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**6TH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF 2026
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**THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2026
KA LABONE, 25 PHUPJANE 2026
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**AT 12:00
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**MIDVAAL CHRISTIAN CENTRE
MEYERTON**

MIDVAAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
MINUTES OF THE 6TH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (SOMA) OF 2026
HELD ON THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2026 AT 12:00 @ MIDVAAL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS:	Ald. A.R. McLoughlin	: Speaker
	Ald. P.J. Teixeira	: Executive Mayor
	P.D. Hutcheson	: Member of the Mayoral Committee
	C.L. Gomes	: Member of the Mayoral Committee
	M-A. Myburgh	: Member of the Mayoral Committee
	R.J. Hubbard	: Member of the Mayoral Committee
	T.M. Maduna	: Member of the Mayoral Committee
	M.I. Motsamai	: Member of the Mayoral Committee
	Ald. P.C. Pretorius	: Chief Whip of Council

COUNCILLORS	M.C. Mboweni	B.J. Jordaan	A.H. Dickinson
	J.G. Viljoen	G.M. Nkoe	S.M.A. Janse Van Rensburg
	M.L. Modikeng	M.M. Ndebele	M.C. Kruger
	M.A. Maimane	T.S. Sithole	I.P. Ramushu
	M.L. Molakeng	D.T. Mokhomo	P.J.G. Swart
	S.M. Hoyane	P.M. Lehloka	N.L. Bushula

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

P. Magodi	:	Municipal Manager
E. Lensley	:	Executive Director: Public Safety & Roads
K. Mokwena	:	Executive Director: Development and Planning
L.P. Thwala	:	Executive Director: Engineering Services
K. Desai	:	Acting Executive Director: Financial Services
S. Cave	:	Executive Director: Corporate Services
A. Ntengenyane	:	Executive Director: Community Services
N. Pumane	:	Chief of Staff: Office of the Mayor
B. Tshabalala	:	Deputy Director: Office of the Speaker
P. Manoto	:	Senior Admin Officer
C. Ntisa	:	Admin Officer

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Speaker, Ald. A.R. McLoughlin opened the meeting and welcomed all present, whereafter he handed over to the Master of Ceremony, Cllr. M.L. Molakeng.

Pastor Maseko opened the meeting with a prayer.

Attached, as Annexure “A”, is the program for SOMA 2026.

2. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Absent:

- Cllr. L.T.H. Visser
- Cllr. O. Brits
- Ald. C.G. Pypers

3. OFFICIAL NOTICES

3.1 SOMA – STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY ADDRESS 2026

The Executive Mayor presented his 2026 State of the Municipality Address, attached as Annexure “B”.

4. CLOSURE

Pastor Maseko closed the meeting with a prayer.

The Speaker, Ald. A.R. McLoughlin declared the meeting adjourned at 15:30.

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Annexure "A"

Time	Item	Speaker
09h00 – 11:15	Registration and Arrival Refreshments	Curro Savanna City Marimba Band Entertainment during guests arrival
11h45	All to be seated	Executive Director: Corporate Services Mr Solly Cave
11h45–12h00	Guard of Honour	Sergeant at Arms
12h00 – 12h05	Opening of Special Sitting of Council and Handover Programme to Master of Ceremonies	Honourable Speaker of Council Ald. Alan McLoughlin
12H05 – 12H10	National Anthem	Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls Choir
12H10– 12H15	Opening with Prayer	Pastor Maseko
12H30– 12H35	Purpose of the Day	Cllr. Lillian Molakeng-Hlopho
12h40 – 12H45	Performance Item 1	Laerskool Midvaal Choir
12h46 – 13H00	Five-Year Term Wrap-Up: Delivering on Our Mandate	Video
Praise Singer	Praise Singer	Praise Singer Tsakane
13H05 – 14H00	Keynote Address	Executive Mayor Ald. Peter Telxiera
14H05 – 14H10	Performance Item 2	Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls Choir
14H10–14H30	Performance Item 3	Laerskool Midvaal Choir
14H35–14H35	Vote of Thanks	Chief Whip of Council Ald. Phil Pretorius
15:00	Closing of Special Council Sitting	Honourable Speaker of Council Honourable Ald. Alan McLoughlin
14h36–14h40	Performance 4	Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls Choir
14H40–14H45	Closing Prayer	Pastor Maseko
14H45–Late 15:30	Lunch Served Guests to be guided: Buffet Style	Curro Savanna City Marimba Band Entertainment during lunch



