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**MINUTES OF THE 5TH COUNCIL MEETING FOR 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR OF
THE GREATER TZANEEN MUNICIPALITY HELD AT OLD FIRE HALL ON THURSDAY
THE 26TH OF MARCH 2026 AT 12H00.**

PRESENT

The Speaker

Councillor S Tiba

COUNCILLORS

As per attached attendance register (Annexure "X")

OFFICIALS

The Municipal Manager	Mr. D Mhangwana
The Acting Director PED	Ms. N Denge
The Acting Director Electrical Engineering	Mr. A Laubscher
The Director Engineering Services	Mrs. HO Munzhelele
The Chief Financial Officer	Mr. CM Maeta
The Director Community Services	Ms. C Ntimbane
The Director Corporate Services	Mrs. NMH Maake
The Manager Council Support	Mrs. W Baloyi
The Manager Legal	Mr. J Ramafala
The Safety and Security	Mr. G Mokoena
The Committee Clerk	Ms. MB Maake
The Committee Clerk	Mrs. FS Makhubele
The Committee Clerk	Ms. T Malemela
The IDP Officer	Mr. H Mkhari
The Mayor's PA	Ms. B Kgatle
The MPAC Researcher	Mrs. M Sekopana
The Communication Assistant	Ms. V Makhubele
The Communication Assistant	Mr. T Manyama
The Communication Assistant	Ms. P Muchabi
The Communication Assistant	Ms. R Boke
The Receptionist	Mr. P Mabunda

TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES

The Bakgaga Traditional Authority Representative	None
The Muhlava Traditional Authority Representative	None
The Batlhabine Traditional Authority Representative	None
The Mamabolo Traditional Authority Representative	Mr RA Sehlapelo
The Modjadji Traditional Authority Representative	None
The Valoyi Traditional Authority Representative	None
The Nyavana Traditional Authority Representative	None
The Sebela Traditional Authority Representative	Kgoshi Sebela

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Councilor D Mkansi opened the meeting with a prayer and the Speaker, Councillor MS Tiba, welcomed everyone present in the meeting.

2. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND THE SIGNING OF THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The applications for leave of absence were received from the following:

- The Mayor, Councillor GP Molapisane
- Councillor S Malatji
- Councillor M Makwala
- Councillor S Raganya
- Councillor D Sejaphala
- Councillor MB Mashele
- Councillor A Mondlane
- Councillor K Ndlovu
- Councillor ME Ralepelle
- Councillor I Risiva
- Councillor M Shokane
- Councillor D Mkhabela requested to be recused at 13H00
- Councillor E Ntimbane requested to be recused at 13H00
- Councillor M Mmola will arrive late
- Councillor MF Makamu requested early recusal
- Councillor S Baloyi requested early recusal
- The Bakgaga Traditional Authority Representative, Dr M Maake

- The Modjadji Traditional Authority Representative, Mrs S Modjadji
- The Muhlava Traditional Authority Representative, Mr. N Mushwana
- The Batlhabine Traditional Authority Representative, Mr. MM Mogoboya
- The Valoyi Traditional Authority Representative, Mr. HR Mukhari
- The Nyavana Traditional Authority Representative, Mr. P Mabunda

RESOLVED

That the applications for leave of absence received be granted as follows:

- The Mayor, Councillor GP Molapisane
- Councillor S Malatji
- Councillor M Makwala
- Councillor S Raganya
- Councillor D Sejaphala
- Councillor MB Mashele
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3. PRESENTATION

None.

4. OFFICIAL NOTICES

4.1 The Municipal Manager, Mr D Mhangwana announced that the Mayoral IMBIZO will take place on Tuesday the 31st of March 2026, at Ward 26, Nsolani Kilimanjaro Sport Grounds at 10H00.

4.2 The Municipal Manager, Mr D Mhangwana further announced that the IDP/Budget/PMS public participation meetings have been scheduled as follows:

- 08 April 2026 at 08H00 GTM Council Chamber
- 08 April 2026 at Rikhotso Village
- 09 April 2026 at 08H00 Relela Thusong Centre
- 09 April 2026 at 17H00 Haenertsburg Primary School
- 12 April 2026 at 08H00 Nwamitwa Tribal Hall
- 13 April 2026 at Letsitele AFM
- 17 April 2026: Annual Employees Wellness Day at Nkowankowa Stadium from 07H30
- 18 April 2026 at 08H00 Bulamahlo Thusong Centre
- 19 April 2026 at 08H00 Lenyenye Community Hall
- 23 April 2026 at Nkowankowa Community Centre
- 20 to 23 April 2026: Ward Committee Conference and the venue will be communicated.
- 27 April 2026 is Freedom Day

4.3 The Municipal Manager, Mr D Mhangwana further announced that the Greater Tzaneen Municipality has won the National Cleanest Town Competition which was hosted by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment on the 19 March 2026 held at the Presidential Hotel in Bloemfontein. He further presented an

Award and a certificate and further indicated that at the District level the Municipality received R150 000 and R250 000 at Provincial level and at National level they did not receive money.

