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PRESENT AND IN ATTENDANCE:

- Cllr. M Heins
- Cllr. A Scheepers
- Cllr. R Richards
- Cllr. A Mouton
- Cllr. J Van Heerden
- Cllr. E Marshall
- Cllr. W Farmer
- Cllr. J Hayes
- Cllr. Y Blaauw
- Cllr. J Engelbrecht
- Cllr. P Strauss

- Messrs. G Matthyse (MM), R De Ridder (Dir. T&PS), J Booysen (CFO), F Petersen (Dir. CSPS), M January, A Mlata, Mrs. L Sampson, Miss J Cloete

ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGY:

- Geen / None

1. OPENING

- The Chairperson welcomed all attendees, giving special recognition to Pastor Mdabuli, who commenced the meeting with an inspiring message and prayer. After he finished, the Executive Mayor expressed gratitude to Pastor Mdabuli for the motivational word.

2. ELECTION OF (ACTING) SPEAKER, IF NECESSARY

N/A

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- Mr. D Frantz (Family responsibility)

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- ***STAKEHOLDER INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY***

RESOLVED

a) That Council noted the content of the presentation; and

b) That the Administration will liaise with the deputants when necessary.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a) That the following minutes was approved:

1. Council Meeting held on 31 March 2026; and
2. Urgent In-Committee Special Council Resolutions 20 April 2026

b) It further be noted a few typing errors should just be corrected as indicated by Cllr. J Van Heerden pertaining to the Council Minutes of 31 March 2026.

Proposed: Cllr. J Van Heerden

Seconded: Cllr. A Mouton

Counter Proposals: None

- It was noted that Cllr. Hayes calls for a point of order and asked the Speaker if Councillors have immunity for statements that they make during a Council Meeting to which the Speaker responded each Cllr. have immunity within the parameters of a Council Chamber during a Council meeting.

5. 1 RATIFICATION OF ROUND ROBIN RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED:

a) That the following Round Robin decision was ratified by Council:

RB5.1.1/13-05-2026 Approval for the advertisement of, and appointment of a selection panel for the recruitment process of the vacant position: director technical and planning services– Cederberg Municipality

Proposed: Cllr. A Mouton

Seconded: Cllr. E Marshall

Counter Proposal: None

6. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION BY THE SPEAKER

- The Speaker informed Council that he had no communication at this stage.
- Cllr. Hayes raised a point of order, stating that he had sent several letters to the Speaker and that the Speaker had indeed received communication.
- The Speaker responded that the correspondence from Cllr. Hayes was directed to him, and in accordance with the Uniform Standing Procedures, the Speaker will communicate appropriately. He also confirmed that Cllr. Hayes can be assured of this.

7. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

A: Provincial Working Groups Highlights – SALGA as circulated to all Councillors.

- Various Provincial Working Group meetings was attended. A SALGA working Group document was circulated to all Councillors to familiarise themselves with the content thereof. The Mayor provided a brief overview of the mandates required from the Council to effectively communicate and contribute to these platforms.

- Cllr. Blaauw emphasised the need to formalise the process of granting mandates, as nominated members attend SALGA Working Groups, but Council does not receive sufficient feedback from these discussions.

- The Speaker agreed with Cllr. Blaauw and mentioned that it was initially his request to the Mayor and the Mayoral Committee to provide written feedback to ensure all Councillors are informed about the topics discussed at SALGA workshops.

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

RESOLVED:

A: The following was noted:

1: The Mayor informed the house that the following mattes was discussed at the recent Executive Mayoral Committee Meeting held on 13 Mei:

a. GIS System was discussed.

b. Review – Disaster Management Plan

c. Proposed relocation of Impound facility: Lamberts Bay to Clanwilliam

d. Responsibility of Cederberg Municipality pertaining the rural areas in our municipal area.

d(i) The MM assured Council that an Item inclusive of an action plan will be tabled at the next Council Meeting addressing the concerns of Councillors and possible MOA's, MOU'S pertaining to the rural areas of Cederberg within the parameters of law).

d(ii) The Speaker also mentioned and advised that, if possible, the Mayor invite all Ward Councillors to a session where the challenges pertaining to our communities who resides on private property and faces these challenges, can be discussed in debt.

RESOLVED:

a) That Council noted and accepted the minutes of:

1. Executive Mayoral Committee Meeting - 26 November 2025 (Annexure 8A)
2. Executive Mayoral Committee Meeting - 18 March 2026 (Annexure 8B)

b) That Council noted and accepted the minutes of the following Portfolio Committee Meetings:

1. Combined Portfolio Committee Minutes - 18 November 2025 (Annexure 8C)
2. Combined Portfolio Committee - 17 February 2026 (Annexure 8D)

Proposed: Cllr. R Richards
Seconded: Cllr. A Mouton
Counter Proposal: None

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-

6.1.1 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

RB9.1.1/28-05-2026 ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED FIFTH (5TH) GENERATION INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2026/2027

RESOLVED:

1. That Council noted the processes followed to develop the Final Amended Fifth (5th) Generation Integrated Development Plan for 2026/2027;
2. That Council adopted the Final amended fifth Generation Integrated Development Plan 2026/2027;
3. That Council noted the changes as specified on the memorandum in terms of MSA Regulation 3;
4. That Council noted the public participation process on the Final IDP and Budget.
5. That Council noted that all outstanding information i.e Executive summary and Chapter 5 has been included in the Final IDP;
6. That copies of the Final amended IDP document be made available at the following places:
    - Municipal Offices
    - Municipal Libraries
    - Municipal Website
    - Copies sent to Provincial Treasury, National Treasury and Department of Local Government.

