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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CEDERBERG MUNICIPALITY HELD ON 31 MARCH 2026

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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. 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) C Sheldon, J Goeieman, D Frantz, A Mlata, Mrs L September, Miss J Cloete

ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGY:

- Geen / None

1. OPENING

- The Chairperson warmly welcomed all attendees, giving special recognition to Reverend F. Cloete, who commenced the meeting with an inspiring message and prayer. After she finished, the Executive Mayor expressed gratitude to Reverend Cloete for her uplifting words.

2. ELECTION OF (ACTING) SPEAKER, IF NECESSARY

N/A

3. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Cllr. J Hayes (Councillor Englebrecht informed the house that Councillor Hayes would not be able to attend the Council Meeting, as his locum was unavailable, and he will not be able to close his practice).

- Mrs. M. Bester (Acting Director: CSS) is attending the Task Evaluation Committee at WCDM. Mr. Sheldon will represent her in her absence.

- The MM also informed the meeting that the Office of MEC Bredell has confirmed the appointment of Mr. M. January as the new Director of Corporate and Strategic Services. He is scheduled to begin his duties on 1 April 2026.

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4. INTERVIEWS AND PRESENTATIONS BY DEPUTATIONS

- Geen / None

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a) That the following minutes was approved:

1. Council Meeting held on 27 November 2025;
2. Council Meeting held on 31 January 2026
3. Special Council Meeting held on 26 February 2026

b) It further be noted that according to Cllr. J Engelbrecht, that ito the minutes of 27 November 2025, a minor amendment be made pertaining to a comment made by Cllr. J Hayes.

Proposed: Cllr. R Richards
Seconded: Cllr. A Scheepers
Counter Proposals: None

6. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION BY THE SPEAKER

RB06A/31-03-2026 STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION BY THE SPEAKER: VIRTUAL PLATFORMS

RESOLVED:

1. Council noted:
   It is claimed that a virtual platform is being refused and not allowed. However, communication was sent yesterday to all Councillors, requesting that we attend this meeting in person because we are not in our normal setup. We are outside the

Council chamber, which is more accessible for both in-person attendance and virtual platforms. Therefore, I requested that all Councillors be physically present. It is also claimed that the policy clearly states that virtual requests are permitted. In 2023, there was a revision to the Rules of Order, which included such provisions. It was also mentioned in 2023 that a draft policy would be developed. However, I would like to clarify that this policy has not yet reached this Council table. It has, however, been amended in accordance with the Rules of Order, as approved on 31 August 2023. I would like to read the section of the Rules regarding virtual meetings:

RULES OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS AND SITTINGS

1. GENERAL

1.1 These rules are supplementary to and must be read in conjunction with the Rules of Order / Rules and Orders / Standing Orders for Council.

1.2 For the purposes of these Rules, "virtual meetings or sittings" mean meetings or sittings conducted by any form of technology.

1.3 These Rules shall remain in force for the period of the National State of Disaster and may be extended beyond this period by the Municipal Council.

1.4 These Rules shall be referred to as Rules of Virtual Meetings and Sittings.

This meeting is not a virtual meeting. I would like to refer you to the Council resolution of 2023, dated 1 March:

RB7.1.3/01-03-2023 REPORT TO COUNCIL ON THE VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS AND THE DRESS CODE FOR COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED:

1. ***Council take cognisance of the report;***
2. ***Given the extreme weather conditions and various cultural beliefs and traditions, it will not be a requirement of Councillors to wear a jacket and tie to meetings of Council; but to dress neatly and appropriately;***
3. ***Council will permit virtual attendance for meetings of Council, in accordance with the draft Rules of Virtual Meetings and Sittings;***
4. ***(2) and (3) above, will be deemed to be incorporated into the Amended Rules of Order as of this Council Meeting;***
5. ***A revised draft of the Rules of Order, taking into account other amendments, must be submitted to Council by end of March 2023 for consideration and approval.***

This is the council resolution of 1 March 2023.

