

TSWELOPELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

BUDGET SPEECH

BY

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Speaker

Councillors

Members of the alliance

Social partners

Invited Guests

Members of the community

Dumelang!!

Today presents yet another opportunity to the Council to make a commitment to people of Tswelopele for continued service delivery with intended to improve the lives of our people. The presentation of this budget this year is a special one for many reasons. It is special because 2010 is a very special year for Africa in General and South Africa in particular because of the FIFA World Cup. Sitting in these chambers today we all can “feel it” that in ten days time world will be in South Africa – “It is here”. It is our firm belief that the 2010 FIFA World Cup is major opportunity for South Africa and the rest of the continent to showcase Africa’s progress.

Today is also a very special day because it comes 5 days after the celebration of Africa Day on the 25th May. Africa Day celebrate the day Organization of African Unity (OAU), the precursor to the African Union (AU) was formed in 1963. Africa day celebrations acknowledge the process that we as Africans have made while reflecting upon the common challenges we face in global environment.

Speaker the African Union is at the centre of the continent’s renewal process, aimed at making a break with the past that is characterized by political instability, poverty and underdevelopment. This year’s Africa Day theme was “Building and Maintaining Peace through Sport in Africa”

The presentation of this budget is also special because it is the penultimate budget before the next municipal election comes immediately after the fourth successful democratic general elections held in April 2009. Declared the year of action, this year is

indeed and this budget is for working together to speed up effective service delivery to the people Tswelopele. Yes more than ever before we are convinced that working together we can do more.

The renewed mandate of the African national Congress will ensure that we consolidative the success we have achieved in the past fifteen years of our democracy. During this electoral period we undertake to;

- Transform the economy to create decent jobs and sustainable livelihoods
- Implement a comprehensive rural development strategy, agrarian reform and measures to ensure food security
- Provide universal, affordable education which empowers our people and promotes self development
- Create health care system which promotes a healthy nation able to participate in a developing society
- Implement a comprehensive strategy to fight crime and corruption

Let me spend few moments in sharing with you what we have achieved as a municipality in the recent past. These achievements should serve as bases and motivation to serve our people with even more dedication and zeal. Chief among our achievements are the following;

- Unqualified reports for three consecutive years
- Awarded the Ambassadorship for clean audit and clean city
- Cleanest Municipality Awards in the Free State for three consecutive years.
- Award for Institutional Arrangement,
- Recognition for effective Financial Management,
- Good Governance and Public Participation.
- Vuna Awards in the Free State.
- The second cleanest local municipality in South Africa with a price of R750 000
- We have won a total of R2.4 million in prizes for our efforts.

Given the above we believe that the sky is the limit, nothing can stop us.

Honourable Speaker, today we are tabling before this house a budget totaling R112 150 721. Of course it is not one of those big budgets which afford the representatives of the people to easily meet people's expectation. Be that as it may, we will, as we did before succeed in ensuring that the poor masses of our people receive services meant to improve their lives.

This is people's budget. In this budget priority is given to infrastructure development, basic services, poverty eradication and deepening democracy through effective participatory democracy. Building from our previous success and breaking with the past as enshrined in the principles of African Union, we intend to bring into being a new

sense of doing things. To this end, we have allocated a total of R 20 799 000 for infrastructure development. ;

Sewerage reticulation	-R 20 799 000
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For operational budget we have allocated R 90 904 691. The breakdown for this allocation is as follows;

Salaries	-R 34 181 689
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Electricity (Bulk purchases)	-R 12 827 000
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Water (Bulk purchases)	-R 1 500 000
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The total revenue for the financial year 2010/2011 is R90 904 961. This is made up as follows;

Grants and Subsidies	-R 49 725 467
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Sale of electricity	-R 12 098 100
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Sale of water	-R 4 266 200
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Rates and taxes	-R 3 808 624
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In drawing up this budget, we were mindful of a dire need that is presented by socio economic situation of the people of Tswelopele. We therefore carefully relooked at the budget and 'pruned' where we could so that we could fund special programmes without which the soul of the municipality may not live. For this purpose we have allocated a total of R 585 000. These programmes include;

▶ Local Aids Council	R 10 000
▶ HIV/ AIDS Programs	R 35 000
▶ Youth Development	R 100 000
▶ OR Tambo Games	R 250 000
▶ Campaigns	R 35 000
▶ Poverty Alleviation Program	R 35 000
▶ Gender and Disability	R 20 000
▶ LED Projects	R 50 000
▶ Arts and Culture [Elderly]	R 50 000

As I've said before, we will continue to work hard to make sure the Tswelopele becomes a centre of excellence where corporate governance, commitment and

selflessness are the cornerstone of life. Working together nothing is impossible. We have made an individual and collective commitment to achieve this objective. Towards this objective we will continue to be guided by the values we accepted both as public representatives and public servants. These values include professionalism, accountability, responsiveness, ethics and performance in delivery of services to our communities.

We have traversed a long and difficult journey and have learned the twist and turns of the path of service delivery, we can't relent now. As public servants we have made it our business know what works for the people the service is intended for and how we can learn from others in order to achieve better results all the time.

I have said and I say here today that **TSWELOPELE** Local Municipality is surely on its way to become the embodiment of service delivery and a reflection of coexistence and cooperation in South Africa. We have seen the commitment of the people of Tswelopele, black and white, young and old farm workers and farmers, employers and employees. No force can stop us now we are marching forward.

In conclusion, let me quote from the book, Capitalist Nigger, "You cannot let somebody's hatred or dislike deter you from your dream. Their dream is not your dream. See yourself as a warrior and not a victim, a predator and not a prey"

I Thank You