Proposed: Cllr. J Van Heerden
Seconded: Cllr. R Richards
Counter Proposals: Cllr. J Hayes (The DA does not approve the final IDP)
Seconded: Cllr. J Engelbrecht

VOTE

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
CE – 4 FF Plus – 1 ANC – 1	DA – 4	PA - 1

- It was noted:
    - After voting the MM advised Councillors to really familiarise themselves with the content of this document and the effort that went into it from the official himself. This is a very good document and crucial matters relating to all towns are included in this document.
    - Cllr. Hayes called for a point of order and mentioned that the DA's issue is that the public gave input and no feedback on the input was provided. The Ward Committees also did not have input in the changes for the final document.

RB9.1.2/28-05-2026 TABLING OF 2026/2027 FINAL ANNUAL BUDGET

- The Executive Mayor furnished Council with his budget speech:

Mayor Speech, Councillor Azrial Scheepers – Final Annual Budget 2026/27 – 28 May 2026

THEME: Navigating local disasters and global economic uncertainty to balance a service delivery orientated budget

Good morning, Speaker, Deputy Mayor, fellow Councillors, members of Management, ladies and gentlemen, and members of the public in attendance.

Honourable councillors, allow me to again spare a thought to the family of Wildrin Basson one of our employees who tragically lost his life. To his mother and father, and broader family, you will remain in our prayers.

To the public, we have heard your cry for assistance to the indigent and elderly. This council for the first time will provide subsidised services to the elderly in the form of free 50kWh electricity and 6kl water, but I will give more details later in my speech.

Presenting this budget to the community of Cederberg Municipality leaves a bittersweet emotion for me as mayor. Our primary aim and objective are to present a ordable tari s that can enhance sustainable service delivery. Considering the strategic objectives over the past few years, the administration has attempted to delivery on this mandate.

Our stringent affords ladies and gentlemen, while small can be considered significant as the municipality considered below inflationary increases in tariffs. It brings small but positive relief to all consumers. In conjunction with the various successful achievements by the Cederberg Municipality, I want to think it present the little sweet of an emotion. The bitter in contrast can squarely be attributed to the various challenges we still face as a municipality. Challenges such as the impact of fuel prices on the economy, the increase in consumer inflation, the recent flood disaster and huge infrastructure backlog.

Leslie Tayne, a financial expert states that “budgeting has only one rule: Do not over budget”. Speaker and fellow councillors this is indeed a very simplified rule, but to achieve this cause days of inputs, calculations, considerations and ultimately bold decisions. As mayor of this administration, I must express my sincere appreciation to the municipal manager and his management for making tough decisions to put our community and taxpayers first. This is by no means easy considering all the emergencies and damages we experienced in the last few weeks. The direct conclusion is that the budget presented has been stripped from nice to haves to what is advancing services to our community. In simple terms Speaker we did not OVER BUDGET!

Councillors with the local government elections announced by the President of South Africa, honourable Mr. Ramaphosa, for November the 4th. I wish to present a budget free from any political agenda but with the sole purpose to benefit the people. As a coalition government we find ourselves in probably the most trying times in the political term, but our cooperative focus has seen us navigate through party politics to come up with solutions for the people. Deputy mayor, we are currently in the last year of the 5th generation IDP and will soon have to engage the public with inputs for the 6th generation IDP.

We want to stay thank you to everyone who provided input in the IDP & budget participated process.

Citizen of Cederberg Municipality we are faced with numerous local, provincial, national and global challenges, I as mayor with our coalition partners would like to bring some hope to the community of Cederberg Municipality. While we are not able to provide favourable answers to all your pleas, we want to ensure the community, we aim to balance all resources to improve service delivery.

During the political term we have been troubled with threats of import tari s by the United Stated. It is known that our citrus industry is exporting into America and such tari s would have had devastating a ects on our local economy. While the American president has changed his mind on the implementation of these tariffs, South Africa still finds itself in constant diplomatic disagreements with the USA, leaving constant concerns that these tari s can still be imposed.

The recent Middle East war between Isreal, America and Iran has seen the global economy frantically aiming to secure oil. The price of petrol increased with over R3 per litre in April 2026 against the R7 for diesel. The increase was much higher but thanks to the temporary relief by the South African government in excluding the R3 fuel tax levy on fuel prices. Speaker this is considered as one of the steepest increases in fuel prices. The increase in fuel prices directly resulted in an increase of inflation to 4%. These increases economist predicts is far from over, while it might not be as steep, inflation is still rising and the next few months will give a real account of the impact of the middle east war on the South African and global economy. Government has indicated that they can't a ord to sustain the R3 fuel tax levy relief as it costs the South African fiscus almost R6 billion rand per month in foregone revenue. Speaker a very interesting fact is that according to Stats SA website petrol use to cost 21.1 cent per litre in 1979. While this can't simply be compared in monetary terms is does present a unique pattern of the ever-rising fuel price. It never decreases in relation to the increases.

It's a stark reality that we are heading for a global recession. The escalating Middle East conflict is posing significant, mostly negative, economic risks to South Africa, driven primarily by soaring oil prices, a weakened Rand, and inflationary pressures. Speaker this is not even considering the impact of the national crises presented in our backyard, by the outbreak of the foot-and-mouth disease and the devastating impact of the recent floods.

The recent floods saw Cederberg community hugely affected with road closures, community's cut-o . It caused havoc as various infrastructures were damaged causing communities to go days without electricity. The floods contaminated the Olifants river which a ected our water supply in Clanwilliam. Councillors it was a sad experience to see a ected parties being cut-o and displaced during this time. The experience once again tested our ability as human beings to pull together when a crisis strikes. I want to express my gratitude to every councillor who attended to the residents a ected, the Western Cape Government, NGOs, Churches, and all other organisation that assisted us during the di icult time. Your donations, time and e ort are hugely appreciated by the entire Cederberg community.

Speaker we are engaged with regular JOC meetings to share information and to assess damages to our infrastructure. While the full extend of the damages is not yet known, it is estimated to be millions of rands. We will work together to make available adequate funding to address the disaster and the impact it had on our infrastructure. The administration is exploring the investment in a reverse osmosis water treatment facility that can produce on 3 mega litre clean drinkable water. We should also explore the possibility of additional boreholes to ensure sustainable water delivery in Cederberg. The actions should be done to improve our blue-drop and green-drop status.