"Secondly, in terms of my Statements and Communication:

Following a disciplinary process concerning, as it is known, the "Monkey Matter" in which Councillor J. Hayes was involved, the Council made a decision on 13 October 2025. I now present this decision to you:

RB7.1.8/13-10-2025 OUTCOME OF DISCIPLINARY MATTER: SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE INTO ALLEGATIONS OF BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS LEVELLED AGAINST COUNCILLOR JOHN HAYES AS THE THEN SPEAKER OF THE MUNICIPALITY IN THE MATTER REFERRED TO AS THE "MONKEY MATTER"

RESOLVED:

1. ***That Council took cognisance of the Final Report and Findings of the Disciplinary Committee regarding the "Monkey Matter" in which Cllr John Hayes is the accused, and consider the outcome thereof;***

2. ***That Council made the following findings:***
   - ***Finding 1: Cllr John Hayes is guilty of grossly inappropriate conduct with racist connotations.***
   - ***Finding 2: Cllr John Hayes has failed to act in the best interest of the municipality.***
   - ***Finding 3: Cllr John Hayes acted in such a way that the credibility and integrity of the municipality was compromised.***

3. ***That Council imposed the following sanction:***
   - ***Cllr John Hayes is herewith suspended as a councillor for 12 months effective immediately.***

4. ***That Council authorised the Speaker to inform the MEC for Local Government in the Province concerned within 14 days of the finding and sanction decided on by the Council.***

(i) The Speaker read out the correspondence received form MEC Bredell's Office. (See attached)

(ii) "Councillors, I hereby I hereby inform Councillor J. Hayes as well as Council that the sanction imposed by the MEC of Local Government, Environmental Affairs & Development Planning, Mr. A. Bredell, regarding the "Monkey Matter", that Cllr. Hayes is suspended for a period of one month, with effect 31 March 2026 at 10h25AM and will conclude on 30 April 2026 at 10h25AM.

Councillor Hayes is welcome to do his services in the community; however he will not act as a Councillor for the month within this ward, Ward 5.

Being the Ward Councillor, Cllr. Hayes is also responsible for ward Committee Meetings, and so I hereby appoint Cllr. R Richards as the interim Chairperson of the Ward Committee and to fulfil the functions of the ward committee to comply with the province.

Thank you."

Sequence of events:

1. Cllr. Richards, permitted by the Speaker, read out the following statement:

- *It be noted that the **Speaker ruled**: No debate will be allowed on the correspondence from the MEC as read out earlier.*

RESPONSE STATEMENT by Dr Ruben Richards (Deputy Mayor, Cederberg Municipality)
31 March 2026

RACISM HAS NO PLACE IN OUR DEMOCRACY

Speaker, my overall response to MEC Bredell's letter and this matter which has been referred to as the "Monkey Matter", is that racism has no place in our democracy.

The findings against Councillor Dr John Hayes are deeply troubling, but sadly not surprising. At its core, this matter is not about a single social media post — it is about the persistence of racism and the continued dehumanisation of Black people in South Africa.

To compare Black people to monkeys or baboons is not accidental, nor is it harmless humour. It draws from a long and painful history in which such comparisons were deliberately used to strip Black people of their humanity, justify oppression, and entrench inequality. In the South African context, where the wounds of apartheid remain fresh, this kind of conduct is especially harmful and offensive.

Speaker, what is equally concerning is Councillor Hayes' continued insistence that the post was not racist and that it remains "funny." This reflects a profound lack of awareness, accountability, and empathy. Leadership — particularly from someone who served as Speaker — demands a higher standard. It requires an understanding of our history, a respect for our people, and a commitment to building a non-racial society.

The MEC's ruling confirms what many already recognised: that this conduct was inappropriate, damaging, and in breach of the Code of Conduct for Councillors. However, the leniency of the sanction raises serious questions about whether justice has truly been served. A one-month suspension risks minimising the severity of racism and may fail to send a strong enough message about accountability in public office.

Racism — whether overt or disguised as humour — has real consequences. It deepens division, undermines dignity, and erodes trust in public institutions. South Africans deserve leaders who unite rather than divide, and who uphold the constitutional values of equality, dignity, and respect.

This moment must serve as a reminder that racism cannot be normalised, excused, or trivialised. It must be confronted directly, called out without hesitation, and addressed with meaningful consequences.

I call upon all of us to reaffirm our commitment to a South Africa where the dignity of all people is protected, and where those in positions of authority are held fully accountable for their actions.

Speaker, notwithstanding my response to MEC Bredell's letter on this "Monkey Matter", I propose the formal adoption of MEC Bredell's confirmation of the guilty verdict and sanction of a one (1) month suspension based on the following understanding of the process.

1. My understanding is that the MEC's decision remains valid and enforceable until it is set aside by a court of law. This council will therefore proceed with the implementation of the sanction unless and until a court of competent jurisdiction directs otherwise.

