



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

AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING,

21 SEPTEMBER 2021, 18:00

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WALVIS BAY

Honorable Regional Councilors

Fellow Honorable Councillors

Mr. Muronga Haingura, 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

Before I proceed with my notes for the day, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Honorable Ryan Riccardo Gordon for joining Council, although not through the best circumstance. The oath you just took will be a constant reminder to be of service and put the needs of the residents of Walvis above your own. Being a mixed Council, as chairperson of this Council, it is my patriotic obligation to tell you that the road will not be smooth. There will be difference of opinions but the most important aspect to remember is that it is our core responsibility to ensure that each decision taken in by Council benefits our community, without impacting the Municipality negatively.

Councilor Gordon, we are excited having you on board and I wish you a fruitful and productive stay in Council.

Moving on ladies and gentlemen

The Municipality of Walvis Bay is currently conducting the 5-yearly general valuation of all properties within

the Walvis Bay jurisdiction. Section 66(2)(b) of the Local Authorities Act prescribes that there shall be a general valuation of all rateable properties at intervals of not more than 5 years.

For this purpose, Lyapi Real Estates Properties and Trading CC, a Master of the High Court of Namibia endorsed appraiser, was appointed to conduct the valuations. This is a team of young, qualified valuers and by using them, the Municipality also contributes to the empowerment of our youth. They have commenced with the valuation process, which entails a physical inspection of each property.

The valuation team was issued with appointment letters containing the name, identity number and photograph of each valuer, as well as a municipal identification card, and must show these when they present themselves at any property for the valuation inspection. Residents are reminded to allow access to their properties to these valuers to do the required

inspections and measurements. It must however be emphasized that the inside of any residential house is not valued and therefore the valuers do not need access to the inside of any house.

Lastly, it is a criminal offence under section 67(6) of the Act to hinder or obstruct the valuer in the exercise and performance of his or her duties and we call on all residents to provide their full cooperation to the valuers.

Before I conclude, I would like to inform the public that Council is looking into having public meetings in all three suburbs before the year end.

I would also like to remind the residents of Walvis Bay that although the President has relaxed the COVID-19 regulation, the pandemic is still very much amongst us and taking lives every day. I urge everyone to remain vigilant and continue to take the necessary precaution

to protect themselves and those around them against this virus.

Thank you for your time, Ladies and Gentlemen.