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STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY ADDRESS

***DELIVERED BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR: ALD PETER TEIXEIRA
ON THE 25TH OF JUNE 2026***

INTRODUCTION

Speaker of Council, Alderman Alan McLoughlin,
Member of the Provincial Legislature and DA Provincial Chairperson, Honourable Fred Nel,
His Majesty, Ndabezitha *Mabheka*hezulu Khumalo, Royal Princess Amantungwa and royal clansman,
Members of the Mayoral Committee (MMCs),
Chairpersons of all Committees of Council,
Councillors,
Municipal Manager Mr Phumudzo Magodi,
Eskom Gauteng General Manager, Mr Bandile Jack,
Heads of Departments,
Representatives from the Office of the Premier,
Representatives from the Office of the Auditor General,
Members of the South African Police Service,
Members of the DA Provincial Executive Committee,
DA Vaal Regional Executive Committee and Constituency Executive,
Members of the Clergy and Faith-Based Organisations,
Traditional Healers and Leaders,
Midvaal Chamber of Commerce,
Representatives from the Private and Business Sector,
Our Banking Partner, Nedbank,
Representatives from Standard Bank,
Representatives from the Vaal University of Technology,
Representatives from Rand Water,
Ratings Afrika, Mr Leon Claassen,
School Principals, Members of the School Governing Bodies and learners,

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Ward Committees,
Members of the public,
Members of the media,
Esteemed guests and Midvaal Officials,
To my beautiful wife, Refiloe Teixeira, and our children
To my father, John Teixeira, who is with us today, and to my entire family,
Thank you for your unwavering love and support.
And most importantly, our residents, the people of Midvaal,
Good day,
Goeie dag,
Dumelang,
Sanibonani.

Speaker,

When I first came into office in 2021, these were the promises that I made:

1. Investing in the Safety and security of all people of Midvaal.
2. Creating opportunities for all.
3. Providing excellent service delivery.
4. Solving challenges through innovation and creativity.
5. And listening to the people we serve, which is non-negotiable.

These Mayoral Undertakings formed the foundation upon which I built my term of office.

These promises were not simply words on a manifesto.

From the outset, they were translated into tangible actions and embedded within the Municipality's strategic framework, Integrated Development Plan (IDP), budget allocations, and the performance targets of every municipal department.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Today, we stand not only to reflect on promises made, but on promises honoured through action, dedication, and a collective commitment to building a municipality that works for its people.

And it is in the lives of our residents that the true impact of these commitments can be seen.

DELIVERING IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY

Speaker,

Before reflecting on our achievements, it is important to remember the environment in which these were achieved.

The past five years have been marked by significant challenges, both globally and here at home.

The world emerged from the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Economies faced pressures, fuel and energy costs increased, and governments at all levels were required to do more with limited resources.

South Africa faced its own challenges, including rising unemployment, persistent load shedding, slow economic growth, increasing service delivery demands, and growing pressure on municipal finances.

Midvaal was not immune to these realities.

Our residents, businesses, farmers and communities felt these pressures every day.

The demand for housing, infrastructure, public safety, water, sanitation and economic opportunities continued to grow, while the resources available to meet these needs remained constrained.

It is against this backdrop that the progress we reflect on today must be measured.

It is against this backdrop that Midvaal's financial performance over the past five years becomes particularly significant.

FINANCE SERVICES:

FINANCIAL STABILITY THAT DELIVERS RESULTS

Speaker,

No municipality can fulfil its constitutional mandate without a credible and fully funded budget.

I am proud to say that since the beginning of this term, the Midvaal Council has unanimously adopted fully funded budgets every single year.

At a time when many municipalities across South Africa are facing serious financial challenges, this is an achievement we should never take for granted.

This is reflected in the fact that, for three consecutive years, Ratings Afrika recognised Midvaal as the Most Financially Sustainable Municipality in South Africa.

We are one of only two municipalities in Gauteng that have consistently adopted fully funded budgets year after year.

For five consecutive financial years, we have remained disciplined and committed to protecting every ratepayer's rand and ultimately the financial health of our municipality.

That record is not an accident; it is the result of good leadership.