2. In other words, my understanding is that the suspension will therefore run its course unless Cllr John Hayes obtains a court order granting interim relief, such as an urgent interdict or stay of execution, pending the determination of the review. We recognise that any aggrieved party retains the right to seek judicial review through the courts.

3. Speaker, I take it that no such urgent interdict has been issued against the municipality.

Speaker, based on my understanding of the process, I therefore propose that this council give effect to the MEC's ruling as issued. I propose the formal adoption of MEC Bredell's guilty verdict and sanction to be imposed on Cllr Dr John Hayes for promoting racism.

Councillor Farmer raised a point of order and addressed the Speaker, noting that it was previously ruled that no debates would be permitted. He stated that the statement made by Councillor Richards was provoking a debate. Additionally, Councillor Farmer told the Speaker that his silence on the matter suggests bias, which cannot be allowed.

The Speaker responded to Councillor Farmer, expressing agreement with him. The Speaker then asked Councillor Richards to proceed with his statement but warned him not to refrain from provoking any debate through his remarks.

Councillor Richards assured the Speaker that he was simply making a statement and was not engaging in a debate.

Councillor Farmer raised another point of order, but the Speaker recognised Councillor Strauss, who expressed the opinion that there had already been a finding, and there was no need for Councillor Richards to make a statement. He urged the Council to adhere to the finding and not allow Councillor Richards to make any further statements on the matter.

The Speaker requested that Councillor Richards summarise his statement and refrain from proceeding with the full statement as originally planned.

Councillor Richards responded, requesting to exercise his right to speak for at least three minutes citing the Rules of Order.

The Speaker reiterated that it was made clear at the start of the response statement that no debate would be allowed on the matter, and stated that some content of the statement could provoke debate.

Councillor Richards told the Speaker that he respects his rulings but clarified his intention was not to provoke a debate. He only wanted to read his response regarding the MEC's

correspondence into the record and then conclude. He added that other Councillors had been given the opportunity to do so, and that was all he wanted to do. He asked for permission to proceed, and the Speaker responded that he could, but with caution.

Councillor Blaauw mentioned that Cllr. Richards' statement could provoke a debate, and the Speaker emphasised several times that debate would not be permitted. He stressed the importance of respecting the finding and that there was no need for further discussion.

Councillor Richards then continued with his statement.

Just as Councillor Richards was nearing the end of his response, Councillor Farmer called a point of order. He asked the Speaker how much time a Councillor is allowed to speak according to the Rules of Order, noting that Cllr. Richards had been speaking for almost ten minutes. He reminded the Speaker that he had cautioned against debating based on Cllr. Richards' statement. Cllr. Farmer further pointed out that when Cllr. Hayes was the Speaker and made a Facebook post, it was not an issue at the time. However, after Cllr. Hayes was removed as Speaker, the matter was brought up again nearly two years later. He argued that Cllr. Richards, as the then-Mayor, had no problem with the post initially, but once relationships soured, it became an issue.

He urged the Speaker either to withdraw the ruling that no debate was allowed or to require Cllr. Richards to stop his 'so-called' statement response.

The Speaker responded, agreeing that Cllr. Farmer's citing of time was correct, and asked Cllr. Richards to conclude his response at that point.

Finally, Councillor Englebrecht mentioned that Cllr. Hayes' representatives said they would appeal and that the MEC had been informed. Cllr. Hayes' legal representatives also planned to take the matter to court after 19 May 2026.

RB06B/31-03-2026 STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION BY THE SPEAKER: SUSPENSION OF CLLR. J HAYES

RESOLVED:

a. Council noted:

1. The briefing and background pertaining to the Disciplinary Committee's recommendation concerning the "Monkey Matter", involving Cllr. J Hayes.

2. The response letter to the Speaker from MEC Bredell, referenced: 13/1/2/K6 (3/11/2/8 – 2025/239), dated 12 March 2026, regarding the subject: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS, CEDERBERG MUNICIPALITY: COUNCILLOR JOHN HAYES.

b. It was also acknowledged that, although the Disciplinary Committee recommended a suspension period of twelve months, the MEC imposed the sanction - a suspension of one month.

c. Council acknowledged and accepted the sanction imposed by the MEC on Councillor John Hayes.

d. Council further noted that the suspension will be effective from 31 March 2026 at 10:25 AM until 30 April 2026 at 10:25 AM, without salary.

e. Additionally, it be noted that Cllr. R Richards will resume the duties as Acting Chairperson of the Ward Committee in Ward 5 for the duration of the suspension period of Cllr. J Hayes.

