

State of the City Address by the Honourable Mayor of Mogale City Local Municipality, Cllr Koketso Calvin Seerane

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Madam Speaker, Cllr Suzen Thupane;

Executive Mayors, Speakers, Chief Whips and Members of Mayoral Committees of various municipalities;

Freeman of Mogale City, Chief Apostle and president of the TACC, Prof Caesar Nongqunga represented by Regional Apostles Mnyani and Siko;

Chairperson and Secretary of the Regional Executive Committee of the African National Congress in the West Rand, Cdes Boyce Maneli and Sanele Ngweventsha;

Leaders of the Alliance;

Leaders of Opposition parties;

Honourable Councillors;

General Manager of Eskom in Gauteng, Mr. Bandile Jack and your entourage;

Municipal Manager of Mogale City Local Municipality, Mr. Dan Mashitisho and your executive committee;

Municipal Managers of our sister municipalities and senior managers of government departments here present;

Religious and business leaders;

Members of the media;

Distinguished guests, comrades and friends;

We gather here today at the last august assemblage in which we give a frank account of the commitments we have made to the people of our city through the 2011 ANC Local Government Elections Manifesto which we adopted as our Programme of Action for the 2011-2016 political term which ends this year. This has certainly been a journey whose steps are predicated on the lofty ideals enunciated in the Freedom Charter. Madam Speaker the kind of journey we have travelled, even in times of freedom- as it was in the times of that gallant fight we fought against apartheid, has been described thus by none other than the inimitable Oliver Reginald Tambo:

"We who are free to eat and sleep at will, to write, to speak, to travel as we please; we who are free to make or break a revolution, let us use our comparative freedom, not to perpetuate the misery of those who suffer, nor to give indirect aid to the enemy they fight by withholding our own contribution."

For many of us who have served as ordinary members and activists of the glorious movement of the people and governing party in the Republic of South Africa, the African National Congress, we never had any idea that as democracy was ushered in 1994 we would be given the responsibility to lead such a venerable institution like Mogale City Local Municipality. It has therefore been a privilege to serve our people from this vantage point. At its own leisure history shall confirm that we have followed Cde OR Tambo's counsel to the latter and never withheld our contribution to "*perpetuate the misery of those who suffer*."

As committed and disciplined revolutionaries who will spare no effort in total realisation of a united, democratic, non-racial, non-sexist, peaceful and prosperous South Africa, we take the cue from those who have fought and won freedom before us and declare that even though many may believe otherwise, we have not earned the right of passage yet. Neither relaxation nor retirement is the sine qua non of a successful revolution because they only breed complacency and open the revolution to betrayal and reversal of gains. For as long as we are conscious of the grinding effects of the apartheid legacy that has mired countless numbers of our compatriots in poverty, unemployment and inequality; it follows that we stand ready for the next revolutionary task as Nelson Mandela so eloquently put it:

"I have walked that long road to freedom. I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way. But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I rest only for a moment, for with freedom comes responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my walk is not yet ended."

Building a local economy to create more employment (decent jobs) and sustainable livelihoods

In his 2016 State of the Province address, Premier David Makhura who is always bullish about the province, optimistically declared that:

"Even in the midst of a difficult and volatile global and domestic economic environment, Gauteng's economy has enormous potential to create more jobs and grow in an inclusive manner.

We remain the industrial hub of our country and the SADC region and we are taking bold steps in driving infrastructure development, innovation, investment, regional integration, inclusion, institution-building and industrialisation, in line with the National Development Plan and the Programme for Radical Transformation, Modernisation and Re-industrialisation. "

Mogale City has been thrust further into the historic mission that the governing party hoped to achieve when transformed, modern, democratic and developmental local government was brought into actuality fifteen years ago. This mission is to wield these democratic institutions to extricate vast numbers of our people from the vice grip of hunger and poverty. As part of the Gauteng City Region, our city is earmarked to anchor the West Rand Metropolitan Municipality which will be established in 2021. We will return to the point later.

The leadership of the institution has not taken this responsibility lightly. We have taken a conscious decision to ensure that we create a stable economic environment upon which the metropolitan city shall be launched and by which scores of people of the West Rand shall enjoy the fruits of democracy in a tangible way. In the final analysis, our lofty ideals and dreams for our region and province cannot be sustained by our political will alone, but can be stymied by failure to optimally utilise and allocate our limited resources to support the vision to build thriving communities in the West Rand.

We want to salute the team that steered the ship over the last decade within the Mayoral Committee, **MMC Barry Friedman** who is recovering in hospital and is not part of these proceedings. He was succeeded by MMC Themba Khuzwayo who sees the department into its last assignments for the political term. True to the adage invoked by well-known scholar on global urbanisation, Bruce Katz of the Brookings Institute who said that..."*classical philosophers coined the term* **'ars longa, vita brevis** – art is long, life is short. Perhaps it is time to modernize this maxim for our urban age: life is still short, but cities are made to last."

These leaders have ensured that in building a city that will last, we should create the proper policy environment and the institutional rearrangement that will help us achieve our long-term economic objectives. On the policy front, the Spatial Development Framework, Local Economic Development Strategy, Comprehensive Rural Development Strategy, Five Year Housing Plan were developed and approved by the municipality.

These were followed by institutional reorganisation of the Economic Services division and establishment of six distinct business units to focus on Development Planning; Building Development Management, Human Settlements and Rural Development; Land, Resource Mobilisation and Partnerships; Enterprise Development as well as Tourism Development.

This capacity has already delivered the Citywide Township Economic Development Programme; the Industrial Parks Support Programme that will be launched in Kagiso and Munsieville; Informal Settlement Upgrade Strategy; the Lanseria Airport City Investment Programme as well as the CBD Implementation entity whose result will be the establishment of the Mogale City Property Development Company which will be responsible for productive use of the land and property endowment of the city. We are pleased to announce that feasibility studies, a business plan and budget for the entity have received the necessary approvals.

A number of other policy initiatives are also underway. The Inner City Regeneration Programme has been developed and will culminate in the delivery of a Municipal Precinct whose business case and design model have already been approved.

