



REPORT ALLOWED BY THE SPEAKER in terms of Section 8(1)(k) of the Rules and Orders for consideration by the Council

Agenda of the Council Meeting of the

CITY OF TSHWANE METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

to be held in the Council Chamber, Second Floor, Tshwane House, Madiba Street, Pretoria, on **WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH 2024** at **10:00**, to consider the matter as set out in the agenda.

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Cllr M Ndzwana
THE SPEAKER OF COUNCIL

25 March 2024

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The Speaker, in terms of Section 8(1)(k) of the Rules and Orders, indicates to Council that the report contained in this agenda, is allowed at the discretion of the Speaker, and that it be submitted for consideration.

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1. OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
COUNCIL RISING ONE MONTH PRIOR TO NATIONAL ELECTION OF
29 MAY 2024

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval for the Council to rise one month prior to the 2024 South African General Election to be held on 29 May 2024 as promulgated by the President on 23 February 2024.

2. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The report addresses the following Strategic Priority:

9. A professional public service that drives accountability and transparency.

3. BACKGROUND

The 2024 South African General Election will be held on 29 May 2024 to elect a new National Assembly.

It is custom and prudent for the Council to rise one month before a general election to afford all Political Parties to work on their election preparations. If approved by Council, meetings will be accordingly/selectively cancelled.

4. DISCUSSION

Council at its meeting held on 25 May 2023 approved an Annual Programme of meetings for the 2023 / 2024 Financial year, i.e. 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. The South African General Elections will be taking place on 29 May 2024 as announced by the State President and as such will have an impact on the approved calendar (May month) as it is custom that Council rise one month before the general elections to afford all political parties to work on their election preparations.

It is suggested that Council rises from 26 April 2024 to 31 May 2024 and during this period all meetings reflected in the month of May be cancelled except for the Mayoral Committee meetings of 8 and 22 May 2024. The reasons for the retainment of both Mayoral Committee meetings is to allow the Committee to finalise all budget related documents in order to be in line with the relevant regulations of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA).

It is further suggested that the Special Council meetings of 16 May 2024 (Delivery of the Budget Speech) and 30 May 2024 (Debate on the Budget Speech and consideration of the IDP and MTREF) be postponed to the 4 and 6 June 2024 respectively to allow council to consider all budget related matters emanating from the Mayoral Committee.

In terms of the provisions of the MFMA, the Municipal Budget must be considered at least 30 days before the commencement of the financial year. The postponement of the Special Council meeting of 30 May 2024 would have an impact on the Budget regulations and therefore Council mandate the City Manager to apply for condonement in this regard.

Should the need arise during this period when Council will be rising, the Speaker may in consultation with the Chair of Chairs and other relevant stakeholders as provided by Section 2.C of the Rules and Orders call for Special meetings of Committee's concerned.

5. COMMENTS OF STAKEHOLDER DEPARTMENTS

5.1 COMMENTS OF GROUP LEGAL SERVICES

No legal comments applicable for purposes of this report.

5.2 COMMENTS OF GROUP FINANCIAL SERVICES

No finance comments applicable for purposes of this report.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 HUMAN RESOURCES

None.

6.2 FINANCES

None.

6.3 CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FACTORS

The rising of Council one month prior to General Elections is customary and generally accepted as a necessity to properly prepare for the elections.

6.4 COMMUNICATION

Once approved, notices of cancellation of all relevant meetings will be duly dispatched to all Councillors and officials.

6.5 PREVIOUS MAYORAL COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

This report is in line with procedures followed in the past during these periods prior to a General Local Government or National Election.

7. CONCLUSION

Rising of the Council in this way one month prior to the 2024 South African General Election on 29 May 2024 is necessary to ensure proper attention to and preparations for the forthcoming elections by all political parties represented in Council.

ANNEXURE:

Extract from the Council resolution 25 May 2023.

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Council rise from 26 April 2024 to 31 May 2024 in preparation for the 2024 South African General Election of 29 May 2024, and that the pre-scheduled meetings for that period as per the Council's Annual programme, approved by Council on 25 May 2023, be cancelled with the exception of the following pre-scheduled meetings:
 - 1.1 Mayoral Committee: 08 May 2024
 - 1.2 Mayoral Committee: 22 May 2024
2. That the Special Council meetings of 16 May 2024 (Delivery of the Budget Speech) and 30 May 2024 (Debate on the Budget Speech and consideration on the IDP and MTREF) be postponed to the 4 and 6 June 2024 respectively.
3. That the City Manager be mandated to apply for the condonement of the non-compliance of the Budget regulations in relation to the 30 days requirement.
4. That it be noted that, should the need arise during this period when Council will be rising, and as provided for in Section 2.C of the Rules and Orders, the Speaker may if necessary, call a Special Council meeting and Chairpersons of Section 79 Committees in consultation with the Chair of Chairs may if necessary call special meetings of Section 79 Committees.

MAY 2024

(Theme: Africa and Worker's Month)

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