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MINUTES OF THE 4^{TH} COUNCIL MEETING FOR 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR OF THE GREATER TZANEEN MUNICIPALITY HELD AT OLD FIRE HALL ON WEDNESDAY THE 26^{TH} OF FEBRUARY 2025 AT 12H00.

PRESENT

The Speaker

Councillor S Tiba

COUNCILLORS

As per attached attendance register (Annexure "X")

OFFICIALS

The Municipal Manager

The Director PED

The Director Electrical Engineering

The Director Engineering Services

The Chief Financial Officer

The Director Corporate Services

The Manager Council Support

The Manager Communication & Marketing

The GTEDA Chairperson

The Audit Committee Chairperson

The Manager Legal

The Manager Safety and Security

The Committee Clerk

The Committee Clerk

The MPAC Researcher

The Mayor's PA

The Communication Assistant

The Communication Assistant

The Communication Student

The Communication Assistant

Mr D Mhangwana

Mr B Mathebula

Mr F Mthethwa

Mrs HO Munzhelele

Mr CM Maeta

Mrs NH Maake

Mrs W Baloyi

Mr N Ndiala

Ms M Mushwana

Ms MP Ramutsheli

Mr J Ramafalo

Mr K Makhubela

Ms MB Maake

Mrs FS Makhubele

Mrs M Sekopane

Ms B Kgatle

Ms V Makhubela

Ms T Ramatseba

Mr S Ramabela

Ns P Muchabi

TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES

The Maake Traditional Authority Representative
The Muhlava Traditional Authority Representative
The Batlhabine Traditional Authority Representative
The Mankweng Traditional Authority Representative
The Modjadji Traditional Authority Representative
The Valoyi Traditional Authority Representative
The Nyavana Traditional Authority Representative
The Sebela Traditional Authority Representative

Dr M Maake None Mr MM Mogoboya Mr RA Sehlapelo Mrs SM Modjadji Mr VR Mhlongo Mr P Mabunda Kgoshi Sebela

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The meeting was opened by singing a South African National Anthem led by Councillor Maria Mmola and the Speaker, Councillor MS Tiba welcomed everyone present in the meeting.

The speaker Councilor MS Tiba expressed her compliments to all for looking beautiful in black and white attire.

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

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

- Councillor T Lepulane will arrive late
- Councillor Sechaba Malatji
- Councillor G Mametja
- Councillor DG Mkhabela
- Councillor NE Monyela
- Councillor C Morwatshehla
- Councillor CM Ramathoka
- Councillor JM Ratopola
- The Nkuna Tribal Authority Representative

RESOLVED

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

- Councillor T Lepulane will arrive late
- Councillor Sechaba Malatji
- Councillor G Mametja
- Councillor DG Mkhabela
- Councillor NE Monyela
- Councillor C Morwatshehla
- Councillor CM Ramathoka
- Councillor JM Ratopola
- The Nkuna Tribal Authority Representative

3. PRESENTATION

None.

4. OFFICIAL NOTICES

4.1 The Municipal Manager, Mr. D Mhangwana announced that the MPAC Public Hearing meeting will be held on the 06 of March 2025 at Bulamahlo Hall at 08H00.

5. GIFTS AND FAVORS

None.

6. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY THE SPEAKER

6.1 The Speaker Councillor, MS Tiba indicated that the Greater Tzaneen Municipality hosted a successful workshop on the Code of Ethical Leadership for councillors on Monday 24 February 2025 and the officials' workshop was held yesterday Tuesday the 25 February 2025 at 09H00 Old Fire Hall.

The Speaker Councillor, MS Tiba further indicated that this was a very important workshop and if all can follow what was learned the municipality can perform very well.

The Speaker Councillor, MS Tiba further expressed her concern that other councillors did not attend the workshop and have lost an opportunity to learn the important information and further emphasized that those who did not attend the workshop should not take them back, they should allow those who attended the workshop to move forward without disturbance.

7. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved

7.1 That the minutes of the 3rd council meeting for 2024/2025 financial year of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality held at Old Fire Hall on Thursday the **30th of January 2025** at 12h00 be approved and confirmed.

8. QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

The Municipal Manager, Mr. D Mhangwana indicated that other responses will be forwarded to councillors after the meeting.

