



MAYOR, CLLR. MM MBEDLA TABLING THE STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY ADDRESS OF MATATIELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 30TH OF MAY 2016 AT SANDFONTEIN (WARD 26)

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Madame Speaker, it would indeed be a serious mistake not to acknowledge this Community, whose presence this day warms our hearts knowing that all our guests are hospitably welcomed in their midst.

My fellow friends and compatriots, never lose sight of the fact that this is the community we work to serve, both night and day.

The State of the Municipality Address we are presenting today Madame Speaker, is our resolve as the governing party to inspire hope in our communities and to instil faith in their own democratic and people- centred local government.

Sidibana apha malungu ahloniphekileyo kwiveki ejongene nokhuseleko lwabantwana ukususela izolo umhla ka 29 ukuya ngomhla wesihlanu. Kulapho urhulumente exhobisa kwaye efundisa uluntu ngamalungelo wabantwana nokuba siqinisekise siluluntu sonke okokuba abantwana bakhuselekile maxa onke. and promote children's rights in partnership with civil society.

Leveki ikhunjulwa phantsi komxholio othi “ Masikhusele abantwana sisonke ukuze siqhubele phambili uMzantsi Afrika. Luxanduva lwethu sonke ke okokuba sibambisane siqinisekise okokuba abantwana bakhuselekile.

[uLungisa Mabhelandile Sishuba](#) kwikhasi lethu lonxibelelwano uthi *“Best way to deliver services is doing community outreach especially to the rural areas, hear out the people and their needs. Youth empowerment/Youth programmes on assisting emerging entrepreneurs and providing sustainable jobs.”*

Kwakhona siza kungena kwinyanga kaJune apho ithi ibekelwe bucala njengenyanga yabantu abatsha. Kulonyaka umxholo uthi “Ulutsha luqhubela phambili uMzantsi Afrika.” Siyayazi okokuba sililizwe kuyakhulwa ukungabikho kwemisebenzi kubantu abatsha. Lento ibangelwa zizinto ezinintsi eziquka ukwehla kwezinga lemisebenzi evulekayo, imfundo ekumgangatho ophantsi, noqeqesho, ukungabikho kwamathuba nezakhono zokusebenza

Siyasebenzisana ke namaqumrhu karhulumente afana no NYDA no SEDA ukuqinisekisa okokuba lemeko iyatshintsha.

We celebrated Africa Day on May 25th, reminding us that as South Africans we are first all Africans.

The attacks on our African brothers and sisters did not sit well with us, in this part of the country. Hence, we did not experience similar incidences of Xenophobic violence. We proudly say No to Xenophobia.

During the Africa Day Celebration held last year in, His Excellency President Jacob Zuma encouraged us to know the African Union Anthem and hoist the AU flag in our institutions to demonstrate solidarity and to promote Africanism.

Masibambe ngazo zozibini kwakhona nakulonyaka kwabo basiphulaphule kunomathotholo wesikhululo soMhlobo Wenene fm kunye neAlfred Nzo Community Radio. Ndiyabulisa mzi wakowethu kuzo zonke ezo ndawo nikuzo.

Madam Speaker, in the period since our last address to this House, we lost Cllr. Stanford Stuurman. In honouring his contribution to the wellbeing of our society, we must never forget to live by the vision and values he cherished about our democratic Municipality.

Lixesha eli lokuba sinike ingxelo yemisebenzi eyenziwe nguRhulumente kwindawo yaseMatatiele sijonge ukuba sisonke siqhubeka njani ukuya phambili.

Xa sasingena eburhulumenteni ngo 2011 iANC yathi: Our Manifesto addresses the main challenges we face in our communities and local government - and the ways of doing things.

Our Manifesto is affordable, realistic and achievable. It draws lessons from our experience in government. It builds on the achievements and changes we have brought since 1994. Local government and communities face major challenges – reducing

unemployment, more access to better quality basic services, overcoming the legacy of apartheid spatial development, strengthening community participation, and building effective, accountable and clean local government.

This Manifesto is our commitment to address these challenges, working with communities. We are committed to ensuring that local government understands the fundamentals of serving communities. National and provincial government will work shoulder to shoulder with municipalities in this major effort.

SOMLOMO OHLONIPHEKILEYO NE NKOKHELI ZOMTHONYANA

Local government celebrates 16 years of successful governance, and this speech aims to depict success stories, despite the many difficulties faced by our municipality.

Local government has the task of bridging the gap between the rich and poor. They lead by listening to the community, open communication and transparency are vital to ensure that shortcomings in terms of service delivery are addressed.

Omasipala basekuhlaleni kuleminyaka iliShumi elineHlanu idlulileyo baye bajongana nobunzima obukhulu ingakumbi obashiywa ngurhulumente wengcindezelo nowo calu-calulo.

