



MINUTES

OF THE

SALDANHA BAY MUNICIPALITY

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

ON

28 MAY 2026

AT

14:21

SALDANHA BAY MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2026 AT 14:21 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VREDENBURG

PRESENT

Alderman O Daniels	Speaker
Alderman M Koen	Executive Mayor
Councillor T Williams	Executive Deputy Mayor

Councillor W America
Councillor S Biko
Councillor S du Plessis
Councillor A Groenewald
Alderman S Mamabolo
Councillor L Mbane
Alderman L Mitchell
Councillor W Morrison
Councillor S Otto
Councillor V Pretorius
Councillor T Rossouw
Councillor M Schaffers
Councillor S Scholtz
Alderman M Schrader
Councillor M Twala
Councillor R van der Merwe
Councillor C van Nooi
Alderman E Vaughan
Councillor F Jacobs
Councillor M Bixa
Councillor A Jansen

OFFICIALS

H Mettler	Municipal Manager
P Mbaliswana	Director: Corporate Services & Public Safety
L Msindo	Acting Director: Community & Operational Services
S Vorster	Director: Finance Services
C De Kock	Director: Economic Development & Strategic
J Pheiffer	Services Senior Manager: Administration
E Jonas	Administrative Officer: Committees
N Boumeester	Administrative Clerk: Secretariat

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R1/5-26 OPENING

The Speaker, Alderman O. Daniels has welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested Cllr Schaffers to open the meeting with a prayer.

R1(a)/5-26 EVACUATION PROTOCOL

Mr D Walters presented the evacuation procedure.

R1(b)/5-26 INAUGURATION OF COUNCILLORS

Councillors Fredley Jacobs (DA), Councillor Mzwamadoda Bixa (EFF) and Councillor Antonie Jansen (FF) affirmed the oath of office and was duly sworn in as councillors of Saldanha Bay Municipality by the Municipal Manager, Mr. H. Mettler. Alderman O Daniels welcomed the Councillors to Council.

R2/5-26 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Mayor, Alderman M. Koen, Alderman O Daniels, Councillor T. Rossouw, and Councillor S. Biko bid farewell to Mr. A. du Plessis and extended their best wishes on his retirement after 35 years of dedicated service to the Saldanha Bay Municipality.

R3/5-26 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Y Jackson
Councillor Z Komani
Councillor G Cleophas
H Shaik

R4/5-26 DECLARATION OF INTEREST WITH REGARD TO MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

None

R5/5-26 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES: SPECIAL MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24 APRIL 2026

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Special Mayoral Committee meeting held on 24 April 2026 be confirmed.

R6/5-26 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES: COUNCIL MEETING OF 30 APRIL 2026

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Special Council meetings held on 30 April 2026 be confirmed.

R7/5-26 CONTROL LIST

<i>Date of meeting</i>	<i>Resolution Number</i>	<i>Instruction</i>	<i>Action / status of affairs</i>

RESOLVED

That it be noted that there are currently no items on the Control List.

R8/5-26 ANNUAL BUDGET 2026/27 MTREF

(5/1/1/2026)

(Report of the Directorate: Finance Services)
(S Vorster)

The Executive Mayor, Alderman M Koen presented the budget speech which is attached as Annexure “A” to the minutes.

The matter was voted on with the following results:

Adoption of the Annual Budget 2026/27:

18 in favour of the budget

5 against the adoption of the budget

1 Abstained

RESOLVED

- i) That Council takes note that version 7.1 of the mSCOA classification framework was used to compile the 2026/27 MTREF budget;
- ii) That the annual tabled budget of the municipality be approved for the financial year 2026/27 and the two outer years 2027/28 and 2028/29 as per Annexure A (Budget schedules A1 to A10 and SA1 to SA 38), Annexure B (capital budget per department), Annexure C (capital budget per ward), Annexure D (summaries of the capital budget);
- iii) That the top 35 capital projects for 2026/27 and for the 3-year 2026/27 MTREF period respectively attached as Annexure E are noted;
- iv) That the rates and tariffs as contained in Annexure F for the 2026/27 budget year be approved;
- v) That Council takes note of the sensitivity analysis of the proposed rates and tariff increases for consumers as per Annexure G;
- vi) That Council takes note of MFMA Budget Circular 132 attached as Annexure H;
- vii) That Council takes note of Western Cape Government Treasury Circular 12/202 attached as Annexure I;
- viii) That Council approves the changes to the budget related policies attached in Annexure J;
- ix) That the tabled service standards attached as Annexure K be approved;
- x) That Council take note of the list of projects funded from external loans, attached as Annexure L;
- xi) That the 2026/27 Procurement Plan attached as Annexure M be approved;

