



**OPENING REMARKS BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,
COUNCILLOR TREVINO FORBES,**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE
RE-TABLING OF THE 2021-2022 BUDGET**

**MONDAY, 31ST MAY 2021, @ 18:00
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTER**

Honourable Florian T Donatus, Walvis Bay Rural

Constituency Councillor Honourable Deriou

Benson, Walvis Bay Urban Constituency

Councillor;

Fellow Councillors;

Reverend Alleta Nyati;

Mr. Frans !Gonteb, *Acting* Chief Executive Officer;

Management and all staff members present;

Distinguished invited guests;

Members of the Media.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the re-tabling of the 2021/2022 Budget & Tariffs for Council's deliberation and adoption.

Council on 11 May 2021 resolved that the budget was not going to be accepted as the Council had to re-consider some of the contributions received by the public during the different consultative public meetings held during the first week of May 2021.

As the Chairperson of Management Committee will reveal, the new budget will continue to demonstrate Council's determination to sustain and improve service delivery to the inhabitants of Walvis Bay.

Considering the total outstanding services debt of N\$ 293 million, i would humbly encourage our residents to keep on paying your utility services. This will ensure that Council will continuously be able to provide much needed services as mandated by the legislation. I also urge all residents to make use of the Amnesty interest period that is applicable until the end of December this year.

Council would like to thank the public for their patience and valuable contributions during the public meetings held earlier in the month. These consultative meetings highlighted the matters that Council should focus on and what the residents' expectations are. Based on the outcome and the recommendations of the residents, Council feels it

is now also in a better position to better plan for projects in the next financial year and beyond.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to please make use of the Mayoral suggestion boxes. Your input and suggestions via these boxes is a communication tool with Council and it would be appreciated and equally considered during our planning.

With the Minister's Covid-19 update last week I would like to urge each resident to please continue to adhere to these new regulations.

Ladies and gentlemen, I now have the pleasure to announce that Councilor Leroy Victor, Chairperson of the management Committee, is ready to go into

more details as he will table the budget for the 2021/2022 Financial year.

Thank you, Councilor Victor.