In the past 15 years Matatiele has experienced true democratic local government and we have been at the forefront of the many successes achieved during this period. Local government has indeed played a major role in restoring the dignity of our people. Such an achievement is a result of local government putting people first when it comes to facilitating development.

Our municipality have, by and large, been extremely successful in their key goal of delivering services to the people effectively and efficiently. This includes: successes in the provision of energy and water; creating conditions for inclusive economic growth and job creation; and the ongoing focus on improving their current audit status to clean audit.

Lixesha ngoku lokokuba siqhubeke nezi zinto zintle siphucule izakhono kumasipala wethu, siqinisekise okokokuba silungisa siphucule infrastructure, siqinisekise okokuba senza indawo yokusebenza ukuphucula utyalo mali ukuze kuvele amathuba emisebenzi.

While we understand that most citizens' experiences of our municipality have been positive, we are equally aware that challenges still remain. Siyayazi okokuba zinintsi ingxaki esijongene nazo singurhulumente wase Matatiele. Njengokuba u [Thuthula Katangana](#) esitsho kwikhasi lethu lonxibelelwano uFacebook okokuba, *"I stay in Tsepisong Village About 5 Kms to town but no electricity can you imagine how painful it is ukubukela umbane ulayitile in town ,nakwilali engaphezulu it so unfair."*

Siyayazi okokuba bonke abantu ekuhlaleni banqwenela okokuba izidingo zabo zifezeke, umasipala uyaziqwalasela izimo zabantwana kunye nomama ekuhlaleni. Kunjalonje, umama nabantwana urhulumente ubabekele phambili ekuhambiseni izidingo zabo.

HONOURABLE COUNCILLORS

Xa sijonga kwinzame esizenzileyo singulo Masipala ukuphucula impilo zabantu ukusesela ngonyaka ka 2011 xa sasinikwa

uxanduva lokukhokhela, sikwazile singumasipala ukwenza lemisebenzi ilandelayo:

Kwi Projekthi ezikhokelwa ngomama sancedise ngezixhobo zokusebenza eBasadi Bayalketsetsa (Ward 2); KwaGqweza Fruit & Veg (Ward 21); Kopanang Basadi Sewing Project (Ward 8); Phalang Agricultural Project (Ward 14); Nkau Agricultural Project (Ward 12); Rauhing Multipurpose (Ward 8); Nkanyiso Rural Development (Ward 18); Ushaka Uvukile Co-op (Ward 5) kunye neKuyasa Poultry (Ward 20).

Kwicala lokuxhasa isebe lezemfundo ukuze abantwana bakhule bechubekile entloko siye sancedisa izikolo zabasakhasayo kwezi ndawo: Mango; Lihaseeng; Qobosheaneng; Nkau; Zikhalini; Mnceba; Ward 13 kunye noWard 17.

BAHLALI

Madam Speaker, on the transformation of the economy to create jobs and sustainable livelihoods, the President indicated in his State of the Nation Address, that we are implementing this priority under conditions that are most unfavourable. Notwithstanding these conditions, we have made notable strides.

Inkqubo kaRhulumente yemisebenzi evulelekileyo (EPWP) yenye yendlela urhulumente aqinisekisa ngayo okokuba abantu basusa ikati eziko balwe nendlala nentlupheko kunye nentswela ngqesho.

Ukususela ngomnyaka ka 2011 ukuzothi ga ngoku siqashe abantu abangaya kwe Three Thousand (3000) sichitha imali engange R27 million.

Isebe likaMasipala lophuhliso lwezoqoqosho lwasemakhaya (LED) kuleminyaka mihlanu idlulileyo luchithe imali engaphaya kwe R17 million ukuphihlisa uqoqosho kuMasipala wethu

waseMatatiele. Nazi iProjekthi esincedise kuzo: Matatiele Music Festival; Destination Marketing; Tourism Month Celebration; Tourism Indaba; SMME Development of Co-operatives; Silo Facility; Weigh Bridge; Agric Agent for Fresh Produce Market; Agric Agent for Silo Facility; Hawkers Stalls; Matatomane Training; Kuyasa co-op; Tripple N & A trading; Rea Iteka piggery; Frant installations; Raohang crafter; Mokhosi milling; Supa-lucha development; Robert Soai; Makoanyane Co-op; Imida yam Development; Imvelo yethu agri co-op; Sea-lake production & services; Matatiele Fees; Mehlooding Heritage Celebration; Forever Young Cedarville Matat Triple challenge; Local Tourism Organisation Establishment; SMME Support /Skills development SMME Support/ Skills Development for Contractors; Development of SMME Sector Plan; Flea Market; Registration of Cooperatives to CIPC; Business Plan for Municipal Entity; Awareness workshop on SMMEs and Co-operatives; Compile Business directory for all businesses in Matatiele; Establish an LED Forum /LAT; SMME Cropping Programme; Household food security Gardens kunye ne Khuthalani Sibosizo Poultry Project.