- xii) That the 2026/27 new funded salary positions are attached as Annexure N be approved;
- xiii) That the projects above R 50 million attached as Annexure O be approved in terms of section 19 of the MFMA;
- xiv) That the mSCOA Minimum Business Processes Roadmap of SBM attached as Annexure P be noted;
- xv) That Council takes note of the quality certificate signed by the Municipal Manager as per Annexure Q;
- xvi) Council takes note of the 2026-2027 MTEF Western Cape Provincial Government Budget Investment in the SBM area attached as Annexure R;
- xvii) That Council takes note of the Housing Projects attached as Annexure S;
- xviii) That Council takes note of the Strategic Integrated Municipal Engagement (SIME 2) assessment, which is the budget input from the Western Cape Provincial Treasury included as Annexure T;
- xix) That Council approves the Budget Workshop minutes of 8 May 2026 attached as Annexure U.

R9/5-26

**FINAL 4th REVIEW & AMENDMENT OF THE 5th GENERATION
INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) 2026/202**

(12/1/1/6)

(Report of the Directorate: Economic Development & Strategic
Services)
(Q Jordaan)

RESOLVED

- (i) that the report be noted;
- (ii) that Council adopts the Final 4th Review and Amendment of the 5th Generation IDP 2026/2027

R10/5-26

**SECTION 33 OF MFMA – TENDER SBM 13/25/26: SUPPLY OF
BANKING SERVICES FOR SALDANHA BAY MUNICIPALITY FOR
THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2026 TO 30 JUNE 2031**

(5/19/5)

(Report of the Directorate: Finance Services)
(H Damons)

RESOLVED

- (i) that the contents of the report be noted;

- (ii) that Council acknowledges that the municipality will secure a significant financial economic benefit from the contract;
- (iii) that Council approves the entire contract, tender SBM 13/25/26: Supply of banking services for Saldanha Bay Municipality for the period 01 July 2026 to 30 June 2031 exactly as it is to be executed; and
- (iv) that Council authorises the Municipal Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the municipality.

R11/5-26

PLACEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENTS IN VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS

(10/2/1)

(Report of the Directorate: Corporate & Public Safety Services)
(J Zono)

RESOLVED

- i) that the report be noted;
- ii) Council rescind resolution R30/2-10;
- iii) that Council note that a tender process will be followed in terms of the SCM policy for acquisition of a service provider for the placement of advertisements in various newspapers; and
- iv) that Council note that until such time an award is made in terms of recommendation (iii) above, that the municipality will continue with the current procurement process in place in terms of paragraph 35(1)(a)(v).

R12/5-26

STRUCTURING OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE SYSTEM

(3/5/6)

(Report of the Directorate: Corporate & Public Safety Services)
(E Jonas)

RESOLVED

- i) That the following Committees established in terms of Section 80 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 117 of 1998 be revised with the powers as set out in "Annexure B" attached hereto:

Section 80 Committee	Members
Office of the Municipal Manager	Alderman E. Vaughan (Chairperson) Councillor S. Scholtz Councillor S. Du Plessis Councillor M. Twala Councillor Z. Komani – Nkohla Councillor Y. Jackson

Corporate Services and Public Safety Committee	Alderman S. Mamabolo (Chairperson) Alderman L. Mitchell Councillor M. Bixa Councillor W. America Councillor T. Rossouw Councillor S. Otto
Finance Portfolio Committee	Councillor T. Williams (Chairperson) Alderman M. Schrader Councillor A. Jansen Alderman S. Mamabolo Councillor T. Rossouw Councillor V. Pretorius
Infrastructure and Planning Services Portfolio Committee	Councillor R. Van Der Merwe (Chairperson) Councillor M. Schrader Councillor S. du Plessis Alderman L. Mitchell Councillor F. Jacobs Councillor G. Cleophas
Community and Operational Services Portfolio Committee	Councillor M. Schaffers (Chairperson) Councillor C. Van Nooi Alderman F. Jacobs Alderman E. Vaughan Councillor V. Pretorius Councillor L. Mbane
Economic Development and Strategic Services Portfolio Committee	Councillor W. America (Chairperson) Councillor A. Groenewald Councillor S. du Plessis Councillor E. Vaughan Councillor W. Morrison Councillor T. Rossouw

- ii) that the following Committees be established in terms of Section 79 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 117 of 1998 be revised.

