**CLOSING SPEECH BY THE MAYOR OF GREATER TZANEEN MUNICIPALITY COUNCILOR MARIPE MANGENA AT THE IDP LEKGOTLA HELD AT BLYDE CANYON FOREVER RESORT:**

**SPEAKER OF COUNCIL CLLR MMETLE**

**CHIEF WHIP**

**ALL EXECUTIVECOMMITTE MEMBERS**

**ALL PR AND WARD COUNCILORS**

**ACTING MM, DIRECTORS AND ALL GTM EMPLOYEES**

**GTEDA CEO**

**PROGRAMME FACILITATOR MR MASHAMBA**

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

Good afternoon

Speaker,

Let me take this opportunity to appreciate and acknowledge the commitment and high level of discipline that has been displayed in this Lekgotla since our arrival. The robust engagements gave us confidence that indeed we are rising from these Lekgotla with a revived vigour to go and implement the resolved. Yes it was the most tiresome pact programme that drained all of us physically and intellectually but worth it. Today we are rising from this Lekgotla, in the province of Mpumalanga where the sun rises at the beginning of the year 2018, being a stronger, united team that will indeed deliver the quality services to all the citizens of Greater Tzaneen.

Acting MM, we cannot over-emphasise your responsibilities of updating us on the progress of all the resolutions taken in this Lekgotla. We have agreed in this sitting that all resolutions be given time frames and the first update is expected around April with the possibility of adoption by May. We want to believe that your foot soldiers are here and have taken our command to support you to achieve. There are those resolutions that we are expecting implementation in the coming few weeks like the opening of the “Rhelela Community Hall”, the naming and opening of the Marumofase “Marothi Letsaolo” pedestrian crossing bridge.

Speaker, there was an outcry in this Lekgotla about ward committee reports that are not finding their way to Council. We have resolved in these sitting that Cluster heads must take responsibility of ensuring that Cluster meetings do take place and such reports be consolidated and be submitted to the Speaker’s office. We are expecting this reports in the next normal council sitting.

CFO we have made a statement concerning the money that we are owed or that we owe Mopani district, please ensure that this matter is brought to its logical conclusion. Cllr Maunatlala we have an aspiration of retaining our audit opinion or even improving. These can only be achieved if all of us do our part as officials and politicians. The CFO made a request of attendance registers as we attend study groups, meetings and conferences as requirement for accessing SNT, let’s try to comply on same.

AMM we are told here that there are Farms which are inaccessible for officials and service providers to disconnect, can we please look into a possibility of taking legal action against those who are not paying services through the Acting Legal Manager. Acting Legal Manager, I have seen your proposal of reducing legal tariffs, please finalise your research so that in the next normal Council sitting we are privileged with that presentation.

AMM, we have also agreed that we will be given an opportunity to receive financial reports on quarterly basis. Please ensure that we are favoured with those reports on time so that by the time we sit in the meeting we are active participants. This needs to also apply to council agendas.

We wish you travelling mercies and encourage you to go and support Mariveni FC as they play this coming Sunday at Peter Mokaba at 15h00.

THANK YOU.