ABAPHULAPHULI

Kuleminyaka mihlanu idlulileyo izigidi ngezigidi zeerandi singumasipala sizichithe ekwakheni nasekulungiseni indlela zethu kunye namaholo. The total kilometres of new access roads completed is 138, 4 kilometres, total kilometres of new bridges completed are 0, 42 kilometres, salungisa iindlela ezidlula 108 kilometres and the total kilometres of surfaced roads completed are 16,2 kilometers saze sokha iiholo ezisibhozo.

Kumba ongasilalisiyo wombane somlomo, kubalulekile bahlali ukuba sikhumbule ukuba kwicala lombane eMatatiele sisemva ngomyinge ongange 55%. ZiWodi eziliThoba (9) ezingenawo

kwaphela umbane. Into ethetha ukuba yimizi engaphaya ku Forty Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Seventeen (49 317).

Kodwa kobo bunzima sikwazile ukuphumelela oku sisebenzisana necandelo lombane uEskom: Feeder line-Queens Mercy; Feeder line-Magadla; Feeder Bays at Maluti substation; Electrify 400 houses in Harry Gwala Park extension; Electrify 183 houses in Harry Gwala Park extension; Electrification of Ramafole village; eMitshatshaneni electrification; Thabaneng electrification; Link line eMitshatshaneni-Ramafole; Nkosana 2 electrification; Queens Mercy electrification; Hadiado electrification; Malosong electrification; Bakoena 08 SP electrification; Nkosana, Kwambombo, Tsenula & Tsita electrification ; Belford, Matewu & Thembalihle electrification; Magadla #3 electrification; Lekhetlane, Moaneng electrification; Bakoena 09 link line; Nkosana, Kwambombo & Tsenula electrification kunye neMechachaneng. Qhobosheaneng electrification. Zizindlu ezingaphaya kwe Ten Thousand esikwazile ukuzilayita kwaye nakulonyaka siza kuqhubeka silayita ezinye.

Siyakhathala kwakhona ngentlalo yabantu bethu baseMatatiele nokokuba bahlale ezindlini ezikumgangatho ophezulu. Sisebenzisana nesebe lezozinziso loluntu sikwazile ukwakha lamakhaya: Caba-Mdeni 300/ Rural Housing; Harry Gwala 583; Queensmercy 300; Masakala 500/ Rural Housing; Cedarville 201/Rectification. Ezi zilandelayo ziza kokhiwa kuleminyaka izayo ezinye zisahlolwa: Maritseng 1500/ Rural Housing; Mvenyane 500/ Rural Housing; Mehloloaneng 898/ Rural Housing; Thaba-Chicha 500/ Rural Housing; Mafube 300/ Rural Housing; Maluti 200 (Destitute); Sandfontein/Bultfontein 100; Tsitsong 200 (Emergency Housing); Pote 40/Rural Housing (Relocation); Matatiele 306/Rectification; Harry Gwala 1110/Rectification; Njongweville 106/Rectification; Khorong Khuali Park

400/Rectification; Matatiele 300 Social Housing; Zwelitsha 500/Rural Housing; Chibini 500; Mahareng 500; Nyaniso 500; Mposhongweni 500; Black Diamond 376; Phifane 500 Destitute kunye nePote 700 Destitute.

COMMUNITY OF SANDFONTEIN

We are aware that the community is facing many challenges just as other Wards and villages are and we shall continue working with this community to solve their triple challenges. We will achieve in doing this only if we continue at all times to work together. Good relations should be maintained and if there are areas where we need to find a workable solution by compromising we all need to do that.

The government has managed to build a community hall, install solar systems, provide water & sanitation, internal streets are being constructed and the Department of Human Settlements has prioritised 100 houses for this area.

Somlomo we bhunga,

Uzakukhumbula into yokukuba kunyaka ka 2013, owaye ngumphathiswa wakwa Local Government and Traditional Affairs, uMnumzana Mlibo Qhoboshiyane waphehlelela ngokusesikweni iForum yeIGR apho amasebe ka rhulumente a sebenzela eMatatiele athe azibopholela ukuba ayakusebenzisana noMasipala wethu ekuphuhliseni abahlali baseMatatiele.

Ngalomazwi Somlomo, ndivumele ndi nike ingxelo malunga nezinto abathe bazenza eMatatiele iphela,

Isebe lezempilo,

Isebe lezempilo eMaluti District lithe lathumela abantwana abane kwilizwe laseCuba ukuyofundela ubugqirha ukuzama nokulwa

nokungqongophala kooGqirha kwindawo yaseMatatiele. Isebe liyelaxhamla kwiAmbulances ezine.