The municipality has also subjected the **Land Acquisition and Disposal policy** to a review. We concluded a **Land Use Audit** for the city and employed 20 students on a temporary basis to assist with the digital capture of zoning data and to scan documentation related to every erf in the city. This exercise assisted us in addressing illegal land uses and to easily identify illegal land uses. Our **Spatial Development Framework** comes under review this year and the process will take into account the principles contained in the new Spatial and Land Use Management Act 2015 (SPLUMA). The effect of the Act on the city is that for the first time all areas will now fall under one Land Management System.

We have been monitoring and evaluating all **Land Availability Agreements** that we entered into with potential developers. We are terminating agreements wherein developments have not taken place within the agreed timeframes. Over and above that, a new framework to guide future Land Availability Agreements has been prepared.

It must have caught many eyes that the long-awaited **Leratong Nodal Development**, a product of a Land Availability Agreement we entered into with Trendville Consortium and which was to have kick-started last year is now a MEGA catalytic project of the National Department of Human Settlements. It was initially budgeted at R1,5 billion and its elevation has grown the figures to R6,2 billion. In a statement released last month, Calgro M3 which has teamed up with Trendville on the project, said that Leratong City will bring estate living, long the preserve of wealthier South Africans, within reach of lower income earners. A new mall that is already over 83% let, an inter-modal transport hub alongside a trendy mixed-use residential units will be built.

Madam Speaker, the department has also completed the **N14/R28 Development Strategy** which will be submitted for approval. It will fall squarely within catalytic projects driven by the provincial government in the West Rand. Just recently we joined Gauteng Premier David Makhura and MEC for Roads and Transport, Ismael Vadi at the launch of the R2 billion **N14 Greengate Development** which is a private-public-partnership aimed at major upgrade of key arterial road, Beyers Naude that connects to Lanseria Airport and will revitalize the economy of Gauteng's Western Corridor through establishment of a freight and logistics hub as a precursor to other investments.

We want to thank AFROPROP and SPAR for investing in this new venture and thereby joining a growing number of businesses that have given a vote of confidence in our city, and indeed voting with their cheque books to make Mogale City the next commercial frontier of Gauteng. This development follows the R300 million redevelopment of Key West Shopping Centre; the R2 billion development of Cradlestone Mall which has now applied for further expansion; the R30 million development of Action Ford Showroom, the hundred to 300 bed Pinehaven Netcare Hospital, the R300 million upgrade of the Silverstar Casino.

Currently, the new **Valley View Shopping Centre** which is 30 000 m² is currently under construction on Robert Broom Drive. As a second phase, the construction of a Builders Warehouse is also planned adjacent to the shopping centre.

There is further evidence that appreciation for this unique city remains unstinting. We considered 735 **applications for consent use, rezoning and subdivision** over five years. The applications approved resulted in a total potential residential floor area of 78 259 m² and business floor area of 146 919m². A total of 335 new land portions were created through subdivision.

We also considered 85 **township applications** during this period and should all of them be developed and have the potential for yielding 12 922 dwelling units and 1 263 290 m² of non-residential floor area. The non-residential component is expected to create at least 59 370 temporary jobs and 7 579 permanent jobs whilst the residential component is expected to generate 245 518 temporary jobs and 7 753 jobs.

We approved 3625 **building plan applications** resulting in total potential investment of R3.8 billion in the city over the last five years.

We know as night follows day, that big starts with small. Just there are many of our people who are on the lookout for job opportunities in the private and public sector, there is an equal number that strives for self-employment. We have therefore made a concerted effort to ensure that we provide support to aspiring and existing small, medium and micro-enterprises. Our **enterprise development** unit launched three incubator projects during this term.

The **Construction Incubator** enrolled 50 emerging contractors into a three-year programme aimed at improving their CIDB grading and also exit with a NQF 4 qualification. The incubator provides support that ranges from technical mentorship and training, boardroom-reception, resource centre, internet access to office space.

We are pleased to announce that 27 of these companies secured R5, 5 million worth of contracts thus creating 264 jobs. In October 2015 the incubator won an award for "*Best Skills Development Institute of the Year*" at the 8th South African Construction Awards.

The **Chemical Incubator** has enrolled 60 SMMEs, 48 of whom have undergone training in manufacturing of household cleaning detergents and fragrances. We are pleased to announce that twenty-two (22) companies are already trading and have generated a combined turnover of R1 million and created 69 jobs in the process.

We also want to thank *Furn-tech* for providing technical skills to the 15 SMMEs we enrolled in the **Carpentry and Furniture Incubator**. The group was registered as a cooperative, Mogale Wood Manufacturers upon completion of training.

We have taken a total of 743 SMMEs through **business training** which involved disciplines like business planning, customer care and marketing, distribution, project management, pricing, computer skills as well export opportunities.

We assisted 1989 business to register as close corporations and private companies whilst a total of 116 were registered as cooperatives with the **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPRO)**. We also installed four business information kiosks in Kagiso, Munsieville, Swaneville and Krugersdorp Libraries which provide SMME tools for users. Over and above that, we issued 189 licenses for Schedule 1 businesses.

The Cooperative Support Programme provided capacity-building support to 50 co-ops around the city. During the last 2 years, 22 co-ops secured contracts and created 295 jobs in the process.

We have also taken steps to assist those who eke out a living through informal trade by building **16 vending structures** which house hawkers in Rietvallei.

The **Expanded Public Works Programme** created 2254 jobs whilst private and public sector construction projects taking place around the city such as Kagiso Mall, Cradlestone, Pinehaven Netcare, Rand Water Reservoir and Provincial Archives also created 2339 jobs.

We announced three years ago that we had completed business plans to rollout projects funded by the **Neighbourhood Development Partnership Grant** which was conceived to assist municipalities to do credible medium to long-term strategic and project planning for under-serviced neighbourhoods. The fund seeks to prime our institutions for better decision-making in public sector investment and supports sustainable operations as well as maintenance through precinct and urban management. This funding also allows us to invest in catalytic projects that have the potential to create multi-functional public and private sector hubs or corridors in previously disadvantaged areas.

When the Leratong **Walkways Concept Plan** was rolled out along the Albertina Sisulu Road near the Kagiso Mall, Kagiso Extension 12 to Leratong Hospital many were very sceptical of the project. We now have a popularly embraced walkways rollout programme worth R60, 2 million that gives a facelift to the main arterial roads of Leratong, Kagiso, Munsieville and the Chamdor Industrial Park.

