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NEW COUNCILORS AT DIPALEESENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Like all the other municipal managers of all municipalities across the country that have fourteen days within which to call the first council meetings, Dipaleseng Local Municipality convened its first council sitting post the local government elections on Wednesday, 17th August 2016 at the municipal council chambers. Acting Municipal Manager, Mr. Sailor Netshivhale presided over the proceedings and started by introducing all the new councilors to the house.

The Council Chamber was packed to capacity as community members came to observe the inauguration meeting for the new councilors for the political term from 2016 to 2021.

Former councilor, Mr. M Sithebe who was with the institution fifteen years ago as well as the previous Executive Mayor Ms Sarah Nhlapo was also present to witness this momentous day.

The speaker, Cllr Khethiwe B Nkosi, who is also the councilor for ward 2, was elected after which she then took over proceedings and facilitated the election of the Executive Mayor, in which Cllr. Mafunda L Makhubu was successfully elected.

Cllr Molato D Khanye and Cllr Zanele S Ngwenya are the Members of Mayoral Committee overseeing the Planning & Economic Development and Infrastructure Services and Community Services & Public Safety and Corporate Services departments respectively.

Cllr Sipiwe E Nhlapo is the councilor for ward 01 while Cllr Peter M Mokoena is responsible for ward 03 and is also the Chief Whip. Ward 05 and 06 are under the supervision of Cllr Amos K Nyamade and Cllr Themba J Mahlangu respectively. Cllr Lebohang M Maruping is a PR councilor. Cllr Willem S Davel and Cllr Mokete F

Dhlamini represent the Democratic Alliance while the Economic Freedom Fighters is represented Cllr Bonginkosi N Nkosi.

The Magistrate Mr. Moldenhauer was responsible for swearing in every councilor that chose to take the oath on the day.

The councilors were then introduced to the stakeholders and community members present, followed by the senior officials of the municipality.

The legal requirements such as declaration any interests and so forth were also undertaken.

The Executive Mayor took an opportunity to thank the leaders of the ANC, the community of Dipaleseng in its entirety, the previous councilors as well as the staff of the municipality and made an undertaking not to be like any other previous Executive Mayor.

“Cllrs will take a walk in community and be visible and accessible to the community because that is what was promised to the community”. The Executive Mayor also reiterated his commitment to service delivery stating that he will not allow a situation where this aspect is compromised for any reason.

The Executive Mayor’s statement came very close to what Minister van Rooyen said as quoted “We are convinced that all our combined efforts will ensure that the 4th Democratic Local government begins with its work of serving communities and delivering services”.

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