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PRESENT AND IN ATTENDANCE:

As per the attendance registers copied into the minutes after the final item:

ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGY:

Geen / None

1. OPENING

- The Chairperson welcomed all present and Cllr. Blaauw opened the meeting with a prayer.
- The Speaker welcomed Mr. Albert Dlwengu from the DLG.

2. ELECTION OF (ACTING) SPEAKER, IF NECESSARY

N/A

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Mr. GF Matthyse (sick leave)

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5. INTERVIEWS WITH OR PRESENTATIONS BY DEPUTATIONS

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6. Deputations

Should deputations seek an interview with council, the municipal manager must be provided with ten working days written notice of the intent of the deputation with details of the representations that are to be made as well as its source. The notice must be submitted to the Speaker by the Municipal Manager with recommendations and comments. The Speaker has the discretion to then grant the interview and instate conditions.

Mr. Albert Dlwengu: *A: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRADITIONAL AND KHOI-SAN LEADERSHIP ACT, 2019 (ACT 3 OF 2019)*

Resolved:

- a) That Council took note of the presentation;
- b) That Mr. Dlwengu meet with the Administration in this regard to further discussions on any unclarity.

Mr. E Jantjies: *B: DEVELOPMENT OF NEW 5 – YEAR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY PLAN*

- It be noted that the presentation referred to RB9.1.13/28-08-2025

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED:

- a) That Council approved the following Minutes:
 1. Council Meeting held on 28 May 2025;
 2. Special Council Meeting held on 30 June 2025; and
 3. Urgent Special Council Meeting held on 11 July 2024.

Proposed: Cllr. A Scheepers

Seconded: Cllr. R Richards

Counter Proposals: None

5.2 ROUND ROBIN RESOLUTIONS TAKEN

- a) Council took cognisance and ratified the following Round Robin resolutions taken:

A: RB5.1.1/30-07-2025 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT: APPOINTMENT OF THE VALUATION APPEAL BOARD MEMBERS

B: RB5.1.1/13-08-2025 APPOINTMENT OF NEW/THIRD MEMBER TO THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE WITH REFERENCE TO RB7.1.6/11-07-2025

Proposed: Cllr. A Scheepers

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Counter Proposals: None

6. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION BY THE SPEAKER

* Geen / None

7. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

"Agbare Speaker, adjunkburgemeester, raadslede, municipale bestuurder, administrasie, gewaardeerde gaste, lede van ons geliefde Cederberg-gemeenskap en media.

Speaker vandag merk 'n belangrike mylpaal – Dit is 60 dae sedert my verkiezing as die Uitvoerende Burgemeester van hierdie munisipaliteit. Ek is bly om te berig dat ons munisipaliteit stabiel en funksioneel bly, met effektiewe regering, bestuur en 'n toegewyde werkersmag. Die samewerking en samehorighed tussen die verskillende belanghebbendes, insluitend die raad, administrasie en werkers, is bemoedigend. Hierdie gees van spanwerk is van kardinale belang om te verseker dat ons kwaliteitdienste aan ons inwoners lewer. Soos ons vorentoe beweeg, herbevestig ek my verbintenis tot 'n leierskapstyl wat geanker is op beslissende besluitneming,

innoverende oplossings en effektiewe uitvoering, alles daarop gemik om die lewens van ons inwoners te verbeter en 'n beter toekoms vir ons gemeenskap te bou.

Speaker, agbare raadslede, ek is bly om verslag te doen oor die belangrikste besprekings en besluite van ons onlangse Burgemeesterskomiteevergadering.

Eerstens het ons die voorreg gehad om betrokke te raak by twee gemeenskapsgedreve inisiatiewe.

Die Citrusdal Rugbyklub het ons genader met 'n voorstel om die Oranjeville-sportterreinfasiliteit te bestuur, gegewe die munisipaliteit se finansiële beperkings. Die burgemeesterskomitee het hierdie inisiatief verwelkom en die belangrikheid beklemtoon om alle sport- en rugbyspanne wat die fasilitet gebruik, te betrek. Ons het die klub versoek om 'n formele voorstel aan die administrasie vir oorweging in te dien.

Ons het ook 'n aanbieding ontvang van die Sunwave NRO, gebaseer in Lambertsbaai, wat hul prysenswaardige werk met plaaslike kinders beklemtoon het. As burgemeester het ek hul pogings waardeer en hulle aangemoedig om hul versoek om potensiële ondersteuning van die munisipaliteit te formaliseer. Ons glo dat inisiatiewe soos hierdie noodsaklik is om vir ons kinders te sorg en te ondersteun.

Wat streeksafvalverwydering (regional waste disposal) betref, het die burgemeesterskomitee die uitdagings wat ons in die gesig staar, erken en aanbeveel dat die administrasie reël dat ten minste een vragmotor per week afval in Matzikama verwyder. Die probleem met die oorlaaistasie bly 'n bron van kommer, en die stadsbeplanning is getaak om alternatiewe terreine te identifiseer, na aanleiding van gemeenskapsbesware teen die voorgestelde terrein in Graafwater.