The project package includes construction of walkways, traffic calming measures and pedestrian crossings. A total of 33 local companies have been appointed as subcontractors in line with Mogale City Strategic Plan's dictates that 30% of the project value be earmarked for subcontracting opportunities to local emerging contractors. The project has been registered as an EPWP project and has delivered 116 local jobs to date.

We will continue to address the issues that have cropped up along the way relating to amongst others, the use of subcontractors, theft of building material by those who are aesthetically-challenged and the traffic management concerns that come with the development.

We are pleased with the progress made in preparation of the **World Heritage Site Precinct Plan** which we do in collaboration with the National Department for Land Reform and Rural Development. As the City of Human Origin, a home for all of humanity, we believe that we should aggressively leverage the unique position that we are located in to spur tourism in the region to even greater heights. It is for this reason that the tourism division is in the process of developing a **Tourism Investment Atlas** for the city which will be an inanimate guide to important landmarks and features, potential investment points that dot this highly attractive, extremely under-rated and tranquil part of the Gauteng province – a giant that has risen from slumber to claim her rightful place as a destination of choice for all humanity.

We want to thank the 13 Mogale City tourism establishments that offered their facilities for training of **Tourism Buddies**. Out of 100 trainees in the West Rand district, 50 of them came from Mogale City and 11 secured permanent employment at these establishments.

Madam Speaker, please allow us to briefly return to the Lanseria project. We are determined to ensure that the **Lanseria Airport City Investment Programme** which has been identified by Premier Makhura as catalytic to the development of the Western Corridor, benefits our city and region. Premier Makhura did announce last year that an amount of R10 billion will be invested in the corridor over the next 15 years. The opportunities are linked to the *N14/R28 Development Corridor* anchored on the freight and logistics hub.

Just recently the airport was given an international license and thus provides vast opportunities for leisure and commercial investments linked to the new and expanded passenger terminal. This also opens opportunities for establishment of an ICT/Technology Academy, Pan African parliament as well as social housing, industrial and retail facilities. The development, being closer in proximity to Muldersdrift, will simultaneously spread benefits to Hekpoort thus help us bring our rural communities closer to economic centres.

Building more united, non-racial and safer communities

The two most abiding demands over the two terms that have been sharply advanced by the people of Mogale City are the need for jobs and housing. Our national government has delivered **4.3 million** houses to deserving South Africans since the advent of democracy with the backlog currently estimated at 2.1 million housing units and 1,5 million of which should be delivered by 2019.

Working with the provincial government we have made our own contribution through delivery of **12 218** housing units, construction of 609 toilet structures as well as improving security of tenure through 21 022 housing transfers across the city. In Mogale City our **backlog stands at 30 000** units, comprising largely of both the GAP market component earning between R3500-15000 per month and the poorest of the poor who earn less than R3000 per month.

We are determined to partner with the provincial government and the private sector to tackle this backlog through a combination of give-away stock or RDPs; social housing projects, rental stock, low-cost for the GAP Market and high-end bonded stock.

We are pleased to announce that **Mogale Junction** which is situated at the entrance to Randfontein and which was previously known as Amberfield Development is now ready to be occupied. The developer submitted an application for the establishment of a township consisting of 1590 social housing units. The first phase of the development has been completed and the township proclamation process was concluded in February 2016.

The municipality owns in excess of 100 properties within the **Heritage Manor**, which is a source of irritation and aesthetic eyesore because of derelict buildings with no proper services. We will soon make and announce a decision on these properties.

Working with ABSA we recently launched the second phase of **Chief Mogale Mixed Development**. We completed installation of bulk infrastructure services in the area. This second phase will yield 402 bonded units and 552 RDP houses.

We have also installed bulk infrastructure services at **Munsieville Extension 5** where a total of 379 units will be built, and the potential of the site is 500 units. The province has already appointed a contractor and gave them the crucial Instruction to Perform Work (IPW); a Project Management Team was also established and the contractor is now on site to commence work.

The municipality is in the process of applying for **Level 2 Housing Accreditation** which involves the delegated authority to exercise functions related to the administration of National Housing Programmes at the municipal level thus enabling us to undertake planning and implementation of human settlements projects within the city. This means we can deliver housing quicker as a municipality because of reduced administration.

Madam Speaker, it would be seriously amiss of us if we do not adequately address developments around the relocation of people residing in the **Tudor Shaft Informal Settlement**, which was established in the mid-90s as a transit camp for communities affected by evictions when West Rand mining companies folded their operations as a result of reduced ore production. As it happened in other parts of the country especially in Gauteng, many people who were attracted by economic opportunities in the province, trekked to Mogale City and found a way of settling in Tudor Shaft, thus leading to growth of the informal settlement. From a camp of no less than 550 units, the settlement has grown into five sections (Tudor Shaft; Soul City, Baghdad, Bull Brand and Ace Café) and now has almost 3110 households.

Studies on Tudor Shaft informal settlement have shown that the area has radiation which poses a devastating health risk for communities residing there. Other studies by the **National Nuclear Regulator** have disputed this assertion and said only a small portion of the area is radioactive. This placed the municipality in a position of uncertainty as to what needed to be done about the area – whether we relocated or developed in the identified developable areas which were not guaranteed to stay unpolluted.

Mine dumps generally release dust that has the potential to contaminate water, weaken soil quality, damage household items including furniture, fabrics etc. Children who frequent these dumps and use them as playgrounds become susceptible to skin diseases through dust ingestion. These dumps are associated with respiratory diseases, cancers as well as skin and eye irritations.

In 2011, we were approached by the National Nuclear Regulator to relocate the community to a relatively safer part of the area. We vowed to look for alternative and suitable land to relocate the community. We championed from 2013 an **Emergency Site and Services Programme in the Urban Areas** by which we were going to cut up adequate and serviced erven, distribute to deserving community members to occupy whilst awaiting either government subsidized housing to be built or to build houses themselves. It is on these basis that we identified the portion of land in **Kagiso Extension 13** as a site for relocation of the Tudor Shaft community. We have on a number of occasions during Mayoral Roadshows announced our intentions regarding Tudor Shaft Informal Settlement.

When we were on the verge of executing the relocation in December 2015, the national government, through the **Housing Development Agency** offered us funding to build houses so that we can relocate the community into houses as opposed to relocation from one shack to another. It is interesting that there was no objection to the shack-to-shack relocation project, but a mere three months later when the construction of housing is about to be concluded in Kagiso Extension 13 there is now an outcry.

