



MAYOR, CLLR. MOMELEZI MBEDLA TABLING THE STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY ADDRESS OF MATATIELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DURING THE TAKING COUNCIL TO THE PEOPLE MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH OF MAY 2021 AT MATOLWENI IN WARD 23.

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ABO BASIPHULAPHULE KWIJELO LOSASAZO iTVOM KUNYE NAKUMAKHASI ONXIBELELWANO

Mandithathe elithuba ndizibulisele kubahlali nabavoti bonke baseMatatiele, abakhona apha nabo abangaphandle beyokhangela amadlelo aluhlaza, ngeenjongo zokuphucula iimpilo zabo namakhaya abo. Kuluvuyo kuthi singuMasipala ukuba sihlangane apha namhlanje, siyiqonda siyilandela kananjalo imiqathango ebekiweyo ukulwa nesifo seCOVID-19.

Somlomo,

Yinto engaphaya konyaka ngoku ilizwe loMzantsi Afrika lathi lazifumana liphantsi kwalemeko yesifo esingubhubhane iCOVID-19.

Ukususela ngoko, ngabantu abangaphaya kwe 1,6 million abazifumane besulelekile sesi sifo. Bangaphaya kwe 55 thousand abaye basishiya ngenxa yolosuleleko. Lamanani ke aquka nezethu izihlobo nezalamane. Ndiyakholwa namhlanje akukho nalinye ikhaya, inginqi kunye nendawo zempangelo abangalahlekelwanga ngumntu abamaziyo okanye abasondele kuye.

Nathi ke singuMasipala siye salahlekelwa ngooceba bethu esibathandayo ngeli lixa sijongene nokulwa esi sifo kunye neenkosi zethu zomthonyama kunye nabasebenzi.

Kumakhaya wabo siyaphinda ukuthi ngxee. Sibulela kananjalo ngokusiboleka bona ukuze bazosebenzela uluntu lwaseMatatiele de babizelwa kwinkonzo yangasentla. Ngenene ugqatso lwabo balufeza kwaye siyakholwa ukuba baphumle ngexolo. Yanga nani kulomakhaya ningaqhubeka nomelele nithathise apho bashiye khona.

Sikwatsho kumakhaya onke athe ashiywa zizihlobo kwiindawo zethu ngenxa yalobhubhane ukuba makaqhubeke bomelele. Ekugqibeleni sizakuloyisa nolu utshaba. As the people of South Africa, we have a history of being a resilient nation. This we proved when we defeated the apartheid legacy, and we are certain even now that UNITED, we will defeat the coronavirus!

Most of our people have been practicing all the guidelines for more than a year now. They have been wearing masks, keeping social distance and avoiding gatherings to slow the spread of coronavirus. We commend you. Remember, by adhering to these health protocols, you contribute towards flattening the curve.

As government, we have moved swiftly to ensure we limit the loss of life and now provide free vaccination for our people in phases...a programme we pride ourselves with, as the ANC led government. We however, wish to appeal to our people not to entertain what is termed 'pandemic fatigue'. We are aware that behavioural change is indeed not easy, and trying to sustain these new behaviors can be tough, mentally and even emotionally

exhausting for some. But please adopt the new normal, in order to keep yourself and others safe!

Honourable members,

It is befitting that in this occasion we give a special thanks to hospital workers, nurses, doctors & a health professionals- who day after day and night after night, go to work to save lives knowing that they, themselves are at risk of infection.

As President Ramaphosa said in his State of the Nation Address – open quote “It is a wonderful account of the courage of the police officer, the soldier, the essential worker, the Care Giver and all those on the frontline, who have kept our country safe, Our people fed and our economy going.” – close quote. Sibamba ngazo zozibini kuni nonke sithi mazen’ethole.

We have also noted with gratitude, the role played by the business society, civil sector, religious fraternity, traditional leaders, transport industry within our space in the Matatiele Coronavirus Command Council. Your dedication has enabled us to keep people of Matatiele safe during this difficult time.

A word of appreciation also goes to our district municipality, for the intervention of more than 100 water tanks, SASSA for the social relief of the distressed through food parcels. We also express gratitude to our local service providers, who also jumped in at the time of much need. Zekwande apho nithathe khona!

Masisebenzise kwa elithuba Somlomo, ukubhengeza ngokusesikweni ukuba iqalile ngoMvulo, kwaye iyaqhuba inkqubo yokugonywa kwabantu abadala abangaphezu kweminyaka eyi 60 nalapha eMatatiele.

