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BUDGET 2019/2020

Revenue:

Interest earned – external investment = R 9 000 000
Grants = R 1 522 020 000
Other = R13 940 000
Water and sewerage – locals = R226 429 876

Tariff increases:

Water = 5,2 %
Sanitation = 5,2%
Sale of tenders = 5,2%

Capital projects:

MIG = R431 580 250
WISG = R120 000 000
Own funding (Equitable share) = R 19 900 000
TOTAL: R569 480 250

Free basic services:

Free 6kl of water to all indigent households

Free sanitation to registered indigents

**Operating budget:
R 1 345 809 212**

**Maintenance:
R107 705 366**

Other Highlights

- ☒ Disaster relief support = R1 000 000
- ☒ Fire emergency equipment and upgrading = R11 400 000
- ☒ Gravelotte township establishment = R500 000
- ☒ Bursaries = R1000 000
- ☒ Executive Mayors Cup and Marathon = R1000 000
- ☒ IT related projects, including
- ☒ Economic growth and development plan = R650 000



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Mopani District Municipality



Council adopts a R1,9 billion budget for 2019/20 Financial year



Executive Mayor Pule Shayi delivering the budget speech to a council sitting at the Disaster Management Centre.

Mopani District Municipality has adopted a R1,9 billion budget during a council sitting held at the Disaster Management Centre in Tzaneen on Friday.

Delivering the budget speech to council, Executive Mayor Pule Shayi said that the budget is a reflection of the aspirations of the people of Mopani. "Throughout the public participation process, including during our targeted engagements with specific sectors, the message has been loud and clear – our people want water, not excuses."

Shayi presented a total budget of just over R1.9 billion, with an operating expenditure of R1,3 billion. The municipality will spend R569 million on capital projects, while R107 million will go to maintenance work.

With a budget of just over R101 million, the municipality will build 7 815 VIP toilets across the five local municipalities. "In building from the achievements made in the past, we have in this financial year built 1094 VIP toilets. We can also report to this august sitting that we have completed the upgrading of Lenyenye Sewage plant. We will also spend an amount of R24 588 804 on the Kampersrus Sewage Plant," said Shayi.



The new chairperson of Municipal Public Account Committee (MPAC), Councillor Charlotte Nkhwashu with newly appointed chairperson of chairperson, Councillor Masilo Maloko.



The Executive Mayor urged councillors to diligently work together in playing an oversight role on the implementation of the IDP and budget. "The budget we are presenting here today is for the people of Mopani. We have to jointly work together to ensure that every cent of this budget is accounted for, and spent for betterment of the lives of our people.

"Let us move forward, guided by our collective responsibility to change the lives of our people in this district by providing quality basic services. This is one task we have accepted with great humility, and it is one task we cannot afford to relegate to anyone else," said Shayi.

Council also adopted the reviewed IDP for the 2019 – 2021, and budget related reviewed policies including the tariff policy, expenditure policy, supply chain management policy, credit control and debt collection policy, indigent policy, investment policy, virement policy, asset management policy, inventory policy, financial delegations as well as the policy on the writing off of irrecoverable debt.

"A budget that is a reflection of the aspirations of the people of Mopani"- Executive Mayor, Councillor Pule Shayi during the budget adoption by council at the Disaster Management Centre in Tzaneen on Friday, 21 June 2019

Mopani District Municipality assist in the burial of the Maphalle 24 victims



Executive Mayor Pule Shayi giving vote of thanks at the funeral

Rakgoale and the Greater Letaba Municipality Mayor Peter Matlou were among thousands of mourners who paid their last respects a mass funeral service held at Ga-Rapitsi near Kgapanne. Minister Mbalula urged road users to always obey traffic rules in order to clamp down on road carnage.

The Mopani District Municipality under the leadership of the Executive Mayor Councillor Pule Shayi has assisted in the burial of 24 young people who perished in a horrific accident that happened on the 81 Mooketsi-Giyani road. The victims died in a head-on collision between a bus and a mini bus on the 16 of June 2019. The Executive Mayor Pule Shayi immediately established a Preparatory Committee which was tasked with a responsibility to organise a memorial service and a mass funeral service. Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula, his provincial counterpart Dickson Masemola, Premier Stan Mathabatha, Deputy Minister Dikeledi Magadzi, Health MEC Phophi Ramathuba, her Social Development counterpart Nkakareng

"We are here to mourn young people whose lives were cut short in their prime in the most tragic



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circumstances. Your loss is the loss of the nation. Your pain is our pain. No parent should go through the pain of burying their own children," said Mbalula. "Our public transport system cannot be coffins on wheels where innocent people lose their lives because of the careless behaviour of others... Similarly, our roads cannot be gravesites, but pathways that connect our people to centres of economic activity and social amenities such as hospitals and institutions of learning. Each death on our roads is one death too many."

The Executive Mayor Pule Shayi thanked businesses such as ZZ2, Black Lawyers Association, local businesses, funeral parlours, traditional leaders, bereaved families and also the Road Accident Fund for coming on board to ensure that the 24 people get a befitting send off. Nineteen of the 24 deceased were learners at four local high schools, while the other five were community members.

They come from 9 different villages in the Bolobedu cluster with the majority coming from Ga-Rapitsi village. The ages of the victims are between 13 and 27, of which 18 were males and 06 females.

The Mopani District Municipality Executive Mayor Councillor Pule Shayi has encouraged all the officials and community members involved to continue to work tirelessly all in a bit to ensure that the 24 people get a befitting send offs. "As government we want to appreciate the well-coordinated effort put in place by the traditional leaders, community structures and our officials in preparing for the memorial and funeral services respectively. We also thank the support coming from both the provincial and national government, as we have already seen Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula and the MECs coming down to also support the bereaved families." said Shayi.

Spokesperson of the families Janquas Mafa thanked the government and businesses for all the support they received as a dark cloud befallen the 24 families.



Minister Fikile Mbalula and moariners at he Maphalle 24 Funeral



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