- 8.1 That the questions by Councillor CM Ramathoka on Municipal Employee Overtime and responses be noted.
- 8.2 That the questions by Councillor CM Ramathoka regarding Financial Misconduct Board and responses be noted.
- 8.3 That the questions by Councillor CM Ramathoka regarding Runnymade Sports Stadium and responses be noted.
- 8.4 That the questions by Councillor CM Ramathoka regarding Request list of Municipal Properties and responses be noted.
- 8.5 That the questions by Councillor C Bredenkamp regarding Tracker Report and responses be noted.
- 8.6 That the questions by Councillor C Bredenkamp regarding State of the art Bulamahlo Community Hall and responses be noted.
- 8.7 That the questions by Councillor C Bredenkamp regarding Hawkers Letsitele and responses be noted.

8.8 That the questions by Councillor C Dreyer regarding Ward 15 Road Marking and Road Signs and responses be noted.

9. MOTIONS OR PROPOSALS DEFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None.

10. PROPOSALS OF CONDOLENCES OR CONGRATULATIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSON

11. PROPOSALS OF CONDOLENCES OR CONGRATULATIONS BY OTHER MEMBERS

None.

12. OUTSTANDING MATTERS

None.

13. PETITIONS

None.

14. MOTIONS

14.1 Motion submitted by Councilor Rene Pohl seconded by Councilor Chrizelle Dreyer.

Resolved

That the motion is not approved.

15. REPORT FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE

(Item A58 was approved by Council)

16. REPORT FROM GTEDA

(ITEM A63 was approved by Council)

17. REPORT FROM MPAC

None.

18. INPUTS BY THE TRADITIONAL LEADER

None.

19. REPORT FROM ETHICS COMMITTEE

None.

20. REPORT FROM WARD COMMITTEE

(ITEM A62 was approved by Council)

21. REPORT FROM PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES

(Item A59 was approved by Council and item A60 was withdrawn)

22. REPORTS IN COMMITTEES

None.

23. URGENT REPORT – ALLOWED ONLY WITH THE CONSENSUS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

None.

24. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 2025.

The items and monthly report below were discussed and approved as stated.

A54 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DEBT INCENTIVE TO SETTLE LONG OUTSTANDING DEBT

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26)

(5/13/B)

RESOLVED

- That Council takes note that the acceptance of the request for debt incentive by Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA) will enhance municipality's ability to collect revenue and improve service delivery.
- 2. That Council note that the accumulated debt is among organ of state debt that has been subject to audit and there was no finding or pending audit finding on billing, valuation and completeness on the account balances.
- 3. That Council approve debt incentive of 40% of the total debt of R 54 569 797.32, which include interest of R18 972 238.40, and the settlement amount be R32 741 878.39

Note: The Democratic Alliance councillors rejected the report.

A 55 2024/2025 1ST ADJUSTMENT BUDGET ITEM

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26)

(5/1/1)

- a) That the amendments on the 2024/2025 MIG projects attached as Annexure A be approved.
- b) That the amendments on the 2024/2025 INEP projects attached as Annexure B be approved by Council.
- c) That the municipal disaster recovery grant amount be utilized solely to fund the projects attached as Annexure C.
- d) That the amendments on the own funding projects be approved by the Council to ensure that the SDBIP can be aligned with the capital budget as per the attached Annexure D.
- e) That any adjustments with regards to the operational budget be processed through the virement process.
- f) That the Directors manage their respective votes/departments in the Municipality in terms of Section 77 of the MFMA to ensure that no overspending occurs at 30 June 2025, and that possible overspending be accommodated through virements.
- g) That any adjustments with regards to the water and sewer services operational budget will be effected through the virement process.
- h) That no Adjustment be approved for GTEDA and that possible overspending online items be accommodated by virements.
- i) That adjustments be effected on the Municipalities B Schedules to ensure alignment with the mSCOA data strings.
- j) That the revenue and expenditure budget be adjusted to accommodate the changes made.

Signed by the Speaker	N 2 - 0
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A56 REPORT ON AUDITED UNAUTHORISED, IRREGULAR, FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26)

(5/1/3)

- a) That Council takes note of the **(R0) Unauthorized Expenditure** in the audited annual financial statements and second quarter.
- b) That Council takes note of the **R5'698'601 Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure** processed during adjustment of the annual financial statements (AFS) and as reflected in the audited AFS. Attached as "**Annexure A**"
- c) That Council takes note of the **audited Irregular Expenditure** of R98'497'738 Attached as "Annexure B"
- d) That Council takes note that most of the irregular expenditures relates to long term contracts that were identified by AGSA in prior years.
- e) That Council refers the items under Audited Unauthorized, Irregular and Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure for 2023/2024 financial year to MPAC for oversight and investigation in terms of section 32 of the MFMA.