Section 79 Committee	Members
Section 62 Appeal Committee	Councillor C. van Nooi (Chairperson) Councillor S. du Plessis Alderman M. Schrader Alderman L. Mitchell Councillor L. Mbane (Secundi) Councillor R. Van Der Merwe (Secundi)
Municipal Public Accounts Committee <i>(ToR attached as annexure "B")</i>	Councillor A. Groenewald (Chairperson) Councillor S. Du Plessis Councillor C. van Nooi Alderman M. Schrader Councillor T. Rossouw Councillor M. Bixa Alderman L. Mitchell
Special Committee: Code of conduct of Councillors	Councillor S. Scholtz (Chairperson) Councillor M. Schaffers Alderman M. Schrader Councillor S. du Plessis

	Councillor W. America Councillor T. Rossouw Councillor S. Otto (Secundi)
Aesthetics Committee	Councillor S. Du Plessis (Chairperson) Alderman A. Groenewald Councillor W. America Councillor F. Jacobs Councillor S. Scholtz Councillor L. Mbane (Secundi) Plus, relevant ward Councillor(s) as indicated by Town Planning
Landfill Site Committee	Alderman L. Mitchell (Chairperson) Councillor C. van Nooi Councillor A. Jansen Councillor Y. Jackson Councillor R. van der Merwe Councillor T. Rossouw
Petition Committee	Alderman O. Daniels (Chairperson) Councillor M. Schaffers Alderman S. Mamabolo Councillor T. Rossouw Councillor V Pretorius Councillor Y. Jackson (Secundi)
Councillor Protection Committee	Alderman O. Daniels (Chairperson) Councillor M. Schaffers Alderman S. Mamabolo Councillor T. Rossouw Councillor R. Van Der Merwe Councillor Y. Jackson (Secundi)
Transportation and Mobility Committee (R15/3-26)	Councillor F. Jacobs (Chairperson) Councillor W. America Councillor M. Schaffers Alderman S. Mamabolo Councillor G. Cleophas Councillor R. Van Der Merwe

iii) that the elected Councillors be revised to represent Council on the following other Committees / bodies:

Other committees of Council	Members
Training- and Employment Equity Committee (Sub-Committee of Labour Forum)	Councillor M. Schaffers Alderman E. Vaughan Alderman S. Mamabolo Councillor T Rossouw Councillor Y. Jackson
Local Labour Forum	Councillor M. Schaffers Alderman E. Vaughan Alderman S. Mamabolo Councillor T Rossouw Councillor Y. Jackson
ICT Committee	Chairperson: EDSS Portfolio Committee [Councillor W. America] Committee Chairperson: Finance Portfolio

	Committee [Councillor T. Williams]
Saldanha Bay Water Quality Trust Committee	Councillor A. Jansen Councillor C. van Nooi Councillor T. Rossouw
St Helena Bay Water Quality Trust Committee	Committee Disbanded [R2/4-26]
Budget Steering Committee (R7/10-18)	Executive Mayor (Chairperson) [Alderman M. Koen] Chairperson: Finance Portfolio Committee [Councillor T. Williams] (Municipal Manager and Officials)

Other Organisations	Members
West Coast Business Development Centre	Alderman M. Koen
IDZ Skills Task Team and Program	Alderman M. Koen Councillor W. America Councillor S. Du Plessis
West Coast Municipal Coastal Committee	Alderman M. Koen Councillor W. America
Provincial Local Economic Forum: EDP	Alderman E. Vaughan
Speakers Forum	Speaker [Alderman O. Daniels] and Ward Councillors
West Coast Biosphere (R56/10-17)	Councillor W. America Councillor S. Du Plessis Alderman M. Koen (Secundi)
Community Awards Committee (R32/6-17)	Alderman E. Vaughan Alderman L. Mitchell

Community Policing Forum	Members
Vredenburg Area	All ward Councillors and relevant proportional Councillors ANC: Councillor T. Rossouw
Saldanha	All ward Councillors and relevant proportional Councillors ANC: Councillor G Cleophas
Langebaan	All ward Councillors and relevant proportional Councillors ANC: Councillor T Rossouw
Hopefield	All ward Councillors and relevant proportional Councillors
St. Helena Bay	All ward Councillors and relevant proportional Councillors

Sport Advisory Forums	Members
Saldanha Bay	Councillor S. Du Plessis Councillor C. van Nooi Councillor G Cleophas
Diazville	Councillor G. Cleophas Councillor C. van Nooi
Vredenburg	Alderman E. Vaughan Councillor M. Schaffers
Langebaan	Councillor W. America Alderman M. Koen
Paternoster	Councillor S. Scholtz Alderman L. Mitchell
St Helena Bay	Councillor S. Scholtz Councillor L. Mbane
Hopefield	Alderman M. Schrader Councillor S. du Plessis

