



STATEMENT BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,

CLLR. TREVINO FORBES,

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 06 SEPTEMBER 2022

VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE

Your Worship the Deputy Mayor

Chairperson of Management Committee

Fellow Councilors

Mr. David Uushona, 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!

As we enter the last quarter of the year, I would like to plead that we should not allow our political differences to hinder decision-making within this Council. If we politicize everything in this Council, it will affect governance and management negatively and thus the growth of this town and our residents.

With lack of housing being a nationwide problem, the availability of plots/land through the establishment of a new township called Bakersville seems to be the solution to Walvis Bay's housing needs. However, Council would like to clarify that Bakersville is a private development, and the Municipality of Walvis Bay has no part in it. Any queries, questions, or payments should be directed

to the Bakersville Namibia developers. Council is in no position to advise or encourage those who want to invest in the properties offered by Bakersville. Through my office, I will consult the relevant government office to get clarity on the matter and establish how one person was able to receive land bigger than Walvis Bay itself.

As has been the custom, the office of the Mayor organizes an annual Mayoral Fundraising Gala to raise funds for the Mayoral Relief fund. This year the fundraising Gala will take place on the 1st of October 2022 at the Municipal Town Hall from 18h30. I hereby invite the business community, corporate companies, NGOs, parastatals, and individuals to join us at the Gala dinner and celebrate the spirit of giving and sharing. By buying

a seat, table, or pledging at the fundraising gala, you will be supporting the fund whose main objective is to assist the most vulnerable members of our community. With the current economic downturn, the number of requests for assistance through the fund has increased drastically over the past two years. The aim is to raise enough funds to be able to be in a position where we do not turn anyone away who truly needs our assistance.

We promise to give our guests an experience they will not forget.

Before ending my remarks for this evening, I would like to inform our residents that Council will be having public meetings from 19 to the 23rd of September 2022. The main objective of these

public meetings is to engage the residents on the progress of projects as well as highlight the difficulties in executing and dealing with some of the projects. I encourage our residents to come out in numbers so we can have a fruitful engagement.

I thank you.