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

- DA Component abstained. Reason: DA accepted the content of the letter from the MEC only, and nothing else.
- PA Component abstained

VOTE

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
CE – 4 **ANC – 1** **FF PLUS - 1**	**-**	**DA – 3** **PA - 1**

6. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

Speaker, honoured members of Council, and esteemed guests,

our region's history is a treasure trove of stories waiting to be told. Just 60,000 years ago, our ancestors etched symbols onto ostrich eggshells, leaving behind a legacy that defines our identity. Today, we stand at a crossroads, where the past and present converge. Recent discoveries at Erf 50 in Elands Bay have uncovered human remains and evidence of Later Stone Age occupation, reminding us that our decisions today will shape the heritage we leave behind.

This discovery is more than just a historical footnote; it's a key to unlocking our region's potential. It holds promise for cultural heritage, tourism, community engagement, conservation, research, and reconciliation. As we navigate modern development, let's honour our past by protecting our shared heritage. The discovery's impact will be multifaceted:
1. _Cultural Heritage_: enriching our understanding of the region's history
2. _Tourism and Economic Development_: attracting researchers and tourists
3. _Community Engagement_: fostering community pride and involvement
4. _Conservation and Protection_: ensuring careful management of the site
5. _Research and Education_: advancing our understanding of human history
6. _Reconciliation and Acknowledgement_: promoting healing among local communities

But, Speaker, as we celebrate our rich heritage, we're confronted with a pressing global situation – the conflict between America, Israel, and Iran – which has rippled down to impact us locally. We've seen it firsthand: diesel shortages, empty garages, and a strain on our community. Our council's decisions have weight, and it's crucial we address this issue.

I'd like to commend the municipal manager for recognizing this dilemma as a potential disaster and taking proactive steps to rally stakeholders and activate a Joint Operations Centre (JOC). We're not waiting for higher authorities to act; we're taking responsibility for our community's well-being. We're monitoring the situation, gathering data, and compiling situational reports to inform decisions at all levels. Our actions may prompt other spheres of government to follow suit, and I believe our responsible measures will pay off. We're not just a municipality; we're a community that cares, and we'll do what's needed to mitigate the impact of this global conflict on our people and local economy.

Speaker, as we navigate these challenging times, we're reminded that our region is no stranger to adversity. The Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak has had a significant impact on our agricultural sector, with latest data showing a 15% decline in livestock production and an estimated R50 million loss in revenue for local farmers. We're working closely with provincial authorities to implement biosecurity measures and support affected farmers.

As the Executive Mayor, I'm committed to leading with resilience and stewardship, especially in this final year of our electoral term. Today, I'm tabling a budget for the 2026/2027 financial year that balances our municipality's needs with the harsh realities of electricity tariff hikes. NERSA's proposed increases will undoubtedly strain household budgets, and we've heard the concerns of our citizens loud and clear – the petitions from Citrusdal and Graafwater are a testament to their engagement and activism.

I commend those communities for exercising their democratic right and demonstrating maturity in expressing their views. We're listening, and we're committed to delivering affordable services. Our budget process is embedded in our Integrated Development Plan (IDP), and I invite all citizens to participate in the upcoming IDP sessions in April 2026. Let's work together to shape Cederberg's future – your voice matters.

We've gained valuable insights from my mayoral town oversight visits, and the municipal manager and administration are working on addressing key issues. As a council, our priority is to respond to our people's needs and deliver results. The land audit before council holds potential for unlocking housing opportunities beyond traditional government schemes, and we'll keep citizens informed about progress and opportunities.

Our gratitude goes to Mooier Citrusdal for their outstanding support of the municipality's objectives, demonstrated by the handover of street name boards for Citrusdal.

I want to extend my appreciation to my mayoral Committee for exercising good corporate governance, the municipal administration for their competence and excellent management, our portfolio councilors for their oversight, and full council for discharging their responsibilities with care and precision. We may differ, but our hearts are with the people we serve.

Municipal Manager, please convey my gratitude to all our workers for the great work they do daily, often in challenging conditions. I've seen an eager workforce, on time and at work.

Speaker, your exceptional leadership as chairperson of this council is truly appreciated. To our general public and media, thank you for your responsible participation and for holding us accountable. Your engagement is valued and appreciated.

As Easter approaches, let's take a moment to reflect, renew, and celebrate with loved ones. Please prioritize your safety on the roads, obey traffic signs, and arrive at your destinations safely. Municipal offices will be closed on Friday and Monday, and will close at 15h00 on Thursday.