Verder sal ons ons herwinningsinisiatiewe regoor die gebied versterk en gesikte terreine identifiseer om die gemeenskap by hierdie pogings te betrek.

In 'n poging om ons toesig en koördinering te verbeter, sal portefeuiljevergaderings voortaan gesamentlik gehou word om te verseker dat alle raadslede ingelig en in lyn is.

Die proses om vakante direkteursposte te vul, is aan die gang, met onderhoude wat vir September geskeduleer is.

Laastens benodig ons huidige kliëntediensstelsel verbetering. Die administrasie is opdrag gegee om die tekortkominge te ondersoek en alternatiewe oplossings te verken, insluitend 'n potensiële WhatsApp-stelsel om meer effektiewe klagtebestuur te faciliteer.

Ek vertrou dat hierdie opdaterings ons raad se beraadslagings sal inlig en ons kollektiewe pogings sal lei om ons gemeenskap beter te dien.

Speaker, vandag, 31 Augustus 2025, is ek bly om ons 2024/2025 finansiële staat in die raad voor te lê. Na 'n streng proses het ons verseker dat ons finansiële verslag voldoen aan die hoogste standaarde van finansiële regulasies, deursigtigheid, verantwoordbaarheid en goeie bestuur.

Ek wil graag ons finansiële span prys vir hul harde werk en toewyding in die samestelling van hierdie omvattende verslag. Deur hierdie finansiële staat voor te lê, demonstreer ons ons verbintenis tot fiskale verantwoordelikheid en verantwoordbaarheid teenoor ons inwoners en belastingbetalers.

Die 2024/2025-oudit het amptelik begin, met 'n skoon oudit as ons teiken. Voortbouend op die vordering wat gemaak is met die aanspreek van vorige ouditbevindinge, is ek optimisties dat ons ywerige pogings en verbintenis tot goeie bestuur vanjaar 'n beter oudituitkoms sal lewer. Ons mik vir 'n skoon oudit en vertrou op die ondersteuning van al 11 raadslede en bestuur om dit te verwesenlik!

In September 2025 sal ons ons Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan (GOP)-proses begin, deur wykskomitees as die primêre meganisme vir openbare deelname te gebruik, soos deur die raad besluit.

Ek beklemtoon die belangrikheid van senior leierskap en portefeuiljeraadslede se betrokkenheid by hierdie prosesse, aangesien hul deelname geloofwaardigheid sal verhoog en openbare vertroue sal bevorder. Om openbare betrokkenheid te versterk, stel ek voor dat hierdie prosesse op plaaslike radio uitgesaai word, wat breër uitreik moontlik maak en publieke deelname aanmoedig.

Agbare Speaker, ons diensleweringspogings toon bemoedigende verbeterings, wat ons openbare vertroue gee.

Elektrisiteit bly egter 'n groot uitdaging as gevolg van Eskom se infrastruktur wat onder ernstige druk verkeer. Verder het ons ongelykhede in elektrisiteitstariewe op plase geïdentifiseer, wat ons beoog om aan te spreek deur 'n voorgestelde verordening (by-law) wat verseker dat almal dieselfde tarief betaal. Ek sal 'n vergadering met NERSA aanvra om hierdie saak te bespreek en te werk aan 'n oplossing wat al ons inwoners, veral op plase bevoordeel.

Ek stel dringende bilaterale besprekings tussen ons munisipale bestuurder en Eskom se senior bestuur voor om die elektrisiteitsinfrastrukturprobleme op te los. As Burgemeester, wat 55 101

inwoners verteenwoordig, sal en kan ek nie vertragings of verskonings duld nie. Die publiek verdien gemoedsrus en betroubare elektrisiteit.

INEP | Geïntegreerde Nasionale Elektrifiseringsprogram (geen nodig om hierdie reël te lees nie)

Op 'n meer positiewe noot, mede-raadslede, is ons INEP-elektrisiteitsinfrastruktuurprojek 70% voltooi en word beraam om teen die einde van hierdie finansiële jaar volledig voltooi te wees, wat sal help om sommige van hierdie uitdagings te verlig.

Slimmeters (geen nodig om hierdie reël te lees nie)

Tweedens, soos die raad dalk onthou, vorder ons slimmeterprojek goed. Gedurende die verifikasiefase het Landis+Gyr suksesvol ongeveer 6880 meters regoor Cederberg geverifieer. Ek is bly om aan te kondig dat die tweede fase op Dinsdag 2 September 2025 in Citrusdal sal begin en vir drie weke sal duur, gevolg deur Clanwilliam.

In hierdie twee dorpe sal hulle ongeveer 5 500 slimmemeters installeer, wat ons infrastruktuur verder sal verbeter en dienslewering aan ons inwoners sal verbeter. Ek versoek wyksraadslede om hiervan bewus te wees en die kommunikasie-afdeling om seker te maak dat die gemeenskappe ingelig word.

Speaker, Clanwilliam se water is skoon. Ons waterfiltrasiestelsels is geïnstalleer en geaktiveer, wat ons water suiwer en skoner water aan ons inwoners deur hul krane verskaf. Alhoewel dit dalk 'n rukkie sal neem om die hele pypstelsel volledig skoon te maak, is die vordering duidelik, en die water word elke dag helderder.