Signed by the	Speaker (1) (2) (4) Tiba
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A57 REPORT ON UNAUTHORISED, IRREGULAR, FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE AND REDUCTION STRATEGY FOR THE YEAR 2024/2025

(E/C 2024 02 18; C 2024 02 26)

(5/1/3)

- a) That Council takes note of the Unauthorized Expenditure (R0) of the first quarter.
- b) That Council takes note of the Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure of **R234.50**. Attached as "**Annexure A**"
- c) That Council takes note of the Irregular Expenditure of R5'787'365.57 Attached as "Annexure B"
- d) That Council takes note that most of the irregular expenditures relates to long term contracts that were identified by AGSA in prior years.
- e) That Council refers the items under Unauthorized, Irregular and Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure for the second quarter to MPAC for oversight and investigation in terms of section 32 of the MFMA.
- f) That Council takes note of the report on UIF&W expenditure reduction strategy.

Signed by the Speaker Councillor MS Tiba	Hilos
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A58 AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNCIL FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

(C 2025 02 26) (12/2/3/1/9)

- 1. That Council notes the report of the Audit Committee for the second quarter of 2024/2025 financial year.
- 2. That Council notes the first quarter Risk Management Committee report for 2024/2025 financial year.
- 3. That Management should consider all the recommendations provided by the Audit Committee.
- 4. That the Audit Committee report for the Second guarter be referred to MPAC.
- 5. That the first quarter Risk Management Committee report be referred to MPAC
- 6. That the first quarter Internal Audit report be referred to MPAC.

Signed by the Speaker Councillor MS Tiba	H.O.
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A59 9TH TZANEEN AGRI EXPO 2024 (C 2025 02 26)

(15/1/4/2 R)

RESOLVED

- 1. That Council take note of the 9th Tzaneen Agri Expo 2024 report.
- 2. That Council notes that the 2024/25 financial year will mark the 10th anniversary of the Tzaneen Agri Expo.
- 3. That Council approves livestock branding equipment donations to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Tzaneen Office.
- 4. The Council notes that the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development will continuously update the Municipality on the number of branded livestock through the LED Office.
- 5. That Council further note that all the clusters will be reached for branding awareness and application.

Note: That the amount used to purchase the branding equipment was raised by Agri Golf.

A60	REPORT	ON	WRITE-OFF	OF	THE	INTEREST	CHARGES	RELATING	TO
	PROPERT	Y RA	ATES THAT W	ERE	NOT I	BILLED IN 20	023/24		
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The item was withdrawn and sent to the portfolio committee for further processing.

ITEM B25 WAS CHANGED TO A61

A61 REPORT ON THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE WHIP OF COUNCIL

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26)

(6/2/1/1)

RESOLVED

- (a) That Council approves the purchase of a vehicle for the Whip to execute his responsibilities in line with section (6) (1) of the Municipal Cost Containment Regulations of 2019.
- (b) That Council further approves that the position of a driver in the Whip office be created in the Organizational Structure of the municipality.
- (c) That provision be made during 2025/26 budget to cater for the purchase of a vehicle and the filling of a driver position for the Whip of Council.
- (d) That the MEC of COGHSTA be informed about the decision of Council to purchase a vehicle and create a driver position in the Organizational Structure of the municipality for the Whip of Council.

Note: The Democratic Alliance councillors objected the report.

ITEM B30 WAS CHANGED TO A62

A62 2024-2025 2ND QUARTER WARD COMMITTEE SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT (E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26) (12/2/3/1/11)

- a) That Council takes note and approves the 2024-2025 2nd quarter Ward Committee service delivery report.
- b) That Council note the report on the attendance of ward Committees and administrators of the ward committee management meeting for accountability.
- c) That Council note that monitoring and follow-up on the implementation of responses from various departments will be updated in the 3rd quarter report.

Signed by the Speaker Councillor MS Tiba	H Ca
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REPORT TO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL: GTEDA SECOND QUARTER BOARD REPORT FOR A63 **THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/25**

(C 2024 02 26)

(15/1/4/2)

RESOLVED

a) That Council notes the 2nd Quarter Board report for the financial year 2024/25.

B24 REPORT ON THE COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2024

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26)

(3/2/1/3)

RESOLVED

- (a) That Council notes the report on the implementation of resolutions for the period **OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2024.**
- (b) That Council further takes cognisance of the progress made on all its resolutions to be implemented by Management.
- (c) That the report be submitted to the Portfolio Committees for oversight processes.