We understand the outcry and sympathize with it. However, we are responding to a health hazard that has always been on the agenda for the past five years. We do not undermine the wishes of those who are on the **Housing Waiting List** and we are working with provincial government to meet the promises we made on the housing front. As the late **Martin Luther King Jnr.** once said:

"We must accept finite disappointment but we must never lose infinite hope."

Hope lies in the housing opportunities we have spoken about earlier which will be supported by the **Leratong City** project will which yield a total of **15000** units where a total of 4200 of these will be fully-subsidized give-aways; the GAP market (FLISP and Social Housing) will be 8300; bonded stock will be 2500. The first phase will yield 3800 units and 1850 thereof will be BNG stock or give-aways, 1800 will be Social Housing units and 200 units will be bonded stock. Installation of bulk infrastructure services is expected to commence mid-year.

In terms of Traffic and Public Safety in collaboration with the Department of Justice we have handled a total of 87 308 cases in the **Municipal Court (M-court)** since it was opened which translates into 57 154 in 2014/15 and 30 154 in 2015/16. Additional 3177 Provincial traffic matters were handled in the Court in the 2015/16 period. A total of 1428 driver's licenses were reinstated and two licenses were suspended because offenders exceeded the general speed limit.

In September 2015 the **Kagiso Court** started accepting traffic related matters that took place in the Kagiso area and so far 3250 cases were handled in that court.

We conducted 175 **Road safety campaigns** were run, wherein 14 732 people were educated about road safety.

We conducted 1816 **roadblocks** to enforce Traffic Law. In those, 410 170 citations or fines were issued. Total income from traffic fines for the period is R35 017 140.

The **Law Enforcement unit** attended to 967 accidents and assisted with 834 funeral escorts.

Our **By-law Enforcement Unit** conducted 5 186 inspections to address illegal trading and advertisements. Mogale City Local Municipality also participates in the **Gauteng Law Enforcement Agency Forum (G-LEAF)** operations to counter things like fake DVDs and CDs or pirated material and contraband; enforcement and monitoring of the Sports and Recreational Events Act and so forth.

The multi-sectoral **Anti-Drugs and Prostitution Task Team** has led the effort against elimination of crime and grime, especially in the CBD, Sivewright area and surrounds. Ongoing operations are currently underway to nab and chase away the skunk that seeks to corrupt our young people around the city. Our city will not be captured by drug lords under our watch! We have sought the deployment of **Operation Fiela** to Mogale City to deal decisively with the matter.

Playing our part in a National Climate Change Strategy including the promotion of local energy saving campaigns

Mogale City has embarked on the facilitation of two major renewable energy projects, namely waste-to-energy and solar energy. This is in line with the COP 21 global initiative to use clean energy thereby reducing carbon emissions which harm the environment also causing global warming.

On the **Waste to Energy project**, we have signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Blue Waste To Energy Pty Ltd. The municipality has ensured that all the processes outlined by the National Treasury were followed by both the City and the potential independent power producer (IPP). The process is now at the last stage where we are awaiting NERSA to award the IPP license to the company.

Once NERSA has granted the license, this project that is worth approximately R5 billion shall then commence. It should be noted that the project will be the first of its kind in Gauteng.

The Municipality continues to facilitate the **development of a solar farm** in Fariaville, which a 361 ha piece of land, in collaboration with Mr Faria, the landowner. The EIA process has been completed. Discussions are at an advanced stage between the municipality and the Department of Energy to fast-track the project. The renewable energy to be generated by the project is 75 MW in the first phase. The project is worth approximately R6 billion.

Enhancing investment in basic services in rural areas

The municipality has consistently ensured that rural communities also enjoy the fruits of democracy as much as their urban counterparts.

We spent R8 million in upgrade of the Muldersdrift **Electricity** Substation which included installation of a 20 MVA Transformer and new switchgear to accommodate increased capacity. We spent a further R16 million in upgrade of the Libertas-To-Muldersdrift 33KV Transmission Line and installing a new switchgear to accommodate increased capacity. These projects created 19 job opportunities.

The municipality does routine gravel road maintenance to all municipal roads in the rural areas. In total, approximately 160 km of rural gravel roads are maintained annually to improve accessibility for communities.

The registered MIG multi-year **road construction program** for the Western Rural Areas that covers Tarlton, Magaliesburg and Hekpoort and estimated at R185 million is currently underway. It is pleasing to note that of the R158,5 million spent on road and stormwater construction in the entire city over the past five years, rural areas accounted for R58.3 million.

Rietfontein Village internal Roads and stormwater network were constructed at a cost of R8,3 million and consists of 2.34km of road and 0.97km of stormwater pipe system.

Ga-Mohale Internal Roads and stormwater network were constructed at a cost of R14,5 million over 2,9 km of road and 2.37km of stormwater pipe system.

We ensured that **water conservation projects** were also extended to the rural areas. We spent R189 000 in resealing of the Magaliesburg Reservoir and R15 million in replacement of the Kromdraai Water Pipeline.

In an effort to improve access to piped water for rural communities who get their water through water tankers, the municipality laid 7.5km of **water pipeline** in Orient Hills at a cost of R7 million. A further R8.8 million will be invested to lay 8.5km pipeline in Carmel Estate; Portion 45 Vaalbank and Plot 63 Lindley.

In order to move to environmentally-friendly sanitation technologies the municipality is investing R6 million in installation of 295 **Enviro-loos** in Nooitgedacht, Joe Slovo and Portion 26 in Kromdraai. A further R6.8 million will be spent to increase the structures by another 200 units as well as expand the service by building 130 structures in Carmel Estate and Plot 45 in Vaalbank.

A total of 858 housing units have been built in Ga-Mohale, Rietfontein and Ethembalethu over the last five years.

We are in the process of building 190 housing units in the long-awaited Dr Molefi Sefularo Village in **Hekpoort** which will be funded through the Human Settlements Development Grant. All the stages of township establishment have been concluded. Infrastructure has appointed a service provider for installation of a Waste Water Treatment Plant to cater for the development. Other components of the project are municipal uses, Special use, crèche and recreational park.

We will conclude **detailed planning studies** in June 2016 on Farm Vogelzang located on R560 road in Hekpoort. We will then be able to build 326 housing units which will make up Extension 1 of the Dr Sefularo Village.

