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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ENERGY CRISIS

Wednesday, 14 June 2023 (14h00), Virtual: Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Fry, C (Chairperson)
America, D
Bartman, D
Maseko, M
Murray, C
Philander, W (Alternate)
Pretorius, G
Sileku, I
Van der Westhuizen, A

African National Congress

Dugmore, C

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, F

Economic Freedom Fighters

Cassiem, A

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, P

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, K

Apology:

Nkondlo, N (ANC)

The following persons were in attendance:

City of Cape Town:

Cllr Beverley van Reenen, Mayoral Committee Member for Energy;
Mr Kadri Nassiep, Executive Director for Energy;
Mr Neo Mkwane, Executive Support Officer to Cllr van Reenen;
Mr Abdul Joseph, Principal Professional Officer.

SALGA:

Cllr Gert Combrink, Provincial Parliament Representative
Cllr Elmarie Maxim, Provincial Working Group Chairperson: Electricity and Energy
Provision and Public Works
Dr Silas Mulaudzi, Official
Mr Armstrong Mpela, Official
Ms Jean De La Harpe, Official
Mr Nhlanhla Ngidi, Official
Mr Loyiso Njamela, Official

Member of the public:

Ms S Harigobin

Apologies:

Cllr Carl Punt
Cllr Paul Swart

Western Cape Provincial Parliament:

Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer
Ms M Burgess, Committee Assistant
Mr C Dowman, Manager: Security and Facilities Management
Mr W Naidoo, Officer: Security and Facilities Management

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, the officials from the City of Cape Town and SALGA. The Chairperson noted the apology received from Member Nkondlo as well as the apologies from the councillors of the City of Cape Town.

The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement to Members and officials in respect of virtual meetings and then proceeded to the presentations.

The Chairperson allowed the Members of the Committee to introduce themselves and the delegation of the City of Cape Town and SALGA.

2. Briefing by SALGA on the plans in place to empower municipalities to mitigate loadshedding

Councillor Maxim thanked the Committee for inviting SALGA to brief the Committee on the plans in place to empower municipalities to mitigate loadshedding.

Dr Mulaudzi, from SALGA, further briefed the Committee from SALGA on the aforementioned matter and expressed its concerns regarding the challenges in providing adequate energy and electricity. SALGA however presented a number of proposals to mitigate loadshedding.

The Committee deliberated on the briefings presented by Councillor Maxim and Dr Mulaudzi.

3. Briefing by the City of Cape Town on the plans in place to mitigate loadshedding

Councillor van Reenen briefed the Committee and gave a background on the main reasons for the energy crisis and added that maintenance failures may contribute to this as well. Councillor van Reenen further mentioned that the City of Cape Town aims to be a leader in renewable energy and alternative technology solutions to find innovative solutions to address the energy challenges.

Mr Nassiep, the Executive Director of Energy within the City of Cape Town provided the City's short term and long term objectives. Mr Nassiep focused during the presentation on the short term objectives which aim to develop the capability to mitigate four stages of loadshedding in the City of Cape Town supply areas by 2026, including amongst other objectives, the optimisation of the Steenbras Pumped Storage Plant.

The Committee deliberated on the briefing by the City of Cape Town.

4. Consideration and Adoption of Draft Committee Minutes of 24 May 2023

The Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Minutes of 24 May 2023.

5. Committee Matters

The Chairperson informed Members that the Minister of Electricity, Dr Ramokgopa, has not responded to the second invitation letter sent to brief the Committee. The Chairperson will however send another letter of invitation to the Minister of Electricity to brief the Committee. The revised date for the intended oversight visit to Ankerlig Power Station will be communicated to all Members. The engagement with the West Coast municipalities will go ahead on Wednesday 2 August 2023. The logistical arrangements will be communicated to all Members and Members were requested to send specific agenda items for these engagements.

6. Resolutions/Actions

The Committee RESOLVED the following:

- 6.1 That the Chairperson send a third letter of invitation to the Office of the Minister of Electricity to brief the Committee.
- 6.2 To appreciate and welcome the presentations delivered by the City of Cape Town and SALGA and the considerable amount of work towards the energy crisis.
- 6.3 That the City of Cape Town be requested to urgently address the serious delays in the inspection and approval of roof-top solar installations, in order for this generation capacity to be linked to, and electricity fed into the grid as quickly as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 17:30.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Fry', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

MR C FRY, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ENERGY CRISIS

DATE: