

Minutes

of Ordinary Council Meeting of the Local Authority Council of Walvis Bay, held in the Civic Centre Council Chambers, Nangolo Mbumba Drive, Walvis Bay on Tuesday 28 January 2025 at 18:03

Present:

Governor of the Erongo Region Honourable Neville Andre

Councillors

Councillor T Forbes (Chairperson)

Councillor S Mutondoka

Councillor R Hoaeb

Councillor L Victor

Councillor O Andrews

Councillor R Bramwell

Councillor P Kauhondamwa

Councillor R Gordon

Councillor A Nkoshi

Councillor E Shozi

Officials

Acting Chief Executive Officer (FI !Gonteb)

General Manager: Roads and Building Control (T Potgieter)

General Manager: Community and Economic Development (E Mwanyekange)

Acting General Manager: Water, Waste and Environmental Management (D Dreyer)

Acting General Manager: Human Resources and Corporate Services (J Kruger)

Acting Manager: Public Relations and Customer Service (A Kaihiva)

Communications Officer (K Stoffels)

Personal Secretary to the Mayor (S Tjaveondja)

Acting Corporate Officer (G !Gaoses)

Other:

Members of the media: Two (2) Members

Members of the public: Fifteen (15) Members



1. **OPENING** (File 3/1)

The Chairperson invited a member from the gallery to open the meeting with a prayer. Thereafter the Chairperson welcomed all members present and declared the meeting as officially open.

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2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

On a proposal by Councillor R Hoaeb, seconded by Councillor O Andrews, the agenda was adopted as is.

No interests were declared.

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3. **APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL** (File 3/3/1/4)

None.

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4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

4.1 On a proposal by Councillor O Andrews, seconded by Councillor L Victor, it was:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting – Election of office bearers for the 2024 term of office held on Thursday 28 November 2024, be confirmed and approved.

4.2 *Councillor E Shoji, as guided by Rule 7(7) of the Standing Rules of Order, requested that the minutes be approved with the addition of statements made by him that were omitted from the minutes, to be inserted so that the minutes reflect the correct discussions.*

No objections against the insertion of his statements in the minutes were raised, hence the minutes were approved and adopted with the following amendments:

Second paragraph: "Councillor Shoji stated that, on the day of his suspension, which was 29 August 2024, Councillor O Andrews was present, and a quorum was met. Councillor Shoji added that..."

Fourth paragraph: "Councillor Shoji referred to the confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 08 October 2024, that were confirmed on 29 October 2024, when Councillor L Victor responded..."

On a proposal by Councillor R Bramwell, seconded by Councillor O Andrews, it was:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 03 December 2024, be confirmed and approved with the amendments on Page 5.

The Governor of the Erongo Region, Honourable Neville Andre joined the meeting at this point.



- 4.3 On a proposal by Councillor S Mutondoka, seconded by Councillor O Andrews, it was:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Monday 20 January 2025, be confirmed and approved.

5. **INTERVIEWS WITH DEPUTATIONS OR PERSONS SUMMONED OR REQUESTED TO ATTEND MEETING** (File 3/3/2/3/2)

None.

6. **STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairperson extended a great welcome to the Governor of the Erongo Region, Honourable Neville Andre, and stated that he is making a statement with no prepared speech.

He expressed his concern with the neglected state that the town of Walvis Bay is in, describing it as "the worst state the town has ever been in" and that the delays in action to address the state of decay is not to be placed on any of the councillors.

He further informed the meeting that the Municipal Council finances are currently at the healthiest and pleaded with the administrative staff to complete all outstanding projects without delay and for the development of the town.

In conclusion the Chairperson stated that there will be no excuse for incomplete projects and that actions will be taken against staff members responsible for further delays.

7. **PETITIONS** (File 3/2/1/6)

No petitions were received.

8. **MOTIONS OF MEMBERS** (File 3/3/1/1)

No motions were received.

9. **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN** (File 3/3/1/2)

The meeting noted that the Chief Executive Officer will provide answers to the questions Councillor E Shoji posed in a letter dated 20 November 2024, at the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2025.



10. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR JANUARY 2025

[Report referred to in section 26(1)(e) of the Local Authorities Act]

The Chairperson of the Management Committee must put the report to the Council for information. The report may be discussed but no motion or proposal on the report may be introduced.

None.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR JANUARY 2025

The Chairperson of the Management Committee individually proposed the recommendations of the Management Committee to the Council for consideration - Rule 22(2), and unless there are dissentient votes against a recommendation each recommendation is regarded as seconded Rule 22(5) and adopted by general consensus.

None.

12. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES & THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

None.

13. MINUTES OF ASSOCIATIONS**13.1 Management Committee of the Association for Local Authorities (ALAN) (File 12/1/2/1/2)**

No minutes received.

13.2 National Executive Committee of the Namibia Association of Local Authorities Officers (NALAO) (File 12/1/2/1/11)

No minutes received.

13.3 Namibia National Mayors' Forum (File 12/1/2/1/17)

No minutes received.



The meeting terminated at 18:20.


CHAIRPERSON

6/3/25

Date of confirmation of minutes: 06/03/2025

Acting


CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

6/3/2025

Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes compiled by:

Gwenneth !Gaoses