ISebe Lezempilo eMpuma Koloni lizama ngandlela zonke ukusabela kwingxaki yokushokoxeka kogqirha kulenginqi yethu apho sibone Isebe lisibonelela ngokuqashwa kooQgirha abaThathu eTayler Bequest kunyaka ka 2014. There are also additional Clinicians, Pharmacist, Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists.

Ufakelo mbane kwiClinic yaseMzongwana neMadlangala kuphunyeziwe.

Bahlali ababekekileyo,

Kuluvuyo kuthi ukwazisa ukuba Isebe lezempilo lathe lanikezela nge-Mobile Clinic ezakwazi ukufikelela kwindawo ezingena clinics ezikude zaseMatatiele.

Tayler Bequest Hospital,

Abahlali baseMatatiele bebekhala ngemeko yeSbhedlela sethu esingenayo iX-Ray machine, kulibhongo kuthi singurhulumente ukuxela into yokokuba isebe lezempilo liye lasabela kulomba.

Abahlali bazakukhumbula into yokokuba siyesathwaxwa kukungqongophala kwamanzi, iSbhedlela sine Bore-hole ethi incedisane nombamba wokuqhawuka kwamanzi.

Okukugqibela, iSbhedlela sinayo iofisi ejongene nemiba yakwa Road Accident Fund apho kuthi khona abantu abafuna uncedo malunga nemiba yale ofisi bancedakale without having to go out of town.

Ukanti iSibhedlela saseKhotsong sesinye sezibhedlela ezafunana i-funding yokongezelelelwa kwesakhiyo esixabisa iR302 million. uPhase 1 oquka, ukuvuselelwa kew –Wadi yabantwana, neofisi ezintsha nokubiyelwa kweSibhedlele kuthe kwagqitywa.

Malungu abekileyo,

iKhotsong sizakukhumbula ukuba sesona Sibhedlele sodwa seTB kwingingqi yaseAlfred Nzo iphela.

Sithe isisibhedlela ngomhla weshumi eline sibini sa fumana i-award ka MEC njenge Sibhedlela esona isisebenza kakuhle kwiProvince yaseMpuma Koloni.

Isebe lezindlela,

Kunyakamali ka 2011 – 2012 isebe kwi programme yabo ye-Flood damage lithe lenza ezindlela zilandelayo:

Project Name	Budget	Area
DR08013	More than R13 million	Maluti to Ramatshiliso
DR08646	More than R9 million	R56 to Ongelusnek
DR08015	More than 6 million	Lukholweni to Hillside
DR08017	More than R 8 million	Cedarville to Mvenyane
DR08077	More than R3 million	R56 to Semonkong
DR08452	More than R3 million	Sigoga to Mgubo
URGENT INTERVENTION PROGRAMME: 2014 – 2015		

FINANCIAL YEAR			
DR08013 gravelling	Re-	R 6 million	Maluti to Ramatshiliso
DR08503 gravel	patch	R 2 million	Ramafole to Kwathafa
DR08069 gravelling	Re-	R7 million	Khoapa to Queen'smercy
DR08646 gravelling	Re-	R3 million	R56 to Onguluku's'nek

Bahlali

ISebe loMzantsi Afrika elijongene nokhuseleko lezentlalakahle (SASSA) linikezele ngeenkonzozo zokutya kumakhaya angathathi ntweni kuba singuRhulumente okhathalayo. Kunikezelwe ukutya okungaphaya kwe One Million Three Hundred and Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve rands Ninety Three (1 310 812. 93) kumakhaya angaphaya kweOne Thousand One Hundred and Four.

On Social Grants we have spent more than Six Hundred Million to deserving families to fight poverty and this has benefitted more than Six Hundred and Sixty Thousand beneficiaries.

Let me congratulate Matatiele Area Office, led by Mrs Mokhoane for receiving an award as the best performing team and best innovative team in the Eastern Cape Province.

Bahlali

iSebe lakwa Social Development and Special Programmes eMatatiele liqhubela phambili ukuncedisa iprojects eziyi 75 ngemali engaphaya kwe R12 million, eziprojects zancedisa ukugxotha indlala, zancedise ukuqinisa uphuhliso noqoqosho.

Department of Home Affairs,

The 31st December 2015 was the closing date for Late Registration of Birth (LRB), as from 01st January 2016 stringent measures with regards to LRB were to be implemented. As the Department we then tripled our efforts in collecting the LRB. Matatiele Local Municipality was identified as one of the hot spot areas for LRB. Several villages around Matatiele and Maluti were visited to collect and screen LRB applications.

Teams from other offices were deployed to work on this project which was a success. The services were not limited to LRB, other Home Affairs services were offered as well. The LRB on the report relates to 15 years and above, which means that the Department reached out to old people who never had enabling documents.