Midvaal Council has collectively adopted budgets totalling at least R9.56 billion over the past five years.

These budgets reflect a municipality that plans responsibly, spends wisely, and always puts the interests of its people first.

INVESTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS

Speaker,

We have taken bold steps to strengthen the management of the municipality's investment portfolio.

Through careful planning and prudent decisions, our investments continue to grow substantially.

At the same time, we have maintained strict cost-containment measures and tight controls over unauthorised, irregular, and fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

PRO-POOR BUDGET

While we celebrate our strong financial position, we remain deeply aware of the difficult economic circumstances facing many of our residents.

We understand that economic growth has remained sluggish, and that South Africa continues to grapple with one of the highest unemployment rates in the world.

For many families, every cent counts, and paying for municipal services is often a challenge as households struggle to meet their most basic needs.

We are mindful of this reality.

That is why we have consistently adopted budgets that are pro-poor and people-centred.

Year after year, we have sought to keep increases for water, sanitation, electricity and refuse removal as low as possible in order to provide relief to residents and businesses.

We have done so despite repeated warnings that Midvaal's tariff increases are often not cost-reflective.

Our commitment to supporting residents goes beyond affordable tariffs.

Over the past five years, the municipality has written off approximately R210 million in irrecoverable debt, much of it linked to households facing genuine financial distress.

This is because where we can assist, we do assist.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Midvaal currently has at least 7 142 indigent households.

Through our indigent support programme, these households receive subsidised municipal services, including free basic water, sanitation, refuse removal and electricity.

Speaker,

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the residents of Midvaal who continue to meet their obligations by paying their rates and taxes.

You are what makes Midvaal work.

Without your contribution and commitment, our municipality would not be able to sustain the high standard of services that our communities have come to expect.

It is through this partnership between the municipality and its residents that we have maintained one of the strongest collection rates in local government, achieving an average collection rate of 90 to 95% in the five years we have governed.

Your commitment enables us to support the vulnerable, invest in infrastructure, maintain services, and continue building a municipality that works for all its people.

CLEAN AUDITS AND ACCOLADES

Ladies and gentlemen,

Excellence is not a slogan in Midvaal; it is something we strive to demonstrate through our actions, and it is a standard that we set for ourselves.

Over the past five years, our commitment to good governance, financial discipline, and service delivery has been consistently recognised by independent institutions across South Africa.

During this term, we maintained our proud record of clean governance by securing our twelfth consecutive clean audit.

This is a remarkable achievement that places Midvaal among the country's best-performing municipalities.

We remain one of the few municipalities in Gauteng with no outstanding debt owed to Eskom or Rand Water.

We have also continued to honour our obligations to businesses by paying service providers within 30 days.

This is a commitment that earned recognition from the South African Local Government Association (SALGA).

Since the beginning of this term, Midvaal has received more than 40 awards and accolades, reaffirming our position as a beacon of excellence.

In 2025, Midvaal was crowned the Best Performing Municipality in Gauteng at the inaugural Municipal Performance Awards.

We have also received multiple accolades from the SALGA Municipal Awards and PMR.africa Golden Arrow Awards, and the National Good Governance Awards.

The Chartered Institute of Government Finance, Audit and Risk Officers, recognised Midvaal with a Clean Administration Award.

Our commitment to excellence extends beyond governance and financial management.

We earned Green Drop certification for excellence in sanitation and wastewater treatment, as well as Blue Drop certification for the quality of our drinking water.

These awards are not simply trophies on a shelf.

They are independent confirmation that Midvaal is delivering on its promises, managing its finances well, and providing residents with excellent service delivery.

They are a reflection of the dedication of our councillors, officials, and residents, who continue to prove that when we work together, excellence is not only achievable, it becomes the norm.

MAYORAL UNDERTAKING 1: Investing in Safety and Security for All People of Midvaal

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to draw your attention back to the five Mayoral Undertakings that have served as the foundation of our administration's work since 2021.

The first promise we made was to invest in the safety and security of all the people of Midvaal.

We recognised that communities can only prosper when residents feel safe in their homes, businesses, farms and public spaces.

We pledged to strengthen collaboration with law enforcement agencies, support vulnerable groups and protect farming communities.