Isebe Lezempilo lithe bhazalala ngoku ligoma abantu abadala kwiindawo abahlala kuzo. URhulumente wenu okhathalayo, uzakuqinisekisa ukuba akukho mntu mdlala uhamba umgama ongaphezu kwe-5km ukuya kafumana umgomo. Lenkonzo sizakuniphathela yona sisebenzisa amaholo ethu, izikolo, iclinic, neenkonzo ukuze sibe kufuphi kuni.

Eli chiza lokugoma ke bantu abadala alithengiswa, uRhulumente wenu okhekhelwe yi-ANC sele ezihlawule zonke iindleko. Ze ningavumeli namnye umntu onithengiselayo.

Siyabacela abantu abatsha bancedise oogogo notatomkhulu ukubhalisa ngokuthi balandele iElectronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS) Self Registration Portal ngokucofa u * 134 * 832# okanye ku WhatsApp 060 012 2346.

Madame speaker,

On Tuesday, the 25 of May, were celebrating Africa Month under the theme: “The year of Arts, Culture and Heritage: in the year of Charlotte Maxeke”. Sinothulela ubume bomaspala wenu kunye nohlahlo-lwabiwo mali kunyaka apho eligorhakazi belizakuba neminyaka eyi 150 uba belisaphila. As we submit to her leading voice against laws that sought to silence and segregate black women, continue to engage in the struggle to

defeat not only the present storm of our time in the the form of Covid-19 pandemic, but also the scourge of gender-based violence. We believe that it is her revolutionary spirit that continue to give us inspiration to soldier on.

In the last five years madame speaker, our focus was mainly on awareness campaigns and offering the much needed support to mothers and children, more especially the girl child. I am of the view that, it's now time for us to also give special attention to boys. Kumele siwafundise eselula amakhwenkwe ethu ngendlela eyiyo yokuphatha amanina. I also hope our interventions going forward will include a big element of psycho-social support.

Honourable councillors,

Sisonke today we are united kwinto yoba sizisa ingxelo yeminyaka emihlanu edlulileyo ebonisa ukuba senzeni ukuphucula iimpilo zabantu baseMatatiele. Sizokuthi theca esikwazileyo ukukwenza, kuquka nalapho sithe sohlulakala khona, konke uku sikwenza phantsi komxholo othi “Siphushile”.

Ngenene somlomo ukususela kunyaka ka 2016 ukuzothi ga ngoku asoyiki ukuma phambi kwabahlali baseMatatiele sithi ewe bezikhona iingxaki esiye sajongana nazo endleleni kodwa, Siphushile!

Siphushile sileli bhunga ukuqinisekisa ukuba sigxotha ikati eziko kumakhaya amaninzi, ukulwa nokungalingani, intswela ngqesho kunye nokuzisa iziseko ezingundoqo.

Njengoko ngo 2016 saye safunga savuma ukuthunywa ngabantu baseMatatiele, ngenene siwenzile umsebenzi ebebesithume wona!

Sathembisa xa sasisenza intetho ebunje ngonyaka ka 2017 okokuba sifuna ukuthi siphuma ngo 2021 zibe zonke iwards eMatatiele zinombane. You'll recall that when we joined this council the backlog in 2016 was just above 30% and kwakukhona iwards ezifana no 22 apho kwakungekho nenye ilali elayitayo. Kodwa namhlanje kufikilúkukhanya eZitapile, kwaye kungekudala iSmall Location neMpofini zizakulayita. Yilonto sinegunya namhlanje lokuma phambi kwenu bahlali sinelunda sisithi ewe siphushile.

Yimizi engaphaya ko-NINE THOUSAND ukususela ngo-2016 esikwazile ukuyifakela umbane. Abantu bethu bayekile ukukhanyisa ngamakhandlela.

Now honourable councillors, the incoming council will have to focus on electrifying less than 10% of the outstanding villages and the infills.

