Sate of the municipal address 2017 by the mayor of Greater Tzaneen municipality his worship mayor Maripe Mangena

25 may Africa day

 We use the month of May annually to reflect on the achievement and challenges that we Africans, living in African way can celebrate.

It is during this period which we must introspect our value system. We must agree and disagree whatever we love ourselves, our country and our continent it is during this month when we must mirror ourselves to see if there is the African picture in use in respect of our conduct, our attitude

Africa is very rich in mineral and resources. Should it be in Africa where we suffer starvation and malnutrition?

I am an African, I belong to Africa, my roots are in Africa, and I envy no other continent but Africa. Let us all be proud, let us all believe in our capacities and Africa shall be love

God bless Africa!!!

Madam speaker we have gathered here this afternoon to set together with our people a path through which to travel into the future. It is on this path, during this journey that we shall be conversing with ourselves about what cde Oliver Tambo would have liked us to do for our people as articulated in the freedom charter

It is against that understanding that we the collective leadership of your local council, will share with you key service delivery measurable achieved in the previous years. The challenges we face and how we anticipate applying our scientific guidance to deliver better services in the year that follow manifesto. Hon. Chief we shall also make transformative pronouncements on critical aspects as we set they trajectory for 2017/2018 and beyond.

Our dear guests, guided by the 2011/2016 election manifesto of the ANC we were able to, among others deliver on

* Infrastructural development – to help spazas, car washes Mafarana- sedan- Ramotshinyadi to Mokgwathi
* Senakwe to Morapalala
* Thapane to Morutji, the potholed Nkowankowa road is today so drivable
* From Sasekeni via Petanenge to Nkowankowa motorists have more reasons to celebrate, we have built bridges for the first in black rural areas at Ramotshinyadi, Mopye, Thako To Sefolwe
* Nkowankowa c top of the range indoor Sport complex.

As Rolihlahla once muted that, only when you reach at the peak of the mountain do you realise that there are many more mountains to climb.

We had the following challenges which we are determined to bury because we are willing

ELECTRICITY:

We experienced numerous electricity cut in and around town and in the terms the meeting we held with the affected residents and in particular the farming community succoured us to find some urgent intervention on an ongoing endeavours indeed together we can do more.

The farmers volunteered their resources to help the municipality to help them-mutualism

Litigation fees:

We identified and acknowledge that there was a time when it was so common and fashionable in Tzaneen to lose cases

In response our dear beautiful people of the greatest town, we have resolved in council that we must pay according to standard rates as applicable or regulated. our officials know that from 01/07/2017 any malt.... before going out of council must be tested to pass the legal rights .We said so on 17/08/2016 and we repeat.

Strikes/protests

We invite all disciplined and orderly brothers and sisters of our GTM to understand and accept it that it is not all times that we shall realise the dreams we live according to our frames. Chapter 2 Act 108 of 1996 sub-section .......... provides us the right to demonstrate, protest, picket etc that is underpinned by some procedures and conditions

I for one strongly believe that any member of the community who indulges on action outside the governance structure we have set e.g. ward committees councillors, Indunas etc here in Tzaneen must be seen as an enemy of the people ‘Ntlo lerole ga e tswale Kgosi’ many have failed through violence means ‘’pen is mightier than a sword’s- residents must attend community meetings, raise their issue, give time frames and wait for responses. If not satisfied give ultimatums. We cannot have the entire community surprised /astonished/ flabbergasted by an unknown/ non-community based discussion to block the roads. In fact, not block, burn the 16 million tar road with R1 matches. Such must be treated as criminal’s unsympathetic critically

We must respect other people’s rights to go to clinics, schools, work etc I do not agree with those who say just waking up without community resolution and close roads in protests and demand for e.g. unbudgeted road is an expression of democratic rights

We will not build a street that is not budgeted or in the IDP raised by community. We will not change from an orderly community and give to chaotic one because that will set wrong precedents

Fellow peace loving residents, Tzaneen please understand us as not being arrogant but disciplined and focused. Please Support us

Madam speaker everyone must be asking themselves, how does the new council play to change the GTM from where it is to high level we are here to give you precisely our well defined. Dreams and aspiration. Join us as we journey the path on our struggle all the plans will be based on the consolidated views of the public.