Further, we are concluding **detailed planning studies** on Portion 265 in Hekpoort where we intend building 66 rental units. Township Establishment has been completed and will be considered for approval after objections to it have been resolved. These objections will be addressed in due course.

Detailed planning studies on Portion 44 of the Farm Rietfontein in **Nooitgedacht** are being conducted. The land portion measures 11ha in extent. The approved layout makes provision for 253 housing units, place of worship, taxi rank, crèche, sports ground and other amenities. The development will be known as the Dr Nthato Motlana Township in and will also be funded through the Human Settlements Development Grant.

Madam Speaker, we will also build 479 housing units in Ga Mohale Extension 1 in **Magaliesburg** after detailed planning studies are concluded. The project comprises amongst others a school, clinic, community hall, church and other amenities.

The studies for the two planned developments are being concluded today.

We have completed detailed planning studies on Honingklip Township in **Muldersdrift** were 218 units will be constructed. The project will be concluded in June 2016. It should be noted that no objections to the development have been received.

The municipality has been invited to participate in a private initiative registered as Mogale City Extension 22 which will developed on the farm Brickvale 161 in **Tarlton**. The approved layout plan of the development comprises 3855 erven made up of, amongst others, 2070 residential 1 units; primary and secondary schools, clinic, crèche and public open space. It is possible for the municipality to get involved once funding for land purchase has been secured and outstanding issues relating to bulk infrastructure and compliance with the government policy on standards for RDP housing.

At the end of these projects, we shall have delivered **4207 housing units** in the rural areas.

These investments in infrastructure services and human settlement developments in the rural areas will obviously make them attractive and invite new interest, commercially and otherwise. Therefore, we will **invest in bulk infrastructure going forward** in order to meet future growth and demand. To this end, we will revamp the Tarlton Reservoir and Muldersdrift Reservoir, Outfall Sewer and Bulk Sewer.

Further, we have several projects for the rural areas at **design and implementation stages**. We have appointed consultants to design new works and conduct environmental impact assessments for the **Hekpoort Water Treatment Works** and **Lindley Wastewater Treatment Works**. We have advertised a tender for the upgrade of the **Magaliesburg Water Treatment Works** from 1.1 Megalitres per day to 7 Megalitres per day.

The municipality wishes to announce that it has received formal notification from GDARD regarding the Environmental Authorization for the **Vlakdrift Commonage Project** which provides us with the opportunity to begin rollout to stimulate agricultural projects within the Tarlton area.

Improving local public services and broadening access to them

Madam Speaker, the total **road network** of Mogale City is approximately 1100km, comprising 940km of paved road and 160km of gravel. In the last five years we enlisted the services of local contractors and cooperatives to render roads and stormwater maintenance services. We managed to clean 1160km of roads; some 201, 000m² of paved sidewalks and repaired 1068km of kerbs. We also provided street name boards to 643 intersections.

The department also constructed 249 speed humps around the city. Through the tertiary road rehabilitation programme we repaired 38 200 potholes and rehabilitated 67.2km of road.

We also embarked on a programme for **rehabilitation and resurfacing of main arterial roads**. A total of 20.5km of roads were rehabilitated and 600 potholes were repaired.

In our endeavour to create jobs and meeting the **EPWP** principles for construction and maintenance of roads and stormwater networks, we created 1052 temporary jobs during the past five years.

The municipality has a **fleet** of 280 vehicles, 128 of which are Council owned whilst 152 are leased vehicles.

We made substantial investments in the effort to reduce **un-accounted for water** and to extend the life of our strategic water assets, Kenmare Reservoir was **resealed** at a cost of R12 million.

We also focused on improving revenue collection through installation of 39 000 new **Prepaid Water Meters**. This also assists consumers across the board to manage their own water consumption.

We successfully completed **pipeline replacement** projects in Kagiso Extension 8, Krugersdorp West and Rietvallei whilst the Munsieville project is still underway. This network replaces aged infrastructure and will accommodate the rapid expansion of the city. We will soon tackle the Lanwen Pipeline.

We have four Bulk Infrastructure projects underway. Installation of **Phase 1 of Bulk Sewer** at Millsite and **Bulk Water and Sewer** at Chief Mogale will be completed in June and December 2016 respectively. These projects will support Phase 2 of Chief Mogale as well as Millsite housing projects.

The municipality will also **upgrade** the Munsieville Reservoir and Pump Station; the Sinqobile Sewer Pipeline and Rietvallei Sewer and associated connections. Also, we are evaluating bids for **Phase 2 of the Flip Human Water Treatment Works Refurbishment** which includes the balancing tank and primary sedimentation tanks, the generator as well as new electrical panels.

We have appointed a contractor to install a **telemetry system** for water reservoirs, pump stations and related software. The system will assist in real time fault detection in these strategic installations and will come at a cost of R5 million.

We will invest in a new water and sanitation **scientific laboratory** to assist with blue, green and no drop assessments as well as general water analyses.

Madam Speaker, it is obvious that just as we did with water supply the city needed to ensure that its rapid expansion was also matched by the **demand for energy** that shall emerge. The city therefore made substantial investments in its electricity infrastructure.

The **Krugersdorp North Substation** was upgraded at a cost of R54 million. The project included installation of a 20 MVA and a 7, 5 MVA transformers. A new switchgear and upgrade as well as 33 kV switching yard and bus bar upgrade also formed part of the project. This project improved capacity to an expanding Munsieville and Percy Stewart Water Treatment Works, amongst others and it also delivered 126 temporary jobs.

The **Condale Substation** was also upgraded at a cost of R137 million to accommodate the development of the city and its industrial parks. We installed a new 10 MVA Transformer and built a new substation yard, a 33 kV yard and bus bar upgrade whilst 151 jobs were created during the project.

We completed a new **Rangeview Extension 2 Distribution Network** at a cost of R9 million which created 18 temporary jobs. It involved installation of a new high and low voltage distribution network as well as new streetlights. Also, we installed a new switchgear and built a mini substation for this new township.

We completed the first phase of the **Munsieville Reservoir 11kV Substation** at a cost of R6 million. A new substation building was constructed and new distribution network including installation of a switchgear. The project is going into a new phase.