The following are some of the centers the teams were deployed to collect Late Registration of Birth (LRB):

Fiva, Mkhemane and Lukholweni, 51 applications were collected.

Khubetsoana, Queensmercy and Mnyamaneni, 25 applications were collected.

Mabuo, Mandlangala, Mpotshongweni about 62 applications were collected.

Hillside, Chibini, Matiase the department collected about 57 applications.

Lekhetlane, Thabachicha, Qoboshiyaneng the department collected about 45 applications.

Bahlali ababekekileyo,

Kumba wophuhliso lwezoqoqosho (Economic Development)

Isebe lakwa Environmental affairs and Economic development lithe la nikeza nge-funding kweziproject zilandelayo ukusukela kunyaka mali ka 2011 ukuzothi ga-ngoku,

Project name	Funding
Roahang Craft and Multi-Purpose	R1 million
Lathitha Brick and Block Making	R2.5 million
Mokhosi Milling	R750 thousand
Sikhululiwe Bawo	R1.1 million

Madam Speaker, singuMasipala wasezilalini kwaye umhlaba omkhulu wenziwa zilali, sinegunya ke elikhulu nomgomo obalulekile karhulumente wokuphuhlisa amaphandle, ubuyiso lomhlaba kunye nokugxotha ikati eziko.

Kananjalo ke, siye satyala umhlaba olinganiselwa kwi Hekthare iziyi 2303 sisebenzisana neSebe lezophuhliso lwelali nobuyekezo lomhlaba. Sichithe singurhulumente imali engaphaya kwe Seven Million Three Hundred & Sixty Five Thousand. Kwangokunjalo amakhaya ayaxhamla kwimbewu, kwizixhobo zokulima kunye namanzi.

Zonke ezi nzame sizenza phantsi kwemeko ezinzima zokuphela kwamanzi kwindawo esihlala kuzo, siyacela abantu bawasebenzise ngendlela amanzi ukuze sikwazi ukuphila.

Madam Speaker, we are addressing this House at a time when the world is confronted by rapid economic and environmental changes. The global economy has not yet fully recovered from the 2008 financial crisis. Global growth in 2015 was 3.1%, and is expected to rise to 3.6% in 2016, and 3.8% in 2017. However, South Africa's growth projections decreased from 1.3% in 2015 to 0.7% in 2016, and are projected to rise only to 1.3% in 2017. Our growth has also been limited by electricity supply constraints, the drought which is crippling our agricultural sector, skills shortage, as well as low levels of investment resulting from reduced business confidence and heightened levels of risk adversity towards emerging markets by global bond and equity investors. Furthermore, currency depreciation has off-set any gains from the low oil prices, and is contributing to higher price inflation. This has forced the South African Reserve Bank to implement a less accommodative monetary policy, using higher interest rates to protect the currency, and ward off hyper price inflation.

The current conditions require us to do things differently and strive to achieve more with less to meet the needs of our people.

Madam Speaker, fellow executive and honourable councillors, allow me to put before this house the 2016/2017 to 2018 Medium Term Expenditure Framework Budget as follows:

This budget has been prepared according to the requirements of relevant local government legislations like Municipal Finance Management Act, Municipal Systems Act and guidelines issued by National Treasury to ensure that no unnecessary expenditures and no unrealistic revenues are included in the budget.

Madam Speaker, this budget has been tabled to this council in March for considerations and suggestions, it was also publicised for comments and suggestions by stakeholders. All wards Madam Speaker have been visited by members of this council to ensure

that it is presented to communities for their comments and suggestions, yes there were few wards where the meetings were not possible due to some challenges which has been addressed but in overall Madam Speaker the public consultations have been done.

The following Madam Speaker, were responses after consultation meetings and publications,

- No written comments were received by the municipality.
- During consultative meetings of the public to all wards, the comments in relation to electrification and bad states of provincial roads and maintenance of access roads were made and these have been noted and considered towards the final budget preparation process.
- Further comments and suggestions with frustrations by communities in relation to state of water and sanitation services were raised and the District Municipality as the Authority has been made aware of such comments.
- On proposed tariff of charges increases by 7%, communities and stakeholders, Rate Payers in particular raised concerns on affordability and the gloom picture of economy and during the finalization of this budget, 5% for property rates and other charges excluding refuse removal and electricity increases has been considered and the final budget has been adjusted as such. Refuse Removal Charges will remain at 7% increase and electricity charges will be above 7.64% to 9% and this will be subjected to National Electricity Regulator of Southern Africa (NERSA) who are the authority to approve electricity tariffs increases.
- On budget related policies, no comments have been received from the public and stakeholders.

