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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF STELLENBOSCH COUNCIL HELD ON
2024-11-29 AT 10:00 IN THE TOWN HALL, PLEIN STREET, STELLENBOSCH**

PRESENT

The Speaker, Cllr Q Smit [Chairperson]
The Executive Mayor, Ald JS Fasser
The Deputy Executive Mayor, Cllr MJ Slabbert
The Council Whip, Cllr P Crawley

COUNCILLORS

RA Adams	NM Mkhontwana
J Andrews	NR Ndalasi
Ald JC Anthony	L Nkamisa
ZJ Dalling	M Nkopane
JA Davids	N Olayi
I De Taillerfer	GA Petersen
R Du Toit	WC Petersen
A Ferns	RO Pheiffer
E Groenewald	WF Pietersen
RB Hendrikse	MG Rataza
SC Heneke	Ald JP Serdyn
J Joon	SR Schäfer
O Jooste	A Tomose
X Kalipa	GMM Van Deventer
TO Kumm	RB Van Rooyen
N Mananga-Gugushe	M Van Stade
C Manuel	E Vermeulen
NE Mcombring	J Williams
XL Mdemka	

OFFICIALS

Municipal Manager (G Mettler)
Director: Community and Protection Services (G Boshoff)
Director: Corporate Services (A De Beer)
Director: Infrastructure (S Chandaka)
Acting Chief Financial Officer (H Mitchell)
Chief Audit Executive (F Hoosain)
Senior Administration Officer (T Samuels)

1.	OPENING AND WELCOME
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The Speaker, Cllr Q Smit welcomed all present at the Special Council meeting in the Town Hall.

2.	MAYORAL ADDRESS OF OUTGOING MAYOR (GMM VAN DEVENTER)
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(Attached as an **APPENDIX**)

3.	COMMUNICATIONS BY THE SPEAKER
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Farewell Speech to the outgoing Executive Mayor, Cllr G van Deventer:

“The past 8 years was by far the most pleasant time I had in Stellenbosch with you as the Executive Mayor. During this time, I’ve carefully observed you as an individual, as a Mayor and as a human being. I want to leave you with the following departing words which I hope resonates with you and I hope you carry them with you into your future endeavours:

“I have measured you as a leader. The measurement of a leader is not always in the way that they project themselves in front of others. You (Gesie Van Deventer) can come across as strong as you like in front of others, but that is not your true measurement of a leader, because your true leadership of measurement lies in the fact that, behind the scenes – very quietly – you have fought battles that we don’t even know about. For that, Stellenbosch Council and the town of Stellenbosch owes you a gratitude. Thank you very much for what you have done.”

I thank you.”

4.	COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER
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Farewell Tribute to Mayor Gesie van Deventer

Speaker,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Councillors,
Colleagues,
Our esteemed Mayor,

Today, we gather to bid farewell to a truly remarkable woman who has left an indelible mark on this town and its people—our beloved Mayor, Gesie van Deventer.

Mayor Gesie is more than just a leader; she is a teacher, a guide, a mother, a grandmother, and a steadfast friend. Her unwavering commitment to this town and its residents has been nothing short of extraordinary. She has always been available, working tirelessly behind the scenes—late into the night, on weekends, and even during holidays—to address emergencies and resolve issues, no matter the hour of the day.

Under her leadership, we witnessed the seamless collaboration between political leadership and the Administration. Her governance was like a well-oiled machine, ensuring good oversight, fiscal discipline, and exceptional service delivery. Through her dedication, Stellenbosch achieved clean audits year after year, and the municipality is now in a far stronger financial position than it was eight years ago.

During her tenure, Mayor Gesie oversaw monumental projects that have reshaped the town, particularly in infrastructure. From the maintenance and upgrades of water, electricity, and sanitation systems to long-term investments that ensure sustainability, her legacy will endure for generations to come.

Mayor Gesie also made history as the first-ever mayor to be elected for a second term, bringing stability, continuity, and an unparalleled sense of purpose to her office. Her vision and leadership have made Stellenbosch not just a municipality, but a community we are all proud to call home.

