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**Executive Mayor, Cllr Mzwandile Masina and Members of the Mayoral Committee**

**The Speaker of Council, Cllr Patricia Kumalo**

**The Acting City Manager and the Senior Management**

**Regional Office Bearers of the African National Congress in Ekurhuleni**

**Greetings to all attendees**

On behalf of the ANC Caucus I would like to start by expressing our appreciation for the opportunity granted to us to be part of this important Mayoral Lekgotla, which will be charting a path for this 4<sup>th</sup> administration.

We are pleased that this lekgotla is taking place just after the ANC REC Governance and ANC Caucus strategic planning sessions. As such, the input will articulate both the short and medium term political imperatives emanating from our political deliberations and resolve.

For this term of office, we resolved that the character of the ANC Caucus is that of a **“Conscious, Mass based and Service Delivery Driven ANC Caucus”**. Noting that the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Council is an ANC led municipality, it is our expectation therefore that this character ought to be emulated by those who are entrusted with both the executive and administrative responsibilities.

In this regard,

- We need an administration that will have a proper knowledge and internalise the political mandated to be pursued;
- An administration that will have a practical sense of the environment and the challenges faced by our communities and;
- An administration that will be a beacon of hope in our quest of accelerating service delivery and development.

It should also be known that as the African National Congress Caucus we have pledged that our commitment to serve the people of Ekurhuleni is a standing commitment. This tone should further resonate with the administrative leadership and that your day to day work must give expression to this commitment.

**Executive Mayor**, our political mandate for this term is underpinned by the:

- 2016 Local government manifesto, the localised commitments
- Pertinent ANC Regional conference resolutions and its related short and medium term programme of action coming from the recent strategic planning as well as;
- The Growth and Development Strategy (GDS)

Although it is not a panacea, our support for the GDS is informed by the fact that modern cities require a long term planning trajectory which must translate into a real capable, developmental and sustainable City of Ekurhuleni. Our appeal therefore is that whilst we advance the GDS, the provision of quality and sustainable services is our inherent priority.

Following the ANC REC governance lekgotla which assessed the extent to which the municipality has implemented the 2011 to 2016 mandate, the ANC Caucus, as guided and directed by the ANC consolidated the focused areas for this term. I must state it upfront that the ANC's tone is clear and that is to:

- Ensure a programmatic municipality
- An Executive and Administration that is focused
- An Executive and Administrative leadership that must accelerate service delivery and development with lessor excuses and,
- A municipality that is generally responsive.

Therefore, the following focus areas have been resolved upon to be institutionalised by the municipality:

## **ON GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC CLUSTER**

1. Whilst Integrated Development Plan incorporates Cities imperatives, there should be a **significant budget allocation to Ward based community needs**, especially the top five priorities that meet the SMART principles.
2. **Maximum capital spending on infrastructure, 90%** will be an acceptable standard.
3. **Upholding of good governance and clean administration:** by sustaining the clean audit, vetting of SCM personnel, Heads of Departments, Divisional Heads, Project Managers and Bid Committee Members. We support the continuation of public view of tenders and quarterly reporting on our response to fraud and corruption.
4. **Transformation and Efficient procurement:** Full scale implementation of Mintirho Ya Vula Vula components with 30% set aside on all tenders for local economic development. Ring-fencing of 30% of capital projects to youth, women and people with disabilities. We must consider expanding Bid Committees including dedicated committees for Mintirho project.
5. **Finalisation of Vukuphile Phase 3 recruitment**, this must be completed by October 2016.
6. **Grant in Aid prioritisation** (R100 Million): 40% local economic development, 40% for **developmental** Sports, Arts and Cultural and 20% for Social programs.
7. **Increase investment towards tertiary bursary allocation** (R100 Million) given that local government must support education as one of the National government APEX priority. *Important is that for the next five years bursary must support courses that are technical and that addresses the critical skills, both at FET and university level.*
8. Convening of a **Summit on the Ekurhuleni University of Technology** with a view to develop a paper to be formally tabled with the Higher Education Department.
9. Re-positioning of the Springs Fresh Produced Market to a regional market, in this regard the name must be changed to **Ekurhuleni Fresh Produce Market**.
10. Finalising the setting up of **Ekurhuleni Development Agency**. We urgently need a functional Ekurhuleni Development Agency that will facilitate and drive key developmental projects including the development of incentive scheme for business investment. Further review the composition of **Ekurhuleni Business Council**.

