



# MANZINI

*...A city of endless possibilities*

## Manzini City Endless Possibilities

The city's endless possibilities is about "creating an environment that enables and inspire all citizens and businesses to achieve their envisioned goals". The city's competitive advantage is anchored on "Selling & Buying" which is "Trade", hence the moniker "Eswatini's Trade Hub".

This is depicted by the numerous African markets with African products, which provide alternatives to Western products available in the city shopping centres. In supporting this year's theme, the city has partnered with different stakeholders to explore Trade Endless Possibilities through the below highlighted projects;

### • Manzini Metropolitan City

Manzini is 125 years old this year which marks a great milestone for the city and its citizens with Manzini being the first area to be declared a town in the country. A city birthed from a single shop of Mr A. Bremer in the 1898, it has done tremendously well in terms of growth, development and provision of high quality municipal services. However as a city, we are inspired by understanding that there is still more work to be done and achieved through exploring the endless opportunities existing within and beyond the city boundaries. As such, we envision Manzini as being the first metropolitan city in the country which is a aspiration we plan to achieve by 2030. The city's expansionary growth concept has already commenced and being consulted upon with national government which include providing municipal services beyond the municipality boundaries, partnering and integrating with our neighbouring local authorities & leadership and private property owners (farm owners).

### • Green City

The citizens dwelling and visiting our deserve a better quality of life that can be achieved through good air quality, food security and leisure that is brought by good green spaces, urban agriculture, and sustainable food systems. In an endeavor to contribute towards the global climate change action while improving the quality of life of citizens, the city as partnered with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to conceptualize a city greening and climate smart programme to enhance environmental and food sustainability of Manzini. This programme commenced and will be fully rolled-out in year 2024.

### OUR VISION



***"A vibrant African city that innovatively provides quality service and economic opportunities to its stakeholders"***

### OUR MISSION

***"To provide quality municipal services that add value to all our customers through good governance and partnering with relevant stakeholders"***



## 1.0 City Strategy

The Municipal Council of Manzini is guided by its 5-year 2019-2024 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) as approved for implementation in 2019. This is a strategic framework developed through public participatory approach aimed at aligning the planning of all stakeholders within the city towards achievement of mutually supportive developmental objectives. The municipality is currently in the process of reviewing the 2019-2024 Integrated Development Plan whereupon, a new strategy for the city will be developed and promulgated by 2024.

## • Tourist Destination

The tourism sector was identified by the city in 2015 as one of the key sectors that play key role in the economic development of the city and job creation. The city has implemented numerous tourism activation activities whereby the hospitality and food industry in particular benefitted immensely. This was achieved through the partnership with various stakeholders in particular Eswatini Tourism whereby the city tourism sites and tourism products provided by SMMEs and large businesses were marketed domestically and internationally. The tourism programme will be heightened in the year 2024 whereby the new developments being undertaken in the city will be integrated to anchor Manzini as a tourist destination in the country.

## • Package I Infrastructure

The city partnered with AG Thomas (Pty) Ltd to undertake the execution of the Package I infrastructure projects which consists of one bridge and a set of nine streets to a value of E45m. This programme included rehabilitation of Tikhuba, Mimosa, Southern Distributor Road and the construction of Bosco Bridge across the Mzimbene River. The programme is still underway towards finalizing works at Mfomfo, Mnumbela, Mcobhe and Mncozi Streets.

## • Package II Infrastructure

The city partnered with Stefanutti Stocks (Pty) Ltd to develop a set of five streets and a bridge to the value of E27m. The project entailed reconstruction and rehabilitation of Mentjies Street, the minor rehabilitation of Mentjies Street Bridge, rehabilitation of Mahleka Street, rehabilitation of portions of Martin, Masalesikhundleni and Tenbergen Streets. This infrastructure programme has been completed and the streets already in use by the public.

## • Central Business District (CBD) Upgrading

The municipality has completed the designs for upgrading the city's CBD infrastructure into a modern sustainable urban center. This project is planned to be undertaken in partnership with national government and private sector stakeholders with an objective to integrate with the massive developments taking place in the city. The project costing is at conceptualization stage and will be finalized in the current year.

## • Energy Saving and Smart Lighting

In an endeavor to improve on its efficiencies, the city is implementing an energy saving programme using alternative sources of energy and better controlling energy use of city infrastructure. The programme entails replacing old inefficient lighting equipment with LED lights, solar lighting and in the market for a smart system to regulate the lighting infrastructure. This programme is planned to be escalated in partnership with private sector and the country's electricity company for a rollout to all city infrastructure and community at large. The upfront



investment towards this initiative will be increased from E500, 000.00 to over a million while establishing methods of recouping savings from expenditures towards energy.

## • Fairview Mixed-Use Commercial Centre

This aim of this project is to provide community amenities with shopping experiences at the doorstep. The Centre will be located in Fairview South with its Phase I planned to be completed by December 2024 and the Phase II in consequent years. The Centre consists of retail shops, fuel station, a drive-through eatery and hardware shops. The phase I investment towards this project is E70m and E60m for phase II. It is envisaged that the project will create about (500) job opportunities during the construction phase and over (250) permanent jobs at completion.

## • Mkhosi Township Phase II

The city has planned to develop a Mkhosi Township below Coates Valley with the delivery of (110) residential plots. This is a phase II of the township, which is, aimed at empowering citizens with home ownership especially first time owners. The project is estimated at E36m with a completion period of the 2024/2025 Financial Year.

## • Autism Centre

In an endeavour to support the citizens with children living with the autism spectrum disorder (ASD) conditions, the city has constructed and opened an autism centre servicing over 50 children every month. The city has commenced with constructing a phase II of the centre adding another wing to provide more autism services. The project is expected to be completed in financial year 2024/2025 at a total cost of E5m.

## • Manzini Regional Mall

The Manzini Regional Mall is a destination shopping centre planned by national government with a private developer at the Old Trade Fair site. The shopping centre is planned to consist of an over 200 beds hotel with surrounding retail outlets, eateries and a public transportation terminal. The project is expected to commence in the beginning of 2024 in a two phased approach with an estimated investment of over E3 billion. The project is expected to create over 1,000 jobs and play a key role in stimulating the city's economic growth.

## • Manzini Arch Shopping Mall

The Manzini Arch Shopping Mall is another destination mall that is expected to provide a differentiated shopping experience to various clientele living and visiting Manzini city. The commercial

centre is being developed by national government in partnership with the private sector at an estimated investment of E3 billion, located by the golf course area. The centre consist of retail shops, eateries, town houses, amusement park and other services and expected to commence in the beginning of 2024.

## Conclusion

The overall objective of these investments is to create job opportunities, stimulate economic growth while providing international standard leisure and shopping experiences. Further, such magnificent developments will inspire and create an enabling environment that inspire citizens and the business sector to pursue their goals through believing in the city's "endless opportunities".



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