We wish you a safe and restful Easter weekend.

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

- The Executive Mayor mentioned that MayCo held a meeting on 18 March 2026. Many of the items discussed at MayCo were brought before the Council today for consideration.

- Speaker expressed his gratitude to the Municipal Manager and the Mayor, as well as all the officials involved in preparing for this Council meeting. A lot of effort was put in, and much work was done behind the scenes. He sincerely wished to thank everyone who contributed; he truly appreciates everyone's hard work. These past two weeks were not easy, but the team involved managed to get through it. So, to everyone who was present in the preparations for the Council meeting, the Speaker want to thank them all from the bottom of his heart.

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

RB9.1.1/31-03-2026 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AMENDED FIFTH (5TH) GENERATION INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2026/2027

RESOLVED:

1. That Council took note of the processes followed to develop the Draft Amended Fifth (5th) Generation Integrated Development Plan for 2026/2027;

2. That Council adopt the Draft amended fifth Generation Integrated Development Plan 2026/2027;

3. That Council take note of the changes as specified on the memorandum in terms of MSA Regulation 3;

4. That council take note of the public participation process on the Daft IDP and Budget.

5. That all outstanding information i.e Executive summary and Chapter 5 as highlighted within the Draft IDP be included in the final document that is to be tabled before Council by end of May 2026;

6. That copies of the Draft 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
No Counter Proposals

- It should be noted that the Speaker wished the officials the best as they participate in the public engagement process associated with the IDP.

RB9.1.2/31-03-2026 TABLING OF 2026/2027 DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET

- The Executive Mayor furnished Council with his budget speech:

Mayor Speech, Councillor Azrial Scheepers – Adjustment Budget 2026/27 – 31 March 2026

THEME: Navigating 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.

We find ourselves in probably the most trying times in the political term of this council. 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. Various media outlets have been speculating that our fuel prices are expected to increase between R5-R10 per litre from 01 April. Honourable councillors this is not a planned April fools' joke. 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.

It is almost impossible to be positive if one considers the impact these will have on Cederberg residents. How will we use our resources in the 2026/27 budget and MTREF period to being hope

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

But firstly, I would like to highlight our strategic objective. Our objective is to achieve long-term financial sustainability through disciplined operational management, improved revenue collection, and responsible expenditure control.

The tabling of a funded draft 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. It will, however, increase refuse with 4.5% 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. It also needs to service the facility loan obtained by the West Coast District Municipality from the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

I want to encourage our indigent households to please register for the subsidy before 31 May 2026. 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 status. More information will be made available during the public participation processes in April.

Speaker for more detail I would now highlight some numbers.

Total operating revenue has grown by 3.46% or R18.677 million for the 2026/27 financial year compared to 2025/26.

Total operating expenditure for the 2026/2027 financial year has been appropriated at R557.798 million or 3.6%.

The first year in the MTREF translates into a budgeted operating surplus of R 509 thousand, however after taking into consideration capital funding, it translates into a budget surplus of

R80.105 million. The budget surplus for the two outer years steadily increases to R88.745 million for 2027/28 and decreases to R 37.120 million in the last year of the MTREF. These surpluses will be used to fund capital expenditure and to further ensure cash backing of reserves and funds.

I'm particularly proud to announce despite Cederberg's challenges we budget for over R100 million for capital. The capital budget of R115.217 million for 2026/2027 has increased by 55.99% when compared to the 2025/26. The capital program amounts to R101.422 million in the 2027/2028 financial year and decreases to R54.493 million in the 2028/2029 financial year. This includes over R40 million from own funding.

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. The municipal manager and his administration are driven by good governance principles and has demonstrate responsibility and accountability as it has translated into the clean audit achieved by Cederberg Municipality in 2024/25.

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

I thank you.

RESOLVED:

1. Council approved for public consultation the draft annual budget Report APPENDIX A.

2. Council approved for public consultation the draft annual budget tables as prescribed by the Budgeting and Reporting Regulations, as set out in APPENDIX B.

3. Council approved for public consultation the draft annual budget supporting tables as prescribed by the Budgeting and Reporting Regulations, as set out in APPENDIX C.