Speaker, met die klem op hierdie kwessie van water, doen ek 'n beroep op die munisipale bestuurder om met die Clanwilliam-damprojekleierskap te skakel om gereelde vorderingsverslae aan die raad by elke vergadering te verskaf, wat alle aspekte van die projek dek. Dit sal deursigtigheid en verantwoordbaarheid verseker en die DWS in staat stel om aan die mense van Cederberg verslag te doen deur ons verkose raadstruktur, wat van die uiterste belang en dringendheid is.

Uit my ervaring met die bywoning van die NASIONALE STEDELIKE FORUM IN DURBAN op 20-21 Augustus 2025, aangebied deur die Suid-Afrikaanse Plaaslike Regeringsvereniging (SALGA), is ek blootgestel aan wêreldwye beste praktyke in die transformasie van informele nedersettings en krotbuurte (slums soos ons in engels se).

Die forum se fokus op die versnelling van vordering teenoor die 2030 Volhoubare Ontwikkelingsdoelwitte resoneer met ons plaaslike pogings om dienslewering te verbeter en infrastruktuuruitdagings aan te spreek.

Memorandum van Samewerking tussen DWS en AWSISA (nie nodig om te lees)

Ek het onlangs die AFRIKA-WATERSPITSBERAAD IN KAAPSTAD op 13 Augustus 2025 bygewoon, waar ek die ondertekening van 'n Memorandum van Samewerking tussen die Departement van Water en Sanitasie (DWS) en die Vereniging van Water- en Sanitasie-instellings in Suid-Afrika (AWSISA) aanskou het. Hierdie vennootskap het ten doel om:

- Toegang tot skoon water uit te brei en sanitasie vir miljoene Suid-Afrikaners te verbeter
- Belegging te ontsluit en innovasie in die watersektor te bevorder
- Waardige sanitasie vir gemeenskappe regoor Suid-Afrika en verder te bevorder

Die samewerking sal fokus op:

- Strategieë en gesamentlike beleidsontwikkeling in lyn bring
- Navorsing en datadeling
- Leierskapsontwikkeling en verbeterings in bestuur
- Voorspraakveldtogte

Deur saam te werk, kan ons vordering versnel met die oplossing van Suid-Afrika (*in in ons konteks, Cederberg Munisipaliteit*) se water- en sanitasie-uitdagings.

Spreker, met groot vreugde en namens die nederige maar veerkrachtige mense van Elandskloof, rapporteer ek vandag 'n historiese mylpaal! Na 'n lang en uitdagende reis het die Elandsklowers volle beheer oor hul grond bekom.

Hier is 'n kort oorsig van hierdie merkwaardige prestasie:

- Elandskloof was die plek van Suid-Afrika se eerste suksesvolle grondrestitusie-eis in 1996, nadat hulle in 1962 weens apartheidswette met geweld van die grond verwyder is.
- 20 Jaar van Administrasie: Ten spyte van uitdagings en interne konflikte, het die gemeenskap volhard en beduidende vordering gemaak met die oplossing van probleme en die verbetering van bestuur binne die gemeenskaplike eiendomsvereniging (GVE).
- Op 14 Augustus 2025 het die gemeenskap uiteindelik volle beheer oor hul grond bekom nadat die Wes-Kaapse Hooggeregtshof die administrasiebevel herroep het.
- Die Elandsklowers beplan om die grond te ontwikkel op 'n manier wat die ekonomiese welstand van sy mense bevoordeel, met die fokus op ordentlike behuising, verbeterde infrastruktuur en werkskepping.

Ten slotte, Speaker, ons munisipaliteit is daartoe verbind om uitsonderlike dienste aan ons inwoners te lewer en ons sal dit bereik deur beslissende besluitneming, innoverende oplossings en effektiewe uitvoering.

Mede-raadslede en municipale administrasie om deursigtigheid en verantwoordbaarheid te verseker, sal ons:

- 'n Omvattende Gantt-chart vir alle municipale projekte ontwikkel, wat belangrike mylpale, tydlyne en verantwoordelike partye uiteensit. Alle portefeuille-raadslede en direkteure moet hierdie strategiese projek van hoëvlak-koördinering, monitering en evaluering lei.
- Portefuljeraadslede en direkteure aanspreeklik hou vir die nakoming van projeksperdatums en die lewering van kwaliteitsresultate.

Deur hierdie benadering te volg, is ons vol vertroue dat ons ons beloftes kan nakom, die lewens van ons inwoners kan verbeter en 'n blinker toekoms vir ons gemeenskap kan bou.

Speaker, een laaste aankondiging: Die Clanwilliam-veldblomskou word gehou by die Blommekerk, Hoofstraat, Clanwilliam. Die geleentheid sal plaasvind van 29 Augustus tot 7 September 2025 met 'n verskeidenheid van aktiwiteite. Die vertoning is daagliks oop van 08:30 tot 17:30.

Dankie."

