



Speaking Note by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the 181st Mayoral Committee Meeting held in the Chamber in the Mayoral Parlor in Vereeniging on the 23rd November 2010, in Sedibeng

Colleagues & Comrades

Acting Municipal Manager & Officials

Allow me to greet this important body in the **Sedibeng District Municipality**, the **181st** sitting of the **Mayoral Committee**. This **MAYCO** comes a few days, in fact a week after the **150th** Anniversary of the landing of Indians in this country as indentured labour.

Their arrival on that day has gone on to enrich the history of this country in more ways than one. The fact that the great **Mahatma Gandhi** had the opportunity, albeit not of his own choosing to set foot in this country is historic in a sense.

The contribution of the **South Africans of Indian** descent to the struggles of our country is there for all to see. Their history in this country is as much intertwined with the history of our liberation.

The fact that we have a well entrenched Indian community in Sedibeng is not lost us.

We are currently in the reporting phase of our term of office. The communities are looking to us to provide them with answers to what we have been doing.

We committed to serve our communities when we took oath in **2006**. We have had occasion to report back to our citizens from various platforms. We are however, expected to present them with a summative report of all the five years.

I am still waiting patiently for the report regarding our joint venture with the Sharpeville First in respect of the events to mark the signing of the Constitution. I hope that I will be seeing it soon.

In the same breath, we have a chance to highlight the good work we are doing through the ZK Mathews Award but to date, inputs from the Executive Directors are coming in very slowly despite the deadlines that were set.

I am looking forward to present the report on the **100 Days Service Delivery Programme** on the **2nd of December** and am looking forward to

your support in this venture. I hope that all of you together with our executive Directors will come in full force behind this initiative.

Looking at the amount of work done, I am optimistic that this report will be well received.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for the unwavering support you afforded me during the year. It was at the time when we were faced with what seemed like a tsunami of disapproval from a small group in our communities leading up to the **50th Anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre**.

You stood firm by me in the face of people writing our obituary. Not a single one of you broke ranks, not even one of you spoke out of turn under the veil of secrecy, for that I am grateful.

In the last **Mayoral Committee** I indicated a wish to have a **District-Wide Mayoral Imbizo** to be held in **Midvaal** during the first week of December this year. It would seem that this will no longer be possible. A tentative date is being looked at for **January 2011**.

It is at this Imbizo that I will be able to report fully on the impact we have made in the lives of our communities, for indeed we have made a lot of impact.

The year end and the annual employee day event will be held on the 3rd **December** this year, whilst our next **Mayoral Committee Meeting** will be held on the **11th January 2011**. I hope we will enjoy you **Festive Season, Christmas** and **Happy New Year**, seeing as this is the last **MAYCO** this year.

One has only to look at the streets in **Boipatong, Sebokeng, Evaton** and **Sharpeville**. We are seeing changes which five years ago, the community could not have imagined. Streets are tarred and paved, high mast lights are the order of the day. We can certainly take pride in the good work we have done.

On a sporting note, I take this opportunity to congratulate the **Proteas Cricket Team** on winning the **Cool and Cool One day International Series** in **Dubai**. It was a very tense affair, going up to the last game in a series of five to determine the winner.

I hope that they will be able to win the **Test Series** as they are currently in the driving seat after posting a **584 for 9** in the first innings of the second test. Credit must go to both **Jacques Kallis** and **AB De Villiers** for steadying the batting after an onslaught that saw the **Protea's** reeling at **33 for 3**.

Sedibeng continues to produce very good footballers. **Moeketsi Thabang Sello**, a teenager from **Qhoweng Primary** in **Zone 13 Sebokeng**, has been selected to attend the **Sao Paulo Futebol Academy** in **Brazil** in **December**.

This is part of the talent search by the **Dettol Shona Khona** and the **Aggrey Klaaste Nation Building Foundation**. I hope that the young boy goes on to emulate and surpass the great work that is being done by Aaron Mokoena who continues to make us proud.

I also wish to applaud our participants in **OR Tambo Games**, we are waiting for the report. I know for sure they did us proud once again. I am told that together with our constituent local Municipalities, Sedibeng dominated the Games with our singing, particularly when we rendered the song “**Solomon**” in honor of **Solomon Mahlangu**.

It is as we prepare to go into the **2011 Local Government Elections**, that we express our condolences to the **Mme Bertha Gxowa** family. A stalwart of the ANC Women’s League and a recipient of the National Order of Luthuli. For the record, allow me to also state that she was responsible for the induction of many of our Women’s League members here in Sedibeng.

She inducted one group this year in Krugersdorp early this year, and was able to induct another group in August during the Ekurhuleni induction. I know that we will find the time in our busy schedule to pay our last respects for the memorial on Wednesday at the Thokoza Auditorium and the State Funeral on Saturday in Natalspruit.

I do hereby take this opportunity to place for your deliberations the following reports:

- Review of the Recruitment and selection Policy and Procedures
- Regulation of Absenteeism Policy in the Workplace
- Policy: Termination of Service for Employees
- Policy: Performance Management and Development
- Arbitration Award on Interpretation and Application of Salary and Wage Collective Agreement: 2009/2010 Financial Year
- Local Government: Municipal Systems Amendment Bill, 2010
- Legal and Regulatory Compliance Policy of the Sedibeng District Municipality
- Introduction of the Register for Legal and Regulatory Compliance: Sedibeng District Municipality
- Peer Review Report: Archives and Records Management Applications, Evaluation and Legal Compliance- 2010/2011 Financial Year

- Revised Records Management Policy: Sedibeng District Municipality 2010/2011 Financial Year
- Sedibeng Batho Pele Policy.

I thank you.