Honourable councillors I would like to highlight some positives achieved by the municipality during the 2025/26 financial year:

- Debt relief, the municipality received the good news from National Treasury in April 2026. This marks the second successful write-o of 1/3 of the historical Eskom debt, this council inherited. Speaker and member of the public I would like to express my gratitude to municipal manager and his administration who ensure we comply with all these conditions set by National Treasury for a second year. The result is that we have to date receive over R29 million as a write-o . Speaker we are hopeful that we will successfully complete the next phase of this program which is ending 31 July 2026. The current status of 98% compliance would mean that we will undoubtedly be successful to get the last 1/3 write-o approved. This allowed the administration to improve the financial position of the municipality, however, it has also promoted good governance principles.
- For the second year, this is the coalition council has presented a funded budget for council approval. Members of the public this simply means a reprioritisation of service delivery e orts. Cutting back on cluttered budgeting approaches to a focused approach that outline specific service delivery objectives. We have moved from a deficit (unfunded) R57 million in 2022/23 to a surplus (funded) position of R79 million in 2026-27. Councillors this is a positive net movement of over R140 million in 3 years.
- Another proud movement for council was the clean audit achieve in 2024/25. The administration is task to ensure the municipality maintains such positive audit outcomes. While this can certainly not be easy it again speaks to the improved

controls implemented by the management and oversight by council. Councils' portfolio committees are very active in their oversight and provide the administration with the support to perform.

- Improvement in financial sustainability performance can be seen in the budget supporting table SA8. The performance indicators portray the improved picture sketched by various ratio's, notably is the liquidity ratio, current ratio and cost coverage ratio. Speaker these ratios are starting to align with the national norm. Also considering the recent SIME report and meeting we can see that Cederberg Municipality is starting to be favourably compared to other municipalities. This is indeed a very proud outcome, however, MM a lot still have to be done to achieve sustainable financial growth.

Honourable speaker, deputy mayor, councillors and the members of public in attendance, the administration was task to bring relief through the below budgetary means.

Minister Enoch Godongwana in a speech in February 2026 stated that "Growth is not possible without fiscal discipline". While the above is clear outcomes of some fiscal discipline, the administration were still tasks to align the 2026/27 budget to the municipality's strategic objective to achieve long-term financial sustainability through disciplined operational management, improved revenue collection, and responsible expenditure control. This result in a good alignment to the seven IDP strategic objectives, more details is available in the budget supporting schedule SA4 (revenue), SA5 (expenditure) and SA6 (capital).

The tabling budget for 2026/27, supported by the steady growth of municipal reserves, confirms that we are moving in the right direction despite all the challenges we face. Sustainable progress is key as it result in consistent operational improvements that collectively advance the strategic objectives of this Council.

Allow me to highlight key measures aimed to bring relief.

With the highly regulated electricity tari s, the municipality will be forced to implement a tari increase of 9.01% as per the proposed approval by NERSA. Cederberg Municipality proposed a below inflationary increase on water and sewerage (3.5%),

property rates (2.5%) for the 2026/27. Council refuse, however, will increase with 8% due to the enormous, anticipated expenditure to transport household refuse to the regional landfill site in Matzikama. The municipality planned to make available over R60 million to build a transfer station in Clanwilliam, 3 drop-o stations in Elands Bay, Lamberts Bay and Graafwater over the next 2 financial years. It also needs to service the facility loan obtained by the West Coast District Municipality from the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

Honourable councillor another bit of exciting news we present further assistance to our residents in the form of indigent support. The indigent criteria have been kept reflecting that a households' monthly income may not exceed the maximum amount of R 7 000 it excluding child support and foster care grant. We are introducing additional relief to our elderly property owners for subsidised 6kl and 50kWH water and electricity irrespective of their financial status. They must just be full time occupants of their homes.

Ward councillors I wish to encourage our indigent households through you to please register for the subsidy before 31 May 2026. The administration has invited the public to visit the municipal o ices to apply for indigent support. Speaker the CFO has gone the extra mile to make his sta available during the past Saturday (23 May 2026) in Citrusdal & Clanwilliam, this coming Saturday (30 May 2026) will they be in Graafwater, Elands Bay and Lamberts Bay. Members of the public please visit the o ices to ensure you are able to apply timeously. The budget makes provision for over 2 200 indigent households, but we are convinced that we have more people in our municipal area that qualify but fail to apply for the subsidised services. MM and CFO we must also attempt to assist households where children are backyard dwellers in the parent's homes resulting in the household income to exceed the qualification amount perhaps something to look forward to in the next budget cycle.

Councillors we need to explore the option of basic services in our informal settlements. We need to provide dignified services to our communities. There remains a huge component of revenue forgone due to our inability to provided metered services. This, however, need some investment into the necessary infrastructure but first we need to consider the proposal by the municipal manager for super blocking, which will allow for

the necessary space to install these services. We need to request assistance from government in these endeavours.

Cederberg municipality has various small remote communities that requires services. The challenges we face to provide services on private land hamstrung the municipality from ensuring that these households receive basic services. We urge government to look at assisting these communities or at the very least enable municipalities to provide the necessary services. This could in turn also address the need for housing within your urban areas.

Speaker for more detail I would now highlight some numbers.

Total operating revenue has grown by 4.09% or R23 million for the 2026/27 financial year comparing to 2025/26.

Total operating expenditure for the 2026/2027 financial year has been appropriated at R562.2 million or 4.9%.

