

SPEECH FOR COUNCIL SITTING 28th AUGUST 2007

Let me start by giving up-date on our Operation Restore Dignity. It is important to remind colleagues that the main objective of the campaign is to revive and enhance our relationship with the community and in the process, develop strategies to sustain the relationship.

Through Operation Restore Dignity, we intend to robustly turnaround the institution, that is , to improve capacity by appointing capable and competent officials, a process which has already started , improve our systems, especially the Billing System as this impacts negatively on revenue collection.

Our building is not something good to look at, we are short of offices and the cleanliness of the building is really not impressive.

The environment, to a large extent, shapes or determines one's thinking and behaviour.

Cleaning our environment is part of the campaign which is accepted with pride by our communities. Officials, Councillors and the community were all over cleaning. This is a sign of people who are leaders and not bosses. We said You belong We Care.

Issues of job creation are also addressed although on a small scale of recycling but it makes a difference in the life of people. We intend to organize training for recycling to be done on a more professional manner so that it is counted among organized SMMEs.

The most awaited up-date should be that of Restructuring I believe. The ANC requested that the process be put in abeyance for further engagement. I will report to Council within reasonable time. It is unfortunate that some of us acted irresponsibly and used the Media to give the public a distorted information. Some of those people used Restructuring to Strategize for our departure because they are fully aware that investigation is in progress and the outcome is obvious. Unfortunately, the investigation is not personally in the interest of good governance and the community, especially public representatives, who work tirelessly to execute their mandate to ensure good governance.

The violent protest must also be attended to as a matter of urgency. Some of the issues they raise on Service Delivery are genuine but the approach is not assisting in as far as the approach is concerned.

We have discovered that some of the perpetrators of these violent protests are not residents in our Region. Some are from Soweto and some from Carletonville. We are looking forward to dealing with issues which are seen as causal factors, not as politicians but as public representatives.

I thank those who wrote to correct the situation and put issues in proper perspective without taking sides and focused on objectivity. When time comes for me to give you feedback, I won't talk to you through media, I have never done it before. Reporting to Public will be through the Media of course, after engaging with yourselves and again, this must not be done to undermine others but be constructive.

On a positive note, our Vaal River Carnival is intact and moving.

Thanks to the Task Team. We said it is not only about entertainment to market our area and attract investors. When we talk of investors, we also refer to ourselves , but let us do the right way. Let us guard against conflict of interest.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT, LET US MARGINALISE AND ISOLATE THE SPOILERS FOR THE GOOD OF OUR REPUTATION AND THE MUNICIPALITY MOREOVER, FOR THE COMING GENERATION,

However, let us acknowledge the fact that we are human beings, therefore subject to mistakes. We have weaknesses in different areas and equally so, strengths as well.

The Mayor is also not immune to mistakes but let them not be deliberate.

Having said that let me present to Council Reports of the Mayoral Committee for consideration.

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