Our plan involved combatting social ills and ensuring that every resident, whether living in our towns, settlements or rural areas, could enjoy a safer environment.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND ROADS
INVESTING AND CREATING SAFE COMMUNITIES

Speaker,

Since taking office in 2021, this administration has invested at least R18 million into improving community safety.

In this period, the Municipality has distributed over 560 portable radios, 650 torches, and 300 reflector vests to patrollers, members of the Community Policing Forum (CPF) and communities to strengthen crime-fighting efforts.

Midvaal has also significantly expanded its surveillance capacity, with over 600 cameras now monitoring our areas.

These include SNIPR licence-plate-recognition cameras, high-site and solar-powered units, and advanced pan-tilt-zoom and thermal cameras used to monitor municipal properties, infrastructure, and key traffic routes and areas.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Speaker,

We established a Law Enforcement Unit to combat crime and keep our communities safe.

The Unit consists of highly trained safety officers with specialised skills in crime prevention and intelligence-led operations.

The Unit is utilising high-performance Ford Raptors equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including number plate recognition cameras connected.

Since commencing operations in December 2025, the team has assisted in arrests related to the possession of unlawful firearms, fraud involving false vehicle registrations, illegal immigration and other criminal activities.

FIRE

Ladies and gentlemen,

A safe community is not built on policing alone.

It also depends on a strong and reliable fire service that is ready to protect when disaster strikes.

I am proud to say that Midvaal boasts some of the toughest and best firefighters in the country.

In 2023, two firefighters from the Vaal Marina Fire Station were deployed to Canada to assist in combating devastating wildfires.

Station Officer Tertius Engelbrecht represented South Africa at the World Firefighters Games in Denmark.

Firefighter Thapelo Tsoari also participated in Africa's first Earthquake Response Exercise in Gqeberha.

In light of this excellence, it is vital that, as a municipality, we continue to provide our firefighters with the best possible resources.

For this reason, we have ensured that our two fire stations are well equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and the latest technology.

Over the past five years, we have invested more than R30 million in critical firefighting and emergency response equipment.

This includes fire trailers, a rescue boat, grassfire-fighting equipment, a Major Pumper fire engine, and radios and repeaters to strengthen our communication network.

We also procured rescue vehicles for the Vaal Marina Fire Station to better serve Ward 1, along with other essential equipment that enhances our emergency response capabilities.

These investments ensure that our firefighters can continue to protect lives and property while delivering an exceptional service to our communities.

TRAFFIC

Speaker,

We have a strong Traffic Section that continues to keep Midvaal's roads safe.

Since 2022, the Traffic Department has been allocated over R60 million to ensure it is well equipped to perform its duties.

This investment has funded the purchase of vehicles to enable them to move around and respond to traffic-related duties.

Our traffic officers are also equipped with body cameras and traffic scanners, enhancing accountability and operational effectiveness.

MAYORAL UNDERTAKING 2: Creating opportunities for all

Speaker,

The second promise we made was to create opportunities for all.

We promised to create opportunities for the forgotten generation, strengthen support for vulnerable residents, and ensure that those living in poverty and hardship would not be left behind.

We recognised that a caring municipality is one that not only delivers services but also creates an enabling environment for people to become self-reliant and prosperous.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

In line with this promise, on 1 September 2025, Midvaal opened its first-ever groundbreaking Skills Development Centre.

This was a promise I first made in 2021, to bridge the skills gap in our community, upskill our people and get them working.

The vision became a reality through a strategic partnership between Midvaal Local Municipality and HEINEKEN Beverages.

I am proud to say that since its opening, the centre has empowered hundreds of residents through skills development and training opportunities.

A total of:

- 300 residents were enrolled in the Digital Skills Programme, with approximately 280 qualifying for certification.
- The centre has also produced 46 certified construction graduates,
- 16 Occupational Health and Safety graduates,
- and 35 Life Skills graduates,
- while the Driver's Licence Programme achieved a 100% learner's licence pass rate.

We anticipate that by the end of June 2026, between 350 and 380 residents will have obtained certifications, creating pathways to employment and economic opportunity.

FINANCE SERVICES:

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Speaker,

In an effort to uplift those who were historically marginalised, the municipality adopted and implemented a Preferential Procurement Policy.

This policy focuses on supporting local businesses and individuals who've faced barriers in the past, like youth, women, people with disabilities, and those previously disadvantaged.