- 4.4 The Municipal Manager, Mr D Mhangwana further requested the Councillors and the community at large whether in town or villages that they must make sure that they maintain the standard of cleanest municipality and keep the Tzaneen area clean. He further indicated that everywhere it should be clean because many people will come for interviews and assessments.
- 4.5 The Municipal Manager, Mr D Mhangwana further announced that the news about Tzaneen to be the National Cleanest Town in South Africa was published in the Jacaranda Radio Station and the first page of Letaba Herald.
- 4.6 The Municipal Manager, Mr D Mhangwana further announced that the Greater Tzaneen Municipality Libraries Staff won the awards at the Provincial Library Awards hosted by the Limpopo Department of Sport , Arts and Culture (DSAC). He further indicated that the libraries' services are led by Director Cate Ntimbane.

5. GIFTS AND FAVORS

None.

6. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY THE SPEAKER

None

7. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 That the minutes of the 4th Council meeting for 2025/2026 financial year of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality held at Old Fire Hall on Thursday the 26th of February 2026 at 12h00 be approved and confirmed.

8. QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

8.1 The Municipal Manager, Mr D Mangwana indicated that the questions raised by Councillor C Bredenkamp were responded to and will be sent to the relevant Councillor.

9. MOTIONS OR PROPOSALS DEFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None.

10. PROPOSALS OF CONDOLENCES OR CONGRATULATIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSON

None.

11. PROPOSALS OF CONDOLENCES OR CONGRATULATIONS BY OTHER MEMBERS

11.1 The Whip, Councillor G Malatji congratulated the ANC Norman Mashabane Regional Chairperson, Comrade Pule Shayi for being conferred Master of philosophy in Development Finance on special occasion at Stellenbosch University Postgraduate graduation ceremony on Wednesday 25 March 2026.

- 11.2 The Whip, Councillor G Malatji congratulated ANC having a massive rally to commemorate the 21st of March as Woman Rights Day held from Mary Fitzgerald Square, across Mandela Bridge to the Constitutional Court.
- 11.3 Councillor J Ratopola congratulated the EFF for having a successful IEC registration voter on 21 March 2026.
- 11.4 Councillor J Ratopola expressed her condolences to the EFF Leader Mr. Julius Malema who lost his aunt, Martha Motlanalo Malema, who passed away on Monday, 16 March 2026 and laid to rest on Sunday 22 March 2026 at Polokwane, Limpopo.
- 11.5 Councillor G Nkwashu expressed his condolences to Mr. Molate of Gabaza Village who lost a daughter due to food poisoning.
- 11.6 Councillor G Nkwashu congratulated Councillor E Ntimbane for being elected the Provincial Executive member of SANTAGO and the National Deputy Chairperson of SANTAGO.
- 11.7 Councillor G Nkwashu congratulated Director Cate Ntimbane and the Portfolio Chairperson, Cllr Shihangule for the achievement of cleanest municipal competition at national level.

A moment of silence was observed by all present.

12. OUTSTANDING MATTERS

None.

13. PETITIONS

None.

14. MOTIONS

None.

15. REPORT FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE

None

16. REPORT FROM MPAC

(Item A59, A60 and A61 were approved by Council)

17. INPUTS BY THE TRADITIONAL LEADER

None.

18. REPORT FROM ETHICS COMMITTEE

None.

19. REPORT FROM WARD COMMITTEE

None

20. REPORT FROM PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES

None

21. REPORTS IN-COMMITTEE

None

22. URGENT REPORT - ALLOWED ONLY WITH THE CONSENSUS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

None.

23. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 2026.

