


| MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI |                 |                         |
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**WELCOME REMARKS BY MANZINI MAYOR, HONOURABLE COUNCILLOR NOZIPHO DLAMINI-GAMEDZE, DURING A VISIT TO THE CITY BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR HOUSING & URBAN**

**DEVELOPMENT**


**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Venue:** Council Chamber

**Time:** 9am


- PROGRAMME DIRECTOR
  - HONOURABLE MINISTER
  - MANZINI REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
  - MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FOR MANZINI NORTH & MANZINI SOUTH TINKHUNDLA
  - DEPUTY MAYOR & HONOURABLE COUNCILLORS
  - PRINCIPAL SECRETARY & SENIOR HOUSING MINISTRY OFFICIALS
  - REGIONAL SECRETARY
  - AMICAALL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
  - MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT PRESENT
  - DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
  - MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA
  - LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
- IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME OUR MINISTER, THE HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, TO OUR CITY.
  - HONOURABLE MINISTER; WE ARE HONOURED BY YOUR PRESENCE IN OUR MUNICIPALITY TODAY AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR DESIRE TO TAKE A TOUR OF OUR VIBRANT CITY.

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- FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR WINNING THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.
  
- AS SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED THE CHALLENGES OF CANVASSING FOR VOTES DURING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, I CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE IMMENSE EFFORT AND DEDICATION REQUIRED TO SECURE VICTORY AT PARLIAMENTARY LEVEL.
  
- HONOURABLE MINISTER; YOUR ACHIEVEMENT IS TRULY COMMENDABLE AND IT IS TESTAMENT TO YOUR COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE.
  
- I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU, HONOURABLE MINISTER, FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.
  
- THIS IS A CRUCIAL PORTFOLIO THAT PLAYS A PIVOTAL ROLE IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OUR CITIES AND COMMUNITIES. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOUR LEADERSHIP AND VISION WILL BRING ABOUT POSITIVE CHANGE AND FOSTER SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

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- I MUST THANK THE MINISTRY FOR THE INDUCTION THAT WE WERE EXPOSED TO WHEN WE ASSUMED OFFICE. THE INSIGHTS GAINED DURING THE INDUCTION HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE IN UNDERSTANDING OUR MANDATE AS A MUNICIPALITY.
  
- I MUST ALSO ASSURE YOU, HONOURABLE MINISTER, THAT THE MANAGEMENT, AS LED BY THE CEO, GAVE US A WARM WELCOME AND EXPOSED US TO A FURTHER ORIENTATION EXERCISE WHICH GAVE US INSIGHT INTO THE INTRICATE FUNCTIONS OF OUR MUNICIPALITY.
  
- AS NEW COUNCILLORS WE HAVE BEEN FULLY EQUIPPED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND TOOLS NECESSARY TO EFFECTIVELY SERVE OUR CITIZENS; AND I MUST SAY THAT WE ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO SERVING OUR CITY.
  
- WE STRONGLY BELIEVE IN THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE CITY'S NEW TOWN PLANNING SCHEME AND THE NEW CITY'S INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHOSE DEVELOPMENT IS ALREADY UNDERWAY. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THESE GUIDING FRAMEWORKS WILL SET THE TONE FOR THE CITY'S DEVELOPMENT AND PROPEL US TOWARDS ACHIEVING FIRST WORLD STATUS.
  
- I AM HAPPY THAT THIS MORNING WE HAVE AMONGST US MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FOR OUR CITY AND THE OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR. THIS IS AN INDICATION OF THE GREAT TEAMWORK THAT LIES AHEAD OF US AS WE CONTINUE TO PUSH

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TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE UNITED NATIONS 2030 AGENDA ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

- I MUST ASSURE YOU, HONOURABLE MINISTER, THAT AS COUNCILLORS WE ATTENDED THE NATIONAL SIBAYA AND HEARD THE PEOPLE'S SUBMISSIONS, FIRST-HAND. HIS MAJESTY'S DIRECTIVE FOR US TO PRIORITISE THE ISSUES RAISED DURING SIBAYA IS STILL FRESH IN OUR MINDS.
  
- NDVUNA YENKHOSI; I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT AS COUNCILLORS WE STAND READY TO SUPPORT YOUR OFFICE THROUGHOUT YOUR TERM IN OFFICE.
  
- MAY I END MY REMARKS BY HUMBLY REQUESTING YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR MUNICIPALITY. YOUR GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN OVERCOMING CHALLENGES AND SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES TOWARDS IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE CITY'S CITIZENS.
  
- WE TRUST THAT THE TOUR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A GENUINE FEEL OF OUR CITY AND ITS IMMENSE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL.
  
- ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR GRACING US WITH YOUR PRESENCE THIS MORNING.

**I THANK YOU**

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