Guided by the ANC election manifesto on aspects

Together we shall continue to improve public participation and accountability:

Since establishment of this new council we have paid courtesy visits to all our esteemed royal houses and explained to the how we need to work together they are:

1. Dikolobe tsa pa mamabolo tsa bjatladi
2. Ba ga Queen Modjadji
3. Va ka xihoko- Nyavana
4. Va ka Hosi N’wamitwa
5. Va ka Nkuna ka Muhlava
6. Bathlabine bag a Mogoboya ga Mmakatla a maite Dinoko
7. Diphuti bakgaka bag a Maake ga Mmakatlhapane ka Mapoto la hlapa ka meetsa le a paologa

Peace, loving residents of Tzaneen we have established ward committees in all 35 wards to represent you in all various segments of your development presenting a total of 350 for the 416000 population we have in Tzaneen

Tzaneen is divided into for clusters for proper management and immediate accountability

Madam Speaker, we profoundly apologise to the ward committees for failing to pay. We are in the process of establishing ward based of stakeholders forum, cluster based because we have municipal

We have also through mayor’s programme established a structure which represents various needs of our diverse people e.g. aids council,

Madam speaker, our people have a space to interface, we shared with them where we want to be in 2021.

We have said together we shall develop and strengthen Tzaneen economy, create jobs and promote job placements programs especially for the youth.

Our PED through council gas established an economic development arm, GTEDA which now has an active board. We pride ourselves with establishment of the GTFM (a Tzaneen local/community radio station supported by GTEDA)

Greater Tzaneen local economic development forum is alive and kicking and includes important agriculture stakeholders and those in mining like Maranda.

Research shows that youth unemployment has reached chronic levels.

 To comfort that we are unleashing a rigorous programme to forge partnership with various spheres of government, state owned enterprises, private sector, civil society and international interventions.

Within two weeks, our PED and GTEDA must meet greater Tzaneen community foundation and explore ways of sealing real partnership. GTCF is having links with some universities in Brasilia, Bolivia, Mozambique, Uruguay, UL, tut amongst others.

Young people must benefit from relations with dept of agriculture, we congratulate them for winning a provincial award as the best agriculture practitioners in Limpopo (Mme Nonthokozo and her colleague)

LEDET international movement of mural artist NYDA, SEDA

Our dream of having agro-processing plant in Tzaneen is now bolstered by the R40 million in investments in Nkowankowa industries.

Madam speaker in the next five years we wish to see thousands of people (from all corners of the municipalities) in kombis, buses, Lorries flocking there with scuff tins to work.

GTEDA together with other likeminded entities must explain to council how we can maximise the municipal assets like Tzaneen airfield, Macdonald market, etc in job creation. Mashupatsela farm belongs to MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY but it is found in our shore, by September we must be able to report back to you our constituency, progress in its development.

We invite all cooperatives to update themselves and be ready to run an aggressive race.

Nationally and provincially- government is entering into twinning agreement with agriculture rich countries and we should position ourselves to benefit from that move.

On 22/05/2017 the PMT AND EXCO, received delegation from Cote d’vore ‘s high commission and one of their Mayor of Tebaloise municipal area. The area is said to be the richest in agric and we can exploit the opportunities on exchange programmes.

LEDET must intervene on Mogoboya/thlabine development to grow our rural economy.

GTEDA has facilitated a R104 million from IDC for establishment of Vexospark digital college in Tzaneen.

We requested gteda and our PED to work closely with the Tzaneen business chamber on their initiatives for an agri e college to ensure that the poorest of the poor amongst our people can stand to benefit and have access.

Cllr Tiba, indeed we are determined to change for the better.

We shall be populating our LED incentive policy

* To attract and retain investment
* Create enabling investment environment in tourism, agriculture, green economy and hospitality.

As GTM, we will continue to host the AGRI- EXPO which exposes our emerging farmers to real world of farming and we urge commercial farmers to carry them along to empower them.

Madam speaker, we want it that in the next five years we must be shown a number of young black farmers that are growing , we need that programme that must assist us to lead the transformation agenda with soberness and clarity, without a programme, opportunists will take over and destroy our dream.

We have initiated discussions with Agri-letaba to integrate the letaba show with agri-expo that we achieved, we will have one of the biggest economic based shows which will grow our economy and create jobs. Watch us, and if we are not achieving in implementation phase come 2018/2019, peace and tranquillity shall prevent, addressing our Tzaneen economy, our own way. People across colour bar, cultural differences, religious beliefs and political view- working together we will achieve.

Our royal councils,

Our impediment or bottlenecks for development is land which SPLUMA is addressing. GTM has withdrawn from the joint Mopani municipal planning tribunal to speed up the development applications received.

Council invites all business establishments not complying to comply.