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

5. Council approved for consultation 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, Indigent and
- Tampering Policy
- Electricity and Water Smart Meter Installations Policy
- Finance Management Internship Policy
- Fleet Management Policy
- Funding and Reserves 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

6. Council approved for public consultation 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.

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

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

9. The Draft Budget for the period 2026/2027 is made available to the public for comment.

Proposed: Cllr. J Van Heerden

Seconded: Cllr. R Richards

Counter Proposals: None

DA component abstained

VOTE

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
4 – CE 1 – ANC 1 – FF PLUS 1 - PA	-	3 - DA

RB9.1.3/31-03-2026 DRAFT TOP LAYER SERVICES DELIVERY BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP) 2026/2027

RESOLVED:

1) That Council took note of the content of the Draft Top Layer Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) for the 2026/2027 financial year

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

3) It further be noted that the Municipal Manager extended an invitation to Council to participate in the SDBIP processes.

RB9.1.4/31-03-2026 OVERSIGHT REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

RESOLVED:

1. Council, having fully considered the MPAC Oversight Report on the Annual Report 2024/25 of Cederberg Municipality, adopted the Oversight Report.

2. That Council, having fully considered the Final Annual Report 2024/25, attached hereto, **ADOPTED** the Annual Report 2024/25 without reservations;

3. Council, having fully considered the resolutions by MPAC regarding the Unauthorised, Irregular Fruitless & Wasteful expenditure, made the following recommendations:
    a. To write off unauthorised expenditure to the amount of R 1 513 447 relating to 2024-25 financial year
    b. To write off Irregular expenditure of R 10 294 906 relating to 2024-25 financial year
    c. To write off Fruitless and wasteful expenditure amounting to R 114.54 relating to 2024-25 financial year

4. That the Oversight Report 2024/25 be made public in accordance with Section 129(3) of the MFMA, and;

5. That the Oversight Report on the Annual Report 2024/25 be submitted to the Provincial Legislature in accordance with Section 132(2) of the MFMA.

6. That Council referred the irregular expenditure of R8 843.84 to the Disciplinary Board for Financial Misconduct for further consequence management.

Proposed: Cllr. J Van Heerden

Seconded: Cllr. A Mouton

Counter Proposals: None

RB9.1.5/31-03-2026 3rd QUARTER REPORT OF THE AUDIT & PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

1. Council took note of the following report:
    - 3rd Quarter report – 1 January 2026 - 31 March 2026

RB9.1.6/31-03-2026 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED

1 Council took note of 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 members 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;

- Councillor name
- Councillor status
- Political Party
- Interests in shares and security company
- Membership of any closed corporation
- Interest in any trust
- Directorships
- Partnerships
- Other financial interests in any business undertaking
- Employment other than Cederberg Municipality
- Interests in property
- Pension
- Subsidies, Grants and Sponsorships by any organisation
- Interest in municipal contracts / suppliers
- Gifts received above prescribed amount of R 350.00 for Municipal Manager and Directors
- 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.

Proposed: Cllr. A Scheepers

Seconded: Cllr. R Richards

Counter Proposals: None

RB9.1.7/31-03-2026 TABLING OF THE WESKUS ONE PLAN (JDMA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN)

RESOLVED

a. That Council noted the Weskus One Plan (Revised JDMA Implementation Plan)

b. That Council took note that the plan has been approved by the District Co-ordinating Forum (DCF)

c. That Council confirmed its commitment to the Plan.

Proposed: Cllr. A Scheepers

Seconded: Cllr. R Richards

Counter Proposals: None

RB9.1.8/31-03-2026 MUNICIPALITY'S DRAFT CREDIT CONTROL, DEBT COLLECTION AND INDIGENT SUPPORT BY-LAW, DRAFT PROPERTY RATES BY-LAW AND DRAFT TARIFF BY-LAWS

RESOLVED

1. Council took note of the three Draft By-laws;
2. Council considered the Draft Credit Control, Debt Collection and Indigent-, Draft Property Rates- and Draft Tariff By-laws; and

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

Proposed: Cllr. J Van Heerden

Seconded: Cllr. A Mouton

Counter Proposals: None

B9.1.9/31-31-2026 DEVIATION FROM AND RATIFICATION OF MINOR BREACHES OF, PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

RESOLVED

1. Council, in terms of Section 36 of the Supply Chain Management regulations, took cognizance of the transactions for the month of February 2026.

RB9.1.10/31-03-2026 PROGRESS REPORT TO COUNCIL ON THE REVIEW OF THE WHITEPAPER ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLVED

a. That Council took cognisance of the progress made on the drafting of the new white paper on Local Government.

RB9.1.11/31-03-2026 REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL LAND AUDIT AND UTILIZATION REPORT

RESOLVED

1. That Council considered and adopted the Municipal Land Audit and Utilization report
2. Mandate the administration to submit items for consideration aligned with the report.