Midvaal has an overall average of 55.81% of procurement transactions benefiting these designated groups.

The policy reflects our commitment to redressing past injustices and creating meaningful economic opportunities for all.

We will continue to do more to create economic and investment opportunities for all our communities.

MAYORAL UNDERTAKING 3: Providing Excellent Service Delivery

Speaker,

The third undertaking was to provide excellent service delivery.

We wanted to build a Midvaal we can all proudly call home.

A Midvaal where all our residents can **TOUCH, FEEL, SEE, and REAP** the benefits of a well-run municipality with clean audits.

Getting the basics right means ensuring that all residents can open their taps and receive clean water.

Drive on well-maintained roads, have their refuse collected, and receive municipal services that are reliable, effective and responsive.

We pledged to address water security challenges, improve critical infrastructure, complete strategic projects, and maintain roads and public spaces.

We wanted a municipality that ensured that both urban and rural communities benefited from the same commitment to service excellence.

FLEET

The expansion of our municipal fleet is central to delivering excellent service delivery.

It ensures that our teams have the tools and capacity needed to respond efficiently to the needs of our communities.

Since 2021, we have invested more than R90 million in expanding our municipal fleet, adding over 84 vehicles to enhance our operational capacity.

Many of this fleet have gone to service delivery departments such as Public Safety, Community Safety and Engineering Services.

This investment has expanded our municipal fleet to more than 300 vehicles.

Speaker, it is worth noting that, unlike many municipalities that outsource services such as water tanker operations, Midvaal has the necessary internal capacity and does not rely on external service providers for this critical function.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Speaker,

For the past five years, Midvaal has not missed any refuse and waste collection days.

We collect waste 365 days a year, across our 136 formal areas and 67 informal settlements.

And we do so, without the involvement of service providers.

Despite this, the municipality still faces a recurrence of illegal dumpsites, 125 in total.

To respond to this, we established a dedicated Illegal Dumping Unit with a dedicated budget, vehicles, personnel and equipment which work on illegal dumps within the municipality.

It is disheartening that we had to establish a unit to address illegal dumping, given our stellar track record in waste management.

We have three landfill sites, of which two are fully operational.

The landfill sites are complemented by three functional transfer stations.

The municipality is doing its part in keeping Midvaal clean.

I want to urge our residents, businesses and all stakeholders, let's please take care of our surroundings, let's work together to make Midvaal a place we can proudly call home.

DEVELOPMENT OF LANDFILL SITES

Speaker,

Further investment will be made to keep Midvaal clean and environmentally responsible.

R10.7 million has been allocated in the 2026/27 budget to develop Cell 2 at the Walkerville Landfill Site, extending its lifespan by at least eight years while supporting long-term waste reduction initiatives.

We are also working tirelessly to secure the reopening and licensing of the Henley on Klip landfill sites, restoring critical waste disposal infrastructure for residents.

Through these strategic investments and proactive planning, Midvaal is positioning itself to provide sustainable waste disposal capacity for the next 40 years.

CONSTRUCTION OF PARKS

Ladies and gentlemen,

Since 2021, Midvaal has invested R13.9 million and nearly doubled the number of developed and upgraded parks from 12 to 22.

I am proud to say that our administration created accessible recreational spaces across our municipality in places like the Oval (Henley-on-Klip), Japonica Park in Golf Park, Rothdene Park, Klipriver Park, Kookrus Park, Sicelo Park, Savannah Park, Noldick, Meyer Street Park, Ohenimuri and De Deur Park.

These upgrades to the parks include installing fencing, children's play equipment, outdoor gyms, combi courts and signage to promote active and healthy communities.

LIBRARIES

Speaker,

Midvaal is proud to maintain seven modern, fully resourced libraries that continue to serve as centres of learning.

Through the Department of Arts and Culture's conditional grant and equitable share funding, we have invested more than R81 million in sustaining and improving our libraries.

This investment has funded staff costs, ICT infrastructure, building maintenance, books, e-resources and community programmes.

We transformed the Lakeside Library with a Makerspace and Gaming Room, providing access to 3D printing, coding, robotics and creative technologies.

At Sicelo Library, we established a Podcast Studio equipped with modern technology for content creation, music production and digital storytelling.

We also developed an e-learning centre and upgraded supporting facilities to expand access to digital learning opportunities.

Further building improvements were undertaken across all our Libraries.