SALGA Working Groups	Members
Capacity Building and Institutional Resilience Working Group	Councillor: Alderman S. Mamabolo Secundi: Councillor S.Scholtz Official: P. Mbaliswana
Community Development and Social Cohesion Working Group	Councillor: Councillor M. Schaffers Secundi: Ald L. Mitchell Official: L Msindo (Acting)
Governance and Intergovernmental Relations Working Group	Councillor: Ald O. Daniels Secundi: Ald M. Koen Official: (Vacant)

Electricity, Energy and Public Works Working Group	Councillor: Councillor R. Van Der Merwe Secundi: Councillor C. van Nooi Official: H. Schaik
Water and Sanitation Working Group	Councillor: Councillor R. Van Der Merwe Secundi: Councillor L. Mbane Official: G. Williams
Economic Development and Job Creation	Councillor: Councillor W. America Secundi: Alderman M. Koen Official: R Hendricks
Human Settlements and Urban Agenda Working Group	Councillor: Alderman L. Mitchell Secundi: Councillor M. Schaffers Official: R. Groenewald
Health Working Group	Councillor: Alderman E. Vaughan Secundi: Councillor S. Scholtz Official:
Emergency Services and Disaster Management	Councillor: Alderman S. Mamabolo Secundi: Alderman L. Mitchell Official: P. Mbaliswana

Municipal Finance and Fiscal Policy Working Group	Councillor: Councillor T. Williams Secundi: Alderman S. Mamabolo Official: S. Vorster
Municipal Digital Solutions	Councillor: Councillor W Morrison Secundi: Councillor R. Van Der Merwe Official: C. de Kock
Public Transport and Roads Working Group	Councillor: Councillor F. Jacobs Secundi: Councillor V. Pretorius Official: J. Jarvis
Environmental Management and Climate Resilience	Councillor: Councillor. S. Du Plessis Secundi: Councillor Y. Jackson Official: N. Duarte
Development Planning and Rural Development	Councillor: Councillor W. America Secundi: Councillor T. Rossouw Official: L Gaffley
Other Commissions/committees Coordinated by SALGA	Members
SALGA Women Commission	Councillor: Ald S. Mamabolo Secundi: Councillor Y. Jackson
Western Cape Association of Municipal Public Accounts Committee Meeting	Councillor R. Van Der Merwe
New addition: 22 August 2024 SALGA Women's Committee (No cost to Council)	Alderman S. Mamabolo (Chairperson) Councillor Y. Jackson Councillor T. Rossouw Councillor V. Pretorius Alderman S. Mamabolo

SALGA Clusters – PWG's		Members
1	Municipal Capability and Institutional Resilience	Alderman S. Mamabolo
2	- Community Development - Health	Councillor M. Schaffers
3	Governance and Intergovernmental Relations	Alderman O. Daniels
4	- Economic Development and Job Creation - Development Planning and Rural Development	Councillor W. America
5	- Electricity and Energy & Public Works - Water and Sanitation - Human Settlements and Urban Agenda - Public Transport and Roads - Environmental Management and Climate Resilience	Councillor R. Van Der Merwe
6	Emergency Services and Disaster Management	Alderman S. Mamabolo
7	- Municipal Finance and Fiscal Policy - Municipal Digital Solutions	Councillor T. Williams

- iv) that the following Terms of Reference apply to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee:
- (a) That the Municipal Public Accounts Committee for Saldanha Bay Municipality shall comprise of five members;
 - (b) That Council authorises the MPAC to co-opt a maximum of 2 non-councillors to the committee and that a stipend as per Resolution R48/6-09 (*applicable on Audit Committee members*) be paid per sitting to such co-opted members;
 - (c) That MPAC shall meet at least four times per annum if required, each meeting to be held prior to the quarterly meeting of Council or before the Council meeting scheduled for the month in which MPAC meets;
 - (d) That the MPAC shall report directly to the municipal council and the chairperson shall liaise directly with the speaker on the inclusion of reports of MPAC in the Council Agenda;
 - (e) That the MPAC performs the following roles and functions:
 - 1. The following financial aspects addressed in the Municipal Finance Management Act:
 - 1.1 **Unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure** (Section 29):
 - Any unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure incurred must be reported to the MPAC;
 - Proof of the necessary appropriation in an adjustment budget;
 - The MPAC must consider the expenditure and make recommendations to the council; and
 - Where the necessary adjustment budget has not been prepared the MPAC must report same to council.
 - 1.2 **Unauthorized, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditures** (Section 32):
 - Any unauthorized, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure by the council, the executive mayor/mayor, executive committee or any political office bearer of the municipality must also be reported to the MPAC;
 - The municipal manager must report to the MPAC on all steps taken to either authorize or certify the payment or the recover or write off the expenditure;
 - The municipal manager must report on whether any criminal action was instituted in this regard; and
 - The MPAC must report to the council on the appropriateness of the any criminal or civil steps taken and report where no further action was taken and why.

