

Budget Speech by the Mayor of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality Councillor Maripe Mangena on 30 May 2019 at Letaba Showgrounds.

Madam Speaker, Councillor Dikeledi Mmetle

Chief Whip of Council, Councilor Cromwell Nhemo

Our Traditional Leadership

Chair of Chairs, Councillor Moses Mahasha

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Esteemed fellow councillors, Ward and PR

Leaders of Political Parties

Municipal Manager, Thapelo Matlala

Directors, Managers and municipal officials

Representatives of Coghta

Our Ward Committees

Distinguished guests, and most importantly residents of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

Good Afternoon, Thobela, Avuxeni, Goie more

This is the third annual budget tabled by our administration, a budget that is informed by the realities of our people, who have given us an unequivocal mandate to take forward the agenda of a better life for all.

The budget that I'm about to table here today, is a budget of the people, simply because it was informed by the inputs of our people from all our 125 villages and towns, during our Budget/IDP consultation meetings, through our IDP Rep Forum and many other many public participation platforms.

Madam Speaker

The total revenue for the 2019/2020 financial year amounts to R1,359 billion, which represents an increase of R182 million over the 2018/2019 financial year.

This increase is mainly due to the increase in property rates, service charges and external grants from Government.

The total revenue budget includes an amount of R383 million which represents the equitable share allocation to the Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

An amount of R140 million will be levied by way of property tax and R616 million will be sourced from user charges.

National allocations to fund operational activities amount to R27,9 million.

- Finance Management Grant of R2,1 million
- EPWP grant of R5,7 million and
- the INEP allocation of R20 million.

An amount of R1,309 billion has been made available on the operational budget for expenditure.

This substantial increase is largely due to the increase in salaries, repairs and maintenance, and bulk purchases.

The Expenditure amount includes:

- R357,7 million for salaries,
- R208 million for repairs and maintenance and
- R403 million for the purchase of bulk electricity.

An amount of R162 million has been set aside over the next three (3) years for the repairs and maintenance, construction and refurbishment of roads and storm water across the Municipality

The electricity service has been allocated an amount of R264,5 million over the MTREF 2019/2020 to 2021/2022 for electrification, bulk infrastructure and maintenance of the electricity network.

The amount is allocated as follows:

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The Capital amount of R142 million for the 2019/2020 financial year includes a loan of R20 million.

In the 2019/2020 financial year, we will implement the following projects:

- R2 million for Mawa Block 12 Low level Bridge
- R3 million for the Upgrading of Codesa Street to Hani Street
- R4.4 million for Nelson Ramodike High School Acces Road
- R14.4 million for Mopye High School Access Road
- R4.4 million for the Upgrading of Relela Access Road
- R4.4 million for the Upgrading of Matapa to Leseka Access road
- R19.1 million for Mulati Access Road Paving
- R3 million for the Upgrading of Mbambamencisi Access Road
- R8.1 million for Lenyenye Taxi Rank
- R19.5 million for the Upgrading of Khujwana to Lenyenye Access road from Gravel to Tar
- R2 million for the Paving of Moseanoka to Cell C Pharare Internal Street in Ward 28
- R2million for the Paving of Risaba, Mnisi, Shando to Driving School internal street in Ward 5
- R2 million for the Paving of Main road from Ndhuna Mandlakazi, Afrika, Zangoma, Mpenyisi to Jamba Cross Internal street in Ward 13
- R1.2 million for the Erection of Apollo Lights
- R4.7 million for PMU Management

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The bulk electricity purchases amounts to R403 million for the 2019/2020 financial year.

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Tariff increases to consumptive tariff-based services in the 2019/2020 financial year will be effected as follows:

- Electricity (average) 13,07% (As per NERSA guideline)
- Water (all towns except H/burg 5,6%)
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- Sanitation 5,6%
- Solid Waste 5,6%

Our expenditure breakdown in terms of percentage will be as follows

- Employee cost 27,3%
- Bulk Purchases 30,8%
- Repairs & Maintenance 15,8%
- General Expenses 10,2%

We will announce detailed plans for the 2019/2020 financial year during SOMA.

We # are going to have State of the National Address on the 20th of June 2019 followed by State of the Province address on a date to be confirmed. We will thereafter have of our State of the Municipal Address on a date still to be confirmed.

I hereby table this annual budget for the 2019/2020 financial year for consideration and I adoption.

I thank you