Madam Speaker, as part of some comments made by our community members, let me extract what u[Moeketsi Tlali](#) had said, *“Good image of the town attracts more investments. Install street lights; restrict hanging of clothes in the streets and outside shops by owners of shops; and demarcate parking bays. Buy land especially redundant farms surrounding the town and sell the land to business (especially industrial) and housing developers. Develop your own business complexes for micro enterprises. Engage tribal authorities to lease their land especially next to Drakensburg Mountains for big business to invest in hotels and tourism. Engage provincial and national government to tar strategic roads like Mt Frere to Matatiele; Qacha to Matatiele and Ramatseliso to Matatiele and these roads bring lot of business in Matatiele”*.

Madam Speaker, this community member was trying to suggest that as the municipality we need to do more on our economic development and to achieve that we need to focus more on infrastructure development like roads and housing development, we also need to make sure that we improve our industrial development which will assist us as this municipality to be able to create more job opportunities for our communities and all these cannot be done by us alone but a strategy to rope in our National and Provincial Governments is important also we need to rope in investors but that can only be achieved through development of clear development strategies. This Madam Speaker is the new challenge the incoming council will need to look at and pursue. We had developed the LED strategy through our LED summit, this will need to be implemented madam speaker.

Madam Speaker, honourable executive committee members and councillors allow me to table the budget for 2016/2017 and two outer years ending to 2018/2019 as follows,

OPERATING BUDGET

Operating expenditure is the day to day management items of the Municipality, i.e.: Salaries and Wages, Repairs and Maintenance, Debt Servicing, Depreciation on Assets, Insurance, Electricity, Telephone, Subsistence and Travelling Allowances, Fuel etc.

Senior Managers will be required to control and properly manage their own budgets as allocated in the approved budget and more controls will be required especial the implementation of spending curtailing measures as recommended by National Treasury and as was stressed by Minister of Finance during his budget speech.

Operating budget Madam Speaker will be R289 million and this has decreased from the 2015/2016 budget of R296 million by 2%. This decrease is as a result of the economic challenges being experienced by the country. Just highlight the one challenge resulted to this, our allocation for the equitable share has been reduced by R5 million as compared to what we received in the budget of 2015/2016.

This operating budget includes budgeted allocations for remuneration of employees including all allowances to the total R95, 4 million and this is 33 per cent of the total operating expenditure and this includes 7% which has been based on the three year collective SALGBC agreement and the 7 per cent has been maintained in the two outer years of the MTREF. Also Council members, remuneration of councillors is included in this operating budget with the provision allocation of R19 million and the final increase will be subjected to Cogta's Minister.

Also included in the budget of R289 million are allocations for repairs and maintenance and electricity bulk purchases from Eskom amounting to R11, 2 million and R39, 1 million respectively.

Further included in this operation budget Madam Speaker are the strategic programs of this council like, Music Festival expenditure

allocations of R2 million, indigent supports subsidy to needy households of about R10 million and other special programs to deal with needs of our special groups.

CAPITAL BUDGET

An amount of R154 million Madam Speaker in this budget has been allocated to deal with the improvement of our infrastructure through construction of access roads, surfacing of some gravel roads, electrification of rural areas, improvement of our electricity capacity through construction of electricity sub-station, construction of sport facilities, construction of council chambers and acquisitions of machinery and equipment as will be required by the municipality.

The funding of this capital budget honourable councillors will be done through grants and council funding as follows,

- Rural Electrification and Sub-stations will be funded by INEP grant from Department of Energy allocated as R80 million Rands.
- Construction of access roads, surfacing of gravel roads, construction of sport facilities and economic development facilities will be funded through allocation of Municipal Infrastructural Grant (MIG) by COGTA allocated as R47 million Rands.
- Construction of Council Chambers and other municipal properties and acquisition of machinery and equipment will be funded through municipal funding (Capital Replacement Reserves) of R29 million.

Madam Speaker the Capital Budget is as follows,

EXECUTIVE & COUNCIL

The Executive & Council has not budgeted for any capital projects for the 2016/17 financial period.

BUDGET & TREASURY

Budget and Treasury has an allocation of R130 000 which is 1% of the total capital budget, that will be funded from the municipal reserves, this is to assist the department in systems upgrade for implementation of SCOA as per MFMA circular 80.

CORPORATE SERVICES

Corporate services has an allocation of R 1 480 000, this amount includes routing of underground fibre, outdoor cameras and collaboration of outflows which is 1% of the total capital budget, which will be funded from municipal reserves.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community services has an allocation of R7 650 000, inclusive of renovations of old Rugby field, construction of waste buy back centre , upgrade of the fire station, procurement of traffic motor cycles and emergency equipment .The allocated budget to the department is 5% of the total capital Budget. An amount of R 5 800 000 will be funded from MIG and the remainder of R 1 760 000 will be funded from municipal reserves.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

Economic development and planning has an allocation of R 2 830 000 for poultry abattoir, and furniture & equipment.

