

BUDGET ADDRESS BY HIS WORSHIP THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF THE LEJWELEPUTSWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, COUNCILLOR NKOSINJANI SPEELMAN, 31 MARCH 2016, MOROGORO COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELKOM

The Speaker of the Council

MM'C's

Members of the Council

Municipal Manager

Section 56 Managers

Honorable members

Members of the media

Distinguished guests

Today, we are gathering just 5 days after the death of Jesus Christ and 2 days after his resurrection. As you all might be contemplating about the above trials. Let me remind you that, it might be the last budget for this council and may I also take this opportunity to wish well those who might not come back as members of this house.

It is a profound call by the gathering of our people in Kliptown that inspired us to make the decisions we have made in determining the resources we put into investing our people's wealth, thereby radically transforming our economic pace and building a People's District with an intention of making it a Metro. We are convinced that our people themselves can create a poverty-free world and all we have to do is to free them from their chains and shackles, which have rendered them powerless to gain access to the resources they need to feed and fend for themselves.

Honourable Speaker; It is that time of the year once again where we look in retrospect to the service journey that we have travelled together. As we ponder on the successes and challenge that we have confronted in the outgoing fiscal year; we are equally able to use the benefit of hindsight to plan and budget for better interventions in the ensuing year.

The Back to Basics strategy is premised mainly on the five pillars of municipal governance. Its key focus is that of ensuring that the execution of the most basic municipal functions happens in accordance with the set standards in municipalities. The following are the key pillars of the strategy:

- Good Governance,
- Public Participation,

- Basic Services,
- Sound Financial Management and
- Building Capable Institutions

As Lejweleputswa District Municipality we can confirm that no effort will be spared in the pursuit of those objectives.

One of our late struggle stalwart , Cde. Oliver Reginald Tambo; once said “A nation that does not invest in its youth has no future” Today many young school leavers who would ordinarily have struggled with registration fees in tertiary institutions have been given a head-start by the municipality through our Bursary Programme.

This budget & the IDP has been compiled in accordance with the Five Key Strategic Priorities of local Government and the National Treasury’s requirements of multi-year budgeting, the Municipal finance Management Act No.56 of 2003, the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 and all relevant legislations.

The Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 requires the Municipality to go through appropriate mechanisms, processes and procedures to consult the local community before adopting the IDP & Budget.

Following is an anticipated budget for the new financial year

• Total Operating Income	R 118,399,900
• Total Operating Expenditure	117,437,870
• Total Capital Expenditure	934,500
• Loan Redemption	2,234,256

REVENUE SUMMARY

• Operating Grants & Subsidies	R116,162,000
• Interest Earned (bank & inv)	1,839,800
• Interest Earned O/S Debtors	293,000
• Other Income	105,100
TOTAL INCOME	R118,399,900

OPERATING EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

• Employee Remuneration	R 65,749,634
• Councillor Remuneration	8,720,576
• Working Capital Reserve	292,770
• Depreciation	8,029,841
• Repairs & Maintenance	293,398
• Interest Expense	1,232,907

• Grants & Subsidies	3,550,000
• General Expenditure	23,840,228
• Contribution: Accrued Leave	5,728,516
TOTAL OPERATING EXPEND.	R117,437,870

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

• Furniture & Equipment	R 254,500
• Anti Virus/Licence	300,000
• Refurbish Old Council Chamber	380,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPEND.	R 934,500

KEY IDP PRIORITIES

• Rural Roads & Asset Mgmt Systems	R 2,189,200
• Bursaries	1,800,000
• Budget & Other Reforms	1,250,000
• Easter Festival	1,275,00
• Year-end Festival	1,000,000
• Expanded Public Works Programme	1,000,000
• Professional Fees	868,000
• Campaigns	698,390
• Poverty Alleviation	300,000
• Legal Services	300,000
• Mayoral Security	275,000
• Study Assistance	220,000
• Youth Development	150,000
• Experiential Training	150,000
• Educational Project	190,000
• Branding	120,000
• Performance Management	100,000
• Moral Regeneration	100,000
• Mandela Day	100,000
• OR Tambo Games	95,000
• Food & Control Programme	100,000
• Air Quality Programme	100,000
• Water Quality Programme	100,000
• LED Development	100,000
• Grant-In-Aid	69,330
• Disaster Relief Fund	60,900
• Children's Programme	50,000
• Women's' Day	50,000
• Communication	51,000
• HIV & Aids	40,500
• Gender/Disability & Elderly	39,500
• District AIDS Council	35,800

• Employee Wellness	30,000
• Disaster Relief Awareness	23,050
• Employee Sports	28,200
• GRANTS & SUBSIDIES	R 3,550,000
• Grant to LDA	3,500,000
• Tswelopele Local Municipality: Interest & Redemption	50,000

Honourable Speaker; we can confirm without any equivocation that no effort was spared in making sure that the compilation of this draft budget was executed in a manner which complies with the relevant provisions of the MFMA and budget related regulations.

Members of the portfolio committees and all other committees of council; we also thank you for your commitment and courageous work ethic.

We further recognise the indispensable role played by our administrative personnel and stakeholders. We encourage you to work even harder in the upcoming financial year in order to produce the kind of audit outcomes that we can all be proud of.

Honourable Speaker this draft budget and IDP is an expression of the aspirations of our people. On its own it cannot achieve the desired outcomes.

It requires the discipline and commitment of men and women who will be resolute in making sure that the institution does not punch below its weight; and that all institutional efforts are in kilt with the set norms and standards as well as the aspirations of our people.

Honourable Speaker I present for adoption the IDP and Budget for the 2016/17 financial year.

I THANK YOU