



Knysna

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Municipal appointments in line with prescripts

Knysna Council resolved to approve additional positions on the municipality's organizational structure during a special meeting held on 16 September. These include ordinary and necessary positions of support to the Office of Political Office Bearers and are supported by the 2022/2023 budget.

Council made this resolution in line with the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, which makes provision for such appointments in the Local Government: Municipal Staff Regulations. Similar positions exist as a matter of course within local municipalities throughout the District and further afield, providing much needed administrative assistance to the elected officials.

Knysna Executive Mayor Aubrey Tsengwa explained that these positions have yet to be filled and will be subject to normal procedures. "The proper recruitment processes in line with the guidelines set out in the staff regulations will be followed to ensure that the most suitable candidates are appointed to these positions."

"We are committed to improve the lives of all residents in the greater Knysna area. We made a commitment to improve service delivery and development and will keep that promise. In my acceptance speech I said that my immediate priority will be to bring stability to the administration.

"Critical vacancies budgeted for in areas such as community services, infrastructure and support services were advertised in the first week after we took over from the previous leadership and, at the meeting on Friday we also resolved that the Municipal Manager and vacant Director posts must be advertised immediately. This is the third time these positions will be advertised as the previous leadership failed to complete the process within the prescribed legal timeframes, at a huge cost to the municipality, both in time and monetary value."

"Stability and focus are essential for a fully functional municipality. It is one of our first priorities to create that. We have been given a chance to play an instrumental role in the future of the greater Knysna and create an inclusive, innovative, inspired Knysna," he concluded. "The opposition had their chance with hardly any effect. We don't make empty accusations or draw up 100 day plans, we act."

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