The allocated budget to the department is 2% of the total capital budget, which will be funded from the municipal reserves. This allocation will address the concerns of [Mthetheleli Baqwa](#) who said and I quote *“Consolidation of investment on Local Economic*

Development and infrastructure will enable lateral development with KZN on industries such as agribusiness due to interdependencies on trading. This can be realised through strengthening inter-relationships with provincial departments and other institutions that are key to Regional Economic Development”.

ELECTRICAL PROJECTS

The electricity department has a capital budget of R 83, million, included in this budget is an amount of R80 million for Rural electrification & substation which will be funded from INEP and the amount of R3 050 000 will be funded from municipal reserves which includes installation of high mast lights and procurement of light motor vehicles & equipment. The allocated budget to the department is 54% of the total budget.

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Human settlements has a capital budget of R22,1 million , included on the capital projects is the construction of Council chambers, Electrical depot that will be funded from municipal reserves, and R 2 350 600 for Fresh produce phase one that will be funded from MIG.

The allocated capital budget to the department is 15% of the total capital budget.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

DESCRIPTION	APPROVED BUDGET 2015/16	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2015/16	BUDGET 2016/17	BUDGET YEAR +2017/18	BUDGET YEAR +2018/19
Matatiele CBD Internal Streets-Phase 1	5 677 075	6 791 151	1 154 687	-	-
Maluti Internal Streets -Phase 3	4 050 000	13 544 335	1 925 000	-	-
Matatiele Internal Streets Phase 2 Area C - Harry Gwala	6 814 672	3 571 337	641 638	-	-
Mnqayi Access Road	1 765 109	1 067 711	210 000	-	-
Masopha Access Road	380 000	162 118	-	-	-
Mahangwe Sport Field	1 748 772	1 232 951	167 852	-	-
Afsondering Sport Field	2 801 404	3 305 328	172 000	-	-
Nkau Sport Field	2 801 404	2 891 404	172 000	-	-
Majoro Sport Field	1 740 000	2 772 000	172 000	-	-
Epiphany Field	1 740 000	2 010 000	172 000	-	-
Lagrange Pedestrian Bridge	200 000	100 000	2 000 000	-	-
Tlakanelo Bridge	200 000	100 000	2 000 000	-	-
Mangopeng AR	200 000	100 000	2 420 000	-	-
Khaue AR	200 000	-	2 137 500	-	-
Kamarathaba-Tseoisong AR	511 000	-	2 445 302	-	-
Soloane AR	1 200 000	-	3 080 742	-	-
Sandfontein AR	1 200 000	-	2 402 902	-	-
Mabheleni AR	200 000	100 000	-	-	-
Zazingeni -Mazizini AR	630 000	-	3 453 399	-	-
Manase	1 000 000	-	2 200 422	-	-
Mehloloaneng Access Road	2 864 000	1 064 000	2 230 000	-	-
Sijoka AR	2 000 000	3 111 000	5 613 356	-	-
Thotaneng AR	-	1 200 000	123 833	-	-
LED Offices	-	600 000	-	-	-
Nkululekweni Headwalls	-	-	50 000	-	-
Fresh Produce Phase 2	-	-	1 740 000	-	-
Roads & Bridges	-	-	-	47 880 000	50 552 350
	39 923 435	43 723 334	36 684 633	47 880 000	50 552 350

The project management unit has an allocation of R36 684 633, for the construction of access roads, bridges and sports fields. Projects amounting to R36 5210 800 will be funded from the municipal infrastructure grant and R173 833 will be funded from the capital replacement reserve.

The total municipal budget Madam Speaker and honourable councillors for both 2016/2017 Operating and Capital will be the total of R443, 4 million and projected to increase to R493, 5 million at the outer year of 2018/2019.

This budget Madam Speaker will be funded as follows,

- Municipal revenue from property rates, refuse removal, electricity and other municipal charges through fines, operational grants including equitable share, capital grants including INEP, MIG and council funding from Capital Replacement Reserves all totalling to revenue of R443 million.

Allow me therefore Madam Speaker and honourable councillors to table the tariff of charges, rates exemptions and rebates which will be key in raising of municipal revenues from council own sources as follows,

- Property rates tariff increase of 5% and first R55 000 property values as exemption, 35% rebates on all residential properties, 10% rebates on all commercial and government properties, 65% on farm properties, 10% rebates on industrial properties and 100% rebates to all municipal properties
- Refuse tariff increase of 7%.
- Electricity tariff increase with 7.64 - 9 % subject to NERSA approval.
- That all other municipal tariff remains increase at an average of 5%.

Madam Speaker, for the municipality to be able realistically funding this budget, debt collection and encouragement of communities to pay will be important and council will need to develop strategies of making communities on why is it important that they pay for the municipal services, again madam speaker, the challenge is on in coming council to prioritise this matter so that municipal reserves will improve and be able to fund budgets for service delivery.

