



WARD 2 COMMITTEE
CITY OF UMHLATHUZE
RICHARDS BAY



MINUTES

1st Public Meeting : Ward 2

Date : 16 February 2017
 Time: 17:15
 Venue: (Municipal Building)

1	<u>OPENING PRAYER</u>	
	Opening Prayer done by the Chairman	Cllr Botha
2	<u>WELCOME</u> Cllr Botha welcomed all present to the first Ward 2 Public Meeting	
3	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Donald Pittendrigh John Ferreira (Sick Note forwarded)	Beena Simadhri Cllr Botha
4	<u>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS</u>	
	The Chairman introduced the guest speakers: 4.1 The Chairman of the Richards Bay SPCA – Mr. Sarel Smal 4.2 The Manager Public Safety & Security – Mr. Poswa 4.3 The Manager Public Health and Cleansing (Waste Management Services) – Mr. Zilindile Masango 4.4 The Superintendent Parks – Mr. Innocent Mthimkhulu 4.5 Ward 2 COGTA Rep : Mr. Austin Mthembu	Cllr Botha
5	<u>INTRODUCTION OF WARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	
	Beena Simadhri – Corporate Services Rob Sedice – Finances / Business Liz Wood – Community Services Rynie Kerns – Sports Clubs Angela Benjamin -	Cllr Botha

	<p>facilitate</p> <p>-Comment: SPCA is situated on Municipal -Comment: Most other SPCA's get funding from their local municipalities. Chairman commented that it would be discussed at another meeting</p> <p>-Comment: 1. SPCA premises leased on Municipal land – municipality should take over the repair/maintenance. 2. Masterplan to be implemented to sustain the facility/operational costs and maintenance.</p> <p>-Chairman has asked all parties to compile a list of relevant details, ideas and concerns so that a meeting can be scheduled</p> <p>-Q: Where do the fees go for animal licenses?</p> <p>-A: By law this goes to the Municipality, but UMhlathuze has made a concession that these fees go straight to the SPCA</p>	<p>Liz Wood</p> <p>Frans</p> <p>Cllr Botha</p> <p>Beena Samadhri</p> <p>Mr Poswa</p>
<p>9.3.</p>	<p><u>Roaming Cattle: Mr Poswa</u></p> <p>-Chairman briefly discussed the issue surrounding roaming cattle; dangers and diseases</p> <p>-Cattle are being driven in from Mtuba to the N2 , CBD and suburbs for better crazing</p> <p>-Study has been done for a pound; aware of the dangers</p> <p>-Benchmark is other municipalities who have pounds</p> <p>-Pound has to adhere to the regulations of all Animal Acts</p> <p>-Municipality has shortfall to fund the pound project</p> <p>-Currently CRG(service provider) is chasing animals away</p> <p>-Umfoloji municipality has offered the use of their pound, however animals need to be auctioned off after 14 days; auctions cost money to run</p> <p>-Mr Smith and Mr Duval runs Umfolozi Pound fantastically</p> <p>-They are educating the community with the Amakhosi and community leaders as training needs to be provided so that community knows the regulations and how the pound works</p> <p>-Education process has been started and section 32 has been done; service provider</p> <p>-Site for Pound in UMhlathuze is a problem and initial site next to Equestrian centre in Mzingazi proved too dangerous. Land looked at other side of Alton has been zoned as PRIME land. Possible site in the vicinity of the shooting range.</p> <p>-Initial funding is being used to procure vehicles and trailers through National Procurement Transport Tender, which should be finalised with in a month or 2</p> <p>-R3mil estimated budget for a pound which has to comply with strick laws and regulations</p> <p>-Severe threat from people wanting their cattle back and</p>	<p>Cllr Botha</p> <p>Mr Poswa</p>

