


MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI		
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WELCOME REMARKS BY MANZINI MAYOR, HONOURABLE COUNCILLOR NOZIPHO DLAMINI-GAMEDZE, DURING AN ORIENTATION WORKSHOP FOR WARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES


Date: 10th February 2024 **Venue:** Zakhele Community Hall **Time:** 9am

- **PROGRAMME DIRECTOR**
- **HONOURABLE DEPUTY MAYOR**
- **HONOURABLE COUNCILLORS**
- **ACTING CEO, MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THE MUNICIPALITY**
- **WARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**
- **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

I GREET YOU ALL.

- I STAND BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING AS THE MAYOR OF OUR VIBRANT CITY TO EXTEND MY HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU; MEMBERS OF THE WARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES.
- YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY YOUR FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO PROVIDE US, WARD COUNCILLORS, WITH THE SUPPORT THAT WE NEED IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WE REACH OUT TO ALL CORNERS OF OUR WARDS AND MAKE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS INVOLVED AND FEEL THAT THEY ARE CARED FOR BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

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- I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR YOUR TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT ORIENTATION WORKSHOP.

- YOUR WILLINGNESS TO COLLABORATE WITH US AS WARD COUNCILLORS IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES IS INVALUABLE. IT IS THIS SPIRIT OF COOPERATION THAT WILL ENABLE US TO ACHIEVE OUR SHARED GOALS.

- LET US REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE OF TEAMWORK AND RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER. AS WE WORK, WE WILL SOMETIMES HAVE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE OF THINGS BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY LET US ENSURE TO REACH COMMON GROUND AND STRIVE FOR UPLIFTMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF CITIZENS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. TOGETHER WE HAVE THE POWER TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE AND BUILD A CITY THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF.

- AS I CONCLUDE, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE CITY'S 5-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN IS COMING TO AN END NEXT MONTH. THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A NEW PLAN THAT WILL GUIDE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY UNTIL 2030 HAS BEGUN. THIS IS THE TIME TO SET A NEW VISION FOR THE CITY AND SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS IS, THEREFORE, CRITICAL.

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- IN THE COMING WEEKS, WE WILL BE ROLLING OUT WARD-BY-WARD CONSULTATIONS; STARTING BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH. THE CONSULTATIONS WILL PROVIDE AN OPEN PLATFORM FOR RESIDENTS TO VOICE THEIR OPINION AND IDEAS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY IN THE NEXT 6 YEARS.

- AS WARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES, WORKING TOGETHER WITH US WARD COUNCILLORS, YOU HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY IN ENSURING THAT AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE FROM YOUR WARDS PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATIONS.

- DURING THIS WORKSHOP WE WILL DELVE DEEPER INTO THE TOPIC OF GOVERNANCE AND ALSO EXPLORE THE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE WARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES.

- ONCE AGAIN, MAY I TAKE THIS MOMENT TO WELCOME YOU TO THE ORIENTATION WORKSHOP. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INTERACT DURING THE QUESTIONS-AND-ANSWER SESSIONS. ALSO MAKE TIME TO MINGLE DURING THE TEA AND LUNCH BREAKS AND SHARE IDEAS.

I THANK YOU

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