



**Speaking Notes by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor,
Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the special Council
Sitting held at the Mayoral Parlor on the 18th December 2009, in
Sedibeng**

- Cllr. Kedibone Mogotsi, Madam Speaker
- Members of the Mayoral Committee of the Sedibeng District Municipality,
- Comrades, colleagues and friends
- The people of Sedibeng
- Ladies and Gentlemen

May we before we get into the business of today, stand up, bow our heads to observe a moment of silent for the fallen hero and activist to the very end, Comrade Curtis Nkondo, who without fear to both life and limb set the tone

for the rise of the education fraternity against apartheid, to lead to the formation of the United Democratic front.

As if the passing of Comrade Curtis Nkondo was not enough, we also woke up to the news that former Minister of Health, Comrade Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, has joined the ANC Branch in heaven, and will be deployed for government work above.

Another blow to Sedibeng, Comrade Siwalawala Maduna, our comrade and fellow councillor in Emfuleni Local Municipality has passed away suddenly, our prayers and condolences are with their families and colleagues at this hour.

{MOMENT OF SILENT}

May their Souls Rest In Peace!

Like a seasoned boxer in the mold of the greatest, the symbol of all that is great about South Africa, former State President Nelson Mandela, allow me to lead with a stiff jab is saying, Greetings to all of you here present in what is to be the last and very watershed Council meeting in the District.

I take this opportunity to apologize for dragging you out of **your** well deserved recess. I hope you will find it possible to forgive this unintended distraction.

This is indicative of the year that was, more work than we had bargained for, all things being equal, we have been able to get the upper hand and a very

firm handle on matters pertaining to governance issues. This is what makes us the winning team.

This august meeting sits at the time following the successful District-wide Mayoral Imbizo that was held in Evaton on the 03rd December 2009. If anything, the Imbizo served to shed the light into those matters that we as combined and joint leadership of Sedibeng District need to apply our minds to.

On that occasion our communities, in a very loud voice, expressed a dire need of housing, youth in our district is yearning for recreational facilities, mothers in our District are pleading for visible policing and stringent application of the law enforcement, echoing the sentiments of the new Commissioner of Police Comrade Bheki Cele.

I would have liked, on that occasion, to announce our commitment to contributing to the development of Evaton with a Council resolution. Nevertheless, we will consider, and hopefully approve an amount of R14,8m for a street paving project in this poor and desperately underdeveloped community

This meeting occurs a few weeks after the successful 2010 FIFA World Cup Draw in Cape Town.

The draw, which pitted our very own Aaron Mokoena led Bafana Bafana against very interesting opposition, brings us within sight of the world sporting spectacles.

This is despite and in spite of the doubting Thomases, against world confidence that South Africa is capable of hosting an event of this magnitude, kept fueling speculation that it is going to be a failure. To all those prophets of doom and gloom, I say “South Africa can and we will together do More”

It is with the above assertion in mind, that I take this opportunity to inform this august body that the District has committed itself to providing two World Cup Nations with Base Camps, for a period leading up and including the 2010 FIFA World Cup itself. To that end, every day that passes, brings us closer and ever so nearer to that ideal. To maximize the opportunities presented to us, a delegation from Sedibeng will undertake a lobby tour of London, Switzerland and Ivory Coast early next year.

Dear Comrades and colleagues, all things being equal, the World Cup, in June next year, will bring us to within two years towards the Centenary of the oldest Liberation Movement in the our Country and the World, the African National Congress. This is the movement without which, the hosting of the 2010 FIFA World Cup would have been a pipe dream for this country, if the manner of its political constitution remained in its inglorious past.

It is with great pleasure and joy that I present to you the following reports for your approval:

- The need to bring new and accept resignations of Councillors is placed on record for your final approval.

Incoming from Emfuleni Local Municipality

- Cllr Sello Pitso
- Cllr K Ntombela

Outgoing

- Cllr T Nquba who is leaving Emfuleni Local Municipality
- Cllr N Ranake who is also leaving Emfuleni Local Municipality

I welcome Cllr. Khulu Malindi who is joining us.

The appointment finally of Mr Yunus Chamda, as our Municipal Manager. This matter is long overdue, despite a long drawn out process of recruitment drive through advertisements.

The report for Upper Limits for Councilors is hereby placed on record.

I am sure the council will join me in wishing a great farewell to our friend and former Chief Whip, Mr Aaron Makhubo in his new role in Emfuleni Local Municipality. In the same breadth, a warm farewell to Mr Neville Felix to his new found role in the administration, where I hope he will be most welcomed to inject the much needed energy we will miss in the Council.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

I Thank You.