Somlomo,

Kwakhona kwicala leendlela zasekuhlaleni (access roads) siyazi ukuba ewe zikhona iingxaki zokonakala kweendlela kunye nesimo sezulu esizikhukhulisayo, kodwa nalapho Siphushile - siwenzile amalinge

okuqinisekisa ukuba nook uninzi lweendlela zethu luyahambeka. Ukususela ngo 2016 zii-kilometres ezingaphaya kwe 119 esithe sazilungisa kwiindawo zethu. When we say Siphushile madame speaker, it is not just a slogan but imisebenzi iyabonakala! Ingakumbi kwiziseko ezingundoqo ezinje ngezi zilandelayo:

Maluti Internal Streets Phase 3	Zikhalini & Maphokong Electrification	Ngcwengane Bridge	Neuresh Electrification
Maluti Internal Streets Phase 4	Nkasela AR	Chibini Electrification	kwaMatias A Electrification
Maralakeng AR	Sehlabeng Electrification	Pamlaville Electrification	Makhoba Electrification
Kamorathaba-Tshepisoong AR	Vikinduku AR	Mngeni Electrification	Matias B (Mhlangeni, Vimba, Mavu, Ndeni & Mngayi) Electrification
Manase AR	Goxe & Matias Electrification	T13-Zwelitsha AR	Mbombo Electrification
Tsitsong Electrification	Lufefeni Electrification	Gudlintaba AR	Ncome AR
St Behnards - Bubesi Electrification	Butsula via Taung AR	Gudlintaba, Makwaseng & Khashole Electrification	Sijoka AR
Masakala AR – Plant	Mdeni - Manzi AR	Edrayini Electrification	Magongqolweni AR
Zazingeni-mazizini AR	Ngcwengane - Bomvini AR	Mahangu project (PS, Kwambombo & Magayazidlele) Electrification	Kwa Madlangala Electrification
Khohlong Electrification	Lagrange Pedestrian Bridge	Nkali A, B & C Electrification	Thotaneng AR

Moqobi AR	Cedarville sports Centre	Qili Electrification
Tlakanelo Culvert Bridge	Cedarville Internal Streets	Mnyamaneni(Kesa, Sdakeni) Electrification
Maluti Thlakanelo Link Line	Black Diamond Electrification	Matatiele Internal Streets Phase 2
Thotaneng Electrification	Shenxa Electrification	Mount View Substation
Chere & Mahareng Electrification Phase 1	Msukeni Access road	Matatiele Internal Streets resurfacing
Mohapi Phase 1 Electrification	Ephiphany AR	Mountain View Int Streets
Mohapi # 2 Electrification	Mkhemane AR	Matatiele Sports Center
Chere & Mahareng Electrification	Zitapile Electrification	Mabheleni Bridge
Mangopeng AR	Small Location (Mpofini) Electrification	Mabheleni Access Road
Mangopeng Bridge	Fobane Access Road	Qili Electrification
Moiketsi AR	Soloane AR	Mnyamaneni(Kesa, Sdakeni) Electrification
Nice Field (350) & Mateleng (112) Electrification	Khauoe AR	Matatiele Internal Streets Phase 2
Freystata Bridge	Sandfontein AR	
Mehloloaneng AR	Msukeni Access road	
Luxeni Access Road	Ephiphany AR	
Nomgavu AR	Mkhemane AR	
Nomgavu Bridge	Zitapile Electrification	
Nyaniso-Nkalweni Electrification	Small Location (Mpofini) Electrification	
Bubesi Electrification	Fobane Access Road	
Nkungwini Electrification	Soloane AR	

We have managed to create temporal job opportunities for more 5000 people. Perhaps most importantly, the skills transferred during the construction of these projects, will go a long in empowering our youth for the future.

Honourable councillors,

Ngenene siwe sivuka sizama amacebo okuqinisekisa ukuba isidima sabantu bethu siyabuya. Part of that support included giving hope to the indigent. When we started, we offered them gel stoves and more than 20 000 households benefitted from that programme. To those with electricity, we offered free electricity.

Recently madame speaker, we introduced gas stoves, apho sinika khona umntu irhasi ehamba nestove sayo. Asipheleli apho, rhoqo emva kwenyanga ezintathu siyayithatha igas singumasipala siyigcwalise. Ngamakhaya angaphaya kwe 2500 asele exhamle kulengqubo.
#SIPHUSHILE

Sisebenzise imali amalunga ne-TWENTY MILLION ukufakela isolar kumakhaya apho bekungekafakelwa umbane. Nizawukhumbula ke bahlali ukuba naningasikholelwa ngo 2017 xa sasisithi, ukufakelwa isolar akuthethi ukuba awuzufumana mbane. Kodwa nikhona ningamangqina okuba sisizakisekisile isithembiso.

