

**EKURHULENI METROPOLITAN
MUNICIPALITY**

DEVELOPMENT FORUM

14 MAY 2008

09:00

GERMISTON: NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER

1. WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

The Chairperson opened the meeting by thanking and welcoming everyone in attendance. He then made mention that the topic (Electricity & Development) was changed due to the fact that the EMM Electricity Department & Eskom were not as yet ready to give feedback. The Chairperson further gave feedback that 669 invitations were forwarded by means of Fax and Email, and out of those only 85 confirmations were received.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND WORKSHOP

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without any changes.

Clr. Peterson proposed that the minutes be approved and Clr. Bham seconded the motion.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Integrated Development Plan Feedback – IDP Office: Bertus van Zyl

Mr. van Zyl reported that the document was concluded and scheduled to serve at the Council meeting on the 15 May 2008 for approval, after which it would be made available to stakeholders. By means of the Internet and the Development Forum address list. He further indicated that the document was summarised to 63 pages which was user friendly, easy to understand with focus on the following key aspects:

- Where we are going with the Growth and Development Strategy.
- How does it get implemented through the IDP & SDBIP.

3.2 Budget Feedback – Finance Dept: Merusha Moodley

Mrs. Moodley reported that as from the end of April current financial year, total expenditure was sitting at 52% (which was over 1 billion rand in expenditure), and last years expenditure was at 1.1 billion and anticipations were to exceed it by 1.7 million of the 2 million budget. For the multi year budget 2008/2009 & 2010/2011 scheduled to serve at the Council meeting on the 15 May 2008 the Capital budget was approximately 2.2 billion rands.

3.3 Investment Desk feedback – Economic Development Dept: Titus Mazibuko

In the absence of Titus Mazibuko the DCM Mr. Johan Leibbrandt reported that currently investors who approach the Council for vacant land get sent from one department to another and nothing gets done, as a result a meeting has been arranged for Friday the 16 May 2008 to be chaired by Mr. Leibbrandt to address this particular problem. After the said meeting communication with all stakeholders will be made to inform them on the agreed correct procedure.

3.4 Densification Framework – City Development Dept: Pieter Swanepoel

Mr. Swanepoel reported that on the 20 February 2008 presentation was made by the Consultant Set Plan and the document was later published on the consultant website for comments, and number of comments was received through the E-mail and that the comments process was closed on the 12 May 2008. He also indicated that the document was scheduled to serve at the City development Portfolio Committee on the 17 June 2008 for approval, and it would to be made available to stakeholders and interested parties on the Intranet for implementation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1. The Development of an EMM Modal Integration Strategy and Action Plan: Lourens Swanepoel: Ekurhuleni Metro

The purpose of the presentation was to highlight what was done in terms of Modal Integration which in principle was the concept that was talked about for a number of years in all Metropolitan areas around the country. And nothing much was done and there are number of opportunities presented to grasp on this particular aspect of Modal Integration e.g. 2010 World Cup.

4.2. **Gautrain - a Catalyst for Developments: Mr Chris Britz:
Provincial Support Team of Gautrain**

This was a brief presentation on the Gautrain Project that dealt with the following aspects:

- The project stimulates (Economic growth, Investments, New Development & Job creation)
- Design to (Restructure urban areas, reduce travel distance, time and cost & improve City sustainability)
- The Gautrain will promote (Public transport, SMME & BBBEE, Development, Tourism & Business Development)

4.3. **Gauteng Freeway Scheme and Toll Strategy: Alex van Niekerk: SANRAL**

The purpose of the presentation was to provide background with regards to Gauteng Freeway improvement Projects and the project progress, with emphasis on

- GFIP Objective
- Project approach
- Project extent
- Project progress
- Work package under construction
- Tender awarded
- Work package under tender stage
- Next tender package
- Implementation challenges
- Proposed road improvements

5. DATES AND THEMES FOR 2008 MEETINGS

- 5.1 13 August 2008, 8:30 – Electricity and Development
- 5.2 12 November 2008, 8:30 – Economic Development in Ekurhuleni
- 5.3 February 2009 – Spatial Development Frameworks

7. CLOSURE AND REFRESHMENTS

The meeting was declared closed at 11:20