A: COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR:

Cllr. J Hayes: You referred to **Public Participation**. Last night, I attended a public meeting that was a feedback session, conducted in accordance with statutory requirements, and facilitated by the Department of Local Participation. There was no representation from outside Lambert's Bay in Cederberg, and Cllr. Blaauw experienced the same in Citrusdal. The community finds this unacceptable, and strong objections were raised. This is contrary to the law.

Previously, when I was the Speaker, I mentioned that we have a statutory obligation—a legal duty. I reported to the Director of Local Government regarding Public Participation. Director Mitchell, who was here that day for consultations, explained very clearly how ward committees function and the public participation process.

Cederberg has been shameful in fulfilling its statutory obligations related to public participation over the past few months. Therefore, the Director will visit your office in Cederberg next week. This situation is unacceptable, and the community will send a letter to Cederberg regarding this matter.

Cllr. Y Blaauw: Thank you, Speaker. I would like to add to what Cllr. Hayes said. During my ward visit, the community was very dissatisfied with the Administration's attitude towards

them, particularly regarding the **smart meters**. While I believe the community is generally excited about the smart meters, I have previously expressed concerns about them.

As you know, Citrusdal is a unique community, and with Riverview now incorporated, the situation has changed significantly. Currently, there is considerable tension surrounding the smart meters because, during the information session, the community was told there would be a follow-up meeting regarding the meters. To date, we have not had any such follow-up meeting.

The main concern expressed is that Riverview is the biggest issue in Citrusdal regarding electricity and water. It was mentioned that one of the benefits of the smart meters is to monitor and prevent unauthorised connections. The Citrusdal community wanted to come this morning to disrupt this Council Meeting, and I believe they chose not to do so.

I am warning Council and Administration that we will face resistance regarding the implementation of the smart meters. It's clear that on one hand, part of the community fulfil their obligations, but on the other, some exploit the free service, which causes tension within the community.

Regarding water, at this stage, we do not have a backup **system in Citrusdal**. Last week, we encountered a problem with the reservoir. I urge the Administration to seriously consider reviewing the river's **pump system**. During the Deputy Mayor's last visit to Citrusdal, he promised that, together with the Director, this would already be in place. We know there are obstacles, but I kindly ask that this matter be prioritised because we are heading into the summer season.

Additionally, there is still a **communication** issue between the pump station and the relevant officials. I believe the Mayor mentioned that we should take the generator there. I want to understand how the workers are supposed to know when there is a fault at the pump, because I think that's what happened last week. The reservoir ran late, and there was a fault, but they couldn't detect it.

This is not the first time such an issue has occurred, so we definitely need to ensure that our staff are properly equipped to provide the community with reliable water and electricity.

Cllr. Hayes: Regarding the Smart Meters – Thank you for the 5,000+ smart meters. Could the municipality detect any illegal purchases or connections during the monitoring of these smart meters?

It now appears that the smart meters are only available to those who already have meters, while those still using conventional meters do not qualify for smart meters. This is the source of the public's concern.

If you have a conventional meter, you must first pay for the conversion to a prepaid meter before you can qualify for a smart meter.

Executive Mayor on response of Cllr. Hayes: The Director and I are currently working very close together in this regard, so I will ask the Administration to provide us with the relevant response, specifically regarding the Citrusdal water issue. Additionally, I will request that the CFO address the matter of the smart meters.

Director Technical and Planning Services: Smart Meters – These will only be installed where existing meters are located. They will replace all meters, including conventional meters. This is the current status of the project, and there will definitely be no smart meters installed in Kayelitsha or Riverview, informal settlements. There are no electrical networks or the necessary bulk services for electrical appliances in those areas to support smart meters. Additionally, a smart meter is linked to a specific property.

We are currently exploring options for metering in those areas and mechanisms to hold residents accountable for their payments, including for illegal connections and consumption. The CFO and I are actively working on this.

Water situation – Citrusdal:

This should have been addressed already as an instruction to the team, but there have been complications. We are also currently working on refurbishing the booster pumps.

The communication system:

There was a fault in the communication system at the waterworks, specifically at the reservoir. The staff received quotations, and they were unreasonably high. We have found an alternative and are currently in the process of implementing it.

At this stage, the person still needs to physically check whether the pumps have been switched on or not. Every time a problem was identified, it was when the controller was away, and the assistant was present. The assistant does not have a driver's license nor a vehicle.

This matter is definitely a priority, and we hope the pumps will be fully repaired within the next few months.

Councillor W Farmer: I believe that as a Council, we should congratulate the Elandskloof community on their progress, and we should wish them all the best with their upcoming decisions to help themselves out of their current situation. I think we should extend our congratulations and tell them good luck and success in their future endeavours.

Executive Mayor: Thank you very much, Councillor Farmer. We truly need this support there in Elandskloof. Thank you once again.

8. REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR ON DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR, THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR TOGETHER WITH THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR TOGETHER WITH THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE

Council took note of the following:

A: The Mayoral Committee (Mayco) started **with two presentations** from community members who want to collaborate with the municipality to assist.