Somlomo,

Xa sasifika ngo-2016 senza isigqibo sokuba sizawulonyusa izinga lemfundo kubantwana bethu. Sasitshilo ukuba sifuna ulutsha lwethu lufunde de luyityekeze. Siyenzile lonto. Through our skill development programme, we have changed the lives of more than 400 young people

through enrollment to Institutions of Higher Learning. Some of our bursary beneficiaries are now working for other sectors, whilst others have been absorbed by the municipality. On top of that, close to 100 young minds have benefitted from our in-service and internship programme over the past years.

As we also commemorate worker's month in May, as the municipality we also look back at how our employee financial assistance has changed many lives of people of Matatiele for better, more especially the young minds. We have case studies that showcase tangible outcomes of training that has been rolled out aimed at upskilling our youth.

Through this study programme the municipality has amongst the municipal Management team, Managers who joined the municipality as interns. Through this programme, they have enabled them to later progress to junior post, Senior Officers and today are at Middle Management Level.

Another success of the programme includes a list of employees who were appointed as General Workers, but took opportunity of the municipal study assistance and now occupy senior positions in the municipality

People of sweet Matat

On economic development, we are proud that we have supported our local SMME's investing more than R3 million on business equipment. Good quality hawker stalls have been provided to informal traders and some

have also benefitted in our provision of mobile kitchens and mechanical equipment.

SinguloRhulumente, senze konke okusemandleni ethu ukuqinisekisa ukuba siyabaphuhlisa oosomashishini abasakhulayo. Mde kakhulu umgama esiwuhambileyo ekubaxhobiseni ngezakhono zokuqiniseka ukukhula kwamashishini abo. We have trained close to 500 SMME's and contractors on waste management, health & safety, supply chain processes, project management, business management, financial management, sustainable business development and bookkeeping. In partnership with SALGA and UNDP, 20 SMME's and informal traders received vouchers worth R5 Thousand each especially those in sewing.

About 250 emerging farmers benefited from training on plant and animal production and project management. Asiphazami xa sithi siphushile!

Through the Department of Small Business Development, we have also ensured that local businesses are sustainable. Our small businesses have benefitted from the equipment ranging from industrial sewing machines, fridges, computers, serving dishes and kitchen – from this department.

Malungu abekileyo,

Siyigxothile ikati eziko kumakhaya amaninzi kulomaspala wethu sibambisene nesebe lezophuhliso lwamaphandle nokubuyiswa komhlaba. Silime isugar beans kwi hectors ezingaphaya kwe 400 kwiwadi

ezingaphezu kweshumi. Saphinda sanikezela ngembewu yokulima kwimizi engaphezu kwe 2000. Wagwetywa ndlala!

We also vaccinated 800 sheep and cattle in some of our wards. We will, going forward dose and vaccinate 400 sheep and cattle in all 26 wards.

We are also partnering with Eastern Parks & Tourism Agency (ECPTA) in making sure that Matatiele is indeed a place where nature, agriculture and tourism are investments choice. I'm sure you will agree with me that although we know the hidden treasure we have as the municipality in these sectors, we have not done justice to unlock it. We are yet to create jobs in our local tourism sector, by putting in place measures that will attract investment and/or tourists into Matatiele. The ECPTA has identified tourism establishments and attractions in Matatiele to assist those in tourism to market their products virtually so that we start seeing value for money from this industry.

In terms of financial viability and management bahlali base Matatiele,

Siphushile ukuqinisekisa ukuba iimali zenu siziphethe ngendlela efanelekileyo nokuba zisebenza umsebenzi ekufanele uba ziwenze. Siyenze lonto singafihlisi simane sisiza kuni ukuzofumana umkhomba ndlela.

It is also my pleasure madame speaker to announce that kulonyaka-mali sisuka kuwo, as the municipality we obtained an unqualified audit opinion adding to the consecutive years we've been receiving this audit outcome.

You'd remember that for two financial years we've also achieved a clean audit opinion as this council. We applaud our management team for making us proud, and ensuring that we are counted amongst the best municipalities in the Province.

Bahlali,

Singumasipala sisebenzisana namasebe ohlukeneyo kule ndawo yethu. Anikwe nawo uxanduva lokuphucula iimpilo zabantu baseMatatiele.

Ngumsebenzi wethu ke somlomo njengorhulumente wasekuhlaleni ukuba sinike ingxelo ngemisebenzi abayenzileyo.

