



**STATEMENT BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,  
CLLR TREVINO FORBES,  
AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING,  
06 APRIL 2022, 10:00,  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
WALVIS BAY**

Honorable Regional Councilors

Fellow Honorable Councillors

Mr. John Esterhuizen, 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

It has come to my attention that the issue of people taking names and making lists for people to be moved to farm 37 is still on going. In some cases, people are even taking money claiming it as admin cost. Let me be clear, no private person, organization or political party will dictate the list of people to be relocated. That mandate lies with the Municipal Council. Residents are advised to refrain from entertaining such activities or being victimized by these people.

Ladies and gentlemen

I would like to call on those who were in leadership position before us to unite in our response to challenges facing our town instead of playing the blame game. For me as mayor, there is no higher calling than restoring the dignity of our residents. Having been elected in our positions as councilors, we made promises, but whether we deliver on those promises often depends on how we all work together.

True leadership is about making a positive impact on the lives of people. To my councilors I want you to ask yourself, thus far, have you made an impact? When you leave this council after your full term, what will you say you have done to make a difference, what will you be remembered for?

There is no doubt that some hard choices will have to be made and none of this is going to be easy. But we must and we will do the hard work within this council with transparency, integrity, and determination to pave the way to

delivering and make good on our promises. No official in Walvis Bay, elected or appointed should ever profit from his or her office, we are for the service to the people and not ourselves the dignity of our people and our town depends on it.

We all know that housing is one of our biggest concerns, with some of our residents still living in the Narraville rugby club house which was the result of being evicted from their homes due to the effect of covid-19. We also have the fire victims that are unable to rebuild

after losing everything in devastating fires, I would like to assure the residents of Walvis Bay that the office of the Mayor is working on a housing project that is aimed at answering the outcry for low cost housing in our town. The full plan will be shared on this platform once all stakeholders have been consulted fully, as the project is still in its infant stage.

Before I conclude I would like to leave you with something I read sometime back and it stuck with me:

- Risk more than others think is safe.
- Care more than others think is wise.
- Dream more than others think is practical.
- Expect more than others think is possible.

These short four lines ask each of us to reach beyond ourselves, to dig deep, to push the negative aside and reach for the most positive outcome.

I thank you