The items and monthly reports were discussed and approved as mentioned below

A57 DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEAR


(E/C 2026 03 18; C 2026 03 26)

(5/1/1)

RESOLVED

1. That the Capital and Operational Estimates for the 2026/2027 financial year as fully recorded in the report in this regard be approved and that the Accounting Officer proceeds with the publication of the Annual Budget as outlined in section 22 of the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003.
2. That the 2026/2027 financial year budget related policies be approved as more fully set out in **Part 2 of supporting documents in the budget.**
3. That the draft 2026/2027 tariff listing for municipal services as more fully set out in part 1 of supporting budget documents be approved.
4. That it be noted that the draft 2026/2027 capital and operational Estimates will after approval by the Council in terms of section 22 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, be submitted to National Treasury and the Provincial Treasury, together with the quality certificate approved by the accounting officer.
5. That the detailed budget resolutions attached as per "Annexure S" be approved.
6. That the Municipal Cost Containment Regulations and MFMA circular no 82 and 97 as issued by National Treasury should continuously be enforced to reduce spending on non-priority items.

Note: The Democratic Alliance (DA) Councillors rejected the draft Budget report and indicated that 6% of Revenue Income should go to maintenance and that 8% of Assets value should also go to maintenance.

Signed by the Speaker 
Councillor MS Tiba.....

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A58 APPROVAL OF DRAFT IDP 2026/2027

(E/C 2026 03 18, 2026 03 26)

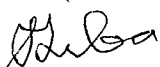
15/1/4/3

RESOLVED

- (a) That Council approves the reviewed Draft IDP **2026/27**
- (b) That Council notes that the Draft IDP includes the Disaster projects which were approved during the Adjustment budget to be done through to **2026/27**.
- (c) That Council notes that the Draft IDP has been aligned to the SDG's as part of SALGA Voluntary Local Reviwes and Infrastructure Asset Management process.
- (d) That Council take note that the Draft **2026/27** IDP must be submitted to the District Municipality, Provincial Treasury and COGHSTA.
- (e) That Council take cognizance that the IDP and Budget community participation process will be conducted during the month of **April 2026**.

Note: The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) Councilors rejected the IDP report and indicated that they are very much disappointed that the projects funded are not from the priority list of communities.

The Democratic Alliance (DA) Councilors rejected the IDP report, indicating that the projects are not addressing the needs of the community.

Signed by the Speaker 
Councillor MS Tiba.....



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**A59 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (MPAC) OVERSIGHT REPORT ON
THE 2024/2025 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT.**

(2026 03 26)

(12/2/3/1/1)

RESOLVED

1. Having fully considered the 2024/2025 Draft Annual Report, the Municipal Public Accounts Committee recommends that Council adopt the report with reservations as follows:
 - a) That all illegal sand mining activities are reported to the LEDET as the authority, and the municipality must ensure that there is awareness conducted on the legal and safe mining of sand.
 - b) That the Annual Financial Statements be prepared quarterly to ensure proper review.
 - c) That management must avoid over reliance in consultancy in the preparation of the Annual Financial statements.
 - d) That the outstanding R 77 372 related to the overpayment of Vaxumi projects be recovered immediately.

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- e) That monies owed to the municipality by service providers must not be dependent on future invoices.
- f) That the Accounting Officer must ensure that information requested by the AGSA during audit is submitted within the required period.
- g) That anyone who fails to submit information requested by the AGSA during audit, consequence management must apply.
- h) That the management must apply a zero-tolerance approach to any employee who fails to submit information for formal requests by either the AC, Financial Misconduct Board, MPAC, Risk Management, Internal Audit or any other official investigation conducted on behalf of the municipality.
- i) That the Accounting Officer must open a case with SAPS, to investigate the matter of transferring the municipal land without a Council resolution and a case number be presented in the next Council meeting.
- j) That the Accounting officer must ensure that the land audit is conducted and the outcome be presented in the next Council meeting.
- k) That management must ensure that the Municipal Staff Regulation 35 (1) is adhered to by all.
- l) That the municipality must not enter into cession agreements with suppliers on behalf of service providers that do not have sufficient funds.
- m) That the Accounting Officer must monitor the payments of certificates for the work done.

- n) That the Accounting Officer must provide a detailed report on the status of the termination of the service provider together with the engineer on the Petanenge pedestrian bridge.
- o) That proper monitoring be done on the re-construction of the Tlhabine Pedestrian bridge.
- p) That Council appoints an external investigator or the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) to deal with the land matter.
- q) That the employee responsible for the illegal transferring of land be removed from the function.

Signed by the Speaker *Tiba*
Councillor MS Tiba.....