The Department of Health through the Department of Public Works is currently constructing a state of the art Khotsong TB Hospital which started in 2016. The total value of the project is more than R436 million and is expected to be completed by June 2022. About 1 689 people were employed since the start of this mega project.

14 internships were provided in different categories including HR, Civil & Electrical engineering, building, quantity surveying and project management.

50 SMME's were absorbed in the project with an appointment value of R500 thousand to R6 million in different grades.

Local people from different wards were trained in different skills including SMME's. We thank the contractor for the role it continues to

play in our communities in terms of social investment, these include a donation of 6 laptops to the Bakoena Royal Community Development Trust to award best performing learners. Also food parcels, donations, building materials, support to NGOs (elderly & children) and furniture.

Phase 1 of Nyaniso clinic is complete and awaiting processes to start phase 2 so that abantu base ward 18 nendawo ezisondeleyo bafumane unyango lwezempilo olusemngathweni.

Bahlali,

Njengorhulumente omamelayo, sisisele iso isikhalazo senu ngesibhedlele i-Talyer Bequest. Sithetha nje i-OutPatient Department (OPD) – le ke esiyazi njenge OPD iyagqityezelwa, and it includes medical equipment and furniture, extension and revamping of existing pharmacy and extension of the existing mortuary. Indeed, uRhulumente wenu Uphushile!

In our quest to bring quality health care to our people, we have also fixed 19 health facilities around Matatiele.

As we fight the COVID-19 bahlali we must also continue the fight against TB and HIV. Let us all preach the gospel of early healthcare seeking and treatment adherence.

Xa sijonge umgangatho wezikolo zethu madame speaker, inene akusafani nangelaxesha lokungena kwethu sileli-bhunga. Uba uyaqwalasela uRhulumente wethu ngokukhokhelwa ngumbutho oxhuzulímikhala

iAfrican National Congress, uthe gqolo ukwakha izikolo ezikumgangatho ophezulu. Gone are the days when state of the art schools were only a privilege set aside for the children of the elite and those who can afford to pay expensive school fees. Nabethu abantwana ngoku bangena bephuma kwizikolo ezisezilalini ezine- labs, libraries kunye nobunye ubuxhakaxhaka bokufunda balamaxesha.

We understand there is a backlog in Alfred Nzo West, but even under such circumstances siphushile! There is new infrastructure eHlomendlini SPS, Moshesh SSS, Azariele SSS, Manguzela SPS, Mosa-Sibi SSS, Moorosi Agric School, Mt. Zion SPS, Zamokuhle JSS, Bavumile JSS, Mavundleni JSS Bokamoso SPS, Sive multi-purpose special school, state of the art Tholang SSS, Moshesh SSS, Springside JSS, Phuthaditjaba SPS, Manguzela JSS, Mosa Sibi SSS, Mothibisi SSS, Manguzela SPS, Ralebitso SSS (Re-Alignment), Mokheseng SSS (Re-Alignment), Mt Heagraves SSS (Re-Alignment), Mphuthekane JSS including others.

We also have other major projects in progress at Pontseng JSS, Zibi Meyer JSS, Ntabeni JSS and Maluti SSS.

Honourable members,

We appreciate the role played by the Department of Social Development & SASSA in providing social services to our people. The department is working with our Special Programmes unit to empower the elderly, people with disabilities and those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

We've also continued to offer care & support to families, child care and protection, early childhood development support, child and youth care, community based care, drop centres. This government is also implementing programmes to deal with substance abuse & poverty alleviation projects and women development. Almost all our wards are benefitting from these programmes. Our people are also benefitting from SASSA on the following grants:

- ▶ Old age
- ▶ Disability: permanent & temporal
- ▶ Grant in-aid
- ▶ Foster child grant
- ▶ Child support
- ▶ Care Dependency
- ▶ Social relief of distress

Injongo yethu kukubuyisa isidima sabantu bethu!

We acknowledge that there have been major strides taken during this period, to deliver services to the people of Matatiele. This we did even in the most challenging times, thus our #SIPHUSHILE stance. We continue to strive towards attaining the set goals and objectives for the period 2017/2022. This we do understanding that there is still a long way to go.

As we fast-track the work before us, we do not only focus on the current needs, but also have a long term view of how we want Matatiele to look in the years to come. One of our greatest challenges is the water, sanitation and electricity backlogs in certain areas, high unemployment rate among our youth and overall improvement of access to services.