- 1.3 **The quarterly report of the mayor on the implementation of the budget and the state of affairs of the municipality / SDBIP (Section 52(d)):**
- A copy of the quarterly report of the mayor on the implementation of the budget and the state of affairs of the municipality must be submitted to the MPAC;
 - Where the report is not submitted to the MPAC within 30 days after the end of the quarters, the MPAC must report this to the council;
 - Where the report is submitted, it must be interrogated, and recommendations must be made to the council;
 - The MPAC must ensure that the mayor attend to the necessary amendments to the SDBIP and submit the necessary report to the council with proposals for the adjustment budget, and where this is not done by the mayor, report it to the council;
 - The MPAC must report any matter of concern regarding the report of the mayor to the council.
- 1.4 **Monthly budget statements (Section 71):**
- The monthly budget statement submitted to the mayor must be submitted to the MPAC;
 - The MPAC must interrogate the statement and report any matter of concern on the statement to the council.
- 1.5 **Mid-year budget and performance assessment (Section 72):**
- The mid-year budget and performance assessment report submitted to the mayor must be submitted to the MPAC;
 - The MPAC must interrogate the assessment and submit its comment on the assessment to the council.
- 1.6 **Disclosures concerning councillors, directors and officials (Section 124):**
- As part of its interrogation of the annual financial statements, the MPAC must ensure that the necessary disclosures were made in the financial statements, including;
 - Salaries, allowances and benefits of political office bearers and councillors of the municipality;
 - Arrears owed by individual councillors by the municipality for more than 90 days;
 - Salaries, allowances and benefits of the municipal manager, CFO and senior managers;

- Salaries, allowances and benefits of the board of directors of municipal entities;
- The salaries, allowances and benefits of the chief executive officer and senior managers of municipal entities.

1.7 Submission and auditing of annual financial statements (Section 126):

- Copies of the financial statements submitted to the A-G must be submitted to the MPAC as well as the financial statements of any municipal entity under the control of the municipality as well as proof of submission thereof to the A-G;
- Where the MPAC has not been provided with the financial statements or with proof that it has been submitted to the A-G it must be reported to the council.

1.8 Submission of the annual report (Section 127):

- The annual report must be submitted to the MPAC no later than two weeks after the date required for submission to the council;
- Where the annual report is not submitted to the council as required, the MPAC must be provided with a copy of the written explanations of the mayor as submitted to the council;
- Where neither the annual report nor the explanation has been submitted, the MPAC must report same to the council;
- The MPAC must monitor that the annual report has been submitted to the A-G, as well as the provincial government departments required and has been published for comment; and
- The MPAC must also monitor that all municipal entities have complied with the said requirements.

1.9 Oversight report on the annual report (Section 129):

- That the MPAC perform the role of the oversight committee provided for in National Treasury Circular 32;
- The MPAC must consider the annual report and prepare a draft oversight report to be submitted to the council for purposes of adopting the oversight report;
- In preparing the draft oversight report, the MPAC must consider all representation in connection with the annual report received from the local community;
- The meeting of the MPAC considering the annual report must be open to the public and members of the local

community must be allowed to make representations in connection with the annual report at the meeting.

1.10 Issues raised by the Auditor-General in audit reports (Section 131):

- The MPAC must be provided with the report prepared to address issues raised by the A-G;
- Where the report is submitted, MPAC should interrogate same and make recommendations to the council; and
- Where the report has not been submitted, MPAC should report this to the council.

1.11 Audit Committee (Section 166):

- The MPAC must ensure that the municipality at all times have an operational audit committee;
- All reports received from the audit committee need to be submitted to the MPAC to assist it in its functions and to capacitate the MPAC;
- Where no audit committee has been appointed or where the audit committee is not operative, the MPAC must report this to the council.