In conclusion Madam Speaker, honourable executive members and councillors, allow me to table the 2016/2017 budget as follows for your consideration and approval,

1. Revenue budget of R 443,403, 776 for 2016/2017 to fund all expenditure categories of this budget.
2. Operating and Repairs and Maintenance budget of R289, 350,034 for 2016/2017 inclusive of Salaries, wages and allowances of municipal employees, councillor's remunerations and bulk purchases of electricity.
3. Capital budget of R154, 046, 400 for 2016/2017 to cover all municipal expenditures of infrastructure and municipal machinery and equipment.
4. Total municipal budget for both operating and Capital amounting to R 443, 396,434 for 2016/2017 to be funded from municipal revenue and grants from National Government.
5. That tariff of charges increases as follows,
 - Property rates tariff increase of 5% and first R55 000 property values as exemption, 35% rebates on all residential properties, 10% rebates on all commercial and government properties, 65% on farm properties, 10% rebates on industrial properties and 100% rebates to all municipal properties.
 - Refuse tariff increase of 7%.
 - Electricity tariff increase with 7.64 - 9 % subject to NERSA approval.
 - That all other municipal tariff remains increase at an average of 5%.
6. Consideration of budget related policies as presented as follows; appointment of consultants policy, banking and investments policy , Budget policy , Cash management policy , Cash shortage policy , Credit control and debt collection policy , Customer care policy , customer incentive scheme policy , Data backup policy , Debt capacity policy , Donor finance policy , Electricity token policy , Entertainment & refreshments policy , Unclaimed deposits policy , Fraud prevention plan 2016-17, Gifts policy for officials , Grants & donation policy, GRAP framework policy , Indigent Policy , Cash-up Policy , Fixed Assets Policy , Payment Policy , Petty Cash Policy , Rates Policy , Special

Services Policy , Strategy to improve Debtor policy, Supply Chain management Policy ,Tariff Policy , Use of Credit Card Policy and Virements Policy .The council approves the new infrastructure procurement and delivery management policy.

7. That the council approves the reviewed Rates Policy to ensure that all property rates charges are in compliance with the approved Valuation Roll and Rates by-law.

Madam Speaker and honorable councillors, the two outer-years budgets for 2017/2018 & 2018/2019 are projected as follows,

- Operating budgets of R303, 2 million and R318 million respectively.
- Capital budget of R47, 8 million and R50, 5 million respectively.
- Total budget of R442, 4 million and R473, million respectively.

Madam Speaker, these are projection of the MTERF two outer-years and are subject to change based on the conditions of the future.

BAHLALI

Siyayazi kwaye siyalihlonipha ilungelo labantu lokuqhankqalaza xa befuna ukudlulisa ukungaxoli kwabo. Kodwa masicengane okokuba sithi hayi kwinto yokuba kuchithwe izakhiwo zabahlali. Siyazazi izidingo zenu nonke kwaye siza kusebenzisana ukuzisombulula sisonke.

Xa ndiqwela honourable members, when the present administration assumed office in 2009 its immediate target was to build on the successes of the previous administration in creating a better life for all.

This encompassed dealing with immediate issues such as improving the lives of the people of Matatiele in tangible ways, and longer term planning coupled with effective monitoring and evaluation.

There has also been significant progress in dealing with the more pressing and immediate issues, especially in the jurisdiction of local government. Progress has been made in delivering basic services, and government interventions are bettering social and economic conditions.

The Back to Basics Strategy sets a clear target for all municipalities to deliver basic services and improve the lives of all South Africans. It calls on every municipality to make sure that traffic lights work, potholes are filled, water is delivered, refuse is collected, electricity is supplied, refuse and waste management takes place.

Kulo misebenzi mihle yenziwe ngurhulumente noMasipala kwindawo yethu sithe safumana uphicotho zincwadi olusulungekileyo kunyaka mali odlulileyo into exela okokuba zonke izinto zihamba kakuhle. Into edingekayo kukuba siqhue siye phambili de impilo zibe ngcono.

May I take this opportunity Madam Speaker to pass my regards and appreciations to you for your support during my term as the mayor of this municipality on discharging my duties, to Chief Whip of the majority for assisting me and providing political leadership during the period of budget preparations and without his strong leadership I doubt we should have reached to this level, my executive members, you have been the pillar of strength and you have been always there when I shout, to honourable councillors for their dedication and always available to deal with the budget matters including attending community meeting to explain the budgets proposed by this municipality, to community of this municipality for always able to listen to us when we explain our challenges and to Municipal Manager and his Management Team for ensuring that this compliance and compiling of this budget is done on time. It has been a pleasure and good experience to work with you.

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THANK YOU

KEA LEBOHA