We also understand that while these challenges are vast, we have limited financial resources to provide adequate services. As a predominately rural municipality, this financial limitation is a huge challenge. However, we remain committed to deliver adequate services; making the most of the limited resources we have.

The council remains committed to realizing the following key strategic priorities and I'm sure the incoming council will also look into these strategic areas:

- 1. Reduction of service delivery backlogs and refurbishing of infrastructure**
- 2. Sound financial management**
- 3. Sustainable development and growth of the local economy**
- 4. Proper Spatial Development Planning through localized SDF throughout the Municipality**
- 5. Promote proper institutional arrangements**
- 6. Enhance public participation and integrated planning**

Xa nditshintsh'-íkhasi ke ngoku bahlali, mandinothulele uhlahlo lwabiwo mali lonyaka-mali u2021/22 neninyaka elandelayo u2022/23 no 2023/24 ukuze lupasiswe leli libhunga.

Our budget was prepared according to the Zero Based Method. In terms of the method all votes and line items were reduced to zero and every amount allocated had to be motivated. As required by the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) and other relevant legislations, regulations and guidelines, the municipality started the processes of budget preparation from August 2020 to March 2021 as follows:

Budget process plan

On 29th July 2020, the IDP and Budget process plan as required by section 21 of the MFMA was submitted and approved by Council to ensure that municipality does not fail to prepare and approve its credible budget within the legislated time frames.

IDP review

As per the approved plan, the municipality on the 16 – 19 November 2020, conducted its public consultative meetings with all 26 wards to review IDP for 2017-2021. The reviewed IDP has been used by the municipality to inform the draft budget for 2021/22 to 2023/24 (MTREF) for consideration.

Public Participation on the tabled Budget 2021/22- 2023/24

On the 06th April 2021- 09th April 2021 the Municipality held a budget community outreach in all 26 wards to present the tabled draft budget 2021/22.

The comments received have been taken into account on the final budget 2021/22 -2023/24

FINAL ANNUAL BUDGET 2021/22 – 2023/2024

Siqale ngokuqwalasela ingeniso esijonge ukuyenza>>>>

- The revenue is anticipated to be R573, 218, 130 in the 2021/22 financial year. The adjusted budget for 2020/21 was R555, 636, 225. This is an increase of R17,581,905 from the current adjustment budget. Revenue budget for the indicative years 2022/23 and 2023/24 is anticipated to be R562,354,837 and R553,112,633 respectively.
- The property rates amount is calculated from the current valuation roll as implemented from 01st July 2018, a tariff increase of 3% is proposed on property rates.
- It should be noted that capital transfers and subsidies from capital has increased due to increased grants allocation for the Municipal infrastructure grant and the integrated national electrification grant.

Operating expenditure

- The operating expenditure is anticipated to be R430, 345, 546 in the 2021/22 financial year. The adjusted budget for 2020/21 was R439,610,076. This is a decrease of R9,264,530 from the current adjustment budget. For the two outer years 2022/23 and 2023/24 the operating expenditure budget is R431,401,055 and R453,103,418 respectively.
- An increase of 5% has been effected on employee related costs pending the new collective agreement from SALGA.
- Included on the contracted services are the following operational programmes;
 - a) Cash cropping programme: R4,210,000
 - b) Livestock improvement : R250,000
 - c) SMME and contractor development programme: R1,380,000
 - d) Expanded public work programme: R 7,780,000
- The proposed budget for indigent support is R27,293,440 for the 2021/22 budget.

Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure is the expenditure appropriated for items to be utilised over a period of time longer than 12 months to generate future income and derive economic benefit for the municipality.

- The capital expenditure is anticipated to be R192,872, 450 in the 2021/22 financial year. The adjusted budget for 2020/21 was R188, 712, 684 million. This is an increase of R4,159, 766 from the adjustment budget due to the following:

- Increase in INEP from R32m to R93, 5m,
- Decrease of MIG from R57.7m – R49,3m
- Decrease of municipal reserves funding from R97,9m – R50, m
- The proposed capital funding for the 2021/2022 financial year is anticipated as follows;

- Internally generated Funding (CRR) _ R50,000,000
- Integrated National Electrification Programme_R93,500,000
- Municipal Infrastructure Grant _ R49,372,450

Transfers and grant receipts

- The municipality will receive both conditional and unconditional grants of R411, 4 million, an increase of R8,7 million from R402, 7

million on the 2020/21 adjusted budget) from the allocations as gazetted on Division of Revenue Act (DoRA).

