



Ditsobotla

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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Ditsobotla Council adjourns its sitting

For Immediate release

The Ditsobotla Local Municipality assures its valued residents of its continued commitment to transparent and accountable governance, following the postponement of the recent council meeting scheduled for 18 May 2023. This postponement was due to unforeseen health concerns of Ms Mamorena Lehoko, the acting Municipal Manager (MM), a crucial figure in our municipal council's decision-making process.

During the meeting, several motions were brought to the floor for deliberation. Notably, this included motions of no confidence in both the Mayor and the Speaker. In the event of such motions, the acting MM is called upon to guide the proceedings, ensuring that all voices are heard and democratic principles upheld. However, given the MM's unexpected indisposition, it became necessary to adjourn the meeting to a later date.

It should be noted that Mr K. Chauke, the acting Chief Financial Officer (CFO) was present and actively participating in the meeting. However, as per our commitment to strictly adhere to legislative norms, we acknowledged that he was not in a position to fill the role of the acting MM, as the standing regulations require that such a transition be seconded by the Provincial Head of Department (HOD).

The decision to adjourn was not made lightly. However, in our steadfast commitment to fair and legal procedures, it was deemed the most responsible course of action under the circumstances. The Ditsobotla Local Municipality believes in thorough preparedness and taking decisive action when faced with such instances, rather than making hasty decisions that may not serve the best interests of our residents.

While the pending motions of no confidence are indeed serious matters that warrant discussion and resolution, we emphasise that the leadership of the municipality remains dedicated to serving its citizens. The Mayor and the Speaker continue to fulfil their duties with utmost sincerity and diligence, striving towards a progressive Ditsobotla.

We therefore appreciate the understanding and patience of the community as we navigate these unforeseen challenges. The Ditsobotla Local Municipality is working diligently to resolve the situation quickly and efficiently. We are committed to rescheduling the adjourned council meeting, and all outstanding issues, including the motions of no confidence, will be given due attention in a democratic and respectful manner.

Residents are encouraged to follow the municipality's official communication channels for further updates. Your trust is our mandate, and we are steadfast in our commitment to serve you better.

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