Members of the public we are currently busy with the construction of the following infrastructure projects from various grant funding:

1. Multi-purpose centre Graafwater with a budget of R 12 million to be compeled in August 2026.
2. New electrical substation and overhead lines with a total budget of R 92 million also to be completed in August 2026.
3. Upgrading of gravel roads worth R5.4 million in Graafwater.
4. Rehabilitation of surfaced roads of Cederberg funded from own funds worth R6 million.
5. Upgrades and repairs of electrical networks worth R7.8 million.

I'm particularly proud to announce despite Cederberg's challenges we budget a total of R110 million for capital. This is an increase from R73 million in the 2025/26 financial year. Speaker this is made up of R79 million grants and R31 million own funds. The capital budget amounts to R125 million in the 2027/2028 financial year and decreases to R 75 million in the 2028/2029 financial year. The outer years still maintain a healthy contribution of own funding for capital expenditure. Speaker these projects include:

1. Bulk infrastructure for Housing Project of R 94.6 million to be completed in June 2028.
2. Upgrade of Gravel Roads in Clanwilliam of R84 million to be competed in 2032.
3. Cederberg Drop-o Facilities of R24 million to be completed in 2030.
4. Clanwilliam Transfer Station of R22 million to be completed in 2028.
5. Upgrade of Clanwilliam Waste Water Treatment Works of R82 million to be completed in 2028.
6. Clanwilliam and Citrusdal UISP Housing Project of R89.2 million to be completed in 2029.

Councillors we consider this to be a positive move into addressing our infrastructure backlogs. We are still faced with various challenges but gradual investment in infrastructure replacement based on a ordability is key for sustainable service delivery.

Councillors we need to explore options to enhance economic development. It is our responsibility to create an environment conducive to allow investors to create economic opportunities and employment opportunities. MM we should be forward looking in our approaches and make these part of our strategic objectives.

Honourable councillors I want to conclude my speech by thanking each household, business, institution or government department that continues to pay for their services. It is the right thing to do; I also want to assure you that the municipal finances are being administered with the necessary oversight by council.

Speaker, it is therefore my pleasure to present to this Council the MTREF budget for 2026/27, the draft tari s, budget related policies and by-laws together with the supporting budget schedules and documentation, for consideration and approval.

I thank you.

- **Cllrs applauded after the Executive Mayor presented his budget speech.**

AAA: COMMENTS PERTAINING THE FINAL ANNUAL BUDGET 2026/2026:

A. **Cllr. Hayes**: I have some concerning news for you. This is an extremely poor and disastrous budget. Regarding the process, we were never involved in finalising the

budget. We were not informed of the public input and feedback related to the budget.

B. **The Speaker** requested Cllr. Hayes to pause briefly while he addressed the members of the public. He informed the attendees that recording videos, taking photographs, or making audio recordings during the Council meeting is not permitted. All proceedings are recorded and the necessary information will be accessible on the official Cederberg Municipality website. It is unlawful to make such recordings without prior permission. The Speaker then asked Cllr. Hayes to continue.

C. **Cllr. Hayes**: This is clearly not a pro-poor budget. Indigent households are heavily impacted, and the relief provided to pensioners—many of whom do not actually need assistance—could have been allocated to poverty alleviation instead. He referenced a speech by Cllr. Strauss at a previous Council meeting concerning poverty relief and pointed out that there is nothing in this budget that addresses poverty alleviation.

D. Our infrastructure in Cederberg is old and deteriorating. The Mayor recently mentioned that our Capital Budget increased from R73 million to R110 million, with about R54 million coming from the province, not from our own funds. It's unfortunate that the quarterly figures weren't discussed first, as that would have shown the current situation more clearly. Currently, only 29% of our capital expenditure has been spent. Are we expected to spend 70% in the final month? Because there's only one month left.

E. While we boast about having money in the bank, in the 2022/23 year, only R4.9 million was budgeted from our internally generated funds. This increased to R50 million in 2023/24, with a slightly higher figure in 2024/25. For the 2025/26 year, we budgeted R38.6 million, which was then adjusted to R39 million.

F. Disgracefully, our own spending has been reduced to R31 million for the next financial year. We are planning to spend less of our own money on capital projects, despite the poor condition of our roads and longstanding water issues in Clanwilliam. It's noted that Clanwilliam is getting a new water treatment plant, but our roads—costing hundreds of millions to repair—are neglected year after year. Even more concerning is that this year, we budgeted around R40 million from our own funds, but next year, that is projected to drop by R10 million. The following year, the budget drops further to R23.8 million, and then even less, to R21 million. How will we ever restore our towns if these are the types of budgets we're working with? Without any increase in capital expenditure, we won't make meaningful progress.

G. Most of the funds spent are not Cederberg's own money; they come from grants provided by the Provincial Government. We are simply custodians of that money on behalf of the province. We cannot claim responsibility for projects funded by others. This is unacceptable. The current level of capital expenditure and the lack of support for indigent relief are completely unacceptable. Our community deserves better. People pay taxes and expect to see tangible benefits in return. It's crucial that this be explained clearly to the public.

H. **Cllr. Blaauw**: Regarding indigent support—our communities are highly seasonal, and we need to consider what support is available for people earning above R7,000. Currently, electricity costs have increased from R3.90 per unit to R4.50 per unit. Many residents are already struggling with their current income. With this proposed increase in electricity tariffs, even more people will be pushed into hardship. Our plea is whether there is anything the municipality can do to assist residents earning between R7,000 and R10,000.

I. **Cllr. Hayes**: I support what Cllr. Blaauw has just said.

J. **Cllr. J Engelbrecht**: Speaker, this is the first time I have sat in a Council meeting where a budget is presented by the Mayor, and you allow questions and comments to be made. This is a clear sign of a motion of no confidence in the Mayor's speech. The focus should only be on voting on the budget, and questions should not be permitted. So, please stop the questions and comments and proceed to a vote on the budget.

K. **Speaker**: The questions and comments are coming from the DA members. As usual, I ask questions and seek comments on each item in the Council pack. Your experience is not necessarily my experience or the way I conduct a Council meeting, so questions are asked and need to be answered.

