

# **REPORT ON 2007 MAYORAL IMBIZOS**

- DATE/VENUE:**
- 1. 7 October 2007; Magatle**
  - 2. 14 October 2007; Mamaolo**
  - 3. 21 October 2007; Mathibela**
  - 4. 04 November 2007; Lebowakgomo Township (unsuccessful)**

## **BACKGROUND**

The municipality deemed it necessary to engage its communities on developmental issues. Thus the Mayor, EXCO members, Ward and PR Councilors, Municipal Manager, municipal administration, and Community Development Workers found reason for these Imbizos targeting areas where municipal services will be extended to.

### **The Imbizos are two fold: -**

1. Address developmental issues
  - Land Use Management Scheme (LUMS)
  - Municipal Development (IDP)
  - Extension of Services (above mentioned clusters)
  - Cleaning Campaigns
2. Gives ordinary people a platform to raise issues or problems with those in authority and also gives the ordinary people direct access to the Mayor and Councilors so that they may voice their concerns and say what they feel about the municipality, provincial government and service delivery.

The end results of these Imbizos is for the Mayor, Councilors and municipal administration to identify blockages to service delivery and make interventions through the relevant portfolio committees within the municipality and also liase with relevant provincial departments were necessary.

## **BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

### **1. Land Use Management Scheme (LUMS)**

The Mayor emphasized land scarcity and urged Traditional Authority to consult the municipality prior awarding sites to people for in future there will be no land for development.

### **2. Municipal Development (IDP)**

The Mayor mentioned all developmental issues prioritized as per our IDP and as per area. i.e. Magatle cluster has its own priorities including roads, water, sanitation, etc. Mamaolo cluster priorities include roads, water, etc and Mathibela cluster priorities include internal streets, bush clearing, water, sanitation, electrification, etc.

**3. Extension of service**

- Magatle Cluster: Water cost recovery and refuse removal
- Mamaolo Cluster: Water cost recovery
- Mathibela Cluster: Water cost recovery and refuse removal
- Lebowakgomo: is our CBD thus require much efforts on an ongoing Basis.

The Mayor encouraged residents to utilize the traffic station in registering their cars, acquiring driver's licenses and for all other traffic functions. He also cautioned reckless and drunken drivers to stop before they get arrested as the municipality is in the process of appointing traffic officers and currently utilize traffic officers from the Provincial office and local SAPS for roadblocks.

**4. Cleaning Campaigns**

The Mayor emphasized on cleaning the environment we live in. His words precisely are: "cleanliness is next to Godliness". He further informed the residents on the campaigns done by the municipal staff every Friday of cleaning the entire Lebowakgomo but is disappointed that the people are still dumping everywhere regardless of the effort taken by the municipality staff and also regardless of bylaws. So there will be extreme measures taken upon defaulters of the law. The Mayor further mentioned the establishment of a land fill site which will assist in keeping our environment clean, healthy and create jobs, as most refuse will be recycled.

In all the Imbizo's the Mayor insisted on water conservation as our municipality is listed as the highest consumer in South Africa and yet we have shortage of water and collect less revenue.

**ISSUES RAISED BY THE COMMUNITY**

<b>VENUE</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>PROGRESS UPDATE</b>
Mathibela	7	Bush Clearing towards river RDP	Technical	Will be done as per rooster
Mathibela	7	Water pipes blocked – no water for 3 months  Does Specon water supply cover us as per	Water & Sanitation	Pipes are blocked due to illegal connection and Phase <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> extension on IDP will address the

		IDP?		matter
Mathibela	7	People were promised electricity from 2003/04 and to date in vain	Electricity & Housing	Will liase with Eskom in terms of their priority list as presently the municipality has no license on electrification