- Citrusdal Rugby Club has expressed interest in helping to manage the Oranje event, as the municipality lacks the funds to do so. Mayco welcomed this initiative, but it should involve all sports and rugby teams that use the facilities, followed by a formal request to administration.
- Sunwave NGO from Lamberts Bay also visited us, sharing information about the positive work they are doing with children in Lamberts Bay. Their presentation was well received, and they are also requested to submit a formal request to

administration so we can support them in any way possible. Children need proper care and support, and such initiatives are essential in our communities.

B: **The regional dumping site** is problematic. To avoid inter-departmental disputes and

challenges, Mayco recommended that administration arrange for at least one truck per week to be sent to dump in Matzikama. The overload station is an issue because the identified site in Graafwater will no longer be used due to community dissatisfaction. Urban planning must now look for alternative sites.

C: **Portfolio meetings will be consolidated** into one meeting involving all council members, ensuring everyone's participation and collective progress.

D: We will place greater focus on our **recycling initiatives** in the area, starting with identifying sites in different towns to involve the community.

E: **Vacant director positions** are currently being filled, with interviews scheduled for September.

F: Our **current customer care system** is not functioning as intended. Administration has

been tasked with investigating the reasons and working on implementing a WhatsApp-based system to improve communication and allow people to report concerns more effectively.

G. **Legal Matters:** To bring Council up to date/speed with the progress on all legal matters that Cederberg is facing.

Discussion & Comments on the MayCo report:

1. Lamberts Bay landfill

Cllr. J Hayes: Yesterday, the landfill site was still open. It is an unacceptable situation that the site was closed without an alternative being in place. The public is asking whether they are now allowed to dump illegally. Construction debris and garden waste must be disposed of properly.

The irony of the situation is that the municipality is the biggest offender in dumping. The municipality continues to use its open truck, the large lorry, the tractor with the trailer – so, the landfill cannot be considered closed until a proper alternative is implemented.

Please ensure that the landfill is officially reopened.

2. Transfer Station

Cllr. W Farmer: Speaker, I have heard what the Mayor said, but I want to caution MayCo. MayCo is not the highest authority in the Council; the Council is. MayCo is also not a decision-making body; it is an advisory body to the Mayor. Therefore, I want to caution them not to make decisions with financial implications for the Council and then assume that is correct, because it is not. I want to emphasize that MayCo is an advisory body to the Mayor.

I now hear the Mayor say they have made a decision that the trash bin should be emptied once a week between Vanrhynsdorp and Vredendal, but that is not their decision. It is a matter for the Council. MayCo can make a decision and refer it to the Council for approval. So, if the financial implications lead to a later decision by the Council regarding fruitless and wasteful expenditure, that responsibility lies with MayCo, not the Council.

I also want to caution and advise the Acting Municipal Manager and Administration to advise our Councillors correctly. Recently, the Municipal Manager, Mr. Matthyse, advised the Council and presented a case law. However, after reading the case law, it had nothing to do with the specific matter because the facts were not the same. So, I want to advise the Administration and MayCo to ensure that when you advise the Council, you do it properly.

Councillor Mouton: Thank you, Councillor Farmer. You are correct. We have discussed this. My Portfolio Report was very clear that the Transfer Station cannot start yet. Drop-off stations need to be built, and a transfer station must also be constructed. We reviewed this item and also discussed whether a formal item should be written by Administration to the Council. This is still under discussion because it could have financial implications for the Council. So, it is being considered and will be brought to the Council's attention.

Director Technical and Planning Services: Councillor Farmer is definitely correct. I believe the request was directed to MayCo, and it was specifically stated that it is a Council decision. It was also said that if Administration makes a commitment regarding the dumping site, since we already have contractual obligations signed, the specific approval of that request was from District, just to designate the regional site as a regional dumping site. Currently, it is a local site, used only by Matzikama. The idea is to follow the normal channels. I would like to request that we aim to get clarity on this today, if possible, because we are under serious time pressure. There are significant implications if we do not respond. It could lead to an intergovernmental dispute that might be resolved.

Councillor Farmer: How long has Administration known about this matter? It could have been addressed through a Round Robin and endorsed today. I fully agree that we should do this; I have no problem with that, but it must be done properly.

Councillor Hayes: I would like to propose that the Municipal Manager classify this under RB9.2.

Speaker: Noted.

Councillor Richards: Speaker, I just want to reflect the discussion in MayCo. What the Director and Acting Municipal Manager are asking—they shouldn't be asking the Council. This

is an operational matter. The Council has approved the Regional Waste Site and the related strategies, etc. The Council does not approve operational matters.

Councillor Farmer: Point of Order. The Council must approve this because it's a budget-related issue. Sending the truck to the regional site is a budget constraint matter. Our budget has allocated funds for this, as was decided. It is a budget issue, so it must go to the Council. We need to ask the CFO if it was budgeted for. If it was, then by all means, proceed; if not, then it must be done.

Speaker: I agree with Councillor Farmer and will ask the CFO to clarify this matter, after which we will continue with the meeting.