B26 AMENDMENT ON WAGE & SALARY INCREASE: 2024/2025 – FINANCIAL YEAR
(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26) (5/1/P)

RESOLVED

- a) That Council takes cognizance of item B14 which remains in effect as approved 30 September 2024 with the following addendum.
- b) That Council pay a once off additional allowance of two thousand rand (R2000.00) to the Gap Market Employees who earn a basic salary of R22 000.00 per month or less, as of 01 July 2024, and who do not own a house or receive any form of housing assistance or do not participate in the current or any homeowners.
- c) That the once off payment shall be made by no later than 31 March 2025.
- d) That the implementation of the correct salary notch T9 is as audited.

B27 RECOGNITION OF 20, 30 and 40 LONG SERVICE FOR EMPLOYEES.

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26)

(4/10/1)

- a) That Council approves the recognition of employees with 20, 30 and 40 years of long service in the municipality in line with Collective Agreement on Conditions of Services for Limpopo Division of the SALGBC clause 21.1. Collective Agreement Attached
- b) That Council approves the recognition of employees with 20, 30 and 40 years of long service in the municipality.
- c) That Council approves an amount of R2000 as recognition of employees for 20, 30 and 40 years of services as token of appreciation for employees as per previous resolutions.
- d) That Council also approves employees to continue receiving certificates during council sitting as a way of motivating employees for long service.
- e) That Council nullifies any previous resolution on recognition of employees to avoid contrary statements. (Resolution B7 of 2009/ 02/24 and B10 of 2022/08/17).

Signed by the Speaker Councillor MS Tiba	d10.
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B28 MAYOR STUDENT FINANCIAL AID SCHEME 2025 (MSFAS)

(E/C 2025 02 18; 2025 02 26)

(5/16/1/2)

RESOLVED

- 1. That Council approves the list of selected learners who made it through the panel as attached.
- 2. That Council pays the registration fee for each learner as indicated on the list.
- 3. MSFAS must be reviewed in the next financial year the MSFAS serves as a duplication on the student funding model of NSFAS.
- 4. That applicants that are found to not satisfy the requirements, Council reserves the right to replace them with the next available applicant meeting the requirements.
- 5. That the shortlisting for MSFAS should be done in December to accommodate the registration fees for the qualifying student and that those who qualify for MSFAS and have already registered should be provided with a voucher to purchase any item related to school needs.



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B29 2025 JANUARY BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN REPORT

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26)

(17/2/R)

RESOLVED

- a. That Council notes the report.
- b. That the report be submitted to the Department of Education Mopani West
- c. That the Ward Councillors go back to the schools visited to give feedback.
- d. That Ward Councillors monitor the performance of the schools and give support where needed.
- e. That the Head of Portfolio for Social Transformation and the portfolio Committee develop a program to monitor the schools in conjunction with the District Director and Circuit Managers

B 31 (2024/25 SDBIP ADJUSTMENT)

(E/C 2024 02 18, C 2025 02 26)

(8/1/2/1)

RESOLVED

- a) That Council approves the Adjusted 2024/25 SDBIP as attached as **Annexure A**.
- b) That the Adjusted SDBIP for 2024/25 be submitted to CoGHSTA and Provincial Treasury.
- c) That the Adjusted SDBIP for 2024/25 be publicized on the website and local newspapers.

C42	MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER FOR
	THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26) (8/1/3/1)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly report of the Municipal Manager for the month of **JANUARY 2025 be** noted.

C43 MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26)

(8/1/3/2)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly report of the Director Corporate Services for the month of **JANUARY 2025 be** noted.

C44 MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26)

(8/1/3/3)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly report of the Director Civil Engineering Services for the month of **JANUARY 2025** be noted.

C45 MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26)

(8/1/3/4)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly report of the Director Electrical Engineering Services for the month of **JANUARY 2025** be noted.

C46 MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26)

(8/1/3/5)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly report of the Director Community Services for the month of **JANUARY 2025 be** noted.

C47 MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26)

(8/1/3/7)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly report of the Director PED for the month of **JANUARY 2025 be** noted.

C48 MONTHLY REPORT- DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

(E/C 2025 02 18; C 2025 02 26)

(8/1/3/7)

RESOLVED

That the contents of the monthly reports of the CFO for the month of **JANUARY 2025 be** noted.

25. **CLOSURE**

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 15H29

APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

CHAIRPERSON Hobo