11. **Undertake the review of the EPWP approach including the Lungile Mtshali Community Development Programme** – The current form of the project must be changed. The projects must contribute towards changing and improving the township outlook (urban acupuncture and must leave physical legacy)
12. **Single City Branding and profiling of all prominent Ekurhuleni Estates**
13. The implementation of the **10 point economic plan** must incorporate **Agriculture** and **township economic hub** (similar to Vilakazi Street). The process of transferring township shops must also be given the necessary attention.
14. Programme to **minimise billing inaccuracies including the use of interim**. We must also intensify the E-Siyakhokha programme including the piloting of self-serving kiosks.

## **ON INFRASTRUCTURE CLUSTER**

1. **Focused infrastructure development** and maintenance programme. Roads and Stormwater programme with greater focusing on the Far East.
2. **Investment in water infrastructure** to ensure the security of water supply.
3. **Progressive installation of Infrastructure for the construction of 100 000 houses and 59 000 services stands** with clear annual targets and specific areas. This must prioritise the 1996 list and township born backroom dwellers.
4. The construction of decent **high rise human settlement in a form of modern complexes for the middle is also a priority**.
5. **Scaling up the provision of basic services in all categories of informal settlements** including the acceleration of re-blocking and electrification programme to qualifying informal settlements.
6. Accelerate the **construction of a modern municipal precinct** – this cannot be postponed.
7. **Unleashing of strategic land parcels**. Immediate issuance of development proposals for leisure and recreational facilities for Germiston Lake. Of note is that land ownership must remain with the municipality in all strategic developments.
8. **Consolidation of Real Estate asset portfolio** and presentation of a **realistic plan on how we intend to drive development through the exploitation of our property portfolio** along with **Public Private Partnerships**.
9. The construction of **IRPTN infrastructure must be completed as soon as possible** and that processes relating to the readiness of bus operation must be worked on with speed as well.
10. Rolling out of **Wi-Fi connectivity to Further Education and Training Colleges**.
11. Value adding and **departmental based EPMO** which must result into increased capital spending and reduction of avoidable outsourcing.

## **ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

1. Maintain a **pro-poor social package** with regards to the provision of basic services.
2. **Speeding up the allocation of houses with title deeds** including hostel family units.
3. Piloting of additional **five 24hour primary health care services**.

4. **Upgrading of community parks to a modern standard facilities.** Eight modern parks to be built or upgraded in townships at the same level as the Spruitview Park.
5. **Signature Event** that promotes social vibrancy, arts and culture, tourism and local economy: **"Ekurhuleni Social Lifestyle Week" in October 2017** (Beauty pageant / Fashion, Comedy, Gospel and Choral, Music Festival including Jazz).
6. **Developmental sports, arts and cultural programme targeting Youth.** The Municipality should provide strategic support to local programs that are developmental and that promotes social cohesion.
7. **Professional, automated and responsive** customer relations management. Launching of a functional service query application, to capture and report.
8. Comprehensive environmental well-being programme for the City that is accompanied by strong By-law enforcement against illegal structures and trading.
9. Functional **land invasion unit** and concluding the process of **Traffic Warden.**
10. Construction of a **regional drug rehabilitation** facility.

## **IN CONCLUSION**

**Executive Mayor and your team,** as I indicated earlier, all these critical focus areas should be institutionalised as a programme of action and that Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plans must integrate these along with the normal operations.

We will obviously exercise strong political oversight with regards to the implementation of these cluster focus areas. I must also state it that we will support Executive and Administration in delivering the aforementioned focus areas. We will equally advocate for consequence management when we are of the view that there is poor performance is so fa as implementing these political imperatives.

Our appeal is that there must be focus, commitments and preparedness especially from the Senior Management of the institution to drive implementation of this programme. We unfortunately do not have the pleasure and luxury of taking too long to implement, we must hit the ground running. The residence of Ekurhuleni are expecting no less, but better service and development. We must therefore, all of us must **pledge that our commitment to serve the people of Ekurhuleni is a standing commitment.**

We wish you a progressive and productive Mayoral Lekgotla, hoping that you will indeed chart a transformative path for the city and its residents.

**ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY!!!**