L. **Cllr. Richards**: Speaker, I would like to support Cllr. Engelbrecht's suggestion that we proceed to a vote on the budget. The speech was delivered by the Mayor. There are other platforms for debate and discussion around the budget, but we are here to approve the budget.

M. **Cllr. Van Heerden**: As Chair of the Finance Portfolio, I request that we give the CFO an opportunity to briefly respond.

N. **Cllr. Farmer**: Speaker, this remains your meeting. You can allow what you see fit.

O. **Speaker:** The Speaker acknowledge the comments made by Cllrs. Engelbrecht and Richards, and made the following ruling:

THE SPEAKER RULED:

- That the CFO and Municipal Manager provide their comments on the issues raised by the Councillors around the table. After that, no further comments will be permitted, and the Council will then proceed to a vote.

P. **CFO:** The figures are not subjective. They are very clear, and you can see how they have grown from where they were to where they are now. Yes, to a large extent, I can admit that we could perhaps do more in managing our indigent households, but this is the direction we are heading. We cannot do everything in one year, as that would also undermine our ability to implement sound management. I have had several discussions with Councillors where I clearly explain our progress. When we compare where we started, where we are now, and where we are heading—taking into account the changes we have made in policy and in our work codes—I can honestly say how we are addressing the needs of the impoverished communities. We cannot serve everyone simultaneously. In the next cycle, there will still be comments saying we need to do more.

Q. Regarding Cllr. Blaauw's comment, it is possible to explore ways in the coming years to increase income limit, but taking aggressive action now could jeopardise the budget and collection rate. We can definitely consider implementing a sliding scale method for the years to come.

R. Concerning the budget and Cllr. Hayes's comments: I don't believe this Council has ever held two Budget Steering Committee meetings during the process of approving a budget. This administration has twice asked Council to be part of the process so we can incorporate Council's input into the final budget. To sit here and say there was no consultation is insulting because it's simply not true. All the input we received was processed into a result that aims to satisfy everyone around the table.

S. So, I would like to request Councillors to be part of the process next year. When we go through the process, please participate because it is effective to gather everyone's input during the draft stage and when finalising the budget. That way, we won't find

ourselves in the dilemma of conflicting opinions. We may always have different views, but at least the input will be incorporated into an acceptable outcome.

T. The municipality has also never been in a position where they have used R40million of their own funds for capital expenditure. Our external funding might look that way, but these are not yet defined projects. So, the outer years can still improve. I do believe the Council should and can be very proud of the budget.

U. **Municipal Manager**: In June 2026, we will hold a Special Council meeting, and the main item on the agenda will be the Adjustment Budget, which addresses the Capital Expenditure that Cllr. Hayes mentioned. That will be a key point of discussion during that meeting. Regarding the outer years, we must not lose sight of Cederberg's specific context—the R47 million figure. We are currently working through that amount, and we are in the second-last month of the third year of the third transfer. Because of this, we haven't been able to secure external loans like other municipalities.

V. In my view, this puts us in a very strong position for the new Council to come in, where ideally, that R47 million will be written off. We could then access the retail market to raise R100 million for capital projects—that is the strategy I believe we should pursue. With our limited resources now, we've addressed issues such as the SARS VAT we still owe on libraries and roads—amounts that run into millions—and we also need to fund the Regional Solid Waste Site, the purchase of a new fire station, and the old fire station account. These are millions of rand we need to manage carefully.

W. We submitted a budget with a surplus, and we haven't cut back on service delivery; we simply know how to manage our resources efficiently. The core achievement is that we are balancing the books to improve our funded budget, strengthen our financial ratios, and enhance our cash flow. It has been very challenging—we cut costs in various areas without impacting service delivery—and we continue to pursue cost containment measures to ensure Cederberg Municipality can sustain itself.

X. If we don't maintain at least two or three years of cash reserves, the Auditor-General and Provincial Treasury will hold us accountable, because we need to be sustainable for at least three years. You can't be reckless with your finances just because you have money now; that's not how a business operates. Treasury consistently encourages us, saying we are moving in the right direction, and they advise us to seek necessary loans to address the backlog of infrastructure projects.

Y. Most of the vehicle replacements have been funded from our own resources to refresh our fleet. I acknowledge what Cllr. Hayes is saying, but I believe we have taken the right approach. We are doing our part to create a stable environment. I recently discussed this with MEC Bredell, and the conversation went very well because I could assure him of our stability—his question was, "Gerrit, how stable are you?"

Z. The focus should not only be on expenditure but also on revenue growth and moving forward. We have progressed from a Grade 2 to a Grade 3 municipality, which is a significant achievement for Cederberg. This demonstrates that we are a stable and growing entity.

AA. **CFO**: Based on the Mayor's speech, the Administration concluded that extension is permitted for indigent applications for an additional 2 weeks until 12 June 2026 to which the Speaker responded that this should be communicated to the public as soon as possible.

BB. **Cllr. Van Heerden** would like to clarify that a figure related to capital expenditure was mentioned earlier, but it was not accurate. The correct percentage at the end of April, excluding commitments, was 31.93%.

RESOLVED:

1. Council approved the final 2026/2027 Annual Budget Report APPENDIX A.

2. Council approved the final tabled annual budget of Cederberg municipality for the financial year 2026/27 and the two outer years 2027/28 and 2028/29 as set out in APPENDIX B & C (Budget schedules A1 to A10 and supporting schedules SA1 to SA 38.)

