The IDP is reviewed annually for the duration of the 5 year period.

An IDP review allows Council the opportunity to “**pause and assess**” – Are we still on track in attaining the strategic direction set at the start of the 5 year period.

For the 2021/22 IDP review the Overstrand Executive Management Team (EMT) has collectively decided **to retain** the strategic direction set in the current 5 year IDP. Our vision, mission and strategic objectives will therefor **remain unchanged**.

However we emphasised that every member of staff and Councillors must live our Vision “To be a centre of excellence for the community”. Service excellence must drive what we do? We need to constantly apply our minds to being a centre of excellence. We need to **re-embed** “How can I help / Friend what can I do for you” into our organisational culture.

This year our IDP review and budget compilation processes are influenced by the unsure future of **Covid-19** and the negative affect that lockdown has had on our economy, also the post Covid-19 recovery plans as well as the possibility of a 2nd wave. Globally the effect of Covid-19 is devastating. Closer to home in South Africa at least **2.2-million people** lost their jobs and the country’s fragile economy fell into recession with an 8.2% contraction expected for 2020.

The drafting and implementation of our **post Covid-19 recovery plans** will be aligned to the **3 focus areas (Jobs, Safety and Well-being)** of the Western Cape Government recovery plan. At the IDP review strategic session in October the EMT deliberated on the **status quo** of Jobs, Safety and Well-being as well as **possible new initiatives** for the coming financial year.

Allow me to reflect on a few discussion points around **Jobs, Safety and Well-being** raised at the EMT strategic session:

The first discussion point was;

How do we attract big companies to our area?

To achieve this it was agreed that

- Red tape reduction must be accelerated so as to remove as much unnecessary red tape as possible from our processes.
- It was also proposed that we should host open days to get businesses interested in our area;
- A further proposal was that we investigate what other municipalities are doing to attract investment particularly where large pieces of land are not required.
- We also need to continue to build relationships with the businesses in our area.

The importance of tourism to the Overstrand economy was again stressed and it was agreed that we need to ensure that attractions that will draw tourist into our area all year round are provided.

We need to revisit our larger infrastructure projects to determine how these can contribute to job creation and we will also investigate Wi-Fi connectivity being made available to areas not currently connected.

The outcomes of Overstrand's post COVID-19 recovery plan will feed into our 2021/22 IDP review process.

As you know the IDP informs the Municipal Budget. Therefore parallel with the IDP review process is the compilation of the 2021/22 Draft Budget. The Covid-19 virus is still with us and this has left us with a difficult economic climate in which to budget. Consequently, very stringent budget guidelines have been issued to the Administration by Council. All expense items that we are able to control will have a zero increase and at this stage tariff increases are limited 3.5%.

The draft 2021/22 IDP review and draft 2021/22 Budget will both serve before Council in March 2021 for consideration.

As always, the public will have the opportunity in April 2021 to submit written inputs on both the draft IDP review and the draft Budget. Public inputs are valued and the municipality encourages active public participation in these two processes.

I thank you.

Ald Dudley Coetzee
Executive Mayor
Overstrand Municipality