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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CEDERBERG MUNICIPALITY, HELD ON

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CEDERBERG MUNICIPALITY HELD
ON 28 FEBRUARY 2024.**

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PRESENT AND IN ATTENDANCE:

As per the attendance register:

APOLOGIES:

- Geen / None

ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGY:

- Geen / None

1. OPENING AND WELCOMING

- The Chairperson, Cllr. J Hayes welcomed all present.

2. ELECTION OF (ACTING) SPEAKER, IF NECESSARY

- N/A

3. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Geen / None

4. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY THE SPEAKER

- The Speaker ruled that the scheduled In-Committee Meeting will not take place today.

5. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

- See attached

6. REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR ON DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR, THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR TOGETHER WITH THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR TOGETHER WITH THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE

- Geen / None

7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1 ITEMS SUBMITTED BY OFFICIALS OF COUNCIL

RB7.1.1/28-02-2024 AMENDMENTS TO INCOME, OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROJECTIONS - ADJUSTMENTS BUDGET 2023/2024 FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLVED:

1. That Council approves the Adjustments Budget for 2023/24 financial year, amendments to income, operational and capital expenditure projections as set out in the following:
 - Municipal Budget tables B1 – B10
 - Municipal Budget Supporting Documentation SB1 – SB19

2. That Council notes that the Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan be amended in line with these adjustments.

Proposed: Cllr. L Venter

Secundi: Cllr. J Van Heerden

No Counter proposals

RB7.1.2/28-02-2024

**QUARTERLY BUDGET INCLUSIVE OF TOP LAYER SERVICE
DELIVERY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP) AND SUPPLY CHAIN
MANAGEMENT REPORTS: OCTOBER 2023 – DECEMBER 2023**

RESOLVED:

1. That Council takes note of the:
 - a. Quarterly Budget Statement inclusive of the Top Layer Service Delivery Implementation Plan (SDBIP),
 - b. Virements Report for the second quarter, and
 - c. Supply Chain Management Report for the second quarter.
2. That Council notes that the Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan be amended in line with these adjustments.

Proposed: Cllr. L Venter

Seconded: Cllr. J Van Heerden

RB7.1.3/28-02-2024

**REPORT FROM WSP – LAMBERTS BAY DESALINATION
PLANT**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the item be deferred to the Councillors Worksshop scheduled for 18 and 19 March 2024.

RB7.1.4/28-02-2024

**REPORT ON: THE STRATEGIC, OPERATIONAL, AND TACTICAL
PLANNING SESSION HELD AT PIEKENIERSKLOOF: 1 TO 2
FEBRUARY 2024**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the item be deferred to the Councillors Workshop scheduled for 18 and 19 March 2024.

RB7.1.5/28-02-2024

**ADJUSTED/ REVIEW OF THE TOP LAYER SERVICE DELIVERY
BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP) 2023/2024**

RESOLVED:

1. That council approve the Adjustment/Review Top Layer Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) 2023/24
2. That the proposed changes be made on the Web based performance system; and
3. That copies of the Adjustment/Review Top Layer Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) 2023/24 be made available on the Municipal Website
 - o Copies sent to Provincial Treasury, National Treasury and Department of Local Government.

Proposed: Cllr. L Venter

Seconded: Cllr. J Van Heerden

RB7.1.6/28-02-2024

**WARD COMMITTEE NOMINTATIONS TO FILL VACANCIES
AND ADD ON THE EXISTING LISTS OF WARD COMMITTEE
STRUCTURES**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Ward Committees Policy be revisited to include ward assistants and ward committee members as an integral part of the policy.; and
- b) That the Policy be revisited at the scheduled Councillors Worskop on 18 and 19 March 2024.

8.2 Urgent Matters submitted by the municipal Manager

- Geen / None

8.3 MATTERS FOR NOTIFICATION

- A. Feedback on Qualification Audit: An item be prepared on the feedback of the Qualification Audit at the next Council Meeting.
- B. Resolution Report on implementation of resolutions since November 2021 to date be submitted to Council.

8.4 CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS OF EXIGENCY

- Geen / None

8.5 CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF QUESTIONS

- Cllr. Farmer requested to know about a recess period for Councillors as there are upcoming local- as well as provincial- and national elections in April 2024 and May 2024. This matter will be handled at the next Council Meeting.

8.6 CONSIDERATIONS OF NOTICES OF EXIGENCY

- None

09. CLOSURE

- Meeting adjourned.

VOORSITTER/CHAIRPERSON

DATUM/DATE

THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA

Adjustment budget speech by the Executive Mayor, Dr Ruben Richards, delivered at a sitting of a Special Council meeting of the Cederberg Municipality held 28 February 2024 in Clanwilliam Council Chambers.

Honourable Speaker, Municipal Manager, Councillors, Officials, and members of the public.

The primary purpose of this Special Council meeting is the tabling for adoption by council the Adjustment Budget in terms of Chapter 4, section 28 (2) (a), (b) and (d) of the Municipal Finance Management Act - MFMA (Act 56 of 2003). With that context in mind, it is my privilege to table the Revised Budget for 2023/24.

Honorable Speaker and Councillors, as you are aware, our budget was unfunded when it was tabled in May 2020 already - long before the current council was inaugurated. Consequently, the municipality was required by National and Provincial Treasury to develop a Budget Implementation Plan, the objective of which was to ensure that we incrementally get to a position of a funded budget and ensure the financial viability of our Municipality.

During the compilation of this adjustment budget we had to balance financial sustainability with the demands of service delivery in a difficult economic environment. Our main focus was to create a sound and stable financial position.

On 1 March 2023, one of the first decisions of the new council under our leadership was to adopt the Section 154 Support Plan in conjunction with the Budget Funding Plan and Cost Containment measures as imposed by Provincial and National Treasury. So, for the past year, we have religiously adhered to all the regulations and provisions of these plans. As a consequence, I am proud to announce today that we can table a funded adjustment budget.

Honourable Speaker, allow me to thank our councillors and administration for their sterling efforts and hard work. I also want to thank residents who have regularly paid their bills. I particularly want to thank the chairperson of our Finance Portfolio Committee, Cllr Johan van Heerden, for his unwavering dedication and punctilious financial eye for detail, together with the other members of that committee including the CFO, Nico Smit and the MM, Gerrit Matthyse.

- Third, at the start of the financial year we budgeted for a cash shortfall of R81m. With this adjustment budget we have managed to reduce that shortfall and are projecting a surplus of R113,000 (one hundred and thirteen thousand rand).
- Fourth, trade payables/creditors have decreased from the original amount of R103m to only R23m in this adjustment budget. This is due to daily cash flow monitoring and strict credit control measures.

Honourable Speaker, in essence the municipality succeeded in a very short period to enhance all our liquidity ratios to such a level that we are soon to reach the national norms and standards. More about that in due course.

Honourable Speaker, with this short background, I hereby present the February Adjustment Budget for 2023/24 for Council consideration and approval. We have indeed entered the dawn of a new era for the Cederberg Municipality.

I thank you.