3. It be noted that the outstanding page concerning Elands Bay, be circulated to Council as it was part of the workshop held previously.

Proposed: Cllr. J Van Heerden
Seconded: Cllr. A Mouton
Counter Proposals: None

RB9.1.12/31-03-2026 REQUEST FOR MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE LAND DIPOSAL MANANGMENT POLICY

RESOLVED

1. That in respect of the "LAND DISPOSAL MANAGEMENT POLICY" that Council took cognisance and considered the amendments as suggested pertaining to the said policy; and

2. That Council approved the newly amended version of the Land Disposal Management Policy for implementation by the administration.

Proposed: Cllr. A Scheepers
Seconded: Cllr. R Richards
Counter Proposals: None

RB9.1.13/31-03-2026 AMENDED COMMUNICATION POLICY

RESOLVED

1. Council noted the amended Communication Policy
2. Council adopted the amendments to the Communication Policy
3. Additionally, it be noted that the need for translation services as well as sound services be made a priority at gatherings.

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

RB9.1.14/31-03-2026 MEDIA POLICY

RESOLVED

1. Council took note of the Media Plan

2. Council adopted the Media Plan

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

RB9.1.15/31-03-2026 REPORT ON COLLABORATION BETWEEN DWS AND LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES RAISING OF CLANWILLIAM DAM PROJECT

RESOLVED

1. Council supported the report:

2. Council took cognisance of the outcomes of the meeting between Cederberg Municipality and the Department of Water Services on the proposed establishment of the Multi stakeholder Task team and technical team

3. Council endorsed the establishment of these task teams in alignment with the social and economic development objectives of council and DWS.

4. Council endorsed the collaboration between the Economic Development section, Communication section of Cederberg Municipality and the Department of Water services.

Proposed: Cllr. A Scheepers
Seconded: Cllr. A Mouton
Counter Proposals: None

RB9.1.16/31-03-2026 SUBMISSION OF PERFORMANCE AND BUDGETARY REVIEW OF THE CEDERBERG IN-HOUSE FIRE SERVICE

RESOLVED

1. That Council noted the performance and budgetary status of the Fire service.

RB9.1.17/31-03-2026 SUBMISSION OF THE ELANDSBAY ECONOMIC CORRIDOR AS A CATALYTIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

RESOLVED

1. Council noted progress made in advancing the Elandsbay Economic Corridor initiative and the outcomes of recent engagements with the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.

2. Council noted the indicative funding support of approximately R4 million for the fish market and R2 million for the slipway, subject to further refinement and compliance.

3. Council supported the convening of a follow-up intergovernmental engagement involving the Municipal Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Director: Technical Services and Director: Community Services and Public Safety as well as DFFE and other parties to expedite implementation readiness.

4. Council mandated the Directorate to continue coordinating with national and provincial stakeholders to unlock additional catalytic projects linked to tourism and local economic development in Elandsbay.

5. Council supported transparent community engagement processes to ensure inclusive participation and sustainable socio-economic outcomes.

Proposed: Cllr. R Richards
Seconded: Cllr. A Scheepers
Counter Proposals: None

RB9.1.18/31-03-2026 STATUS UPDATE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES (AARTO) ACT

RESOLVED

a) Council took note of the status update: implementation of the Administration Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Act (AARTO)

b) Council supported the ongoing participation of the administration in the Provincial AARTO Task Team to protect the municipality's fiscal and jurisdictional interests.

Proposed: Cllr. R Richards

Seconded: Cllr. J Van Heerden

Counter Proposals: None

RB9.1.19/31-03-2026 STATUS REPORT: FIRE SERVICES CAPACITY GRANT SPENDING (FY 2025-2026)

RESOLVED

1. That Council took note of the Status Report: Fire Services Capacity Grant Spending (FY 2025-2026)

RB9.1.20/31-03-2026 PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF ERF 3931 – CLANWILLIAM

RESOLVED

A. That Council:
   1. Noted the offer from WCDM;
   2. Approved in principle the intention to acquire Erf 3931;
   3. Authorised the Municipal Manager to negotiate terms and conditions;

4. Requested a final report with negotiated terms and funding implications for approval.

5. Council additionally noted that MayCo is under reproach concerning the request offer made by WCDM, which pertains to a replacement value in this context.