You cannot play far from the source if you want to achieve in any significant initiative. It is against this backround that we visited NAMPO show from the 15 May 2017 – 19 MAY 2017 in Nala Municipality in the Free State. The mayor presented to high level leadership and they promised to visit our expo and they support our integration. They have a story to tell about growing the small farmer in particular the formerly disadvantaged.

To increase tourism, building the highest tower around coach house is ideal to see Limpopo at large.

Together we shall build spatially integrated communities

We have housed more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ poor people who would otherwise not be able to build their own houses, 2017/18 we shall build 600 more RDP houses through Coghsta.

An order before you the public is that housing allocations in not a private or personal exercise and therefore the CDW’s, ward committees must ensure transparency and fairness working with traditional authorities and other interested stakeholders.

During public participation in Lenyenye one participant pleaded that municipality must make land available as they are land locked. The GTM is busy with township establishment in Ha-Mawasha farm including Macdonald area, brick yard and Talana hostels.

We have concluded negotiations to buy land in Letshitele for integrated human settlement.

All these are settlement for everybody irrespective of their tribal belonging, ethnic origin or racial grouping; it is the land of the people.

Our traditional leadership, reps in council, we want you to solve the land question using the applicable legal system.

As a municipality we will not dictate who owns what, we shall be guided by legal documents. Those with dissatisfaction on certain pieces and demarcations do not involve the people, battle it out in courts.

Yes – because people will fight

There shall be neither tribal nor ethnic fights. Our people must also ask the right question when given settlements; can you proof to us your ownership?

Please- do not get involved.

We have promised our people that together we shall improve and enhance institutional capacity of Greater Tzaneen municipality

You the bonafide residents of GTM know that by end of July, there shall be no vacant senior position in GTM.

We have adopted our organogram for the first time in five years.

Our local labour forum is fully fledged and working well with our unions, sister departments like public works.

We hope to reduce acting capacities. We have resolved as leadership that we are appointing skill, capacity based on suitability.

We have said, together we shall intensify the fight against fraud and corruption in GTM.

Madam speaker, we deliberately requested workers of Tzaneen to leave their offices to come here and listen to us talking to the voters, the truth.

If you have been stealing

Practising nepotism

Doing fraud

Taking bribes

We are officially drawing a line that from 1st July 2017-everything stops.

We promise if you get into that space we will dismiss you. Summarily, deculturarilse that. Refrain. we shall be merciless. We love you. But we do not love you more than our people. We shall not compromise our people for your sake. Agree with your soul/conscious.

We want to assure the public. That we in the anc took a deliberate decision to institute a forensic investment =, and we shall report back by of this June. We do not want to fall into traps.

We have told our people that together we shall improve access to municipal service and reduce outsourcing.

Hon chief whip, the following services at the right time within the next five years shall be in sourced (when current contract expire) security at the head quotas as step

We hope this will create better opportunities for our people including military veterans.

We shall continue to improve the living conditions of our people by delivering the following services.

In response to our promises about services

* Attend to electrical maintenance
* No street or Apollo must take more than 7 days without repair or explanation to the users
* All potholes in town and townships must be patched by end of July and a dedicated team to constantly monitor.
* Mopani District Municipality and GTM must leave no water leakages for a week.
* Our struggle to acquire WSA is ongoing ( we have written to the minister and lepelle in that regard)
* GTM and Public Works will share resources like transport, material and human resources to maintain our roads

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Together we shall fight crime in Tzaneen

Cllr Machimana, the 2016 public athlete of the year, 2016 provincial detective of the year,

2016 CPF provincial of the year all hail from GTM under the custodian of the general Mathebula.

Madam speaker we have 4 police stations and three satellites.

In the next five years we shall lobby for the establishment of fully fledged one near our people to improve the turn over time.

Our people live in fear. Farmers live in fear; our women live in fear, and our young girl’s are to walk the streets to school alone.

Learners studying- fear to walk after 18h00 against their wish to burn midnight oils.

We must protect them

We as the GTM have launched new CPF’s in all four policing areas.

Through the cluster, we have attached a politician to each station for prompt reporting and accountability.

Cllr Machimana is leading the process of establishing CSF and streets committees, let us participate and defeat criminals, they are very few, insignificant number but they terrorise all of us, why,

 Tau tsa hloka seboka di sitwa ke nare e hlotsa.

We have allowed letaba alarms to put cameras all over town for security of property and people in and around town.

According to SAPS report, crime is dwindling around Tzaneen, we attribute that to the fact that criminals are aware that they will be caught.

