REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. The Council met at 14:00.

2. The Chairperson took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.

3. The Chairperson announced that the hybrid sitting constituted a sitting of the National Council of Provinces.

4. [14:04] Notices of motions.

5. [14:12] Mr S J Mohai moved without notice: That the Council-

   (1) notes the announcement that was made by Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma that 1 November 2021 will be the new date for the 2021 Local Government Elections;

   (2) further notes that the 2021 Local Government Elections mark the 21st Anniversary since the establishment of a democratic local government system in our country, which remains the fundamental pillar of our democratic ideals of our democracy, as the sphere that is closest to our people and the coalface of service delivery;

   (3) further notes that the decision to proclaim 1 November 2021 as the date for the 2021 Local Government Elections comes after the Constitutional Court last week ordered the Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) to hold the local government elections on any day between 27 October 2021 and 1 November 2021; and

(4) takes this opportunity to convey its well wishes to all the political parties that are participating in the 2021 Local government Elections and make a clarion call to all the citizens of our country to take part in this very important elections while also exercising greater caution and observe all protocols that are put in place to minimize the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

6. [14:14] Ms H S Boshoff, moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) debates the devastation that Covid-19; and the decline of economic growth has had on the tourism sector.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

7. [14:18] Mr S F Du Toit, moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes that Chris Hesta Barnard from Koster in the North West Province was brutally attacked and tortured last night;

(2) notes that protection of individuals in rural areas is of the utmost importance and that visible policing be intensified and perpetrators be arrested and prosecuted; and

(3) calls upon the specialized units to be activated in order to deal with these brutal violent crimes.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

8. [14:19] Mr A S Aucamp moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with sorrow the damage caused by the recent veld fires in the areas of Kuruman, Kathu, Postmasburg, Lohatla and Daniëlskuil, as well as other affected areas in the North Eastern part of the Northern Cape, where more than 250 000 ha of grazing land has been destroyed during the last month;

(2) expresses our gratitude towards the various civilian fire-fighting organisations as well as the large number of individual farmers and private companies who unselfishly made their personal fire-fighting equipment and vehicles available in order to try to contain the spread of these horrific fires;

(3) further expresses our utmost gratitude towards each person who did not hesitate to put their own lives at risk in order to assist in the fighting of these fires;

(4) acknowledges the fact that due to these fires, and the amount of grazing that was destroyed, there is now an urgent need for fodder to be made available to those farmers who lost grazing during these fires;

(5) requests the Premier of the Northern Cape to declare the areas affected by these fires as disaster areas; and

(6) calls upon the MEC for COGTA, and the Premier of the Northern Cape to immediately approve the provision of fodder from the fodder banks in the Northern Cape to the affected farmers, as well as to make additional funding available in order to assist these farmers to obtain sufficient fodder for their animals.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

9. [14:27] Ms N Ndongeni moved without notice: That the Council-

(1) notes with profound sadness and grief, the brutal murder of Sergeant Faizel Adams who was part of the team of police officers from the South African Police Services (SAPS) who are stationed in Parliament;

(2) further notes that Sergeant Faizel Adams was brutally murdered on Tuesday, 7 September 2021 afternoon in Goodwood here in Cape Town when he was visiting his cousin;

(3) acknowledges the tireless service and contribution made by Sergeant Faizel Adams in the service to Parliament and the South African Police Services;

(4) takes this opportunity to convey its heartfelt condolences to the family of Sergeant Faizel Adams; and

(5) calls on the police to ensure that murderers of Sergeant Faizel Adams are brought to book to face the full might of the law.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

10. [14:29] Ms B T Mathevula, moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes that Giyani Municipality in Mopani District, Limpopo is experiencing a water shortage, with 18 villages, currently without running water;

(2) further notes that, Limpopo is a water scarce province, with water levels on a downward spiral, coupled with a decline in water storage;

(3) acknowledges that, R3 billion was allocated in the Giyani bulk water project, which was meant to provide clean running water to 55 villages in Giyani, Limpopo;

