

MINUTES

of

MATJHABENG MUNICIPALITY

held on

13 MAY 2003

at

16:00

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT : 1st EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING :
13 MAY 2003**

ANC

PROPORTIONAL			
1.	Leeuw SJ (Executive Mayor)	14.	Dlova TW (Written apology)
2.	Matsepe TV (Speaker)	15.	Ikaneng MI
3.	Chao MK (Deceased)	16.	Mafantire JM
4.	Menong KS	17.	Mafongosi VZ
5.	Ramaisa KA	18.	Mashinini NL
6.	Tladi RE (Written apology)	19.	Alexander RR (Written apology)
7.	Thuthani ZA	20.	Radebe ML
8.	Matosa AN	21.	Sephiri MJ
9.	Matlabe MMT	22.	Tihone ML
10.	Mbana MA	23.	Vanga M (Absent without apology)
11.	Mokhathi PE	24.	Kotzee D
12.	Bengu VV	25.	Segalo SS
13.	Dali VN	26.	Kujoana MA
WARD			
27.	Matsbukanye MM	42.	Mfebe MSE
28.	Tshabangu SE	43.	Mhlaba N
29.	Mohlodi PP	44.	Mokolutlo LA
30.	Mogole RR (Written apology)	45.	Montshioa BA
31.	Liphoko SJ	46.	Mosala MS
32.	Mokoena ME	47.	Nakwa TA
33.	Masienyane MD	48.	Ngangelizwe S
34.	Baaitjies M	49.	Radebe LLF
35.	Dassie YS	50.	Ramojela JN
36.	Dlamini SC	51.	Rubulana L
37.	James TH (Written apology)	52.	Seboholi CP
38.	Khalipha TD	53.	Taliwe FE
39.	Mabuya FF	54.	Thoabala TE (Written apology)
40.	Manzana NR	55.	Tsoene TD
41.	Masoka NL	56.	Tsatsa SJ

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DA

PROPORTIONAL			
57.	Fourie JJC	61.	Maqena AM
58.	Marais (Dr) JS	62.	Ntsala MM
59.	Auret IH	63.	Olivier JJ (Absent without apology)
60.	Neumann VH	64.	Styger A (Absent without apology)
WARD			
65.	Bothma B	68.	Edeling JH (Written apology)
66.	Louw ML	69.	Van Rooyen HC (Written apology)
67.	Smit DC	70.	Du Toit JJB (Absent without apology)

UDM

PROPORTIONAL	
71.	Motshabi MP

PAC

PROPORTIONAL	
72.	Majoe TS

OFFICIALS

Mr RSB Sesele	–	Municipal Manager
Mr R Spies	–	Corporate Executive Manager : Engineering Services
Mr V Adonis	–	Corporate Executive Manager : Community Services and Social Development
Mr BP Molatseli	–	Executive Manager : Corporate Services
Dr K van der Walt	–	Executive Manager : Economic Development and Spatial Planning
Mr TR Shiringani	–	Manager : Council Administration
Mr RN Pitso	–	Corporate Executive Manager : Financial Management

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1. OPENING

Pastor Lawrence Matlala opened the meeting with a sermon and prayer.

2. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker acknowledged the presence of the late Councillor MK Chao's family at the Council meeting.

The Speaker apologized to Councillors from Virginia who did not receive their agendas and expressed his appreciation for them being able to attend the meeting at such a short notice.

3. UNOPPOSED MOTION : DEATH OF COUNCILLOR MK CHAO

3.1 SA3/2003

FUNERAL : COUNCILLOR MARTHA KEDIEMETSE CHAO (14/3/3) (MM) (P 1)

COUNCIL RESOLVED : (13 MAY 2003)

The Executive Mayor presented a motion on the passing away of Councillor MK Chao whereafter Council unanimously **resolved** as follows :

1. That the Council **PLACES** on record its heartfelt sorrow on the passing away of Councillor Martha Kediemetse Chao, a member of Mayoral Committee, esteemed leader and adored citizen of Matjhabeng.
2. That the funeral of Councillor Martha Kediemetse Chao **BE DECLARED** a civic funeral of the Matjhabeng Municipality.
3. That Council **EXPRESSES** its heartfelt sympathy with the deceased's child, relatives and friends.
4. That the granting of the amount of R20 000,00 for provision of refreshments for her funeral **BE ACCEPTED**.
5. That a hearse and traffic escort **BE ARRANGED** by the Speaker's office.

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6. That the Municipality of Mangaung **BE OFFICIALLY INFORMED** of Council's resolution as the funeral of the deceased **WILL BE CONDUCTED** in Mangaung.
7. That Council **ARRANGE** for the travelling of Councillors to the funeral.
8. That the Council **PROVIDES** three (3) buses for the officials and members of the public to attend the funeral.
9. That the office of the Speaker **INTERACT** with the Mangaung Municipality **TO MAKE** arrangements for the funeral and **COMPLY** with the protocol of a civic funeral of the Municipality of Mangaung.