In 2024, we procured a Mobile Library Bus to extend library services to remote and underserved communities.

Through reading programmes, ICT training, services for the blind and community outreach initiatives, our libraries continue to equip residents with the skills they need to succeed.

SPORTS AND RECREATION AND SUPPORT TO YOUTH

Speaker,

I am an avid supporter of Sports, and I truly believe we must nurture young talent in Midvaal, thereby keeping the youth away from the social ills.

In this term, we were able to establish the Midvaal Sports Council to administer a wide range of sporting activities and programmes within the municipality.

We hosted the Gauteng Development League, the Grassroots Football Festival, Indigenous Games Programme launch, OR Tambo Soncini Games, Holiday sports programmes and the Launch of the Netball League.

UPGRADES TO SICELO STADIUM

When I came into office, one of my priorities was to improve our sporting facilities, including Sicelo Stadium.

We upgraded the stadium's playing field to FIFA standards, creating a facility of which our community can be proud.

As a result, Sicelo Stadium now attracts major football teams from across the region and beyond.

We recently added floodlights to enable our players to play at night.

Looking ahead, we are looking to add grandstands for further spectator seating.

We are also looking to do the same for the Lakeside Multipurpose Centre.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Speaker,

As a caring municipality, we remain committed to supporting the most vulnerable members of our communities.

Through dedicated effort, we increased the number of formalised Early Childhood Development Centres from 20 to 58.

To promote economic independence among women, nine Day Mothers were assisted to transition into fully established Early Childhood Development Centres.

A further 82 Day Mothers graduated from the programme and were enrolled on the municipality's payroll.

Other support programmes include the HIV/AIDS Programme, which helps address social challenges while creating employment opportunities in Midvaal.

GEYODI plays a critical role, delivering meaningful impact in gender equality, youth development and disability inclusion despite a modest budget.

Twenty women who are survivors of gender-based violence were empowered with entrepreneurship, social and basic computer skills.

Each beneficiary also received a grant of R20 000 through the Sunrise Campaign to start their own business.

A total of 300 people living with disabilities were reached and supported through inclusive interventions.

Through the Youth Empowerment Programme, 320 young people were equipped with skills and opportunities.

We also established the Local Drug Action Committee (LDAC) as part of efforts to combat the growing scourge of substance abuse within our communities.

We are committed to building a drug-free Midvaal where our people are not chained down by drug and substance abuse.

A further 480 older persons were reached through the Older Persons Group, which promotes active ageing.

Over the past five years, the municipality conducted 107 pauper burials for unclaimed individuals and 206 indigent burials for financially disadvantaged families.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Speaker,

Delivering housing and dignified living conditions to our people is at the core of our municipality's social development agenda.

In the past five years, the Human Settlements Section has facilitated thousands of housing opportunities.

The Sicelo reblocking is one of these opportunities.

PORTION 47 LANGKUIL (KUVUKILAND)

A total of 250 households from Sicelo Extension 5 were successfully relocated to Portion 47 Langkuil, with all families resettled by 2024.

SICELO ERF 78 MEYERTON FARMS – 540 WALK-UP UNITS

The Sicelo ERF 78 Walk Up Units project has delivered 540 completed housing units for Sicelo beneficiaries, marking a major milestone in addressing local housing needs.

In addition to providing quality housing, the development created employment for approximately 200 residents and generated economic opportunities for local SMMEs during construction.

ERF 188 MEYERTON FARMS (MAFENYATLA)

The ERF 188 project is set to deliver approximately 150 serviced stands, with all planning and design work already completed.

PORTION 77 LANGKUIL – FUTURE PIPELINE

The portion 77 Langkuil mixed-use development is expected to create approximately 8 000 housing opportunities, making it one of the municipality's most significant future housing projects.

MAMELLO EXTENSION 1

The Mamello Extension 1 project will provide approximately 600 housing opportunities for residents currently living in informal settlement conditions.

Despite initial delays, the project is back on track and will improve access to formal housing, enhancing the quality of life and long-term security of beneficiaries.

SAVANNA CITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Savanna City House Development remains Midvaal's flagship integrated project, with 18,399 housing opportunities planned across various housing categories.

Beyond housing delivery, Savanna City has become a catalyst for economic growth and empowerment.

The development has created over 1 400 job opportunities and provided 210 skills development opportunities.

