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URGENT COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY

2026-03-05 AT 14:00

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OF STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY

2024-03-05

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TO

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

COUNCILLORS

RA Adams	C Manuel
J Andrews	EP Masimini
Ald JC Anthony	NE Mcombring
R Cupido	XL Mdemka
JA Davids	L Nkamisa
I De Taillerfer	M Nkopane
R Du Toit	N Olayi
A Ferns	Z Olayi
AJ Hanekom	GA Petersen
RB Hendrikse	WC Petersen
SC Heneke	MG Rataza
J Joon	Ald JP Serdyn
TO Kumm	SR Schäfer
JC Macfarlane	RB Van Rooyen
N Mananga-Gugushe	J Williams

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OFFICIALS

Municipal Manager (G Mettler)
Chief Financial Officer: (K Carolus)
Director: Community and Protection Services (G Boshoff)
Director: Infrastructure (S Chandaka)
Director: Planning and Economic Development (A Barnes)
Chief Audit Executive (L Mvandedwa)
Senior Administration Officer (T Samuels)

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1.	**OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Speaker welcomed all present at the Urgent Council meeting which was held in via MS Teams.

2.	COMMUNICATION BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker stated that no requests for leave of absence will be approved on the basis of Councillors claiming they did not receive emails or meeting agendas. He stressed that each member is responsible for keeping their laptops updated and functional and for ensuring they can connect to meetings held via MS Teams, as this is not the responsibility of the Speaker or Mayco to do so. He requested the Council Whip to take note of this

3.	DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

NONE

4.	APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 The following applications for leave of absence were approved in terms of the Rules of Order By-Law of Council:-

Cllr E Groenewald	-	5 March 2026
Cllr O Jooste	-	5 March 2026
Cllr NR Ndalasi	-	5 March 2026
Cllr RO Pheiffer	-	5 March 2026
Cllr WF Pietersen	-	5 March 2026
Cllr A Tomose	-	5 March 2026

4.2 ABSENT

Cllr MM Danana	-	5 March 2026
Cllr NM Mkhontwana	-	5 March 2026
Cllr N Ntsunguzi	-	5 March 2026
Cllr M Van Stade	-	5 March 2026

5.	**REPORTS BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER [G METTLER]**

5.1	**APPROVAL OF DRAFT ELECTRICITY TARIFFS FOR THE 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ULTIMATE SUBMISSION TO THE NATIONAL ENERGY REGULATOR OF SOUTH AFRICA (NERSA)**

Collaborator No:
IDP KPA Ref No: Green & Sustainable Valley
Meeting Date: 05 March 2026

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1. SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF DRAFT ELECTRICITY TARIFFS FOR THE 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ULTIMATE SUBMISSION TO THE NATIONAL ENERGY REGULATOR OF SOUTH AFRICA (NERSA)

2. PURPOSE

For Council to note the draft proposed Electricity Tariffs for the 2026-27 financial year and to approve such tariffs for public participation. The tariffs will then be used to apply to NERSA for approval and to comply with NERSA's requirements for Municipalities to submit tariffs that are public participated and Council approved by 31 March 2026.

3. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Municipal Council.

4. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Municipality normally public participates its proposed electricity tariffs for the coming financial year together with the budget process. However, the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) has requested all Municipalities to submit their public participated draft tariffs to NERSA by 31 March 2026 for review.

Despite several requests to NERSA, the 2026/27 Eskom Average Tariff increase has not been released by them.

In March 2023, Council adopted the Electricity Distribution Ringfencing and Cost of Supply Study (CoS), which is valid for five years, and submitted such to NERSA on 25 June 2024.

In preparation for the 2026/27 financial year's electricity tariff application to NERSA, various workshops were held between the municipal appointed tariff modelling consultant, Financial Services and the Electrical Services Departments, and the revised set of proposed tariffs were interrogated in terms of the actual costs of providing the service, the proposals of the Cost of Supply Study which have been escalated per year, the affordability of the consumers, and the differing conditions of supply areas, etc.

Based on these factors, the simple average tariff increase of **10.67**% is proposed in this submission for public participation, even though there are various different proposed percentage increases in the different tariff categories, as per Annexure A. Kindly note that this does not mean an increase across all categories of the above percentage, but rather the averaged increase for all the different categories of tariffs, which each have their own proposed increase as per the table in Annexure A.

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RESOLVED (majority vote)

(a) that Council approve in principle the draft electricity consumption tariffs (**ANNEXURE A**), for public participation, and ultimate application to NERSA for the 2026-27 financial year;

(b) that Council notes the average tariff increase of **10.71%** for public participation, even though there are various different percentage increases in the different tariff categories;

(c) that the draft 2026-27 tariffs be published on municipal platforms (website and social media) for public consultation for 21 days;

(d) that once the tariffs have been published as per NERSA's requirement, the tariff application be submitted to NERSA for approval; and

(e) that the public participation input and the proposed amendments if any, be submitted to Council as part of the normal budget process for deliberation.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

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REPORT DATE	***02 March 2026***

The meeting adjourned at 14:20.

CHAIRPERSON: ……

DATE: ……

Confirmed on ……