We want services in the plazas, townships, business centres in villages progressively in the next five years.

We shall be hosting a safety colloquium in June 2017. That may be the final nail into the ££££££££££

Business must support our endeavours to total eradication of crime with airtime, torches, sjamboks, reflectors, catering.

The CPF and CSF must be involved in community activities through working together to visit

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We assured our people that together we shall promote education as the apex priority in local communities.

In furtherance of our assurance, GTM agrees with the assertion by the premier during his state of the province address that education is a societal matter, he challenged us to find long lasting solutions despite the % drops, the 2016 most improved school in matric results in the province is in GTM, Gwambeni High School, in this school there was lot of gangsterism to the extent that in 2016 two kids killed each other. One died mysteriously. The school was distressed.

The mayor and general Mathebula visited and supported the school. Against all those, the learners persevered and today we invited a few current learners to come and draw inspiration from meeting you, dear pastors, real mothers and fathers, we thank the principal Mabunda. ST George is number 3 private \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

10 circuits are here today invited, we shall continue to coordinate and support them,

we hosted excellence award ceremony for best performing learners in the ten in all the circuits I’ve mentioned.

My fellow councillors have visited both the best and poorly Perfomed School, we continue to budget R1miilion to help learners from poor backround to register through Mayor Student financial assistance (MSFAS)

The Mayor also had space to address Motupa, Mafarana and Shilluvane circuits.

We applaud schools in Shilluvane; they invited the principals of best schools in the province to learn best practices.

Yes we agree with President Mandela “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

Through gteda, we partnering with Motupa for a R20 million library project from rand water foundation.

Oliver Tambo once said

The nation that does not invest in its youth has no future.

We want commune by professionals who seeks to change the notorious to being popular, to become a municipal phenomenal through GTEDA.

Together we promote social cohesion and building capacities.

We want to position GTM as a flagship for unity. Yet we are diverse yet we have potential to be so much - united we stand.

Today 25 may 2017, we celebrate Africa day,

We hosted our annual mayor’s cup on the 18 march 2017 at the Lenyenye stadium, and more on that program is on the go.

We invite business to get ready to partake like wisani burial society, letaba alarms as they did this 2017 mayor’s cup.

Bring all family members and friends from near and far.

Soma will continue to be held yearly around this time after sona and sopa.

We established a committee called geographic names change to advice on how we shall honour our people by renaming some of our streets here in town and in our townships and villages, council will recommend that the first to be honoured be Dr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. The committee will be mandated to do public participation and report back on its first project.

We call on all Tzaneenians to stand against racism, all resident must join hands, if a Black, White or Asian do commit crime, therefor crime is a crime irrespective which race committed it, we condemn acts of racism in Tzaneen.

* Pension/grants committees must address the issue of airtime and loans deduction on grants cards
* It is ironic that we who are owning a well renowned Malaria Institute we are victim of malaria. Hospitals and health centres must protect us and educate us about prevention. Condolences to families that lost their loved ones to this tragedy.

Cluster lead by cllr Lettie Hlangwane and cllr Malatji will be helping to establish committee in all our clinic committee will ensure that there is 24hr service in qualifying clinics.

We will campaign for five services to go to rural villages as they are vulnerable

From today, all ward committees must go and give their SOWA state of the ward address by lead by cllrs before 31st of June 2017.

In conclusion

Those who came before laid a strong foundation, we shall continue to build until we achieve, and we shall action back to basics to give basic service to our people.

We shall continue to put the people of Tzaneen first, then our visitors and passerby’s.

We are in the urge of breakthrough in crime

We are the leadership which will care for your purse.

We shall employ qualifying personnel.

We shall attract investments junk status or no junk status.

Yes because we are the government of the people by the people and for the people

We tolerate no corruption

We promote no tribalism

We condemn racism and ethnicity

We are anti any form of chauvinism

We stand for unity; we are the children of Oliver Tambo

We shall achieve with and for the people of Tzaneen

We are the bonafide residents of Tzaneen and we shall call ourselves Tzaneenians

We want safety and tranquillity

I pledge you, i pledge the GTM leadership to the new ways of doing things

Working with and for the people of Tzaneen.

Everybody and everyone getting involved because we know and believe that “the strength of the crocodile is in the water” die krokodile se kraag is in die water”

Maatla a kwena a ka meetsing

Matimba ya Ngwenya a le matini

Come one come all- lets journey back to Africa in spirit, thoughts and attitudes

Mayibuye

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