Proposed: Cllr. R Richards

Seconded: Cllr. J Van Heerden

Counter Proposals: None

RB9.1.21/31-03-2026 APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROJECT - PRIORITY STREET LIST FOR UPGRADING OF GRAVEL ROADS IN CLANWILLIAM

RESOLVED

a) That Council approved the MIG project, PRIORITISATION AND UPGRADING OF GRAVEL ROADS IN CLANWILLIAM, to be registered for MIG funding.

Proposed: Cllr. A Mouton

Seconded: Cllr. J Van Heerden

Counter Proposals: None

RB9.1.22/31-03-2026 UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS: RENEWABLE ENERGY: TENDER PROCESS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES IN CEDERBERG MUNICIPALITY

RESOLVED

a. Council noted the tender process and timelines for the Renewable Energy Technologies RFP; and

b. Council noted the requirement for a Section 33 process and subsequent approvals prior to final award.

RB9.1.23/31-03-2026 TREASURY CIRCULAR MUN NO.12/2025 CONSISTENT ENFORCEMENT OF CREDIT CONTROL OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

RESOLVED

1. Council noted the content of Provincial Treasury Circular No. 12/2025 issued on 28 November 2025.

- *It be noted that Cllr. Englebrecht was excused from the meeting as he has a Docter's appointment.*

RB9.2 URGENT MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

RB9.2.1/31-03-2026 FEEDBACK TO COUNCIL: UNPREDICTABLE FUEL SUPPLY AND RISING FUEL COSTS - CRISIS

RESOLVED

1. That Council noted the content of the report.
2. That Cederberg conducted daily fuel monitoring and weekly JOC.
3. That Cederberg conducts daily liaison with fuel retailers.
4. To maintain contingency plan for fuel supply and impact on service delivery and financial resources.

RB9.2.2/31-03-2026 NERSA MANDARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS – PUBLIC FEEDBACK

RESOLVED

a. Council noted the previous Council item RB7.1.14/26-02-2026.
b. Council noted the feedback received from the public.
c. Council noted the NERSA approved tariff for municipal services charges of 9.01%.

d. Council approved the draft electricity tariffs for submission to NERSA as part of the tariff application.

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

RB9.2.3/31-03-2026 CLANWILLIAM REFUSE TRANSFER STATION (RTS)

RESOLVED

a. That Council noted the status of the processes with regards to the Regional Waste Operations.
b. That Council noted the interim solution for the transfer of waste to the RWDF proposed by WCDM.
c. That Council approved the procurement of an IWCS through WCDM (IG procedures).
d. That Council approved the project and mandated the administration to enter into agreement with WCDM.

Proposed: Cllr. Y Blaauw
Seconded: Cllr. J Van Heerden
No Counter Proposals

RB9.3/31-03-2026 MATTERS FOR NOTIFICATION

IN-COMMITTEE FOLLOWED:

RB9.1.24/31-03-2026 IN-COMMITTEE::: CLANWILLIAM ROOIBOS LTD ELECTRICAL CONNECTION

RESOLVED:

a. That council noted the update on mentioned technical and compliance processes and requirements that need to be implemented.

b. That the Administration and Rooibos LTD conclude the processes needed to comply with all relevant (current) regulations and policies as soon as possible.

c. That the Administration will provide a report as soon as these processes have been completed.

Proposed: Cllr. Y Blaauw
Seconded: Cllr. J Van Heerden
No Counter Proposals

RB9.1.25/31-03-2026 IN-COMMITTEE::: CLACKSON MATTERS

RESOLVED:

a. That Council noted the ongoing NERSA license investigation, the Information Regulator's request for access to information, and the SIU and Minister Anton Bredel's assessment of the Clackson Power Company matter.

b. Council also noted the pending High Court case initiated by Clackson Power Company, seeking to make the settlement agreement an order of the court.

c. Furthermore, Council acknowledged the Municipal Manager's delegated powers to defend or oppose the Clackson application on behalf of Council.

d. Council mandated the Administration to report back to Council upon the conclusion of the matter or regarding any outcomes thereof.

RB9.1.26/31-03-2026 IN-COMMITTEE::: GAP MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED:

a. That Council wait for the final report to be issued by the forensic investigator and address the outcome(s) of the report accordingly.

Proposed: Cllr. R Richards
Seconded: Cllr. J Van Heerden
No Counter Proposals

RB9.4/31-03-2026 CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- Geen / None

RB9.5/31-03-2026 CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF QUESTIONS

- Geen / None

RB9.6/31-03-2026 CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS OF EXIGENCY

- Geen / None

10. CLOSURE

- Meeting adjourned at 15h05.

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