



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

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE
TABLING OF THE 2022-2023 BUDGET**

WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY 2022, @ 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

Mr. David Uushona, *Acting* Chief Executive Officer

Management and all staff members present

Distinguished invited guests

Members of the Media

Welcome to the tabling of the 2021/2022 Budget & Tariffs for Council's deliberation and adoption.

The new budget, as the Chairperson of the Management Committee will reveal, continues to demonstrate the Council's determination to improve service delivery to the residents of Walvis Bay. In reviewing and approving the annual budget, we had to ensure that we allocate our resources responsibly and per our community's values, to help our residents flourish. I want to thank all the community members who participated in the budget process.

I would also like to thank the staff members who worked hard this year to compile budget reports and the more than 500 people who work for the Municipality of Walvis Bay. Your commitment is what will make this Municipality great again. We cannot thank you enough for the work you do.

For the 2023/2024 budget, I hope that Council will focus its effort on presenting an ACTIVITY-BASED BUDGET, which will have to outline and organize the entire budget around key activities rather than budget categories. Activity-based budgeting is central to helping all of us identify the investments and choices we make in the budget. It will help us say what Council will do as we develop and review the budget, and it adds transparency and accountability in detail.

The budget is our town's primary policy document. It reflects the Council's priorities and states many of the Council's goals and objectives. It should reflect community input and specific goals while being transparent, measurable, and importantly, encourage accountability for us all, thus enhancing the quality of life for all our residents.

Ladies and gentlemen, I now have the pleasure to announce that Councilor Richard Hoaeb, Chairperson of the Management Committee, is ready to go into more details as he will table the budget for the 2022/2023 Financial year.

Thank you, Councilor Hoaeb.