1. Council Structure

- **Petitions Committee**
  Chairperson: Speaker Cllr P Ramushu (member) Cllr DR Ryder (member)
2. Organisational Structure – Office of the Speaker
3. Functions of the Speaker

The role of the Speaker in the council is to promote and protect democracy, to facilitate debate and arrival at consensus during Council Meetings within the council’s Standing Orders.
3. Functions of the Speaker

The Speaker’s role includes, among others to:

- Investigate any alleged misconduct of Councillors and enforce the Council’s code of conduct;
- Chair the council’s disciplinary committee and arrange for Councillor training and support;
- Oversee public participation strategy in the Municipality;
- Manage the petitions process;
- Initiate and maintain the Ward Committee system;
- Provide administrative support to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC);
- Prepare media releases and act as spokesperson for the municipality, when necessary.
State of Speaker’s Office

4. Section 79 Committees

- MPAC (Municipal Public Accounts Committee)
- Ethics Committee
- Petitions Committee
Regarding the Separation of Powers, the Speaker is head of the council’s legislative arm, while the Executive Mayor heads the executive arm and the Municipal Manager is head of administration.

Council adopted a policy on the Separation of Powers at its meeting held on 27 October 2011 under item C 744/10/2011 (MC A2515/10/2011).

A copy of the policy document is available from the Speaker’s Office on request.
A Petitions Committee was established as per resolution C 722/08/2011 (MC A/2490/08/2011) during the Council Meeting held on 25 August 2011.

The Petitions Committee is composed of 3 members and sits on a monthly basis.

The latest statistics are as follows:

- Petitions Received: 9 (January – April 2012)
- Resolved: 1
- Pending: 7
NARYSEC Programme 2010 - 2012

Participants: 109 Young people between ages 18 – 35

All are being placed in the FET (Further Education Training) Colleges of:

- Majuba FET College in KZN
- Sedibeng FET College (Sebokeng/Vereeniging Campuses)
- Ekurhuleni West FET College

Currently busy processing applications (2012 – 2014)

Expected to attract more that 120 young people
Ward Committees

- Ward Committees are given structure in terms of Section 152 of the Constitution Act 108 of 1996, placing emphasis on the objectives of local government and specifies that local government must provide democratic and accountable local government and encourage the involvement of communities and community organisations in matters of local government.

Furthermore Section 72 of the Municipal Structures Act 1998 states that one of the mechanisms is promulgation of a Ward Participatory System.
Ward Committees

- The Ward Committee system was introduced into Midvaal 8 years ago.
- Due to Midvaal currently consisting of 14 wards, 14 Ward Committees have been established.
- Midvaal’s Ward Committees meet quarterly in February, May, August and November.
- One public IDP meeting is held per Ward, per year in October and the same applies to Budget meetings which are held in April.
Ward Committees

- Budget meetings are then followed by the annual People’s Assembly for all Stakeholders in April of each year.

- Ward Committee Meetings take place after hours to accommodate those members who are in full-time employment.
The Office of the Speaker is responsible for the following:

- Arranging the venues.
- Compiling of agendas.
- Drafting of attendance registers.
- Arranging refreshments for attendees.
- Taking minutes at all Ward Committee meetings.
- Processing stipends after the meeting.
- Drafting and sending out of minutes.
- Transmitting feedback from Council to Ward Committees and Ward Councillors.
Ward Committees

- Midvaal has approved a Standard Operating Manual for Ward Committees. (Item: C 310/03/2008)

- This manual gives guidance in terms of:
  - Format of the Agenda
  - Format of the Ward Committee Minutes
  - Standard resolution wording and referral
  - Process: Determination of dates of meetings
  - Frequency of meetings
  - Arrangement / booking of venues
  - Other duties

- The Ward Committee Timetable is compiled in consultation with all Ward Councillors.
Ward Committees

- Midvaal wards stretch from our vast rural areas to the hearts of our towns, resulting in many challenges including transport and budget.

- Midvaal is geographically the largest municipality in Gauteng and extends over more than 1000 square metres.

- Although mainly agricultural in nature, Midvaal encompasses most fields of human endeavour and, economically speaking, extends from down-market to up-market.

- As a result the objectives of the various Ward Committees are extensive and diverse in nature.
Ward Committees

- Currently 80% of Ward Committees in Midvaal are functioning properly with attendance at meetings eclipsing 75%.

- Ward Committees are initiating programmes and projects that uplift areas and address pertinent issues in the various wards.

- Ward Committees in Midvaal were established and operational in advance of those in our neighbouring municipalities.
Ward Committees

Time Table (2011/2012)

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State of MPAC
(Municipal Public Accounts Committee)

The previous term of office of the MPAC lapsed on 17 May 2011 with the lapse of the term of office of the previous Council.

With the reconstitution of a new Midvaal Local Municipal Council after the elections held on 18 May 2011, MPAC was therefore also re-established in terms of sections 33 and 79 of the Municipal Structures Act of 1998 to satisfy the requirements of section 129 of the Municipal Finance Management Act of 2003.
The following Councillors were nominated to serve as members of the Midvaal Local Municipality Municipal Public Accounts Committee for the term of office corresponding with that of the current Midvaal Local Municipality Council:

Cllr M Gomba (Chairperson)
Cllr P Ramushu (Member)
Cllr D Ryder (Member)
Cllr A van Tonder (Member)
Cllr Phil Pretorius (Member)

Cllr L Modikeng (Alternative)
Cllr M Schoeman (Alternative)

* Position of Chairperson of MPAC (Full- or part-time)
Co-ordination of Government Programmes / Events

National, Provincial and Local Government

We attempt to ensure optimum participation by Midvaal Local Municipality in Government and quasi-government events.

Some of the events we are involved in are:
- Youth month
- Women’s month
- Sedibeng / Provincial Imbizo’s
- Heritage month
- Human Rights Day
- OR Tambo Games
- Take a Learner Child to work
- Take a Disabled Person to work
- 16 days of Activism
Challenges

Some of the challenges to the efficient and effective running of the Speaker’s Office are:

- Insufficient staff
- Non-performance of CDW’s
- Budgetary constraints
- Co-operation from communities
THE END

THANK YOU!