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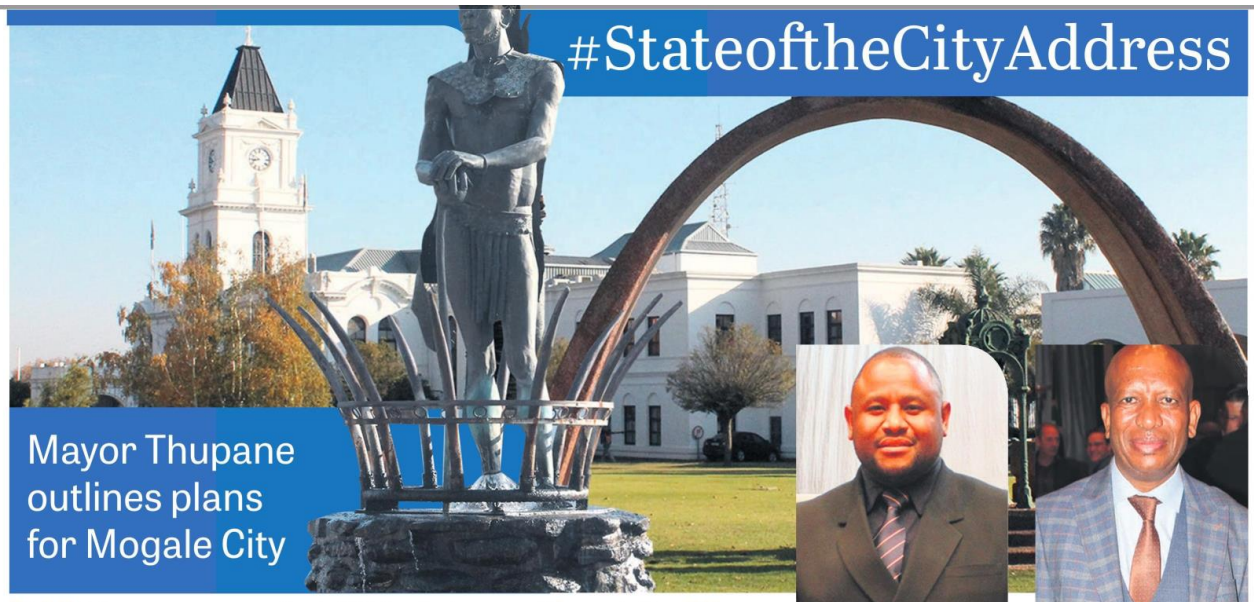

Mayor Thupane outlines plans for Mogale City

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***Mogale City* — Mogale City Local Municipality Executive Mayor councillor Danny Thupane recently presented his maiden State of the City Address (Soca) and looked back on the past year while outlining new plans for the future.**

The event was celebrated in style with a beautifully decorated Centenary Hall. Councillors from various political parties were also dressed to impress. Following a parade by Public Safety officers, the mayor then had the opportunity to speak to the leaders of our city. He explained that Mogale City has an unemployment rate of 47% whereas the national unemployment rate only stands at 32.9%.

The Krugersdorp News had the honour of attending the Soca and compiled a summary of the most essential information.

Before the Soca, numerous Integrated Development Plan (IDP) public participation meetings were held. These meetings were held in 13 wards and 536 written and oral suggestions were received. The mayor said they will continue to engage by holding regular sectoral meetings.

Soca 2023 was, however, also compiled with the inputs from residents in mind where resident Sechabeng Motho suggested that 'to build trust and relationships, the mayor should actively engage with the community'.

Motho further suggested that regular Town Hall meetings are organised, allowing residents from the urban, township, and rural areas to voice their concerns and suggestions.

"It is crucial to ensure that these meetings are inclusive and that all residents feel heard and valued. The mayor can also establish advisory committees or community forums that represent diverse demographics, providing a platform for ongoing dialogue and feedback," Motho said.

Here are a few important details which were presented by the mayor at Soca.

Innovation and local economic development:

• About 250 new businesses have been registered
• Chamdor Industrial Park renovations are in Phase 2. The R9.6m project employs 20 local small medium and micro enterprises and will be completed by September this year
• The Expanded Public Works programme initiative has created 1 406 job opportunities
• Thirty emerging farmers are being supported by the mechanisation programme
• A total of 70 informal businesses for the Informal and Micro Enterprise Development Programme disbursements have been approved
• A total of 87 informal businesses are trading in the new taxi rank in the CBD
• The municipality wants to commercialise the Krugersdorp Game Reserve through a public-private partnership arrangement

One of the most pressing matters at the moment is the submerged graves in the Kagiso Cemetery. The problem stems from the 2021 heavy rains and resident Rebecca Elizabeth Khumalo advised the mayor that this is a matter of urgency. According to the mayor, they have allocated R1m to get the services of an independent hydrological engineer who will assist them with a long-term solution for the water problem in the cemetery.

According to the mayor, they want to drain the water from four small ponds and one small dam behind the cemetery.

