



**STATEMENT BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,**

**CLLR. TREVINO FORBES,**

**AT THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2022**

**VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE**

Your Worship the Deputy Mayor

Chairperson of Management Committee

Fellow Councilors

Mr. Frans Gonteb, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Members of the Executive Management and Staff of the Municipality of Walvis Bay

Distinguished Invited Guests

Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Evening

I am pleased to address you this evening on the occasion of our first Ordinary Council Meeting for the year 2022, and to welcome you back after the recess. I trust that everyone has had a well-deserved break and is ready for the work ahead.

This year should and would be the year of action. We have learned a lot from last year. We know what the challenges are, and we know, no problem come without a solution, so this year we are solving problems, be it roads or sewage, solutions must be found and implemented. I urge the Administration to act on resolutions made by Council with more urgency.

Farm 37 is part of our priorities this year, our people are growing impatient. I am sure we have the support of all stakeholders in this regard. The Councillors and I will give our assurance that we will sit down and identify all the challenges that we face in Walvis Bay and find ways to iron them all out.

I was left surprised last year coming into office to find this huge institution being run without a strategic plan, but I am proud to say that the plan that we started on last year will be completed early this year, together with the Local Economic Development Plan, as this year we plan to

get things done. I trust that my fellow Councilors' and the administration are united in the move for progress in our town.

Every decision we take and every resolution to be executed should be in the interest of Walvis Bay and its residence. Let me be very clear fellow councilors', the positions we have here in Council is not ours but, belongs to those who voted us in power and we should represent them at all cost. Let us not disappoint those who put their trust in us.

Fellow Councilors, ladies and gentlemen,

The subject of cleanliness of our town is a reoccurring challenge that requires yet again a collective responsibility from us all.

In conclusion, I would like to wish everyone a very productive and successful 2022 and may all our efforts reflect that we have the best interests of our city and all its inhabitants at heart!

I thank you.