



**STATEMENT BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,
CLLR TREVINO FORBES,**

AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING,

05 AUGUST 2021, 18:00

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WALVIS BAY

Honorable Regional Councilors

Fellow Honorable Councillors

Mr. Frans !Gonteb, *Acting* Chief Executive Officer of
the Municipality of Walvis Bay

Members of Management and staff of the Municipality
of Walvis Bay

Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen

I wish to announce that the Office of the Governor, in collaboration with the Municipality of Walvis Bay and the Ministry of Health and Social Services, will be commencing a drive-through vaccination initiative in Walvis Bay. This will take place at the Jan Wilken Stadium on a date soon to be communicated.

The initiative is part of the Erongo Vaccination Campaign for Covid-19 which was established to encourage residents to get vaccinated and reach herd immunity in the Erongo Region. Vaccination is the only way to help the world recover from the misery caused by the pandemic.

I would like to thank the Governor of Erongo Region for his efforts in the fight against Covid-19 in our region and in the same breath I would once again like to encourage residents of Walvis Bay and Erongo Region at large to get vaccinated.

Ladies and gentlemen:

In recent days there has been a cloud of mistrust and frustrations from the community towards Council. I would like to assure our residents that one of this Council's main objective is to make sure that we follow the proper guidelines in our decision making which is by following the correct directives in line with the Local Authority Act. This might delay some of the decision making by the Council but the residents can rest assured that Council is determined to restore this Municipality to its former glory.

Before I conclude, I would like to inform Council employees that we are aware that they have not been shielded from the housing issue that is affecting the whole nation. Council is also looking at means to cater to your needs while not neglecting those of our residents.

Thank you for your time, Ladies and Gentlemen.