1.12 Disciplinary action instituted in terms of the MFMA:

- All disciplinary processes instituted for the contravention of the MFMA must be reported to the MPAC;
- MPAC must monitor that all matters are brought to conclusion;
- MPAC must report to council where matters are not dealt with effectively and timeously.

2. The MPAC must interrogate the following aspects addressed in the Municipal Systems Act.

2.1 Review of the IDP post elections (Section 25):

- MPAC must monitor whether the Executive mayor/ Exco initiate the review of the IDP posts elections;
- Where the review is not done, the MPAC must report same to the council.

2.2 Annual review of the IDP (Section 34):

- MPAC must monitor whether the Executive mayor/ Exco initiate the annual review of the IDP;

- Where the review is not done, the MPAC must report same to the council.

2.3 **Performance management plan** (Section 39):

- MPAC must monitor whether the annual performance plan is being prepared;
- Where the plan is not prepared, the MPAC must report same to the council.

2.4 **Monitoring that the annual budget is informed by the IDP** (Regulation 6 of the Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations):

- MPAC must review the draft annual budget and ensure that it is informed by the IDP adopted by the municipal council; but
- Where the draft annual budget is not aligned with the IDP, the MPAC must report same to the municipal council.

2.5 **Monitoring that all declaration of interest forms is completed by councillors on an annual basis** (Section 54 read with Item 7 of Schedule 1):

- MPAC must monitor whether all councillors have completed their declaration of interest forms and update it annually;
- Where declaration of interest forms has not be completed or updated same must be reported to the municipal council.

3. The MPAC must prepare an annual work plan for approval by the municipal council prior to start of the financial year.

That the following responsibilities are hereby delegated to the MPAC:

1. The authority to interrogate the following documents and to make recommendations to the municipal council in accordance with the terms of reference of the committee:
 - 1.1 Unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure;
 - 1.2 Unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure;
 - 1.3 SDBIP;

- 1.4 Monthly budget statements;
- 1.5 Mid-year budget and performance assessment;
- 1.6 Mid-year budget and performance assessment of municipal entities;
- 1.7 Disclosures concerning councillors, directors and officials;
- 1.8 Annual financial statements;
- 1.9 Annual report;
- 1.10 Issues raised by the A-G in the audit reports;
- 1.11 The appointment of the audit committee;
- 1.12 The review of the IDP post elections;
- 1.13 The annual review of the IDP;
- 1.14 Performance management plan;
- 1.15 The draft annual budget with reference to the approved IDP; and
- 1.16 Declaration of interest forms submitted by councillors.

- 2. The authority to consider all presentations made by the community in the annual report and the authority to have interviews with members of the community to obtain input on the annual report, as well as the authority to prepare the draft oversight report over the annual report.

The authority to instruct any member of the executive or the municipal manager to provide the MPAC with copies of documents to be dealt with by the committee in terms of its terms of reference.

The meeting adjourned at 15:21

Confirmed.

SPEAKER

DATE

ANNUAL STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY ADDRESS

For the 3-year 2026/27 MTREF period

Executive Mayor, Alderman Marius Koen

Thursday, 28 May 2026



INTRODUCTION

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Executive Deputy Mayor, all Alderman in the House, Councillors, Municipal Manager, Directors, Municipal employees, People in the gallery, all the online viewers, all protocols observed.

Welcome to you all and thank you for attending this meeting.

I am privileged and thankful to present the 3-year MTREF budget to Council today.

Included in our budget document is our medium-term service delivery objectives, our budget provisions, and other relevant information. Our 3-year Expenditure budget is R7.7 billion, comprising of R6.4 billion to be spend on Operating Expenditure and R1.3 billion on Capital Expenditure.

AMENDED IDP

Speaker, also before Council today is our **“Amended IDP”** document, the 4th review of the 5th Generation IDP. The municipality’s budget has been aligned against this IDP, and against the Strategic Focus Areas that we have set for ourselves.

Our biggest Strategic Focus Area remains the investment in infrastructure to provide reliable services to all our citizens. A total of 64% of our 3-year budget, R5 billion out of R7.7 billion, is allocated to this.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Speaker, in April 2026 we have conducted a comprehensive **“Public Participation”** process on the budget with our citizens in all 14 wards during 17 separate meetings. On 8 May 2026 the Council considered all the public inputs that were given during a special Budget Workshop meeting. The minutes of that workshop, as well as the minutes of the various public meetings and written inputs received are included in the budget documents, which will be posted on our website later today after Council has adopted the budget.

RATINGS AFRICA

Speaker, it would be remiss from me not to mention our status as the number one local municipality in South Africa.

