



- BUDGET SPEECH DELIVERED
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 - CHAIRPERSON OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
 - COUNCILLOR EPHRAIM SHOZI
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Budget speech for the financial year ending June 2027 delivered by the chairperson of the Management Committee, Councillor Ephraim Shozi

Honourable regional councillors of Walvis Bay Rural and Urban Constituencies.

His Worship the Mayor of Walvis Bay;

Her Worship the Deputy Mayor of Walvis Bay;

Honourable Management Committee Members of Walvis Bay Municipality

Honourable Fellow Councillors of Walvis Bay Municipality;

The Chief Executive Officer;

Management and staff members present;

Distinguished rate payers and guest;

Members of the media;

Ladies and gentlemen;

Good morning

It is both an honour and a privilege to Submit (table) the budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

These budgets are presented in accordance with the provisions of Section 83, Sub-section 1 of the Local Authorities Act, Act No. 23 of 1992, which states, among other things:

Every management committee -

“shall in each financial year cause to be prepared, after consultation with the regional council in whose area the local authority is situated, a statement of its estimated income and expenditure during the following financial year; which statement shall be submitted by the chairperson of the local

authority council concerned to the local authority council for its adoption and subsequent approval by the Minister”.

The total budget presented today amounts to N\$1.6 billion, comprising both the Capital Budget and the Operating Budget, which are allocated N\$883 million and N\$690 million, respectively.

The Capital Budget encompasses both continuing and new capital projects. Of this amount, 34%—equating to N\$299 million—has been allocated to Land Development Projects, reaffirming our prioritisation of land delivery as a catalyst for economic growth and development.

The remaining **66%** of the Capital Budget is distributed among various project categories, including:

- Infrastructure Repair and Replacement **(28%)**
- Service Delivery Projects **(12%)**
- Social Projects **(12%)**
- Vehicle Replacement and New Acquisitions **(13%)**
- Operating Capital-Related Expenditure financed through revenue **(1%)**

Infrastructure Development receives the second-largest allocation, amounting to N\$249 million, or 28% of the Capital Budget. The remaining categories each account for between 1% and 13% of the total capital allocation.

These budgetary provisions have been developed in alignment with the newly developed Council’s Strategic Plan to be adopted effective 01 July 2026, which is set to conclude in June 2031. This budget, therefore,

represents the final instalment under the new Strategic Plan and underscores our continued dedication to its strategic objectives.

Fellow residents

Today, we present a budget that is focused on the needs of our people and the long-term development of our municipality. This budget is guided by two critical priorities: infrastructure repair and replacement, and serviced land delivery and housing.

Across our communities, aging infrastructure continues to place pressure on service delivery. Roads, water networks, sewer systems, and public facilities require urgent attention to ensure reliability, safety, and sustainability. Through this budget, we are making a firm commitment to repair, maintain, and replace critical infrastructure so that we can improve services, reduce disruptions, and build a stronger foundation for future growth.

At the same time, we recognize the increasing demand for serviced land for housing, business opportunities, and investment. Land delivery remains central to economic development and social progress. This budget therefore prioritizes the servicing and release of land to support housing development, stimulate investment, create employment opportunities, and provide our residents with greater access to opportunities.

While financial resources remain limited and challenges persist, this budget reflects our commitment to responsible governance, sustainable development, and improved service delivery. Every

allocation has been carefully considered to ensure that we invest where it matters most and where the impact on our communities will be greatest.

Together, through strategic investment and sound financial management, we can build a municipality that is resilient, inclusive, and prepared for the future.

Honourable members

With back to basic approach...

This Council recognises and acknowledges service delivery challenges in areas like in Water, Sanitation, roads, land delivery and housing are not abstract issues but daily realities affecting the dignity and the livelihoods of residents.

The presents and oversight of this council will be our core governance intervention and a political commitment to accountability.

Our programs will also serve to strengthen coordination's between National government, Regional governments and Local government ensuring that interventions are not only fragmented but aligned with the National Development Plan (the NDP 6), pillars of core service delivery, infrastructure development, capable governance and inclusive economic growth.

This council will be tasked with complete oversight to drive measurable outcomes. This council will ensure that this programmed budget plan is monitored and evaluated.

I will now proceed to provide a synopsis of the proposed Budgets and Tariffs for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

THE CAPITAL BUDGET

Honourable members

Total Capital projects with a value of N\$ 1.4 billion will be executed over periods of more than one year.

The total amount on the capital budget which is anticipated to be spent during the ensuing financial year amounts to N\$ 883 million and the remaining N\$ 517 million during the year ending June 2028 and beyond.

A breakdown of the combined projects provided for in the anticipated spending for the year ending June 2027 is set out as follows:

Land Development Projects

From the total Land Development Projects budget, an amount of N\$25 million has been allocated for the development of Narraville Extension 11, while N\$52 million has been earmarked for Narraville Extension 8. Most importantly, a total allocation of N\$180 million has been dedicated

to the development of Farm 37, reflecting Council's strong commitment to accelerating land delivery and supporting future residential and economic growth.

Other Capital Project

Consist of **Infrastructure Repair and Replacement** which involves tarring of street, resealing and rehabilitation of streets and intersections. **Service Delivery-related Projects** which involves amongst others the implementation, upgrading and replacement of water and sewer infrastructure. **Social Projects** which involve amongst others, renovations of Kuisebmond and Walvis Bay town Halls, Build Together programme, Structure repair to sewer stadiums, CCTV Cameras etcetera. **Vehicle Replacements and Additions including plant machinery and replacement** of which the main component under this category are the replacement of existing vehicles and acquisition of new vehicles.

The Capital Expenditure (Capex) Budget for replacement of vehicles, plant, machinery has been significantly influenced by the frequent breakdown of refuse collection trucks. This has had a direct impact on service delivery, particularly in the timely removal of refuse, an issue that has understandably caused frustration among our residents.

In response, the Council has acquired 5x new refuse trucks toward improving service delivery in this area.

Fellow Residents

Comprehensive details of all individual capital projects are contained in the Detailed Capital Budget. I therefore encourage all stakeholders to obtain copies from our municipal offices for your review, engagement, and recordkeeping.

THE OPERATING BUDGET:

Honourable Members

The expected revenue and expenditure for the new financial year is estimated at N\$690 million.

In line with directives from our line Ministry, this budget is balanced — there is no surplus or deficit, as required.

Approximately 70% of the total estimated revenue is derived from utility services and related service charges, with primary contributions from:

- Water Sales Services
- Property Rates and Taxes
- Refuse Removal Services
- Sanitation Services

Minimum tariff adjustments have been proposed for these services. A tariff increase of 3% has been implemented to refuse removal and sanitation. No tariff increase has been proposed to Rates and Taxes and water sales.

We must also acknowledge that some service delivery challenges stemmed from the absence of a substantive Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in recent past years. However, we are pleased to have announced the presence of Mrs. Victoria Nelago Kapenda who has been involved from the onset in preparing this budget and we are therefore confident that the low execution rate experienced during the past years will significantly increase this year, especially the execution of capital budget.

Let me extend heartfelt appreciation to:

- My fellow Councillors, for your support.
- The CEO, Ms. Kapenda, who will soon take charge of executing this budget.
- The administrative leadership and municipal staff, for your hard work and commitment.
- Walvis Bay community for their patience and unwavering support under the current circumstances.

It is now my honour and privilege to officially present the Capital Budget, Operating Budget, and Tariff Structure Changes for the 2026/2027 financial year to His Worship the Mayor of Walvis Bay, Councillor Johannes Shimbilinga, for tabling to this esteemed House for adoption by council.

I so submit...