CFO: There is sufficient budget allocated for transporting the waste to the disposal site. The budget was based on having a transfer station in place, and to employ a service provider to transport waste from here to the site as needed. The current delay is in building the transfer station and the fact that we are not yet dumping at the site. The Council is already in negotiations with District regarding the contracts for establishing and managing the site. Cederberg has committed that we must dump at the site. We are in ongoing discussions with Weskus, but at this stage, we cannot yet establish the transfer station or sign contracts. Weskus District requested that we formalize the contract and its classification to access the regional dumping site, allowing us to dump periodically, based on the volumes.

Our agreement states that we will dump 450 tons per month, costing approximately R2.68 per ton, which totals about R118,000 to R120,000 per month. This means we will pay a lower amount since we will only send one truck regularly, but fuel costs will be involved, which are already included in the budget.

The Deputy Mayor is essentially correct; this is not an item that necessarily belongs to the Council since the Council does not make procurement decisions. The Council's role should be to be informed, especially if District lodges an intergovernmental dispute if Cederberg does not start dumping. We need to inform the Council about such matters. The costs are budget-related but do not require an additional budget; we are adequately covered. Due to delays in the project, we are likely to be under-budgeted on this line item because the project has not been fully rolled out yet. The transfer station must be prioritized to justify the expenditure to Weskus. The location of the station is irrelevant; we are contractually committed to it.

Executive Mayor: We will remove the words "MayCo has decided" from the speech and will simply state that "we are advised and want to inform the Council accordingly."

3. Sport fields/facilities

Cllr. Farmer: The Citrusdal Rugby Club, as well as Delicious Rugby Club, do not pay for electricity when they use the facilities. Marines – Lambert's Bay – do pay for electricity. Nowhere else in Cederberg does it happen that sports codes pay for electricity, only in Lambert's Bay. This cannot be justified.

The use of the halls/locker rooms/side halls and the rates charged are only applicable to certain groups.

MayCo should possibly discuss this and make a recommendation to the Council, as it is unfair that some groups have to pay while others do not.

9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

Rules of Order for Internal Arrangement

Part Four:

2. DECISIONS AND VOTING

- 2.1 In the event that the Speaker enquires from the attendees at a meeting if they are in agreement with recommendation/s and there is no opposition by any member present, recommendations are adopted.
- 2.2 The Speaker must put every apposed motion to the vote by calling upon the members to indicate by a raising of hands unless otherwise prescribed by law, whether they are in favour of or against such motion. The result of the vote must thereafter be declared by the Speaker.
- 2.3 The number of members voting in favour of or against an item, is to be recorded in the minutes. Members may abstain from voting without leaving the meeting and may request that his/her abstention be recorded in the minutes of that meeting. Consequently, subsequent to the speaker's declaration of the result, a member may demand that his or her opposition or support of a decision be recorded in the minutes and the Municipal Manager must accordingly arrange for the same.
- 2.4 All decisions must be taken by a supporting vote of the majority of the members present at any meeting of the Council.
- 2.5 The Municipal Council must reconsider a decision taken if the majority of members lodge a request in writing with the Municipal Manager. This shall apply unless such reconsideration adversely affects existing rights. Motions for the reconsideration of decision must be submitted in terms of Rule 5 of the Rules of Order.
- 2.6 Notwithstanding the provision of this Rule, the Council may at any time following a recommendation by the Mayor, rescind or amend any resolution passed by it.

Part 5

4. Councillor to address chair

A member who speaks at a meeting must address the chair.

Part 5

16. Order of priority

- 16.1 The Speaker must ensure that there is maintenance of order. To this end, the Speaker may, if he / she deems it necessary, at any time in a meeting direct an office to remove or cause the removal of any person, excluding a member, from the Council Chamber. The Speaker may also direct that the public gallery be vacated.
- 16.2 The removal of any person or persons who refuse to carry out any reasonable instruction given by the Speaker or obstructs the carrying out of such instruction may be ordered by the Speaker.

Part 5

3. Precedence of the Speaker

Silence must be observed by all present in meeting when the Speaker addresses meetings in order for the Speaker to be heard without interruption. Whenever the speaker addresses the meeting, all members must be silent so that the speaker may be heard without any interruption. Council must be addressed by members through the Speaker.

13. Relevance

Speeches by members must address the subject or matter under discussion or to an explanation or to a point of order. In this Regard, no discussion shall be tolerated in relation to the anticipation of any matter on the agenda or in respect of any matter in respect of which a decision by a judicial or quasi-judicial body or a commission of inquiry, whether instituted in terms of legislation or not, is pending, provided that such matter may be considered with the permission of Council.

Part 5

5. Right to speak

A member is provided with an opportunity to speak with the permission of the Speaker only once for no longer than 5 (five) minutes on a matter before the meeting unless authorised by the Chairperson.

A member is entitled to speak once on any recommendation, motion or proposal, provided that the Mayor or Member may reply to conclude a debate and shall restrict himself/herself to answering previous speakers rather than the introduction of new matters.

Prior to the consideration of any item contained in the report of the mayor in reply to a specific question or during discussion of the same, the Speaker shall permit the Mayor, MMC or Chairperson of the Committee in terms of section 79 and 80 of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act 117 of 1998 who made the proposal in terms of rule 9 or rule 14 of part 5 of these Rules to make and explanatory statement.

