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#### **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Tuesday, 9 February 2021 (at 09:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

#### **PRESENT**

#### **Members**

#### **Democratic Alliance**

Baartman, DM (DA) Maseko, LM Van der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

#### **African National Congress**

Marran, P

#### Good

Herron, BN

#### **Apologies**

Mr A Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Mr P van Zyl, Head of Department - Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Mr G Gerber, Chief Director - Development Planning – Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr A Gaffoor, Acting Chief Financial Officer – Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Dr M Odendal, Digital Communication Officer - Western Cape Provincial Parliament

#### The following persons were in attendance:

#### **Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning**

Mr K Munro, Director - Development Planning Mr T Rebel, Town and Regional Planner

### **Department of the Premier Legal Services**

Ms C Williams, State Law Advisor

### South African Local Government Association (SALGA)

Ald A Coetsee, Provincial Executive Committee Chairperson

Mr A Mpela, Senior Advisor - Intergovernmental Relations and Strategic Relations

Ms S Harigobin, Senior Advisor - Trading Service

Mr L Njamela: Advisor - Intergovernmental Relations and Strategic

# **WCPP Officials**

Adv A le Roux, Senior Law Advisor Mr T Keswa, Manager – Public Education and Outreach Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer Mr S Hassam, Information Technology Assistant

### 1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Departmental officials and the officials from the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

The Chairperson reminded the Committee that during the Committee meeting of 2 February 2021, Member Baartman raised a point of order regarding a statement made by Member Marais. At that meeting, the Chairperson informed the Committee that he would rule on the point of order raised by Member Baartman at the next Committee meeting.

The Chairperson further informed the Committee that he would reserve his ruling on the matter as Member Marais was not present in the meeting as the agenda item of 9 February 2021 was not related to agriculture, the portfolio which Member Marais represents, and that he would rule on the matter at the next meeting.

Agreed to.

# 2. Briefing by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on the Western Cape Land Use Planning Amendment Bill [B 6–2020]

The Department briefed the Committee on the amendment bill, outlying the effect of the proposed amendment and its impact on the economy, municipalities, members of the public and developers. The legislative context and process followed to date were also provided to the Committee.

The Committee deliberated.

# 2.1 Discussion on the public participation process to be followed in respect of the Western Cape Land Use Planning Amendment Bill [B 6–2020]

The Chairperson defined the Committee's constitutionally mandated function in terms of public participation and requested the Procedural Officer to provide the Committee with a proposal for public engagement on the afore-mentioned amendment bill that included public participation methods and tools for creating public awareness.

In terms of public engagement, the proposal outlined that the public participation process could consist of one virtual public hearing based on the public's request to make verbal presentations to the Committee, written comments and oral submissions via WhatsApp voice notes.

In terms of creating public awareness, the proposal indicated that advertisements could be placed in print media. The following proposed print publications were provided to the Committee, namely, Die Burger Saterdag Wes Kaap, the Cape Times and Weekend Argus. The proposal further indicated that radio could also be used and that the Communication Section within the Western Cape Provincial Parliament could arrange this whilst being mindful of cost implications.

The use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as well as specific letters to affected and interested stakeholders were proposed. So too was the publication of the advertisement and a copy of the amendment bill on the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's website.

The Committee was informed that the Public Education and Outreach Section was equipped to ensure that stakeholders are informed of the pending legislation and that stakeholders could be assisted in making submissions.

The afore-mentioned proposals were agreed to.

# 3. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 2 February 2021 which were considered and adopted.

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members and the officials for their contribution to the success of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32.

MR AP VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND

**DEVELOPMENT PLANNING** 

Date: ......25 February 2021.....