- The equitable share allocation is appropriated to fund municipal delivery of services through day to day operations and strategic social development programs, the allocation for equitable share has decreased with R40,7 million from the adjusted allocation for the current financial year.
- Conditional operational grants (EPWP & FMG) are appropriated to fund expenditures relate to EPWP programs and financial reforms respectively as per grants stipulated conditions
- The Expanded public works incentive has increased by R1,3 million for the next budget year
- The finance management grant has decreased by R50 000 for the next budget year.
- Conditional capital grants (MIG & INEP) are appropriated to fund capital expenditure of roads construction, local economic development capital projects and electrification projects.
- The allocation for MIG has increased by R3, million from the current adjusted budget.
- The allocation for INEP has increased by R60,9 million from the current adjusted budget.

- The provincial library subsidy has remained at an allocation of R650,000

The capital budget per municipal departments is tabulated as below,

Budget & Treasury is R320,500, to be funded from the capital replacement reserves.

Municipal Manager's Office amounts to R495,000 to be funded from capital replacement reserves.

Corporate Services is R6, 7 million to be funded from the municipal reserves.

Economic Development and planning is R247 500 to be funded from the municipal reserves.

Community Services is R4,9 million, to be funded from the capital replacement reserves.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Electricity Unit is R98,1 million, INEP will fund R93,5 million of the budget and R4,6 million will be funded from the capital reserves.

- This budget includes electrification in various wards and the upgrade of electricity infrastructure.

Project Management is proposed to be R81,9 million, a portion of R49,3 million to be funded from the municipal infrastructure grant and R32,5 million will be funded from the capital reserves.

- The total capital budget for project management unit relates to construction, upgrade of existing road infrastructure and construction of sports fields.

TOTAL BUDGET 2021/22-2023/24

- The total budget is R623,2 million, it should be noted that this is a decrease of R5,1 million from the current adjustments budget.

PROPOSED TARIFF INCREASES AND BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

Property rates tariff is proposed to increase by 3% for the 2021/22

The electricity tariff is proposed to increase by 9-16% subject to approval from NERSA.

No increase is proposed for the Refuse tariffs and all other tariffs.

Remuneration of Councillors and Employee related costs

The municipality has provided for a 5 % increase on both remunerations of councillors and Employee related costs subject to the SALGA salary and wage increase agreement.

The recommendation is therefore :

1. That, the final budget of the municipality for the year 2021/22; and its indicative for the two projected outer years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 as outlined on the report be approved by Council as set out as follows:

- Operating Revenue by source of R573, 218,130
- Operating Expenditure by source of R430, 345, 539
- Capital Expenditure by source and municipal vote of R192, 872, 450
- Total budget of R623, 217, 989

2. The council approves the salary increase of 5% for both Councillors and Employees for the 2021/2022 budget for tabling.

3. The council approves the following tariff increases for the 2021/22 financial year

- Property rates tariff increase of 3% and first R65 000 property values as exemption, 40% rebates on all residential properties, 15% rebates on all commercial and government properties, 70% on farm properties, 15% rebates on industrial properties and 100% rebates to all municipal properties.

- No increase of Refuse tariffs.

- Electricity tariff increase with 9 – 16% subject to approval by NERSA.

- That all other municipal tariffs will not be increased

As I conclude Madam Speaker, mandithathe elithuba ndibulele egameni loMaspala waseMatatiele kubantu baseMatatiele. Njengokuba ixesha ebenisibekele lona lisiya esiphelweni, siyayazi ukuba asikwenzanga konke ebesinqwenela ukwenza kodwa noko bantu bakuthi SIPHUSHILE!

I am proud to say that the incoming council shall inherit a sound and stable environment, given the huge ground we have covered to improve the lives of our people. We also recognize that it will take an effort from all our stakeholders, working together with government in providing services to our communities. Therefore, active participation and involvement of sector departments, the private sector and our communities will continue to play a pivotal role.

We also understand that as a municipality, we are part of a global community. We are therefore affected by the past and current global issues and economics situations. The coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic has not ended however, as government we have and continue with our efforts to flatten the curve.

We strongly believe that by working together and adhering to the safety precautions and measures in place, we will surely overcome this pandemic.

I thank you,