



**The City of Many Faces**

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY HIS WORSHIP CLLR  
MUESEE KAZAPUA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
WINDHOEK, AT THE OCASSION MONTHLY ORDINARY  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE: 31 MAY 2017**

**TIME: 17H30**

**VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Your Worship Cllr Fransina Ndateelela Kahungu,  
Deputy Mayor of the City of Windhoek;**

**Honourable Councillors;**

**Bishop Ndozi Henry Okia of Model Prayer Ministry**

**Mr Robert Nandaa Kahimise, Chief Executive  
Officer and Strategic Executives of the City of  
Windhoek;**

**Esteemed Windhoek Residents;**

**Members of the Media;**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Good evening!**

I am pleased to welcome you all to this August House for our 5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary monthly Council meeting, to deliberate on matters aimed at the betterment of the living conditions of our residents. As a tradition, my statement will focus on pertinent development issues that have attracted Council and public attention since our last Council Meeting.

**Honourable Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

As we wrap up the 2016/17 Financial Year, I would like to urge Hon Councillors and Management, to expedite the budgeting process for the financial 2017/18. This is necessary so as to allow sufficient time for consultations with our residents and other important stakeholders such as the Khomas Regional Council.

I have no doubt that by giving our residents and other stakeholders a voice in the formulation of our capital budget, we will ensure that we do not misrepresent their developmental needs with what we, as Councillors and officials, may think are their priorities.

Let us therefore work towards prioritising projects that are directly aimed at alleviating the plight of our people, if we are to live by our fundamental undertaking of *“enhancing the quality of life of all our people”*.

**Esteemed Residents, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

In our effort to alleviate poverty amongst the vulnerable residents of our city, Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month handed over a house donated by our housing development Oluzizi-Amibex Joint Venture to Mr Ndinoita Shimoshili and family. As Council, we believe that the handover of this house is a step in the right direction, as we as a nation, forge forward in our quest to provide housing to all our people.

This, Honourable Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen, is a clear testimony that Council is working in tandem with the spirit of the Harambee Prosperity Plan, which details out the provision of housing as one of its major objectives.

On the same day, we witnessed the ground-breaking ceremony for the commencement of the construction of 79 houses by the Oluzizi-Amibex Joint Venture, as part of Council's housing pilot project for constructing houses itself. This is a notable undertaking from the City Council, which if proved to be successful after the completion of

the initial 79 houses, should be intensified so that all the informal settlements are formalised, and new plots are served for our people.

Another equally important emerging development important to note is that the City of Windhoek is at the final stage of finalizing its 5-Year Strategic Plan 2017/2022. It is my expectation that the final document will be submitted to Council in June and will be operational at the beginning of the next financial year 2017/2018. The Strategic Plan that will outline our desired development initiatives was conceived on the spirit of national development plans, Vision 2030 and the Harambee Prosperity Plan. This plan will serve as our road map and guiding tool in the delivery of municipal and public services.

**Esteemed Residents, Ladies and gentlemen,**

This afternoon, the Honourable Councillors and I, attended the official launch of the Namibia Tourism Expo 2017, an important event of the City's Calendar, which is now acclaimed as one of the "Best Shows in Namibia" due

to large tourism marketing and networking opportunities it offers.

To us as the City of Windhoek, tourism means jobs, business opportunities for small and medium enterprises, and, if properly managed, the preservation and promotion of natural resources and cultural heritage.

It is an undeniable fact to mention that tourism contribution is not only limited to the sector, but it is also a multiplier factor; through the value chain in many other sectors- from retail to agriculture, and banking to construction. The City Council therefore remains committed to welcoming visitors to our beautiful City. Together with our partners in this sector, we will endeavour to make Windhoek not only a gateway, but a destination where tourists will choose to stay.

With these few announcements ladies and gentlemen,

**I Thank You!**