

FIRST QUARTER IDP REPORT

DATE : 08 November 2019

VENUE : COSMOS SPORTS GROUND, MADIKANA
VILLAGE, WARD 13

TITLE : ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE MAYOR OF
MOLEMOLE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



- Programme Director; allow me to express my sincere greetings to His Grace, the Reverend Dr. B.E Lekganyane;
- Members of the executive committee
- Honourable Ward Councillors and PR Councillors;
- Magoshi le mantona a rena;
- Our sister municipality, the Capricorn District Municipality;
- Members of the South African Police Service, Traffic Officials;
- Media houses present here today;
- Municipal Officials - Led by the Municipal Manager;
- Ward Committee members present here;
- Setshaba sa Molemole
- KE RE KGOTSONG!!

First of all I would like to pass my sincere condolences to the family of Mabitsela from Maponto village for their loss of their sibling;

Ms Vilia Mabitsela, who was a member of Molemole Disability forum – our hearts are with you during this difficult time and we hope that GOD can give you strength;

November is International Disability awareness month and theme of this year is:” “Removing barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all.”

It is therefore poignant that as part of paying tribute to her we use the opportunity to remove these barriers and to improve the quality of life of people living with disabilities;

Kgotsong!!

On behalf of Molemole municipality allow me to express my deepest gratitude to our esteemed guests, the ZCC brass band;

We really feel blessed with your presence in this occasion;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

You will recall that in May 2019 we have presented the state of municipal address for the 2019/20 financial year;

During that address we outlined the service delivery programme for the financial year;

True to our commitment and in the spirit of transparency and accountability;

We have once again convened the Mayoral Imbizo to give a service delivery report card for the first quarter of this financial year;

Our first quarter revenue collection achievement was R 72 million which is way above our target of R 65 million;

This performance is attributed to revenue generated from property rates, electricity sales, interest earned on investment, as well as improvement in debt payments by ratepayers;

Our worst performance was revenue generated from Traffic fines with only R 18 000 (or 2%) income of the expected R 1.1 million;

Fortunately, we have procured a traffic management system which we believe can assist in tracking and following up of outstanding traffic fines;

This is an area that require our focused attention if we are to improve our revenue performance;

Our Operating expenditure for the quarter amounted to R 43.7 million or 60% of the revenue collection;

This is a positive financial health as the municipality will be able to honour its financial obligations;

This is all thanks to our commitment to Cost containment policy;

It is also a positive to the community as these savings will help us to advance our service delivery agenda;

Our Capital Expenditure on MIG is very positive at R 12.5 million in the first quarter;

This represents 37.6% of the Annual allocation of R 33.3 million;

This is attributed to forward planning – our contractors were on site by late June of this year;
On the contrary we have started slowly on Own funded projects with only 10% expenditure of own funding recorded;

The overall financial performance in the first quarter is very positive and we hope this trend can continue in the coming quarters;

Programme Director;

Allow me to present the 2019/20 service delivery report as per our commitment in the IDP:

MIG FUNDED PROJECTS

- The progress on the two MIG projects for this financial year is as follows:

a. Capricorn Park Internal Street Phase 2

- The project is currently at 65% complete and total expenditure for the quarter is R 5.9 million. This translates into 36% expenditure on the budget.
- A total of 10 job opportunities have been created to date. Twenty more job opportunities are expected to be created as we head towards finalization of the scope of this project.

b. Nthabiseng Internal Streets Phase 3

- Construction on the project is currently 70% complete and total expenditure for the quarter is R 6.6 million. This translates into 38% expenditure on the budget.
- A total of 15 job opportunities have been created to date and we are expecting a further 15 more jobs as we continue with the remaining scope.

c. Feasibility studies on infrastructure projects

- Service Providers have been appointed to conduct feasibility studies in Molemole west and east.
- The outcome of the study will assist us to request further MIG funding in the coming financial years;

d. Moletji Office Cluster

- After a spate of challenges in the previous financial year we have managed to appoint another contractor to finalize this project in this financial year;
- You will recall that the project was not progressing well due to land claim challenges as well as capacity problems of the first contractor;
- We hope to report a notable progress in the mid-year review;

e. Maintenance of road infrastructure

- We acknowledge that most of our road network is gravel and difficult to travel during rainy season;
- To this end we have advertised four tenders for supply of 20 culvert bridges for installation across our wards;
- We are also expecting delivery of an additional Tipper Truck to assist with our road maintenance programme;
- SCM processes are also underway to procure another motor grader;
- This will help us to improve on road maintenance programme as we have been experiencing persistent breakdowns of plant and equipment;
- Technical services has also been tasked to consider appointment of a dedicated service provider for repair and maintenance of our fleet on a call out basis;

f. Electricity Infrastructure services

- We are still on course to deliver on our promise of providing high mast lights in the following villages - Ramatjowe/Sefene, Marowe, Madikana, Kolopo, Schoonveld and Masehlong
- We hope to appoint a service provider for the supply and installation of Apollo lights by the end of this month;
- The implementation of this project is crucial to ensure our communities feel safe at all times;
- Hence we shall continue extending high mast lights to other villages in coming financial years;

Ladies and gentlemen;

- We are in continuous engagement with the community of Mogwadi with regard to implementation of the smart meter project;
- We are not doing good with regard to electricity losses and hope that successful implementation of this project will reduce, if not eliminate losses and release funds to other service delivery needs;

g. Mohodi Sports Complex

- After working ever so hard to complete the Ramokgopa to Eisleben road we are still sticking to our commitment to complete this project and hand it over in the financial year;
- A tender was advertised in the 1st quarter but we will be re-advertising after we could not receive responsive bids;

h. Ramokgopa stadium

- A contractor has been appointed to renovate the stadium after the initial contractor deserted the project;
- We hope to hand over the stadium by the end of this quarter or early next quarter;

i. Waste collection and Environmental Management services

- You will recall that we purchased additional bulk container bins in the previous financial year;
- This is part of our drive to extend waste collection to our rural villages;
- One truck was therefore not going to be enough; hence we have appointed a service provider to supply and deliver one additional Skip loader truck to improve waste collection in villages;
- Community Services department has procured a TLB to assist with waste management in our wards as well as in our landfill sites;

j. Water services

- This is an area of great concern to both our Councillors and Management;
- We have noted your concerns about poor conduct of pump operators as well as lack of timeous response by the Capricorn district municipality;
- We are really concerned as much as you are, more so because we are the water services provider whilst the district has authority to provide water;
- We are working very hard with the district to get to the bottom of this problem;
- Later this month we will be hosting the District Imbizo in Ward 04;
- Let's attend this imbizo in order to get progress report around this matter;

k. Good Governance and Public participation

- Audit season is upon us again and we can report that we are progressing well to date;
- You will recall that this is a critical annual ritual where we are called upon to account on the use of resources bestowed to us by you the public;
- Our oversight committees like MPAC, Audit committee and Council are holding their meetings as per the schedule;

- We take compliance issues very seriously – We have managed to submit the 2018/19 Annual Financial statements and Annual Performance report by the stipulated date of the 31st August 2019;
 - The review of the 2019/20 IDP has already started with the 1st IDP Representative forum held on the 31st October 2019.
- Programme Director;

Let me conclude by expressing my gratitude to the National Development Agency;
For choosing Molemole as the host of “Molemole Youth Development Workshop” on Wednesday;
Youth unemployment is a serious problem in our municipality, like it is in other parts of the world;
Hence we welcome any initiative that seeks to connect them to income opportunities, be it in formal employment or entrepreneurship;

I thank you!