In 2025 the independent rating agency, Ratings Africa, rated us together with Swartland Municipality as the most financial sustainable municipality in the country. They consider 6 specific areas of which infrastructure development, affordability, debt governance and liquidity management are 4 of the 6 items measured.

Saldanha Bay municipality over many years, has been recognized as a “**Financial Sustainable Municipality**” and a “**Well Governed Municipality**”. Our objective, to deliver high quality services while maintaining a balance between affordability and cross-subsidization of our poorer households, remains.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Speaker, a high-level overview of our budget is as follows:

Our budgeted Operating Revenue over the 3-year period is R2 billion, R2.17 billion and R2.3 billion respectively.

Our budgeted Operating Expenditure for the same period is R2 billion, R2.14 billion and R2.3 billion respectively.

The Capital Budget for these periods is R300 million, R473 million and R535 million respectively.

OPERATING REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2026/27

The “**Operating Revenue Budget for 2026/27**” will increase with 5.5% to R2 billion compared with the 2025/26 Adjusted Operating Budget of R1.93 billion.

Property Rates, Electricity, Water, Sanitation and Refuse are our main sources of Revenue and amounts to R1.55 billion in 2026/27, which is 76% of the Total Revenue. Grants comprises of R253 million, which is 12% of Total Revenue.

OPERATING EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR 2026/27

The “**Operating Expenditure Budget for 2026/27**” will increase with 7.8% to R2 billion compared with the 2025/26 adjusted operating expenditure budget of R1.89 billion.

CAPITAL BUDGET FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE 3 YEAR MTREF

The capital budget for the 3-year period is R1.3 billion, and is funded as follows:

- 70% or R923 million will come from the municipality's own CRR funds;
- 18% or R231 million from external loans; and
- 12% or R155 million from government grants.

BIGGEST CAPITAL PROJECTS

Speaker, I now want to provide Council with a list of our “**15 Biggest Capital Projects**” over the medium term. These 15 capital projects, with a combined value of R932 million, makes up 71% of the total capital budget for the next 3 years.

<u>No</u>	<u>Name of project</u>	<u>MTREF period</u>
1	St Helena Bay bulk augmentation	R 128m
2	Roads projects	R 123m
3	WCF bulk line	R 88m
4	New municipal office building phase 1	R 86m
5	Upgr Laingville WWTW	R 84m
6	Brittania Bay WWTW and sewer network	R 75m
7	Housing projects (services)	R 62m
8	Vredenburg landfill cell 2	R 57m
9	Vehicles	R 55m
10	Upgrade Misverstand pump station phase 1	R 40m
11	New storage reservoir & assoc works Louwville 2000	R 35m
12	Upgrade Vredenburg WWTP incl mech dewatering	R 30m
13	Upgrade Saldanha sewer works	R 25m
14	Upgrade Shelly Point WWTW	R 25m
15	Louwville zone network upgrades	R 21m
TOTAL		R 932m

2025 GENERAL VALUATION ROLL

Speaker, a big discussion point among our residents this year was the new property valuations. In 2025 the municipality appointed an independent valuer to value all the properties in our municipal area. The property values increased on average with 50% since the last valuation was done in 2021 – from R51 billion in 2021 to R77 billion in 2025.

Given the high growth in property values, the Council decided to limit the growth in property rates revenue for 2026/27 only to an inflationary increase of 3.7% and not 50%. The 2026/27 property rates revenue will increase to R399 million, 3.7% up from the current year's R385 million.

HOUSING

Speaker, the Council on 30 April 2026 approved a 7-year contract with a service provider for specified human settlement projects in our municipal area. Included in the contract is the provision of 8 separate housing projects over this 7-year period.

A total of R193 million has been budgeted over the next 3 years for housing – R62 million is for the installation of services and R131 million for the building of houses.

A list of all the individual housing projects is provided in our budget documents.

INDIGENT SUBSIDIES

Speaker, I now turn to the relief that we provide to our indigent households and pensioners.

Included in our budget document, in SA 9, we estimate our current local population to be just over 161 000 consisting of more than 53 000 households, of which registered indigent households are more than 8 000.

We provide a 100% subsidy to those households with a combined income below R6 000.

We also have a second category between R6 000 and R6 800 – those households will receive a subsidy of 70%.

The rebates that Indigent households receive are:

- 50 units of free electricity per month,
- 6 kilolitres of free water per month,
- Free refuse removal,
- Free sanitation,

All indigent property owners with a property value less than R350 000 is exempt from paying property rates. The Council will be increasing this from R250 000 to R350 000 from 1 July 2026.