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**A60 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MPAC OVERSIGHT REPORT ON
THE 02ND QUARTER SERVICE DELIVERY & BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN,
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026.**

(2026 03 26)

(12/2/3/1/1)

RESOLVED

1. That Council approves the oversight report on the 2025/2026 2nd quarter Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan with the following recommendations:
 - a) That all the Key Performance indicators not met in the quarter under review, be given attention by the different user departments to comply with the planned targets.
 - b) That Quarterly targets of Capital and Maintenance budget spent, not met for the quarter under review be attended to ensure that capital projects are implemented fully and planned maintenance is attended to with the planned budget.
 - c) That service providers be monitored to ensure that laborers and SMME's are remunerated for services rendered to prevent unrests which might lead to delays of projects due disgruntled labourers and SMME's.

Signed by the Speaker
Councillor MS Tiba.....



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**A61 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MPAC OVERSIGHT REPORT ON THE
MID-YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026.**

(2026 03 26)

(12/2/3/1/1)

RESOLVED

That Council approves the oversight report on the 2025/26 Mid-Year performance with the following recommendations:

- a) That all the targets where Key Performance Areas are not met for the quarter under review be given attention.
- b) That the Accounting Officer ensures that strategies are put in place on how to recover the debt owed by the organs of the state to the municipality.
- c) That the office of the Chief Financial Officer identifies ways of separating debtors from the townships to identify who those who can pay and arrangements be made with them to pay the debt, and those who are unable to pay, measures be put in place to address their debts.

Signed by the Speaker *Tiba*
Councillor MS Tiba.....


B27 MAYOR STUDENT FINANCIAL AID SCHEME 2026 (MSFAS)

(E/C 2026 03 18, 2026 03 26)

(5/16/1/2)

RESOLVED

1. That Council approves the list of selected learners who made it through panel as attached.
2. That Council pays the registration fee for each learner as indicated on the list.
3. That students who qualify for Mayor's discretion be covered by Mayor's Student Financial Aid Scheme (MSFAS).
4. That MSFAS be reviewed in the next financial year to cover vocational skills.

Signed by the Speaker 
Councillor MS Tiba.....


B28 FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2025/2026 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

(E/C 2026 03 18, 2026 03 26)

(8/1/2)

RESOLVED

That Council notes the 1st quarter report from the office of the Mayor and the continued workshops, monitoring, community participation, expanded LED & youth programs.

Signed by the Speaker 
Councillor MS Tiba.....

B29 2025/2026 SECOND QUARTER REPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

(E/C 2026 03 18; C 2026 03 26)

(8/1/2)

RESOLVED

That Council notes the 2025/2026 2nd quarter report from the office of the Mayor.

Signed by the Speaker *M. Tiba*
Councillor MS Tiba.....

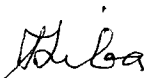
C51 MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

(E/C 2026 03 18; C 2026 03 26)

(8/1/3/1)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly report of the Municipal Manager for the month of **FEBRUARY 2026** be noted.

Signed by the Speaker
Councillor MS Tiba..... 


C52 MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

(E/C 2026 03 18; C 2026 03 26)

(8/1/3/2)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly report of the Director Corporate Services for the month of **FEBRUARY 2026** be noted.

Signed by the Speaker
Councillor MS Tiba.....

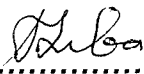
**C53 MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR CIVIL
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026**

(E/C 2026 03 18; C 2026 03 26)

(8/1/3/3)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly report of the Director Civil Engineering Services for the month of **FEBRUARY 2026** be noted.

Signed by the Speaker 
Councillor MS Tiba.....

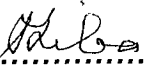
**C54 MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026**

(E/C 2026 03 18; C 2026 03 26)

(8/1/3/4)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly report of the Director Electrical Engineering Services for the month of **FEBRUARY 2026** be noted.

Signed by the Speaker
Councillor MS Tiba.....


C55 MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

(E/C 2026 03 18; C 2026 03 26)

(8/1/3/5)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly report of the Director Community Services for the month of **FEBRUARY 2026** be noted.

Signed by the Speaker
Councillor MS Tiba..... 

C56 MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

(E/C 2026 03 18; C 2026 03 26)

(8/1/3/7)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly report of the Director PED for the month of **FEBRUARY 2026** be noted.

Signed by the Speaker 
Councillor MS Tiba.....


**C57 MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026**

(E/C 2026 03 18; C 2026 03 26)

(8/1/3/7)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly reports of the CFO for the month of
FEBRUARY 2026 be noted.

Signed by the Speaker 
Councillor MS Tiba.....

24. CLOSURE

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 14H44

APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

CHAIRPERSON

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Ba", is written over the word "CHAIRPERSON".