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Human settlements and rural development to be completed:

• By the end of this year, 600 houses will have been built at the Brickvale Mixed Housing Development in Tarlton. This development will have 6 490 houses with 180 houses already allocated to beneficiaries. This development will be supported by a 5 megalitre reservoir that will also be added to service the whole of Tarlton. This reservoir shall, should things go well, be completed by the end of the year
• The Leratong Smart City project has also started. The project will have 17 000 houses and the bulk infrastructure is currently being constructed. The sewer bulk line for this development has been completed and the completion of the bulk water pipeline is being finalised. Construction of a 5 megalitre water reservoir in Leratong has started and a contractor has been appointed to undertake planning studies to be able to construct Phase 2
• It is all systems go for the Munsieville Extension 9 project which will have 889 housing units that have already been allocated
• Unfinished giveaway houses and those with structural damage in Rietvallei Proper Ext 1 to 3, Kagiso Ext 12, and Munsieville Ext 2 and 4 will also be completed
• The municipality's housing backlog of 32 000 is down to about 25 558

A few constraints with human and rural development:

• The municipality recognises that most developments in Muldersdrift are not taking off due to bulk infrastructure constraints in the area
• The Nooitgedacht, or Refentse Mega City Human Settlement Development, will also be hampered by this reality
• The municipality has decided to acquire suitably located land for the construction of a sewage treatment plant which will also support Ethembalethu Village in Muldersdrift Resident Tshenolo Motswe also suggested that municipal land be made available for people to build for themselves. The municipality will be selling stands for residential, church, and business purposes. It was mentioned that hostel audits will be done to ensure that those residing there are authorised to do so

Infrastructure service successes:

• The municipality successfully maintains 1 214km of road in the city. This consists of 940km of paved road, 114km of gravel road
• Roads in Kagiso, Lusaka, Azaadville, and Munsieville have been maintained to eradicate potholes
• A total of 2 470m of stormwater pipes; 1 923 catch pits and 83 stormwater outlets have been cleaned and various stormwater catch pits and manholes repaired
• A total of 27 860 customers have been supplied with electricity
• 14km of old asbestos cement water pipes in Noordheuwel are being replaced. However, R2b in revenue is needed to run efficient electricity services with only R1.2b in revenue brought in from electricity usage Because of an overloading risk, a project to construct a power line between Factoria 33kV substation and Libertas substations in Noordheuwel will be undertaken

Social development and health a serious concern:

• The department is considering establishing park homes for homeless persons to assist with the homeless drug users in the CBD and other areas
• Six child-headed families in Tarlton and Swaneville received 12 months of support in terms of groceries (at R400 per person) and other items from the municipality in partnership with the South African Local Government Association and Council for Debt Collectors. The municipality is working on adding more families to this programme
• Of the 4 838 households who applied for indigent support, 4 274 were approved
• The Kagiso Community Hall was re-opened and the municipality is busy with the construction of the Kagiso Elderly Centre

The mayor stated that libraries in the city will be maintained and refurbished, and the Krugersdorp Museum will also receive some attention.

Governance, corporate support and finance:

• Councillors will have to attend ethics and anti-corruption workshops and code of conduct posters have been placed in strategic places in the municipality to be seen and studied by employees, stakeholders and the public
• Employees, stakeholders, and the public are encouraged to use hotline numbers on the posters to report allegations of misconduct or complaints against municipal employees anonymously without fear of reprisal
• Municipal staff regulations will be rolled out to ensure that all job profiles are compliant with regulations and ensure that skilled and qualified employees are appointed into positions
• An electronic version of the municipal newspaper will be released in the last week of July

Regarding the licensing department:

• Licensing services will be extended by establishing a satellite licensing centre in Magaliesburg
• Licensing services will be modernised by introducing a drive-tough facility for the renewal of licences
• A courier service for the delivery of licence cards will be introduced

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS (EIA), ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTING PHASE , BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS & THE AIR EMISSION LICENSING PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE USED OIL RECYCLING PLANT AT PORTION 6 OF REYDAL 165-IQ FARM WITHIN MOGALE CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WESTRAND DISTRICT, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Project Name: Construction and Operation of the Used Oil Recycling Plant at Portion 6 of Reydal 165-IQ Farm within Mogale City Local Municipality, West rand District, Gauteng Province

Applicant: Lopdale Energy

Proposed Activity: The proposed project will entail the establishment of a 50 TPD used oil recycling plant and associated infrastructure. The development footprint of the proposed Used Oil Recycling Plant is approximately 0.25 ha

Project Location:

Area	Ward Number	Site Coordinates	
Mogale City	Ward 31	26° 3.450'S	27° 38.032'E

on Portion 6 of Reydal 165-IQ with 21-digit surveyor's code T0IQ00000000016500006 in Ward 31 under the jurisdiction of the Mogale City Municipality in Gauteng Province.

Application for Authorisations: This notice is given in terms of the of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (4 December 2014 as amended in 2017), National Environmental Management: Waste Act, (Act No. 58 of 2008) (NEMWA) and Government Notice 921, 2013 as amended and the National Environmental Management : Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004) (NEM:AQA),. The proposed activity triggers a full Environmental Impact Assessment (Scoping & EIR) process as it triggers activities that are listed within Government Notice 921, 2013, Category B (2) ,B (4) & B (10), Basic Assessment process as it triggers activities that are listed within Listing Notice 1 (GNR 327) Activity 14 and Air Emission Licence application process as it triggers Section 21 listed activities under Subcategory 8.1. EnviroSHEQ Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) according to Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations (4 December 2014 as amended in April 2017) and will therefore be responsible for carrying out all the environmental processes.

Public Involvement Process: EnviroSHEQ Consulting (Pty) Ltd is undertaking the required environmental assessment and public participation processes. To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project, in writing, to EnviroSHEQ Consulting (Pty) Ltd within 30 days from publication of this advert. On completion of the public participation process a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) will be submitted to the National Department of Department Forestry ,Fisheries & Environment (DFFE) office ,a Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) to Gauteng Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (GDARD) and the Air Emission Licence (AEL) to the Municipality.

Availability of Reports for Commenting : All Technical Reports will be available on EnviroSHEQ Consulting (Pty) Ltd website, in local libraries within the Mogale City area and upon request for 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. For more information with regards to this notice contact the Public Participation office on the details provided below:

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