

# Councillor to fund LPR cameras

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Residents of ward 55 in Milnerton engaged with councillor Fabian Ah-Sing on what is happening in their ward at a public meeting held at the Milnerton community centre on Tuesday 10 September.

The meeting is part of mayor Dan Plato's outreach programme which requires all councillors to meet with their residents and give feedback on what is happening in their wards.

Ah-Sing opened the meeting with a minute of silence for councillors that died recently as well as law enforcement and police officers that were killed on duty.

Outlining what is happening in his ward, he said the Bayview multi-purpose court will be upgraded so it has seats for parents that come to watch their children. Parks in the area will also be upgraded and traffic calming measures will be put in place where residents have requested it.

Part of his "big plan" is to have license plate recognition cameras installed in the ward.

"I will be pumping money into this. I want our ward to be covered in cameras within the next two years. Those who know me, know I'm committed to safety and security

in the ward so by having these cameras we will be enhancing safety," he said, adding he is very happy that most neighbourhood watches in the area have the equipment to help them do their jobs even better. He undertook to also look into getting the watches some bicycles.

He encouraged residents not to dump illegally as it costs so much money to clean up. "Most likely those that are dumping illegally are not sitting in this meeting. Take pictures of those that are dumping illegally and send it to the City so that they can be fined. This is also a proactive thing to do as a resident," he said.

Mayco member for safety and security, JP Smith, who also attended the meeting, echoed this, saying it costs the City R380 million annually to clean up.

Residents were encouraged to log their service requests (C3s) to get quick service from the City.

"Most of these are resolved very quickly. I'm glad we have increased the teams for solid waste, which has reduced their turnaround time," said Ah-Sing adding that most of the electricity C3s are tariff increase complaints.

Opening the platform to the floor, one of the residents wanted to know if the expanded public works programme (EPWP) is sus-

tainable and if there is a detailed plan to help graduates and those that are not employed. "There is a tremendous spike in unemployment and there has to be a plan to curb this. Most of our problems in the area emanate from high unemployment numbers," he said.

In response, Ah-Sing said people need to register at subcouncil to be considered for job opportunities. "Those jobs are not permanent but meant for social intervention. They are meant to be short-term, however, the City is busy with some interventions and long term plans for job creation," he said.

Another resident, Leon Heyns, wanted to know if something is will be done at the inter-

section on Loxton Road near Centre Point, due to poor visibility for motorists. "One has to stick their nose out to see properly on the other side. If there is a MyCiti bus standing there you can't see a thing. If a cyclist happens to be coming pass he is going to fly, something needs to be done before anything happens."

Ah-Sing promised to look into this as well as many other issues noted by residents at the meeting.

He added there are also plans to increase law enforcement officers in the ward.

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