While it is difficult to say goodbye, we understand that there is a time for everything. Mayor Gesie, you have given so much of yourself to this town. You have earned the right to rest, to savor the simple joys of life, and to spend precious moments with your children, grandchildren, and your loving husband.

As you move into this new chapter, may your days be filled with peace, laughter, and the freedom to do all the things you love. Sleep in late, enjoy lazy mornings, read, bake, cook, take naps, make more of your delicious wine, and soak in the quiet joys of retirement.

Mayor Gesie, we will miss you deeply. We hope you'll miss us occasionally, too! May your retirement be blessed with good health, happiness, and countless cherished moments.

On behalf of everyone here, thank you for your tireless service, your unwavering dedication, and your immense contributions to Stellenbosch. You leave behind a legacy that will inspire and guide us for years to come.

May your next chapter be as fulfilling and beautiful as the one you have so graciously closed.

Thank you.

5.	OPPORTUNITY TO THE POLITICAL PARTIES TO ADDRESS THE OUTGOING MAYOR
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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: 2024-11-29: ITEM 7.1.3

RESOLVED

that it be noted that the DA, ANC, GOOD, EFF, ACDP, FF+, PA and PDM offered congratulatory remarks.

6.	APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
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6.1 The following applications for leave of absence were approved in terms of the Rules of Order By-law of Council:-

Cllr Z Dalling	- 29 November 2024
Cllr MM Danana	- 29 November 2024
Cllr A Hanekom	- 29 November 2024
Cllr N Ntsunguzi	- 29 November 2024

7.1	ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR
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Collaborator No:

IDP KPA Ref No: Good Governance and compliance

Meeting Date: Special Council: 29 November 2024

1. SUBJECT: ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

2. PURPOSE

To elect the Executive Mayor.

3. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Council

4. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Executive Mayor resigned as Mayor from 11h00 on 29 November 2024 and council therefore needs to elect a new Executive Mayor. The resignation letter is attached as **APPENDIX 1**.

In terms of the Stellenbosch Municipality (WCO24) Establishment Notice, read with the subsequent amendment notices, Stellenbosch Municipality is a municipality with a mayoral executive system combined with a ward participatory system.

Section 55(1)(c) of the Municipal Structures Act states that:-

“If a Municipal Council chooses to have an Executive Mayor, it must elect an Executive Mayor, from among its members at a meeting that must be held within 14 days after the Council's election”. The procedures set out in Schedule 3 of the Municipal Structures Act apply to the election of an Executive Mayor.

The election takes place through secret ballot after nominations was called for. The nomination form (Attached as **APPENDIX 2**).

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: 2024-11-29: ITEM 7.1.1

The Speaker called for nominations for the office of Executive Mayor. Only one (1), duly signed nomination was received for Cllr JS Fasser.

Schedule 3 of the Municipal Structures Act, (the ***Election of municipal office-bearers***) reads as follows:

Single candidate

5. *If only one candidate is nominated, the person presiding must declare that candidate elected.*

RESOLVED (nem con)

The Speaker then **DECLARED**

Councillor JS Fasser as duly elected Executive Mayor of Stellenbosch Municipality.

The Speaker congratulated Councillor JS Fasser on his election as Executive Mayor.

7.1.2

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY THE NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE MAYOR**INAUGURAL SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY****CLLR JEREMY FASSER**

"Honourable Speaker, Cllr Quintin Smit

Alderman Advocate Cllr Gesie van Deventer

All Councillors Present

Municipal Manager of Stellenbosch Municipality, Ms Geraldine Mettler

All Our Honoured Guest Present

Members of the Media

And most importantly All our residents, of Stellenbosch

Ladies and gentlemen, good morning, molweni, goeie more.

Honourable Speaker,

Before I start my address, please allow me to express my sincere respect for our outgoing Executive Mayor, Alderman Advocate Gesie van Deventer, for her dedicated and, at times, unapologetic commitment to the residents of Stellenbosch Municipality.

Under the leadership of Advocate van Deventer, I had the privilege not only to serve my town as a councillor but to actively participate and execute a shared vision that enabled us to position Stellenbosch Municipality as one of the most sought-after towns in South Africa for living, business, employment, and leisure activities.