We are also upgrading the **Spruit Substation** at a cost of R25 million. A new 20 MVA Transformer and switchgear are being installed. The energy capacity being created will support developments such as Heritage Manor in Munsieville South, Agavia Extensions and Wildtuin Park.

We have invested approximately R26 million in the **Factoria-to-Libertas 33 kV Transmission Line**. The project includes installation of a switchgear and new overhead transmission lines between the two substations. The project accommodates developments in the Northern suburbs of Mogale City. The municipality is also investing R32 million in the upgrade of the **Boltonia Substation**. The project is now in its second phase and includes installation of a new switchgear and 10 MVA Transformer as well as extension of the substation building. This project is directed towards creating commercial and industrial entities in Boltonia to consider expansion projects, and is also meant to attract new investors into the industrial park.

The municipality is rolling out a R17.5 million **smart metering project** in Munsieville where 600 conversions have already been completed and 63 tamper proof metering kiosks were installed. A control centre will also be completed in the next phase of the project.

We will also rollout 800 **solar power units in the Pangoville** Informal Settlement in Munsieville.

The municipality spends approximately R2,5 million per annum in installation of **prepaid meters to all indigent households** registered on our database. A total of 1315 installations have been done across the city.

We installed **high mast lights** in three sports facilities being Munsieville, Rietvallei and Muldersdrift Soccer Stadiums. The informal settlement of Makhulugama, Volgezang, Rietvallei Ext 5 and Beyers Naude were also provided with high mast lights.

Madam Speaker, we made substantial investment in improving the electricity reticulation system at the **Green Hostel** in Kagiso. An upgrade of 78 units as well as improvement of toilet facilities was completed. The next phase of the project has been estimated at R8,5 million.

We have also completed Phase One of the **conversion of the Old Kagiso Police Station** for use by the Department of Health as a clinic. An amount of R600 000 was spent. The second phase of the project which is focused on refurbishment of the Court Building is estimated at R1,3 million.

At this point we want to pause and thank **MMC Themba Khuzwayo** for political guidance of this critical division in the municipality and MMC David Letsie who took to the task like a duck on water when they exchanged the baton. We also thank **MMC Nosisi Mdlulwa** for rising to the challenge of steering our Roads and Transport portfolio before giving over to MMC Friedman. MMC Letsie is leading the department whilst our colleague is indisposed. The people of our city will forever be indebted to your commitment.

The Waste Act 59 of 2008 is an instrument to enforce, promote and encourage reduction of waste generation and to significantly reduce waste transported to waste disposal sites. Our environmental division has introduced **sorting and separation at source** as a strategy towards waste minimisation and recycling. The effort is encouraged by GDARD. We approached and piloted sorting and separation at Key West Mall, President Hyper, Heritage Shopping Centre and Silverstar Casino. This effort resulted in 44 jobs being created. A total of 64 jobs have also been created when eight recycling centres were established in the CBD and surrounding areas.

There are about 200 reclaimers registered at the Luipaardsvlei Landfill site and sizable number at the Magaliesburg Landfill. They eke out a living through recycling.

The municipality obtained R22 million of Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) to rehabilitate the **Luipaardsvlei Landfill Site**. The project involved stabilization of the pile of body of waste, correct the slope and proper compaction of waste. Two new cells were developed at a cost of R28 million. Further expansion of the site is continuing on a cell by cell basis.

The **Magaliesburg Landfill** has reached its full capacity and a rehabilitation plan has been developed. We are in the process of compiling a business plan to source funding for the project and are pleased that the crucial EIA has been conducted.

The municipality undertook a Waste Management Optimisation Plan to improve **refuse collection and removal** whilst building sufficient capacity to render and extend refuse collection services in existing and un-serviced areas. The services of TEDCOR and Waste Group were enlisted to support the municipal refuse removal fleet. The municipality waste management resources were then concentrated in Region A whilst these private companies were allocated 52500 points in Region B. The reconfiguration meant that refuse collection and removal could now be rendered in rural areas just as it was done in other parts of the city.

The municipality arranged a special dispensation for body corporates to appoint private refuse removal companies to render the service in various development complexes because there was lack of adequate capacity for the institution to do so. Initially this exercise meant that the municipality would lose opportunities for revenue collection but through our new Waste Transporters Registration plan which emanated from the policy on **Registration and Licensing of Service Providers and Transporters of Waste in MCLM**, the municipality is now able to collect R1 million in revenue per annum.

We have responded sufficiently to requests for refuse removal in informal settlements where there is virtually no infrastructure to allow normal refuse collection. Such areas as well as businesses are serviced through **bulk containers**.

We have utilized labour intensive methods to render **street sweeping and litter picking** as a way of creating jobs. Cooperatives were introduced in this space at a budget of R5,6 million.

The municipality has invested more than R43, 7 million in **construction of parks** in Kagiso, Munsieville, Magaliesburg, Azaadville and Muldersdrift. These parks have amenities that include play equipment for children, park benches, picnic areas, hard course tracks and so forth.

We also spent R750 000 to install **outdoor gym and play equipment** in the small parks of Boltonia, Bill Taylor and Rietvallei. In the new financial year we will be kitting out three other parks with outdoor equipment in Munsieville, Monument and Muldersdrift.

The popular **Coronation Park** is currently undergoing a R22, 6 million upgrade which will see the facility boasting a new perimeter fence, a museum, memorial site, gymnasium, picnic and restaurant facilities as well as playground facilities for children. Furthermore, there will be recreation facilities catering for rowing and fishing as the area around Coronation Dam will be made available for this purpose.

Kagiso Cemetery, which is the only graveyard with green technologies for lighting and other needs, was upgraded at a cost of R22, 7 million whilst the new **Westhaven Cemetery** will be established in Mindalore. Over the last 10 years a total of R6, 3 million in prizes has been won by the municipality, schools and different wards in the **Bontle Ke Botho (BkB) Campaign**. The money has been used towards establishing food gardens, community small parks, clean up campaigns, water conservation projects and energy efficiency projects. We want to commend **Swartkop Primary School** for winning the award for an unmatched seven times and Ward 13, previously under **Clir Dudu Ngubane** and now **Clir Bonginkosi Mpanza**, for winning the award a record six times since inception.

We are pleased to announce that as a result of winning the first prize for Category B municipalities in the 2014 Bontle Ke Botho competition, the municipality has now entered the **Greenest Municipality Competition** whose results will be announced by the National Department of Environmental Affairs at a prize-giving ceremony later this year.