6. Length of speeches

- 6.1 A member may (unless authorised otherwise by the Speaker) only speak once to-
the matter and any amendments to that matter that is before the council;
- 6.1.2 any motion before the council;
- 6.1.3 to a matter or an amendment proposed or be proposed by himself or herself;
- 6.1.4 a point of order or a question of privilege, unless authorised by the speaker or as provided for in terms of these rules.

- 6.2 No new matters may be introduced by a mover that speaks to a motion and replies to previous speakers in a debate. The right of reply shall not extend to the mover of an amendment which, having been carried, has become substantive motion.

9.1 RESOLUTIONS TAKEN BY COUNCIL

RB9.1.1/28-08-2025 ADOPTION OF THE TIME SCHEDULE 2025/26 FOR THE PERIOD 2026-2027

Councillor J Hayes mentioned that at his Ward Meeting the previous evening, the community raised a complaint about requests made during the IDP process that have not been addressed. For record purposes, Lambert's Bay pays a quarter of the property tax for the entire Cederberg, and the other request was that the Municipal Manager, please, attend- and address the community at the public meetings. Mr. Matthyse has not attended an IDP meeting in the past two years. A 3rd request was that IDP processes no longer take place under a tree or in a parking lot.

RESOLVED:

1. That council approved the IDP/PMS/BUDGET Time Schedule for the period 2026/27.
2. That the Time Schedule be advertised to inform the public about the Key dates and a copy be submitted to Provincial Government

Proposed: Cllr. A Scheepers

Seconded: Cllr. R Richards

No Counter Proposals

RB9.1.2/28-08-2025 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 2024/2025

RESOLVED:

1. That Council noted the 2024/2025 Annual Performance Report of Cederberg Municipality.

2. Council noted that the administration will make additional changes to the Annual Performance Report before final submission to the Auditor General to ensure alignment with the Annual Financial Statement.
3. That the report be submitted to the Auditor General.

RB9.1.3/28-08-2025 QUARTERLY & ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE AUDIT & PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

1. Council noted the following reports:
 - Quarterly report – 1 April 2025 - 30 June 2025
 - Annual report - 01 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

RB9.1.4/28-08-2025 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED:

- 1) Council noted the Financial interests to be disclosed even if they incurred for only part of the year as per the Annual Report directive from National Treasury;
- 2) Council approved the code on the following basis:
 - a. The Disclosures Financial Interests Register to have a confidential part and a public part;
 - b. Confidential part –
 - i. The value of financial interests in a private or public company;
 - ii. The amount of any remuneration for any employment outside Council;
 - iii. The amount of any remuneration for any directorate or partnership;
 - iv. Address of private residence;
 - v. The value of any pension and any amount paid;

- vi. Details of all financial interests of a member's spouse, dependents, child or permanent companion to the extent that a member is aware of.
- vii. No person who has access to the confidential part of the Register, may disclose particulars of any entry in the confidential part except to the Speaker and the Municipal Manager, and also as part of a report in respect of an alleged irregularity or when a court so orders.

c. Public part –

- i. All relevant details other than those in b (i-vii) above, of the registrable interests as for the public interest for disclosure;
 - 1. Councillor name
 - 2. Councillor status
 - 3. Political Party
 - 4. Interests in shares and security company
 - 5. Membership of any closed corporation
 - 6. Interest in any trust
 - 7. Directorships
 - 8. Partnerships
 - 9. Other financial interests in any business undertaking
 - 10. Employment other than Cederberg Municipality
 - 11. Interests in property
 - 12. Pension
 - 13. Subsidies, Grants and Sponsorships by any organisation
 - 14. Interest in municipal contracts / suppliers
 - 15. Gifts received above prescribed amount of R 350.00 for Municipal Manager and Directors
 - 16. Gifts received above prescribed amount of R 1 000.00 for Councillors
- ii. Any person has access to the public part of the Register on a working day during office hours at the office of the Municipal Manager in terms of the application procedure as required by the provisions of the Promotion of Access of Information Act.

d. Councillors, Municipal Manager and Directors to disclose the financial interests annually between 01 July and 30 June; and

e. Any time when a material change occurs.

3) Council consented the following full-time councillors to do other work.

- Deputy Executive Mayor – Dr Ruben Richards
- Councillor – Johan van Heerden

- A 5-minute break as permitted to Council.

RB9.1.5/28-08-2025 DRAFT PRE-AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

- The CFO briefed Council on the details of the statements. Councillor Hayes had a few questions, and the Speaker advised him to submit his questions to the CFO, who will respond in due course.

RESOLVED:

1. Council noted the Draft Pre-Audited Annual Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2025;
2. Council noted that the administration may make additional changes to the Draft Pre-Audited Annual Financial Statements before final submission to the Auditor General.

RB9.1.6/28-08-2025 WRITE-OFF OF OBSOLETE ASSETS DURING THE ASSET COUNT: 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

The CFO also informed the Council of the following:

- The total value of the depreciation on the assets is R1.8 million.
- Categorized as follows: There are two buildings that used to be structures but no longer exist. Their value is R575,000. Printer rentals have ended, valued at R551,000. Duplicate assets—air conditioners—are valued at R495,000.