Child headed households are also subsidised in the same manner as a 100% category indigent household.

PENSIONERS REBATE

We also provide rebates on property rates to our pensioners if their combined household income is below R29 000.

To further assist pensioners, we are restructuring the pensioners' rebate. From 1 July 2026 onwards there will only be two rebate categories – 100% and 70%. Those that fall in the 50% category will from July 2026 receive a 70% property rates rebate.

TARIFF INCREASES

Speaker, our “**Tariff Increases**” for next year will be:

- The Property rates tariff will decrease on average with 31%, with an average increase in property rates revenue of 3.7%,
- Electricity tariffs will increase with 9.26%,
- Water tariffs will increase with 3.7%,
- Sanitation will increase with 3.7%,
- Refuse removal will increase with 3.7%, and
- All other tariffs will increase with 3.7%.

2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Speaker, today we are exactly 160 days away from the 2026 Local Government elections that will take place on 4 November 2026. I wish all the different parties well for their various election campaigns.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude.

I thank our consumers who continues to pay their municipal accounts every month.

I thank everyone that made inputs in our IDP and Budget processes.

I thank the Western Cape Provincial Treasury that made inputs in our IDP and Budget document. Also, for their R528 million investment in our area over the next 3 years.

I also want to thank the West Coast District Municipality for our close relationship.

I thank the Mayoral Committee for their support.

I thank the Councillors and Ward Committee members for their contributions to their local communities.

The Executive Management, the Operational Management and all municipal personnel is thanked in advance who will now implement this budget to ensure every citizen receives the highest possible level of services.

I thank the CFO and the Finance department for their work on the budget. I thank the Municipal Manager for his valued input and support.

I thank you all.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE: OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

1) Make recommendations to the Mayoral Committee regarding:

- Demarcation and Election
- Internal Audit
- Legal Services
- Communication and Client Services

2) Authority over:

- Monthly Reports
- Report from special sub committees

2. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE: CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1) Make recommendations to the Mayoral Committee regarding:

- Traffic- and Law Enforcement Services
- Permits
- Fire Fighting Service
- Taxi's and public transport
- Safety and Security (rural and urban)
- Control over animals
- Control over Illegal Occupation of Land
- Community Policing (collaboration with SAPS, etc.)
- Protection Services (civil protection, neighbourhood watches, disasters, etc.)
- Records Management and Archive Services
- Libraries
- Human Resources Management
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Administration
- Property Administration
- Contract Administration
- Secretariat Services

2) Authority over:

- Monthly Reports
- Reports from special sub committees

3. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE: FINANCE SERVICES

1) Make recommendations to Mayoral Committee:

- Financial Services
- Insurance

- Indigents
- Rates
- Creditors
- Revenue and Expenditure Management
- Budget and Data
- Asset and Stock Management
- Contract Administration
- Supply Chain Management
- Property Valuations
- Payroll

2) Authority over:

- Monthly Reports
- Reports from special sub committees

4. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE: INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING SERVICES

1) Make recommendations to Mayoral Committee regarding:

- Electricity
- Fleet Management and Maintenance
- Water
- Waste Water Treatment Works
- Solid Waste
- Roads
- Roads, Streets and Stormwater
- Planning: Civil Services
- Project Management
- Buildings (new, as well as maintenance of existing buildings)
- Building Control
- Human Settlements

2) Authority over:

- Monthly Reports
- Reports from special sub committees

5. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES

1) Make recommendations to Mayoral Committee regarding:

- Parks
- Horticulturists
- Sport Facilities
- Sport and Recreation
- Cemeteries
- Area Engineers
- Holiday Resorts
- Community Halls
- Thusong Centres

- Multipurpose Center
 - Swimming Pools
 - EPWP
- 2) Authority over:
- Monthly Reports
 - Reports from special sub committees
- 6. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC SERVICES**
- 1) Make recommendations to Mayoral Committee regarding:
- Strategic Services
 - Risk Management
 - Performance Management
 - Ward Committees and Public Participation
 - Tourism (museums and memorials included)
 - Intergovernmental Relations
 - Information and Communications Technology
 - Environmental Health (unrelated matters)
 - Community Development
 - Spatial Development Planning (regional and local)
 - Integrated Development Planning
 - Nature Conservation
 - Geographic Information Systems Management
 - Informal Traders
 - Local Economic Development
 - Early Childhood Development
 - Town Planning
 - Environment and Heritage
- 2) Authority over:
- Monthly Reports
 - Reports from special sub committees