Madam Speaker, we collaborate with GDARD and mining houses to support more than **30 community food garden projects** which produce own fresh vegetables which are consumed and also sold for extra income by community groups. We have also sustained the food garden project in Kagiso Extension 8 as well as Gemsa Youth Project in Rietvallei.

We have spent almost R8 million since 2011 to clear more than 2,000 ha of land affected by **alien invasive plants**. This programme has created 300 jobs for local communities, where recruitment targets youth and women who are then spread over eleven teams that work in the Cradle of Humankind precinct; the CBD and surrounds; Magaliesburg and Hekpoort as well as Blougat/Blaauwbankspruit.

At this point we again pause to thank former MMCs for Environmental Management, **Nomalanga Ntamane** who is now a municipal official, **MMC Andy Mathibe** who took over from her and recently handed over the reins to **MMC Noluthando Mangole** for the sterling work they did politically to ensure that we keep the dream of our people for a better environment alive.

Allow us to return to the good story. Our **collaboration with the private sector and other spheres of government** has been fruitful. We provided land and ABSA bank funded construction of the Chief Mogale Multipurpose centre to the tune of R28 million. Then the Gauteng Department of Social Development spent R30 million to build the Kagiso and Munsieville Multipurpose Centres. Also, the Gauteng Department of Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation spent R32.3 million to build four **libraries** in the city in the past five years. These are in Kagiso Extension 12, Tarlton, Rietvallei 2 & 3 as well as Kagiso Extension 6.

Mogale City Local Municipality was selected as the best location for the construction of the **Gauteng Provincial Archives**. This project is currently underway in Kagiso Ext 6. The total budget is R312 million.

Mogale City's Motor Vehicle & Driver Licensing and Registration Division is still regarded by several National and Provincial Departments as the best. Our work will now be supported by the **Kagiso Driver Licensing and Testing Centre (DLTC**) which will open its doors very soon. We have made the point very clear to the provincial government that there was no way that we could accept 100% staffing of the centre by non-Mogale residents and we will therefore engage further on the human resource needs of the centre.

Our efforts aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle are accompanied by making investments in necessary infrastructure to achieve our objectives. The process has been disruptive to athletes and sporting codes across the city. We had to ensure that we deliver the best sports facilities for our people during the term. We spent a total of R77 million of MIG and municipal funding over five years to **upgrade all sports facilities** across the city.

The expenditure went into projects that include building a perimeter fence, aerobics and boxing facilities and refurbishment of tennis courts at the Kagiso Sports Complex. The Swimming pools of Kagiso, West Krugersdorp and Azaadville were also refurbished. The funding also covered upgrades and refurbishment of the sports complexes of Munsieville, Azaadville, Lusaka, Muldersdrift and the Lewisham Tennis Court as well as cleaning, repairs and re-commissioning of water lines, sewer lines and bulk electricity at Bob van Reenen Stadium.

Further, we run clinics for various sporting codes as a way of **building capacity** for officials and athletes to run their associations, clubs and personal skills improvement. Our facilities are made available to the codes at nominal fees and we also support athletes through Grants-in-Aid. We also run sporting tournaments that assist the sporting codes to **raise funds and mobilise of other resources**.

In partnership with Gautrain, Gauteng Department of Infrastructure and Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture & Recreation, the construction of the **Kagiso Memorial Project** is in progress. The total cost of this project is estimated at R41m. it will open its doors later this year.

In the current financial year, a budget of R400 000 has been allocated for the upgrade of **Ubuntu Arts and Crafts Centre**. This is a second phase of a R2,3 million project that is being implemented since the 2014/2015 financial year.

Ubuntu Pottery Project in Magaliesburg, and Ten Beads glass beading Project at Chief Mogale are ongoing projects under **Heritage**, **Arts and Culture Section** and are aimed at addressing socio-economic challenges facing unemployed youth within the city through exploiting opportunities presented by the creative industry. The two projects employ 15 young people from Magaliesburg and Kagiso. They are also supported and sustained by the municipality.

An amount of R16.9 million is spread around various infrastructure projects that support **early childhood development**. The expenditure covers construction and refurbishment of Kagiso Pre-primary School as well as Sinqobile and Burgershoop Early Childhood Centres. We have also trained 187 ECD teachers up to NQF Level 4 in our programme which covers ECD Curriculum; Centre Compliance; First Aid and Safety.

We have ensured that all the service centres that assist our people with government services and information are both welcoming and user friendly. We spent R1.4 million in refurbishment of **Kagiso Thusong Centre** and have allocated R4 million to upgrade the building at the beginning of the new financial year. A total of R5 million of MIG funding is being used to rehabilitate and upgrade the **Burgershoop Multi-purpose Centre** whilst R1 million is being spent to refurbish the **Indigent Management Office** here in the Civic Centre.

Our Social Services division created **583 jobs** through the EPWP component of capital projects. Additional 243 EPWP jobs were created through various manpower services including HIV and AIDS volunteers, court interpreter, administration assistants, scholar patrollers, licensing assistants and so on.

The division helped establish two **cooperatives** in 2013/14 and supported 19 through allocation of grants and procurement of services.

We commend the efforts of former **MMCs Iris Makola** and Annah Setswalo-Moja who gave the baton over to **MMC Nomalizo Kufa**, for steering the SRAC ship throughout our term. We also bow to **MMC Emily Mathe** for political guidance in the Social Upliftment and Health portfolio.

Promoting more active community participation in local government

Public Engagement has been the hallmark of our political term. We set about to do things differently from what legislation requires us to do in terms of public participation.

Our municipality convened 60 **Council Meetings** in the period May 2011 to February 2016, eleven of which were Ordinary sessions whilst 49 were Special Council Meetings.

We have embarked on several projects over the term and all of them aimed at improving the lot of young people in Mogale City. It should be noted though that youth development takes many forms and cannot be boxed into one definition. For example, a total of 609 learners received a portion of R4, 7 million in **bursaries offered by the Executive Mayor** in the last five years.

Also, we have made contributions from the **Special Projects Fund** amounting to R1, 5 million over five years to assist young people with tertiary education debts, textbooks, stationery and other needs.