VENUE	WARD	ACTION	PORTFOLIO	PROGRESS UPDATE
Magatle	3	Secure place for dispensing pension grants  Local Hospital to hire local youth  Event catering should prioritize local people	Health  Health  Finance and LED	Liaise with SASA  Liaise Health department  LED to ensure locals are in municipal database and finance to procure
Magatle		Safe keeping and securing water cranes	Water & Sanitation	Ward Councilor to be consulted
Magatle		In previous budget R1m was budgeted for MPCC and now it's not there. When will we get our own MPCC?	Community Services	Adjustment budget will address the matter. Ward councilor to inform people of changes and give valid reasons
Magatle		RDP beneficiaries for 2007/08 and yet there are no houses	Electricity and Housing	MEC for Local Government and Housing is addressing backlogs and thereafter will look into new

				projects
Magatle	11	<p>Tar road to Moshate wa Kgoshi Kekana III</p> <p>In terms of extension of services, why is Moletlane not being prioritized?</p> <p>Urge municipality to plan with professional people and pensioners</p>	<p>Roads and Transport</p> <p>Planning</p> <p>Office of the Mayor</p>	<p>IDP</p> <p>All villages within the municipality will be services eventually</p> <p>The Mayor is humbled by professionals wanting development. Welcomes all</p>
Magatle	22	Renovation of taxi rank from 2000 to date nothing is done	Roads and Transport	IDP
Mamaolo	16	Bulk water supply	Water and Sanitation	Capricorn District Municipality has programme on water supply as per villages
Mamaolo	20	Lack of water from 19 August 2007- Sefalaolo	Water and Sanitation	Borehole to address shortages
Mamaolo	26	Payment of service providers without monitoring quality service	Office of the Mayor	All are responsible thus formation of project steering committee and the importance of public participation
Mamaolo	16	No electricity and why the delay?	Electricity & Housing	Rely on Eskom for lack of electrification license. In order for the municipality to

				reach the President's 2012 target, the municipality has engaged DME & Eskom to fund our own electrification projects
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In all the venues, questions and answer session had to be cut off due to time but attendants were requested to submit written questions and submit them to the Personal Assistant to the Mayor mme Maphefo Twala in assisting the municipality to move forward in terms of development and in addressing blockages.

#### **WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

1. What is the duty of the municipality in toilets erection, because they don't get involved in doing anything, they just come and check. (Mawaneng)
2. We need waste removal management as people dump pampers & other horrible dirt on the streets. (Mathibela)
3. We want a school. People are jobless, please create jobs. Refugees are all over the place and destroy everything whilst taking our jobs. Please get rid of them. (Scheming)
4. We have shortage of schools , only have one primary school. We need a play ground for children. (Mathibela)
5. Don't come here to lie to us, we have nothing to do with all the things you say, promises. We want only water and electricity (Mathibela)
6. What is the purpose of the pipes that were installed because there is no water? (Ward 7)
7. The municipality lacks monitoring mechanism. People render useless services and bad quality work and still get paid. CDW's are not working, as they also are not monitored. The municipality is failing us with wasteful expenditures.
8. I would like to thank the municipality for doing very well in terms of lots of development. (Maijane, Ward 19)
9. We are experiencing a high rate of crime. We request the municipality to negotiate a SAPS mobile unit.

**NB: All the written submissions will be answered during the IDP review process.**

#### **ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

1. Prior the Imbizos, the Mayor addressed Traditional Authority in preparation of the Imbizo and also on land issues. Present was the member of the National Council of Provinces and Head ANC constituency office Lebowakgomo Mr Danie Botha

2. 4 x Traditional Leaders: - Kgoshigadi Mphahlele  
Kgoshigadi Seloane  
Kgoshi Sello Kekana III  
Acting Kgoshi for Kgoshi Setlamorago Thobejane
3. 65 x Traditional Authority
4. Total number of 934 members of the community

## **CHALLENGES**

### **Transport**

Buses were procured but they came to the venue with a few numbers of people in all the four cluster but Lebowakgomo cluster was the worst only three people were ferried and the other bus did not pitch up.