RESOLVED:

1. Council took cognisance of the contents of the report.
2. The assets are permanently removed from the asset register.
3. Council supported the item.

**RB9.1.7/28-08-2025 LEASING OF THE VEHICLE TESTING STATION (VTS)
CEDERBERG MUNICIPALITY**

RESOLVED:

- a) The Council was hereby informed that the community consultation process has been completed.
- b) That Council approved leasing the facility using a tender process in terms of the Supply Chain Management Policy for a period of 9 years and 11 months to be utilised for a VTS.
- c) Both license holders and non-license holders be invited to tender, but that preference will be given to license holders through a point system.

Proposed: Cllr. R Richards

Seconded: Cllr. A Scheepers

Non Counter Proposal

RB9.1.8/28-08-2025 DEVIATIONS FROM AND RATIFICATION OF MINOR BREACHES OF PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

RESOLVED:

1. Council, in terms of Section 36 of the Supply Chain Management regulations, took cognisance of the transactions for the months of June 2025 and July 2025.

RB9.1.9/28-08-2025 QUARTERLY BUDGET INCLUSIVE OF TOP LAYER SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP) AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REPORTS: APRIL 2025 – JUNE 2025

RESOLVED:

- 1) Council took note of the:

- a) Quarterly Budget Statement inclusive of the Top Layer Service Delivery Implementation Plan (SDBIP),
- b) Virements Report for the fourth quarter, and
- c) Supply Chain Management Report for the fourth quarter.

RB9.1.10/28-08-2025 MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENT: JULY 2025

- Councillor Hayes had numerous questions regarding electricity, including matters related to consumers purchasing and profits thereof. He informed the CFO that he would also send these questions via email to receive the appropriate responses.
- The Speaker referenced Section 15 of the Rules and directed the Council's attention to this particular section, which applies when Councillors anticipate specific responses to specific questions.

RESOLVED:

- 1 Council noted the Monthly Budget Statement for the month July 2025.

RB9.1.11/28-08-2025 REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2025

RESOLVED:

- 1 The Annual Report on the implementation of the Supply Chain Management Policy for the 2024/2025 financial year was noted.

**RB9.1.12/28-08-2025 DESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR TO ACT IN ABSENCE
OR UNAVAILABILITY OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND DEPUTY EXECUTIVE
MAYOR**

RESOLVED:

a. Councillor A Mouton was designated by Council to act as the Executive Mayor or Deputy Executive Mayor in the absence or unavailability of these occupants/positions.

Proposed: Cllr. A Scheepers

Seconded: Cllr. R Richards

VOTE FOR CLLR. FARMER TO BE THE DESIGNATED CLLR. TO ACT

Proposed by Cllr. J Hayes **and Seconded by** Cllr. J Engelbrecht

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
DA - 3		
PA - 1		

VOTE FOR CLLR. MOUTON TO BE THE DESIGNATED CLLR. TO ACT

Proposed by Cllr. A Scheepers **and Seconded by** Cllr. R Richards

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
CE - 4		
ANC - 2		
VF PLUS - 1		

RB9.1.13/28-08-2025 DEVELOPMENT OF NEW 5 – YEAR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY PLAN

RESOLVED:

- a) That Council took cognisance of the progress in development of the new 5-year Employment Equity Plan.

RB9.1.14/28-08-2025 TABLING OF THE BI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS FOR THE PERIOD 01/01/2025 – 30/06/2025

RESOLVED:

- a. That Council took cognisance of the progress made with regard to the implementation of Council resolutions for the period 01 January 2025 until 30 June 2025.

RB9.2 URGENT MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

- Geen / None

RB9.3/28-08-2025 MATTERS FOR NOTIFICATION

RB9.3.1/28-08-2025 *SALGA Members Provincial Assembly: 8 – 9 October 2025*

- a. That the Administration obtain clarity from SALGA of who can/must attend and then proceed with way of Round Robin on the matter.

RB9.4/28-08-2025 CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- Geen / None

RB9.5/28-08-2025 CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF QUESTIONS

A The **Speaker** permitted **Cllr. Farmer** to raise a question.

B Cllr. W Farmer: I received a call from a lawyer, Mr. Wesley Pretorius, regarding the appointment of GAP Management. I found Mr. Pretorius's questions very upsetting because the questions he asked had nothing to do with the irregularity of the appointment of GAP Management. However, he did tell me that he is investigating an allegation made by Cllr. Hayes.

Now, I would like to know if I too can make an allegation, and if a forensic investigation can be conducted into it. It seems that only an allegation can be made, which then leads to a forensic investigation.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, my question is: can I make an allegation? I would also like to request that a forensic investigation be carried out into the allegation I intend to make, similar to what is currently being done, as the lawyer told me.

C Speaker: Cllr. Farmer, if you feel that you want to make an allegation, please submit your written request to the Speaker. The process will then be followed in accordance with the relevant procedures, Uniform Standing Procedures.

RB9.6/28-08-2025 CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS OF EXIGENCY

- Geen / None

10. CLOSURE

- Meeting adjourned.

VOORSITTER / CHAIRPERSON

DATUM / DATE