3. Council approved the Quality Certificate signed by the Accounting Officer, as set out in APPENDIX D.

4. Council approved the implementation of the revised budget related policies, as set out in APPENDIX E.
   - Accounting Policy
   - Asset Management Policy
   - Borrowing Policy
   - Budget Policy

- Cash Management and Investment Policy
- Consequence Management Framework and SOP
- Contract Management Policy
- Cost Containment Policy
- Creditors-, Council and Staff Payments Policy
- Customer Care, Credit Control, Debt Collection, and Tampering Policy
- Electricity and Water Smart Meter Installations Policy
- Finance Management Internship Policy
- Fleet Management Policy
- Funding and Reserves Policy
- Indigent Support Policy
- Infrastructure Investment and Capital Projects Policy
- Insurance Policy
- Liquidity Policy
- Petty Cash Policy
- Preferential Procurement Policy
- Property Rates Policy
- Revenue Enhancement Policy
- Supply Chain Management Policy
- Tariff Policy
- Unauthorised, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure Policy
- Virement Policy

5. Council approved the property rates and charges on properties, tariffs, tariff structures and service charges for water, electricity, refuse, sewerage and other municipal services, as set out in APPENDIX F.

6. That Council approved the Service Level Standards set out in APPENDIX G.

7. That council approved the Procurement Plans as set out in APPENDIX H.

8. That Council approved the Budget Locking Certificate signed by the Accounting Officer, as set out in Annexure I.

Proposed: Cllr. J Van Heerden
Seconded: Cllr. R Richards
Counter Proposal: Cllr. J Hayes
(The Budget doesn't speak to poverty relief and the Capital expenditure is unacceptable**)**.
Seconded: Cllr. J Engelbrecht

VOTE

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
CE – 4 FF Plus – 1 ANC – 1	DA – 4	PA - 1

RB9.1.3/28-05-2026 DRAFT TOP LAYER SERVICES DELIVERY BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP) 2026/2027

RESOLVED:

a. That Council noted the content of the Draft Top Layer Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) for the 2026/2027 financial year

b. That the Draft SDBIP 2026/2027 be send to Provincial Treasury and Department Local Government.

RB9.1.4/28-05-2026 NEW DRAFT OF THE CEDERBERG SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

BBB: COMMENTS PERTAINING THE *NEW DRAFT OF THE CEDERBERG SDF*:

A: Comment and Request from Cllr. Hayes:

- A query I received nearly two years ago concerns someone who purchased a plot of land near the clinic directly across from the Roman Catholic Church. It appears that there were two plots belonging to Telkom, registered as residential plots. The person is now very frustrated and disappointed because I am unable to assist him further. He wants to build and connect services, but the municipality insists that he must pay for these services. The irony is that the plot isn't even located directly in front of the road. All I am asking is for the municipality to prioritize the development of that residential area.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council noted this report.
2. That Council approved the draft Cederberg Spatial Development Framework and the subsequent processes to follow until the final adoption and approval of the Cederberg Spatial Development Framework.
3. That a project committee be established as described in the report.
4. That the public participation process be aligned with IDP public participation processes.

Proposed: Cllr. A Mouton

Seconded: Cllr. E Marshall

No Counter Proposal

RB9.1.5/28-05-2026 EXTENSION OF EXISTING PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS IN TERMS OF SECTION 116(3) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2003 (ACT 56 OF 2003)

RESOLVED:

1. That Council approved the extension of the following contracts for a limited period, or on a month-to-month basis, until such time that new procurement processes have been finalised and new service providers have been appointed:

    a) CED 19/2020-2021: The compilation of the General Valuation Roll and Supplementary Valuation Rolls; and
    b) CED 30/2022-2023: Provision of Accounting Services for three years.
    c) CED 17/2022-2023: Appointment of a panel of legal experts for the provision of quality and specialist legal services;
    d) CED 27/2022-2023: Provisioning of law enforcement equipment, back-office systems, vehicles, call centre, and other related services;
    e) CED 33/2022-2023: Supply and delivery of electrical cables;
    f) CED 34/2022-2023: Supply and delivery of cleaning materials;
    g) CED 36/2022-2023: Supply and delivery of tissue paper products;
    h) CED 39/2022-2023: Provision of network support services, hosting, security, and VOIP services from the date of award until 30 June 2026

i) CED 02/2023-2024: Provision of professional engineering services for various projects for a multi-year project ending 30 June 2026;
j) CED 04/2023-2024: Appointment of professional land surveyors and registered professional town and regional planners panel for Cederberg municipality for a multi-year period ending on 30 June 2026; and
k) CED 09/2023-2024: Provision of security alarm systems, monitoring, and armed response services at security sites within Cederberg Municipality.

2. That Council approved that notice be given of the Municipality's intention to amend and extend the above-mentioned contracts, in terms of Section 116(3) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003), and that the local community is invited to submit representations in this regard.

Proposed: Cllr. J Van Heerden
Seconded: Cllr. A Scheepers
No Counter Proposal

RB9.1.6/28-05-2026 AMENDMENT OF MIG DPIP (MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT DETAILED PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

RESOLVED:

1. That Council approved the amendment of the "DPIP" for financial year 2025/2026 and 2026/2027

Proposed: Cllr. A Scheepers
Seconded: Cllr. R Richards
No Counter Proposals

RB9.1.7/28-05-2026 REVIEW OF CEDERBERG DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

CCC: COMMENTS PERTAINING THE *CEDERBERG DMP*:

A. **Cllr. Hayes:** I'm sorry to say, but this year marked the third flood in five years that Cederberg has experienced. The first year, Councillor Bergh mentioned it was just a

flash flood, and then it happened again, and now it has occurred once more this year. The question is: what have we learned from the first and second incidents, and more importantly, what will we learn from this situation?

B. My initial suggestion was that we establish an emergency stockpile depot to help people during such events. We haven't done anything about relocating residents in the low-lying areas of Riverview, and that remains our own responsibility.

C. The response I received after discussing this with Councillor Blaauw is that it's no longer a matter of whether residents want to be moved; rather, it will have to be a forced relocation that simply happens, and it will be non-negotiable.

