

Statement by the Executive Mayor of Johannesburg, Councillor Parks Tau on the occasion of the media briefing on the announcement of members of the Mayoral Committee

27 May 2011

The Speaker: Cllr Constance Bapela

The Chief Whip: Prema Naidoo

Members of the Mayoral Committee

City Manager: Mavela Dlamini

The Media

We are today, presenting to you an assembled team of men and women who now constitute the Members of the Mayoral Committee. I believe that these men and women will help inject a sense of urgency to our work and take the City to higher plane. We will be seeking to do our work in a more efficient and effective manner. We will be seeking to ensure that our vision of building Johannesburg into a World Class African City continues rapidly and that Joburg becomes the ideal City in which to work, live and play.

In choosing these Members of the Mayoral Committee, one has had to balance a variety of factors. These include, amongst others, gender, geographic spread, the national question, youth and political experience.

The portfolios to be filled by Members of the Mayoral Committee are as follows:

Finance, Economic Development, Infrastructure Services and Environment, Housing, Community Development, Health and Human Development, Public Safety, Development Planning and Urban Management, Corporate and Services and Transport.

Through the Finance portfolio, we will continue to strongly focus on achieving financial sustainability, while economic growth and development remain a major priority to stimulate not just job creation but also seek to ensure additional revenue generation.

Portfolios for Infrastructure and Services, Housing and Community Development, suggest and emphasis on the on-going focus of improving service delivery, targeting the poor and the previously disadvantaged communities. The maintenance of existing infrastructure and its extension to those areas where none is in place.

The Health and Human Development portfolio shows our commitment to addressing primary health care, locating clinics as close as possible to where people are and addressing, amongst others, the scourge of HIV/AIDS. Through the safety portfolio we will be seeking to consolidate efforts made in the past seven (10) years to make Johannesburg a safer place to work and live.

The Development Planning and Urban Management portfolio, demonstrates our commitment to transforming and integrating the City. The need to ensure greater efforts at addressing urban management and turning dormitory townships like Soweto and Alexandra into viable sustainable settlements.

The urban management component of the portfolio will especially ensure the continuation of the inner city regeneration in the Johannesburg, Randburg, Roodepoort and other similar central business districts.

A lot of work has been done in regard to transport even though more work still needs to be done in order to reduce congestion and bring affordable and accessible public transport to all, including working towards the City's project Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). The portfolio also deals with issues of roads construction, maintenance, traffic lights as well as storm water drainage.

Our work will start immediately and these portfolios were tabled at the Council meeting today.

The new Members of the Mayoral Committee and their portfolios are as follows:

Development Planning and Urban Management: Clr Ruby Mathang

Economic Development: Clr Sello Lelao

Community Development: Chris Vondo

Corporate and Shared Services: Clr Mally Mokoena

Finance: Clr Geoffrey Makhubu

Health and Human Development: Nonceba Molwele

Housing: Dan Mbovu

Infrastructure and Services: Roslyn Greeff

Public Safety: Matshidiso Mfikoe

Transport: Rehana Moosajee

On behalf of this collective leadership appointed today, allow me to say that we will serve the people of this great City with dedication and demonstrate even greater levels of commitment.

In conclusion, I would also like to thank the outgoing Members of the Mayoral Committee for their dedication and commitment.

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