(4) further acknowledges that, the Giyani Bulk Water project collapsed in 2018 after allegations of corruption surfaced;

(5) recognises that, we need to send a strong message that corruption and maladministration shall not be tolerated; and

(6) calls on the government to bring all those responsible for the failure of the Giyani Bulk Water project to account and for water to reach communities in Limpopo.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

11. [14:30] Ms D G Mahlangu moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with profound sadness and concern that police have launched a manhunt for a suspect after five people were shot in a tavern over the weekend in Mpumalanga;

(2) further notes that two of the people died after the shooting in Koedoespoort near Vaalbank in the Nkangala District after a scuffle broke out at a tavern resulting in the violent death of the five deceased people;

(3) takes this opportunity to condemn this incident and utmost hideous disregard of human life shown by the perpetrators of this heinous crime; and

(4) conveys our heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased and call on the police to leave no stone unturned to make sure that the perpetrators of this repulsive crime are brought to book.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

12. [14:32] Ms M Bartlett moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes that a 50-year-old man from the Mpumalanga province was sentenced to life imprisonment for stabbing his ex-lover to death in the presence of her new boyfriend in 2020;

(2) further notes that the Mpumalanga High Court sitting in Graskop sentenced Shorence Delson Nghala on Monday,6 September 2021 after he pleaded guilty to murder and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

(3) also notes that Judge Johanna Mthimunye sentenced Nghala to life imprisonment for murder and 15 years' imprisonment for robbery with aggravating circumstances; and

(4) congratulates the NPA and the police for making sure that this callous murderer has been given an appropriate sentence.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

13. [14:33] Ms S E Lucas moved without notice: That the Council-

(1) notes that the newly renovated Christiana Hospital was completely gutted in a fire that broke out on Wednesday,9 September 2021;

(2) further notes that it was the only hospital for the community of Lekwa Teemane;

(3) takes this opportunity to call upon all the relevant stakeholders to assist in rebuilding the hospital.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

14. [14:35] Mr E Z Njadu moved without notice: That the Council –

    (1) notes with profound sadness that five people were killed and four others injured in an accident involving farm workers on the R321 between Villiersdorp and Grabouw on Tuesday, 7 September 2021;

    (2) further notes that two farmworkers and three people travelling in a SUV vehicle were killed after the vehicle apparently collided with a truck transporting 57 farmworkers;

    (3) also notes that the crash happened after the province recorded 21 fatalities in the week between 30 August and 5 September 2021; and

    (4) sends our heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased and wish a speedy recovery to the injured.

    Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

15. [14:35] Mr D R Ryder, moved without notice: That the Council –

    (1) notes the tragic death of Khomanini Mahwa, a six-year-old from the Vaal;

    (2) further notes that this young child was playing near his home in Orange Farm, in the Johannesburg, when he fell down an open manhole and into the sewer line;

    (3) also notes that this tragic and horrible death could have been avoided;

    (4) notes that Khomanini's body was found on Wednesday, 8 September 2021 in Evaton after extensive searching;

    (5) notes that despite the efforts of the National department of Water and Sanitation, the Deputy President and the President of the country, the Vaal sewage situation shows no signs of improvement;

    (6) calls for the sewer system in the area to be properly repaired and manholes to be covered;

    (7) calls upon the House to place pressure on all spheres of government so as to ensure that the people of the Vaal region are able to live in a safe and healthy environment; and

    (8) sends it condolences to the family of Khomanini.

    Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

16. [14:39] The Council discussed the following subject: Debate on the devolution of the South African Police Service.

    Debate concluded.

17. FIRST ORDER [17:20]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Transport, Public Service and Administration, Public Works and Infrastructure (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 1 September 2021, p 11) **Charter establishing the South African Development Community Aviation Safety Organisation, dated 1 September 2021**.

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

IN FAVOUR: Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West, Western Cape.

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

18. The Council adjourned at 17:34.

P TYAWA
Acting Secretary to Parliament