D. I know Clanwilliam's water is contaminated, and I believe Riverview also contributes significantly to this problem. So, this situation is also a luxury we are creating for ourselves. I think the farming community needs to be addressed at a higher level because they farm in the river. These are practices we cannot manage directly, and I'm not sure how the issue will be tackled, because it will happen again. If this is the third time in five years, it will happen again. The debris in the dam is also evidence of this—vegetation has grown into the riverbed, and I understand there are tree stumps with roots lodged in the sluices.

E. I know the Province had a program to clean the river, and we will need to focus more on prevention.

F. **Cllr. Mouton:** We need to focus on short-term plans because, typically, the rural areas are heavily impacted by these disasters. Perhaps we should also consider medium-term and long-term strategies. There are also plantations above the dam where farmers spray pesticides, and these chemicals end up in the water. Therefore, we should look into drilling boreholes for Clanwilliam itself, just as Lambert's Bay needs to secure long-term water resources. I completely agree with Cllr. Hayes, because disasters will continue to occur every year.

RESOLVED:

a) That Council noted the existing Disaster Management Plan.

b) That Council approved the current Disaster Management Plan.

Proposed: Cllr. R Richards

Seconded: Cllr. A Scheepers

No Counter Proposals

RB9.1.8/28-05-2026 MUNICIPALITY'S 2026-2027 CREDIT CONTROL, DEBT COLLECTION AND INDIGENT SUPPORT BY-LAW, 2026-2027 PROPERTY RATES BY-LAW AND 2026-2027 TARIFF BY-LAWS

RESOLVED

1. Council noted the three By-laws;

2. That Council considered the 2026-2027 Credit Control, Debt Collection and Indigent-, 2026-2027 Property Rates- and 2026-2027 Tariff By-laws; and

3. That Council approved the 2026-2027 Credit Control, Debt Collection and Indigent Support By-law, 2026-2027 Property Rates By-law and 2026-2027 Tariff By-laws for implementation upon promulgation in the Western Cape Government Gazette.

Proposed: Cllr. J Van Heerden
Seconded: Cllr. E Marshall
Counter Proposals: None

B9.1.9/28-05-2026 DATES AND FREQUENCY OF FUTURE MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD 01 JULY 2026 – 30 JUNE 2027

RESOLVED

1. The proposed dates for Cederberg Council meetings and business for the 2026/2027 period were approved as outlined;

2. It was noted that these dates may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances; and

3. All relevant stakeholders be informed accordingly.

Proposed: Cllr. A Scheepers
Seconded: Cllr. R Richards
No Counter Proposals

RB9.1.10/28-05-2026 DEVIATIONS FROM AND RATIFICATION OF MINOR BREACHES OF, PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

RESOLVED:

a. Council, in terms of Section 36 of the Supply Chain Management regulations, took cognisance of the transactions for the months of March 2026 and April 2026.

RB9.1.11/28-05-2026 QUARTERLY BUDGET STATEMENT INCLUSIVE OF TOP LAYER SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP), VIRMENTS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REPORTS: JANUARY 2026 – MARCH 2026

RESOLVED:

1. Council took note of the:
    a. Quarterly Budget Statement inclusive of the Top Layer Service Delivery Implementation Plan (SDBIP),
    b. Virements Report, and
    c. Supply Chain Management Report for the third quarter.

RB9.1.12/28-05-2026 REPORTING ON GIS

RESOLVED:

1. The content was noted;
2. That Council supported the continuation of these services.

Proposed: Cllr. R Richards

Seconded: Cllr. E Marshall

No Counter Proposals

RB9.2 URGENT MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

RB9.2.2/28-05-2026 POSSIBLE REBATE FOR WATER CHARGES IN CLANWILLIAM WARD 3

DDD: COMMENTS PERTAINING THE *POSSIBLE REBATE – WARD 3*:

A. **CFO**: Given the current water crisis in Clanwilliam, the administration has requested the Council to implement a temporary measure by reducing water charges for consumers. The water is largely unusable at this time, and it would be unfair to expect residents to pay for water they cannot fully access. This reduction applies mainly to the consumption charges, while basic charges will remain unchanged. We have requested that this relief be in place for a period of three months, starting from May, or until the water situation improves.

B. The administration also believes that the Council should decide on the percentage reduction, as we are not prescriptive about the exact amount. Therefore, the Council can determine the appropriate level of reduction.

C. **Cllr. Hayes**: Speaker, we object. The CFO mentioned a reduction on consumption, but consumption is a rate for usage. If this were about the cost of availability, it would be easier to understand, but offering a discount on consumption charges at a lower rate because the water quality is poor is not acceptable.

D. The same argument applies to Lambert's Bay, which requests a reduction on property tax because their roads and infrastructure are in poor condition. This opens the door to many such requests.

E. This item pertains to Ward 3, but every ward has its own challenges—Graafwater faces poverty, Ward 6 has its unique issues but receives no support, Ward 1 gets nothing, Ward 2 has road problems, and so on. We could all request discounts on property taxes based on our specific circumstances.

F. Therefore, I don't think we should make an exception for Ward 3. The issue is about usage—residents have a choice: they can either buy water or use the municipality's water, and they can keep their water clean.

G. **Cllr. Farmer**: What Cllr. Hayes is saying is not a counter proposal. It's an item brought to Council, and a proposal must be made and considered by Council. What Councillor Hayes has just stated is a proposal that it should not be accepted.

H. **MM:** We are simply bringing this forward to address the essentials. Our intention is to prevent Councillors from criticizing the Administration in the future about this matter. Therefore, we have presented it for deliberation, discussion and consideration.

I. **Cllr. Van Heerden**: Everyone is aware that the current water quality is not suitable for human consumption. However, people still need to shower and carry out daily activities. By offering a discount on water usage, residents can use that saved money to purchase clean water and meet their needs. I believe this is part of the justification for the proposal.

J. **Cllr Hayes**: Speaker, I would suggest that if it were about the levy—since we currently do not have water available for you—we would exempt you from the basic fee. I would support that approach, but not a discount on consumption.