Honourable Speaker,

Leadership is an opportunity, a direction, a vision and a goal to create relationships, to build and establish partnerships.

And I quote: "Leadership is not about being in charge, Leadership is about taking care of those in your charge" by Simon Sinek.

Alderman Advocate Gesie van Deventer,

Ek staan vandag hier as 'n inwoner van Stellenbosch wat groot geword het in Cloeteville. Ek staan vandag hier as ons dorp se nuwe Uitvoerende Burgemeester. Ek staan vandag hier, omdat u dit moontlik gemaak het vir my om te groei en ontwikkel as 'n leier. Ek het struikelblokke oorkom en 'n harde pad geloop van waar ek vandaan kom. Maar dit het my geïnspireer om hard te werk en te glo dat waar ons vandaan kom, soos u weet, nie bepaal wat ons kan bereik nie.

Agbare Speaker, dit bring my tot my taak wat voor my staan. Daar is geen twyfel dat die standaard deur ons uittredende burgemeester gestel is nie. En agbare Speaker, die standaard is baie hoog gestel.

This period in our political history presents significant developments as we embark on a new phase of multiparty efforts aimed at addressing the consequences of prolonged maladministration and corruption at a national government level, which have resulted in unprecedented levels of unemployment and poverty and

Stellenbosch Municipality was not exempt during this era which showed a troubling indifference to the struggles faced by the unemployed, vulnerable, and marginalised individuals within our communities.

In addressing this Honourable Speaker, I find myself confronted with the following challenges:

1. To uphold exceptional standards of service delivery;
2. To enhance the inadequate living conditions of our marginalised communities;
3. Adjust to increasingly limited financial resources;
4. Demonstrate our empathy as a municipality towards the struggles of the underprivileged;

5. Fostering and building relations with all stakeholders to address the safety issues in our town, and
6. To foster and sustain the trust of our communities in our capacity to address their challenges.

The foundation of our municipality's success lies in the engaged involvement of our residents. We have endeavoured to guarantee that the perspectives of our community are acknowledged and integrated into our decision-making processes. Over the course of the past few years, we actively interacted with the public through a multitude of channels, such as written submissions, public meetings, Integrated Development Plan (IDP) open days, online platforms, and direct communication via email and telephone.

The IDP serves as the motherboard from which all initiatives should emerge, supported by a comprehensive financial plan and enabling policies to guarantee that the IDP continues to be a key and actionable resource in the municipality's approach to service delivery.

Honourable Speaker, while the current government at Stellenbosch Municipality and opposition parties may hold differing political views, it is essential that we approach our interactions with mutual respect. I firmly believe that collaboration enhances our capabilities. And this council is testament that we continuously work together in the best interest of our Town.

The DA government in Stellenbosch Municipality will always commit to represent the interests of all citizens, irrespective of their voting choices. This objective can be most effectively achieved when each constituency is represented by a credible and constructive voice within this Council. I will continue, as my predecessor did, to guarantee a political environment conducive to the fulfilment of our civic duties as representatives of our communities.

Therefore, Honourable Speaker, in the spirit of stability and continuity, I present to you the Executive Mayoral Committee: Executive Mayoral Committee:

1.	Cllr Jeremy Fasser	Executive Mayor
2.	Cllr Maynard Slabbert	Planning, LED, and Tourism
3.	Cllr Reginal Pheiffer	Infrastructure Services
4.	Cllr James Williams	Protection Services
5.	Cllr Lwando Nkamisa	Corporate Services
6.	Cllr Xolile Kalipa	Community Services
7.	Cllr Rozette du Toit	Human Settlements
8.	Cllr Charles Manuel	Rural and Environmental Management
9.	Cllr John Cornelius Anthony	Finance
10.	Cllr Tamryn Kumm	Sport, Youth, and Culture
11.	Cllr Ndipiwe Olayi	Parks and Open Spaces

7.1.3 POLITICAL PARTIES' RESPONSES

An opportunity is afforded to the political parties to offer brief responses.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: 2024-11-29: ITEM 7.1.3

RESOLVED

that it be noted that the DA, ANC, GOOD, EFF, ACDP, FF+, PA and PDM offered congratulatory remarks.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

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REPORT DATE	27.11.24

7.2	ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR
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Collaborator No:

IDP KPA Ref No:

Good Governance and Compliance

Meeting Date:

Special Council: 29 November 2024

1. SUBJECT: ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR

2. PURPOSE

To elect a Deputy Executive Mayor, should the post become vacant with the election of the Executive Mayor.

3. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Council

4. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Executive Mayor resigned as Mayor from 11h00 on 29 November 2024 and council therefore needs to elect a new Executive Mayor. If the Deputy Executive Mayor is elected as Executive Mayor the post of Deputy Executive Mayor will be vacant and a new Deputy Executive Mayor will need to be elected. This item will only go ahead if the post become vacant with the election of the Executive Mayor.

If a Municipal Council chooses to have an Executive Mayor, it must, in terms of Section 55(1)(c) of the Municipal Structures Act, elect an Executive Mayor and, if the MEC for Local Government in the province so approves, also a Deputy Executive Mayor, from among its members at a meeting that must be held within 14 days after the Council's election, or within 14 days after the date with effect from which the type of the municipality has been changed.

Attached as **APPENDIX 2** is the Provincial Gazette: no. 7460, dated 31 July 2015, confirming the designation of the above as full-time councillors.

With reference to the status of the Deputy Executive Mayor, Section 60(2) of the Municipal Structures Act, 117 of 1998, states that "*the mayoral committee must consist of the deputy executive mayor (if any) and as many councillors as may be necessary for effective and efficient government, provided that no more than 20 per cent of the councillors or 10 councillors, whichever is the least, are appointed.*"

Hence, by virtue of section 60(2) of the Municipal Structures Act, a Deputy Executive Mayor must form part of the mayoral committee, if one is elected. Therefore, based on this legal provision, read with Item 9(b) of the Establishment Notice of Stellenbosch Municipality, the Deputy Executive Mayor of Stellenbosch Municipality is a full-time councillor as he/she is a member of the mayoral committee.

In terms of Section 4 of the Section 16 Amendment Notice, Stellenbosch Municipality is authorised to elect a Deputy Executive Mayor.

The procedures set out in Schedule 3 of the Municipal Structures Act apply to the election of a Deputy Executive Mayor.

The election takes place through secret ballot after nominations was called for. The nomination form (Attached as Appendix 1).

The current elected Executive Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jeremy Fasser was nominated and elected as Executive Mayor. During the acceptance of the nomination he indicated that if elected he resigns as Executive Deputy Mayor (see appendix 3).

It is therefore necessary to now elect a new Executive Deputy Mayor.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: 2024-11-29: ITEM 7.1.2

The Speaker called for nominations for the office of Deputy Executive Mayor. Only one (1), duly signed nomination was received for Cllr M Slabbert.

Schedule 3 of the Municipal Structures Act, (the ***Election of municipal office-bearers***) reads as follows:

Single candidate

5. *If only one candidate is nominated, the person presiding must declare that candidate elected.*

RESOLVED (nem con)

The Speaker then **DECLARED**

Councillor M Slabbert as duly elected Deputy Executive Mayor of Stellenbosch Municipality.

The Speaker congratulated Councillor M Slabbert on his election as Deputy Executive Mayor.

7.2.2	ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY THE NEWLY ELECTED DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR
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(SEE SPEECH ATTACHED)

7.2.3	POLITICAL PARTIES' RESPONSES
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An opportunity is afforded to the political parties to offer brief responses.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: 2024-11-29: ITEM 7.2.3**RESOLVED**

that it be noted that the ANC, GOOD, EFF, ACDP, FF+, PA, PDM and DA, offered congratulatory remarks.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

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DIRECTORATE	<i>Municipal Manager</i>
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REPORT DATE	<i>27.11.24</i>

The meeting adjourned at 12:00.

CHAIRPERSON:

DATE:

Confirmed onwith/without amendments.