We have hosted the **Mayoral Tournament** in which a total of R5,5 million has been spent in keeping sports development alive through involvement of legends of sports in the city and region, sports kits and prizes have been given as a way of contributing to the huge and urgent task of getting young people off the streets, away from crime and social vice.

We have re-launched the municipal newspaper **DIKGANG TSA MOGALE** and in line with our vision to create one city in the region, have been engaged with our sister municipalities about regionalizing the paper by which we can share government and municipal information. This effort augments Sector meetings by MMCs, Ward Meetings and various public engagements with organised structures and the unorganised in the city. This interface will be supported by a Call Centre that operates on 24/7 basis in the new financial year.

Ensuring a more effective, accountable and clean local government

Madam Speaker, the **accounting officer Mr Dan Mashitisho** deserves a word of gratitude for doing a sterling job leading the administrative arm of the municipality. We thank all the members of the Executive Committee, including those who left during the ten-year period that we have been at the helm of this august institution. Your wise counsel has been very crucial and made light a very difficult job.

The 2006-2011 political term saw the institution receiving four qualified opinions from the **Auditor-General** and one unqualified opinion with findings which could be regarded as a flash in the pan. However, in the 2011-2016 we have received two unqualified opinions with three findings in the first two financial years. We topped the performance with two clean audits in successive financial years.

This feat was achieved in no small measure by a dedicated and activist Caucus of the governing **African National Congress** led by Cllr Sipho Dube that raised the standards in terms of oversight over the Executive. We thank all councillors, including the opposition political parties for keeping us on our toes and making sure that they raise sharply the grievances, words of appreciation, needs and wants of our people. It is in that spirit that our city can get better and all of us can flourish.

We thank the former Speaker of Council, Noluthando Mangole and current **Speaker of Council Suzen Thupane and Chief Whip, Sipho Dube** for helping us keep the institution within its political mandate over the two terms that the ANC has given us the rare privilege to lead.

Together we took the municipality from R650 million **budget** in 2006 to R1,5 billion in 2011. We then worked hard to move from R1.5 billion to the R2.6 billion mark today. The figure represents a 74% improvement in five years.

Our **collection rate** has also been very impressive at 96% and we will peg it at 97% in the new financial year.

Our **general valuation roll** has 65000 properties with a total market value of about R40.5 billion as at 1st July 2014.

Our staff compliment currently stands at 1680 from 1557 in 2006 when we took the helm. We have however kept our **expenditure on employee-related costs at 25**% which is less than the National Treasury norm of 33%. This means that much as we have created job opportunities over the years, we have ensured that the larger portion of municipal revenue goes towards service delivery projects.

We have always held firm the belief that **clean government** is not achieved by paying lip service to the concept, but it is rather engendered by developing a programme and put in place systems, processes and resources to achieve clean government.

The Corporate Ethics Division (CED) has been established to build, promote and maintain a high standard of ethical conduct and to undertake internal investigations within the Municipality. It follows a systematic approach to instil and inculcate Ethical Values and Standards by incorporating interventions to create, promote and embed Organizational Ethical Culture, where all officials understand and consistently apply accepted sets of Ethical Values and Standards through the **Organisational Ethics Management Programme**.

The business unit actively manages risks of ethical misconduct, such as corruption, fraud, theft, maladministration, embezzlement, dishonesty, general misconduct, unethical behaviour and so forth.

We are pleased with the work that has been done by the **Operation Clean Audit Committee**. The results have been more than a source of elation. The clean audits have inculcated a sense of pride amongst staff members and brought on new commitment to doing this according to the book.

We commend the steady hand of **MMC Farouk Bhayat** who gave political guidance and professional oversight that ensured that the finances of the city are properly utilized. We also want to commend **Cllr Mandisa Mdzeke**, the Chair of MPAC as well as **chairpersons of study groups** for ensuring that we do not move off our strategic objectives. Our councillors and staff gave their best throughout the two terms to ensure that the municipality succeeds in all its endeavours.

We appreciate the work variously by former MMCs in Corporate Support Services, Khuzwayo, **Peter Moeketsi**, Mangole until MMC Andy Mathibe took over the reins.

VISION 2016 AND BEYOND

Madam Speaker, it is public knowledge that the governing party in the West Rand has from 2003 resolved on integrating all municipalities into one metropolitan municipality in the region. It is also public knowledge that the **Municipal Demarcation Board** considered the matter ahead of the coming 2016 Local Government Elections and made a determination that this matter needs further engagement. The MDB has also taken a decision for establishment of one municipality off a merger of the municipalities of Westonaria and Randfontein which will be called **Randwest Local Municipality**. We are committed to and determined to see the establishment of one municipality in our region in 2021.

CONCLUSION

Madam Speaker, the 3rd August 2016 has been proclaimed the date for Local Government Elections.

We thank the leadership of the glorious movement of the people, the ANC ably led by **Cde Boyce Maneli**, for the faith and confidence as well as support they have given us over the ten year period. We also want to thank the Mayors Forum led by the Bossman, **Mayor Mpho Nawa** for always seeking to give life and ensuring that government sticks to ANC programme. We also thank the political support staff under the able leadership of Baba Seoposengwe.

We wish to extend a hand of gratitude to the **people of Mogale City** for handing this venerable municipality to the African National Congress to transform, a city to re-engineer and build it anew embodying the ethos of democracy, peace, justice and prosperity for all. We have not removed our foot from the pedal for any second because we know that poverty is indecent, it has neither the patience nor wisdom to wait whilst we get our ducks in a row. We knew then, just as we know now, that there remains urgent the cardinal demands of our people for jobs, housing, decent health facilities, schools, roads, easy reach to convenience centres, safe surroundings and an environment where everyone is treated with respect.

As we enter the last phase of the election campaign, the abiding question remains, as Chico Marx puts it: "*Who you gonna believe, me or your own eyes?*"

We have worked tirelessly over the years to tangibly, extricate thousands of our people from the vice grip of poverty, unemployment and inequality. We will continue to do so because for as long one or two of our people remain at the periphery, far removed from the democratic dividend, our task can be decidedly impressive but - again- undoubtedly unaccomplished.

We set out today to go and renew the overwhelming mandate of the African National Congress to continue to build better communities in all corners of the City Of Human Origin. The Members of the Mayoral Committee will in due course share further particulars on the projects we outlined today through sectoral meetings across the city.

Rea leboga Mogale City!