After the abovementioned resolution, the Speaker presented to Council a history of Councillor MK Chao's life.

The history as presented by the Speaker is attached as **Annexure "A"** on page **1** of these minutes.

4. **CONDOLENCES**

Executive Mayor :

The Executive Mayor expressed his deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Councillor MK Chao.

His address is attached as **Annexure "B"** on page **2** of these minutes.

ANC :

Councillor TD Khalipha, on behalf of the African National Congress, expressed his heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family, friends, fellow Councillors and the Matjhabeng Community on the passing away of Councillor MK Chao.

DA :

Councillor Dr JS Marais, on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, expressed his heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family, friends, fellow Councillors and the Matjhabeng Community on the passing away of Councillor MK Chao.

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PAC :

Councillor TS Majoe, on behalf of the Pan African Congress, expressed his heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family, friends, fellow Councillors and the Matjhabeng Community on the passing away of Councillor MK Chao.

UDM :

Councillor MP Motshabi, on behalf of the United Democratic Movement, expressed his heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family, friends, fellow Councillors and the Matjhabeng Community on the passing away of Councillor MK Chao.

5. HANDOVER OF CERTIFICATE AND BOUQUET

The Executive Mayor handed over a Condolence Certificate to Councillor Chao's family and thereafter the Speaker handed over a bouquet.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

61. The Speaker announced that the Budget Meeting for Councillors will continue immediately after the Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting.

6.2 He further announced that there will be a Memorial Service for the late Councillor MK Chao which will be held on Wednesday, 21 May 2003 at 17:00 at the Thabong Community Centre and he further indicated that another Memorial Service will be held at Bloemfontein at the date to be determined.

7. CLOSING

The Councillors led by the Speaker and Executive Mayor escorted Councillor MK Chao's family when they left the Chamber and Council offices to their transport.

The meeting adjourned at **17:30**.

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TV MATSEPE (SPEAKER)

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1.

ANNEXURE "A"

THE STORY OF THE LIFE OF MARTHA KEDIEMETSE CHAO

Councillor Martha Kediemetse Chao was born on 25 September 1959 at Batho Location in Bloemfontein. Her father is Raphael Chao and her mother is Sarah Motlalepule Chao.

She is the 6th child from a family of 11 children, 4 boys and 7 girls.

She started school at Tshwaraganang Primary School in Bloemfontein and progressed until standard 5. She completed matric at St Barnard High School in Bloemfontein. She worked at Fielaspan Farm School near Soutpan as a teacher and Kgoroyathuto High School at Botshabelo where she taught Science subjects whilst waiting to get a placing as a student nurse.

In 1984 she was admitted as a student nurse at Pelonomi Hospital. After completing her studies, she worked at the Goldfields District Hospital and was later transferred to Kopano Clinic.

She was elected as a Councillor on the 7 October 2000. During March 2001 she was elected to be a Member of the Mayoral Committee of Matjhabeng Municipality and served as the Head of the Housing Development and Environmental Management Portfolio Committee.

She served on the following Committees :

Regional Executive Committee of the ANC in the Lejweleputswa District,
Sedibeng Water Board,
Goldfields Regional Hospital Board and
the Provincial Executive Council of the ANC.

She passed away suddenly on 9 May 2003 and leaves behind her parents, brothers, sisters and her son.

MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE.

2.

ANNEXURE "B"

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR, HIS WORSHIP, MR SERAKE LEEUW, AT THE 1ST EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STATEWAY, WELKOM ON THE 13 MAY 2003

**MR SPEAKER
THE BEREAVED FAMILY
COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS
MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
COUNCILLORS
THE COMMUNITY OF MATJHABENG**

We are once more suffering another setback in attacking poverty and uplifting the development of the majority of our people. This loss is sudden, unplanned, untimely and painful.

To have such a young, energetic committed Councillor, indeed we cannot bear the loss and pain of knowing that we are going to miss somebody whose understanding and her manner of doing things differed from ours. She had her unique way of engaging in debates and discussions.

Despite the misunderstanding of facts, she was a disciplined and dedicated Councillor who was committed to her work. Some may say we did not prepare ourselves for this loss, indeed when God want someone among us, He does not give notice even if He gave notice through parables, our comprehension is very low to understand until something happens.

To the family, your loss is our loss, we will together miss Cde Chao, although we cannot equate our pain to your pain as a family. ***"Let her Soul Rest in Peace, Psalm 23 : The Lord is my Shepherd"***.

Hence we are praying for you that you allow the Almighty, to be the One who will console and guide your life further beyond this grief. To the Councillors and Workers, may the Lord comfort and let the spirit of Cde Chao unite us further. Let her spirit be commitment to pushing back the frontiers of poverty.

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