

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH- ELECTION AS THE MAYOR

DATE 09 July 2014

Honourable Speaker, Clr Mahlangu

Whip of the Council, Clr Phaahlamohlaka,

Members of the Executive Committee,

Fellow Councillors,

Magoshi a Rena,

Magistrate of our area,

The Leadership of my organisation, the African National Congress (ANC), led by the Regional Secretary, Cde. Jerry Maseko

Members of the Public

Municipal Management Team, Greetings to you all.

The only words to start with are thank you. Thank you to my family, my friends, my compatriots and my colleagues....I thank each and every one of you for granting me the privilege and honor of serving as second Mayor during the term of office of this council. I also want to acknowledge my predecessor and

comrade, Cllr Wendy Matemane. I thank you for your service to us all and I hope that you will continue to be a tireless compatriot and servant for our community.

Cde. Wendy together with her executive they laid the developmental foundation for our municipality and made a remarkable contribution towards strengthening our democracy, service delivery economic growth. I thank all councillors who made it possible to be where we are today in terms of service delivery. Hon Councillors who made it a duty not to rest until the lives of our people have changed for the better. Together will move this municipality forward.

Honourable Speaker, I am humbled by your unwavering confidence you have shown in me; to become the fourth democratically elected Mayor of this great Municipality.

Your confidence in me has placed on my shoulders and those of other employees a necessary burden to work diligently and tirelessly to change the lives of our people for the better.

I know it as a matter of fact, that my election today is not a personal feat; but a call to action.

I therefore count rare honour and privilege on my part to accept this renewed mandate to continue lead government in our municipality.

In this regard I would like to, particularly, thank my organisation, the ANC, for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading the process of translating its electoral manifesto into a workable action plan and partner with the electorates to hold ourselves accountable for better services, Jobs, Security, Roads and safe clean environment .

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD BETTER COMMUNITIES that is what we said to our people.

I will also pay tribute to patriot, our father Tata Nelson Mandela. When Madiba took the oath of office on the 10th of May 1994, it was one of the greatest historic moments of our country, Africa and the African diaspora.

Madiba healed our wounds and established the rainbow nation very firmly.

He set us on the path of nation building and prosperity and made us a respected member of the world community of nations. He taught us that all South Africans have equal claim to this country, and that there can be no lasting peace unless all of us, black and white, learned to live together in harmony and peace.

During this month of July we are going to commemorate the international Mandela day, we will not be different to the rest of the country.

We are going to clean our municipal area; we are going to heed to the call made by our President Jacob Zuma that this year we are going to embark on cleaning our localities.

67 minutes, will be commemorated in the next 100 days of my assumption of office to do what Madiba will want us to do 'clean, clean and clean to protect the environment.

Hon. Speaker, we must note that this is the mid-term of this council and it is therefore appropriate to do mirror check and reflect on our achievement since the assumption of office of this Council. As we do that, it will be prudent to also take stock our challenges, where we fail, and how to redress the shortfalls. This we will do during the envisaged Strategic Lekgotla as EXCO and Management Team to realign all our service delivery plans, resources (human capital and finance) to the policy directives as outlines in the SONA, SOPA and the Ruling Party Manifesto. We need to maximise on the opportunity we have now, as this is the period which the municipal new financial year begins and so is the first quarter. Accordingly, the legislation allows us to do the strategic realignment.

The road to serve our people was not an easy one. We were confronted with number of challenges, honourable Speaker our people are now looking for tangible service delivery outputs not the lip service and promissory actions.

Time to deliver is now! Not tomorrow, let's do things differently. This financial year, in the next 100 days, the executive together with senior Management will go to a strategic planning to address the following:

- Produce a mid-term report
- Repackage and realign the SDBIP for be quicker win.
- Set the Blue print strategic frame work
- Localize National Development Plan
- Realign both the human capital and financial resources for a quick win.
- Ensure that we report to all our communities.

We will engage our strategic partners in development such as the business community, farmers, Civic Society, Traditional leaders, potential investors to listen and draw the insight from them for the municipality to partners, collaborate, and create conducive environment for prosperous development in our municipality.

This financial year I call on everyone to find a quick way to address the developmental challenges.

We must produce 100 days quick win intervention report, to monitor progress.

Labour unions must help us to ensure that, all their members are at work on time and doing what is expected of them. Together with the Executive we pledge our leadership support and guidance to ensure that our people are well served. **Remember the objective is to Care, Serve and make our people feel Belong to this municipality!**

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Mayor: Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality

Clr. Julia Lata Mathebe

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