	<p>forcibly try to do so armed with weapons.</p> <p>-Security will be a huge matter to protect the pound, impounded animals and staff.</p> <p>-Comment: Huge threat of armed thieves attacking the pound or community overrunning the pound. Need to see words put into action and vehicle and trailers delivered.</p> <p>-Q: Where do we currently go with the cattle?</p> <p>-A: Will have to look at this and revert</p> <p>-Suggestion: SPCA to give a proposal as to how they see the problem of the cattle being resolved in the interim.</p> <p>-Comment: Ntambanana has space, but a trailer is needed to transport the animals. Any suggestions will be welcomed</p> <p>-Q: How are the owner found or traced?</p> <p>-A: Cattle that stray are very difficult to ID. This will be for the pound to sort out. Cattle should be branded, but many people don't do this as they don't want to be held responsible for car accidents. If owners are not known, SAPS will need to be involved</p> <p>-Q: Has the training started already? How is this going to be executed?</p> <p>-A: Education sections have started and are going to do so in due course. The appointed service provider will also be able to do the training.</p>	<p>Cllr Botha</p> <p>Wynand trainee Inspector SPCA Mr Poswa Franz van der Walt</p> <p>Mr Poswa</p> <p>Beena Simadhri Mr Poswa</p> <p>Mr Poswa</p>
<p>9.4.</p>	<p><u>Greenbelts: Mr Mthimkulu</u></p> <p>-Chairman explained that there is two requests from residents; 1. To clear the greenbelts as to be able to see better and get vagrants out, 2. Not to clear the greenbelts as it opens a path direct to the back of homes. All vegetation can't be cleared as this also opens more space for illegal dumping.</p> <p>- Agreed with Chairman's statement</p> <p>-Creates a problem as Municipality gets conflicting requests</p> <p>-Suggested that entire streets write a letter with view on greenbelts</p> <p>-This will prevent the municipality from being accused that they are colluding with thieves</p> <p>-Compliment: Very efficient in resolving issues reported on Ward 2 platform. 50 Duikerdraai only outstanding issues. Very impressed.</p> <p>-Compliment: Chairman also expressed his gratitude for the quick responses to resolve issues raised</p> <p>-Comment: A lot of vagrants are living in greenbelts. 60+ arrested in the last bust. This is a huge security issue. Where is the Municipality on this?</p>	<p>Cllr Botha</p> <p>Mr Mthimkulu</p> <p>Beena Simadhri</p> <p>Cllr Botha</p> <p>Cllr Botha</p>

	<p>-A: Illegal immigrants and vagrants are a huge problem and pose many challenges. They have moved in and even built structures. Drugs and prostitution is also huge problems. Thieves are using the bushes to hide stolen items and return later to retrieve their loots. Raids are held in Greenbelts by the SAPS, Customs & Home Affairs. More than 400 addicts congregate behind the Taxi City. Uthungulu, CPF and Umhlatuze ran awareness campaigns during December and incl the SAPS and Fire Dept. SUNCA and CPF Brackenham is also onboard. All roll players are striving to uphold the constitutional mandate to keep the city of uMhlatuze safe.</p> <p>-Comment: Chairman will support with all initiatives</p> <p>-Suggestion: Informal traders also need to be checked and regulated</p> <p>-A: The sustainability and regularity of this process needs to be ascertained</p> <p>-Comment: Suggested that council increases the budget for Community Services to enable more effective service delivery. Chairman to make work of this.</p> <p>-Request: Clear a bigger verge and open up more of the bushes between the steel bridge and road leading to John Ross Highway. Many staff leave the waterfront at very late hours and get mugged and/or face danger having to walk from the steel bridge to the John Ross in the dark and next to overgrown bushes.</p> <p>-A: Good point. Innocent will go to do so.</p>	<p>Mr Mthimkulu</p> <p>Cllr Botha Beena Simadhri</p> <p>Mr Poswa</p> <p>Beena Simadhri</p> <p>Beena Simadhri</p> <p>Mr. Mthimkulu</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>-Comment: 1. Huge Problem of Overloaded vehicles transporting kids to and from Schools. 2. Young children being left unattended outside schools until all hours of the night- very dangerous</p> <p>-Feedback: 1.Chairman has met with Mr Poswa whom will be putting a plan in place to address the un-roadworthy vehicles</p> <p>2. Suggested that Social Development and Brigadier Mgenge be invited to the next Ward Meeting to deal with these issues.</p> <p>Issues raised as discussion points for next Public meeting</p> <p>-Ladies of the day standing around the Bay Hall Area</p> <p>-Status on Land Sales in uMhlatuze. Road levies on developers. Bulk services are too expensive and chasing investors away from the City.</p> <p>-What is the status on the Desalination Plant that has cost more than R400mil (funded by National Government) to</p>	<p>Liz Wood</p> <p>Cllr Botha</p> <p>Mr Poswa</p> <p>Frans van der Walt</p>

	<p>build. Why is it not delivering much needed water to the city? Where is the delays?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Waterfront Development -Annual problem of the New Years traffic problem around the waterfront area. Proposal that Esikhaweni and Mzingazi get their own beaches 	
11.	<p><u>CLOSURE</u> Chairman thanked the guests, Ward 2 committee members and members of the public for attending the first meeting. Details of the next meeting will follow in due course. Beena closed the Public Meeting in Prayer.</p>	<p>Cllr Botha Beena Simadhri</p>