K. **Director R De Ridder**: Just for clarification, the availability fee relates to the infrastructure in place to deliver water to the public. The reason we are proposing a discount on consumption is because it is measured by the water meter. The Finance Department should be able to quantify this—indicating how much is due based on actual usage. That's why we prefer to base it on consumption. I acknowledge what Councillor Hayes is saying, but the levy is solely intended for maintenance and the infrastructure necessary to supply water to the community.

L. **Cllr. Farmer**: I see now that the Council should also propose a percentage. Has there been an analysis conducted across the entire Cederberg area to identify places that were affected by the flood and to determine if others are facing similar problems?

M. **CFO**: In terms of our specific investigation into water, the problem is solely attributed to Ward 3 in Clanwilliam. The water quality in Citrusdal is not affected.

N. **MM**: I still have a 50% cost that must be incurred.

- It be noted that Cllr. Van Heerden requested a caucus break to which the Speaker permitted for 5 minutes.

RESOLVED:

1. The following proposal by Cllr. J Hayes and Seconded by Cllr. P Strauss was noted:
    a) That Council not approve the proposed rebate for water charges in Clanwilliam, Ward 3 providing the following reasoning:
        (i) The CFO reported a discount on consumption, with a specific rate applied to the usage. Therefore, if you consume less, your usage cost is lower. If it had been about the cost of availability, that would be understandable. However, offering a discount based on consumption, or applying a lower rate because the water quality is poorer, is not acceptable.

2. The following **Counter Proposal by Cllr. A Scheepers** and **Seconded by Cllr. R Richards was noted and approved** by Council:
    a) That Council noted the request for a possible rebate to the consumer in ward 3, related to water charges.
    b) That Council considered and approved a 70% rebate for the water charges levied.
    c) Council authorised the Municipal Manager and Chief Financial Officer to implement the approved rebate on all consumer accounts for ward 3, only; and
    d) Additionally, it was resolved that:
        (i) The above approval, mentioned in point 2 above, is not applicable to the three affected Cllrs' households, residing in Ward 3.

VOTE

FOR the Approval of Rebate	**AGAINST Approval for Rebate**	**ABSTAINED from the matter**
CE – 4 FF Plus – 1 ANC – 1	DA – 4	PA – 1 (Taking into account the Municipal Manager's comments on the percentage given).

EEE: COMMENTS *AND REMARKS MADE AFTER VOTING*:

A. **Cllr. Hayes**: Three members of Ward 3, due to a conflict of interest, voted in favour of the motion.

B. **Cllr. R Richards**: There must surely be an objection to that comment. Such nonsense.

C. **Cllr. J Engelbrecht**: No, there can't be an objection to that; it is what it is.

D. **Cllr. R Richards**: We disagree with the statement Cllr, Hayes just made.

E. **Cllr. Farmer** raised a point of order: I request that the Deputy Mayor withdraw the remark referring to what Cllr. Hayes has stated. Saying it is nonsense.

F. **Cllr. R Richards**: Statement withdraw, Speaker. I will place on record that the comments made by Cllr. Hayes it is frivolous and factitious. I will record that the comments made by Councillor Hayes have a counterargument, stating that there is no conflict of interest. I would also like to record that the councillors involved are demonstrating a high level of responsibility by indicating that they do not seek personal benefit. It just so happens that they live in Clanwilliam, but they have publicly stated that they are not here to profit from the misfortune or advantages that other residents may receive.

RB9.3/28-05-2026 MATTERS FOR NOTIFICATION

IN-COMMITTEE FOLLOWED:

RB9.2.1/28-05-2026 IN-COMMITTEE::: IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED UPPER LIMITS FOR TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGES PAYABLE TO MUNICIPAL MANAGERS AND MANAGERS DIRECTLY ACCOUNTABLE TO MUNICIPAL MANAGERS (SECTION 56 AND 57) AND RECTIFYING OF CELL PHONE ALLOWANCESCONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

1. Council noted the Upper Limits of Total Remuneration Packages payable to Municipal Manager and Managers directly accountable to Municipal Managers, as gazetted (Vol 730 – 54505) on 14 April 2026 and COGTA Circular No.6 of 2026 regarding the implementation of the upper limits.

2. Council noted that the municipality implemented the upper limits of Government Gazette No. 53882, of 18 December 2025 in December 2025 and that the figures outlined in the recently issued April notice are identical to those provided in the Upper Limits notice of 18 December 2025.

3. Council noted that no salary creeping exists and is therefore not necessary to rectify the anomaly by restoring the appropriate remuneration hierarchy between Senior Managers and third level managers.

4. Council noted that the Municipal Manager must submit to the MEC of Local Government the requested information in terms of Section 13(1), within 60 days of the publication of the Upper Limits as gazetted (Vol 7306 – 54505) on 14 April 2026.

5. Council noted the cell phone allowance that was reduced and is due to the Municipal Manager and Senior Managers and approved the payments due to them as follows:

Proposed: Cllr. R Richards

Seconded: Cllr. A Scheepers

No Counter Proposals

RB9.1.14/28-05-2026 IN-COMMITTEE::: APPROVAL FOR THE PAYMENT OF BACK PAY DUE TO MR HENRY WITBOOI, FORMER DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES IN TERMS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULAR 15 OF 2026 AND THE PROMULGATED UPPER LIMITS FOR SENIOR MANAGERS

RESOLVED:

a) The item was deferred until more clarity is obtained on the matter.

Proposed: Cllr. R Richards

Seconded: Cllr. Y Blaauw

No Counter Proposals

RB9.4/28-05-2026 CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- Geen / None

RB9.5/28-05-2026 CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF QUESTIONS

- Geen / None

RB9.6/28-05-2026 CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS OF EXIGENCY

- Geen / None

10. CLOSURE

- Meeting adjourned.

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VOORSITTER / CHAIRPERSON **DATUM / DATE**