### **Community mobilization**

Means of communications used were:

- conveyance of message through ward councilors and ward committees
- flyers distributed at schools for learners to pass on to parents
- the two community radio stations within our municipality being GLFM and ZB
- loud hailing was done on the eve and the morning of the event

Although the above mentioned community mobilization strategy has been used, people did not attend in large numbers, Lebowakgomo excelled in non attendance

### **Catering**

The municipal data base need to be updated and feed with information such that it will be easier to identify caterers according to areas/villages for the benefit of a particular area should there be a meeting. For instance should we have a meeting at Magatle, it would be wise to have a caterer from Magatle catering that meeting but that should not limit caterers to their area of residence only, should still follow the procurement procedure.

### **Programme**

Having EXCO members on the programme should be avoided at all costs for they are meant to answer questions raised by the community and does not give them time to note and strategically focus on all questions. It also makes them players and referees at the same time.

### **Media**

Both our community radio stations GLFM from Lebowakgomo and Zebediela radio station gave us a live coverage of all the imbizos. The challenge is that municipal activities are not appearing on print media like before and communications needs to take the matter up.

## **OVERALL ASSESMENT OF IMBIZOS**

### **1. Venue**

Consultations with the Mayor and relevant clusters ward councilors was done in identifying the different venues.

Ward councilors and ward committee members assisted in the supply of two tables, jugs, glasses, and table cloths in order to make these events a success.

The municipality supplied water tankers at the venue

The municipality procured tents for Magatle, Mathibela, Lebowakgomo and utilized a community hall at Mamaolo.

## **2. Catering**

People were given cards to produce at the serving point so that everyone invited should be catered. Leftovers of cold drinks were brought back to the office to give to visitors in the office of the Mayor, Speaker, Chiefwhip and Municipal Manager.

## **3. Programme**

It was realized that some of the councilors do not honor the Imbizos even within their cluster. It was advised that the Mayor take it up with all councilors to own up the process.

## **4. Publicity**

Extensive publicity was done. Only a few number of Community Development Workers (CDW) attended. In future CDW's should form part of the task team.

## **5. Transport**

Three buses were allocated to the three venues (Magatle, Mamaolo & Mathibela). Only two buses were allocated for Lebowakgomo unfortunately only one bus came. We urge procurement not to pay the bus company for the one bus that did not come.

## **6. Task Team**

The task team did their work explicitly. They tirelessly prepared, procured, & worked over all the Sundays. They deserve a round of applause.

## **7. Recommendations**

- All issues raised by the Community need to be addressed and reported back to the community and the special team needs to be established to deal with the findings.
- CDWs should in future form part of the preparatory team and their role and Responsibility need to be well clarified.
- It is also recommended that procurement unit needs to improve as preparations were mostly delayed by it.
- The councilors should avoid interfering with administrative processes ( with reference to Municipal Systems Act).
- Furthermore councilors need to convene continuous community meetings to update people about service delivery progress and frustrations.
- It is recommended that all staff take ownership whenever there are these kinds of events.

## **WORD OF APPRECIATION**

The Task Team would like to appreciate the effort took by members of staff who played the role in making the event a success.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Mayor thanked the Traditional Authority for gracing the Imbizo and during vote of thanks, everyone present was thanked especially members of the community for their inputs will be given high priority.

The Imbizos truly encourage public participation, demonstrate community commitment and strengthen monitoring and evaluation

All issues raised will be dealt with accordingly and follow ups will be done where necessary.

## **BUDGET**

DESCRIPTION/ ITEMS	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH 120 MAGOSHI AND MANTONA .	R6,000.00 R5,000.00	Catering Transportation
VENUE	R10,000.00	Tent with chairs for 500 people per cluster.(Magatle,Mathibela and Lebowakgomo)
REFRESHMENTS and CATERING	R80,000.00	Catering for the mass, administration and politicians.
PRINTING	R 5,000.00	Printing Agendas, Attendances Register
MASS BUSES	R20,000.00	Three busses per cluster per each Imbizo.
ADVERTISEMENT	R15,000.00	
TOTAL COST	R141,000.00	.Total costs for Imbizo 2007 .



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