The municipality is engaging with the developer and the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements to resolve bulk infrastructure challenges that have stalled the development.

TITLE DEEDS

The municipality has facilitated the transfer of at least 2300 title deeds in Savanna City and 185 title deeds in Sicelo ERF 206.

We are in the final stages of transferring a further 400 title deeds for Savanna City and 105 for ERF 206.

HOUSING ACCREDITATION

Speaker,

Midvaal has submitted its application for Housing Accreditation Level 1.

This will give the municipality authority over housing subsidy registration, beneficiary management, and project planning.

LAND INVASIONS

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am proud to say that Midvaal has an excellent track record in effectively preventing land invasions.

The municipality maintains an impressive response time to all reported land invasion threats.

As a result, no new illegal informal settlements have been established within Midvaal during this term, even though various attempts have been made in different parts of the municipality.

UPGRADING OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS

While we remain committed to protecting land from illegal invasions, we are equally committed to addressing the need for adequate housing opportunities for our residents.

The municipality is actively facilitating the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP) in close collaboration with the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements (GDHS).

We are currently finalising processes to support the relocation and upgrading of six informal settlements: Skansdam, Khayelitsha, Boitumelo, Kromdraai, Kwa-Brown and Piels Farm.

The GDHS has appointed a service provider to conduct feasibility studies in preparation for the relocation process.

In parallel, Midvaal is processing the required land use applications and undertaking all municipal and legislative processes necessary to secure the relevant approvals.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND ROADS ROADS

Speaker,

Roads are the backbone of a municipality's infrastructure.

They not only facilitate the movement of goods, but they are also a crucial part of growing the local economy.

They connect people to jobs, businesses to markets, and communities to the services they depend on every day.

The municipality often receives criticism regarding the condition of our roads.

I cannot emphasise this enough: Midvaal is geographically vast.

We are responsible for maintaining more than 751 kilometres of asphalt roads and a further 451 kilometres of gravel roads.

Despite this challenge, we have continued to make significant investments in our road network.

Over the past five financial years, we have invested over R190 million towards the development and upgrade of our road infrastructure.

Our teams work tirelessly to keep roads in a safe condition and not riddled with potholes.

Our grading teams are constantly on the ground, ensuring that gravel roads remain accessible and drivable for our residents.

2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR ROADS SUCCESSES

In the 2022/2023 financial year, we completed the following work, with a budget of over R21 million:

- upgraded Bronk Road from gravel to tar

- Regravelled Welge Street
- Repaired over 4455 square metres of potholes
- Graded over 62 kilometres of gravel roads
- Conducted road markings to over 388 intersections and 15.4 kilometres of centre lines.

2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR ROADS SUCCESSES

In the 2023/2024 financial year, the Municipality completed milling and resurfacing projects on Bushy Road, Sipres Road, Edna May Avenue, Kwevoel Street and Skilpad Road.

The following roads were upgraded from gravel to surfaced roads in Riversdale: Papawer Street, Baal Muller Street, Brak Street and Caledon Street.

The following roads were upgraded from gravel to surfaced roads in Kookrus: J.G. Strydom Street and Gustav Preller Street.

The following roads were upgraded from gravel to surfaced roads in Noldick: Railway Street, Gawie Venter Street and Plane Street.

Bronk Road connecting the Eikenhof and Walkerville area was also upgraded from gravel to a surfaced road.

We completed fog spraying and road marking on various roads in Meyerton, Golf Park, Meyerton Extension 4, Meyerton Extension 6, and Risiville.

These interventions were undertaken to extend the lifespan of roads and improve road safety.

The Municipality completed the Roads and Stormwater Master Plan and Pavement Management System (PMS) for its road network.

These tools guide our road maintenance, upgrades, and stormwater management across Midvaal.

2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR ROADS SUCCESSES

Speaker,

The Municipality invested over R46 million in the 2024/2025 financial year towards road maintenance and rehabilitation.

We repaired more than 17 000 m² of potholes and more than 17 900 potholes across Midvaal.

We attended to the following critical roads: AG Visser Road, Boundary Road, Anchovy Road, Cross Road, First Road, Ring Road, Iowa Street, Sauer Road, Mfula Road, Karney Road, Eric Street and Kruger Road.

The municipality rehabilitated and upgraded the economically critical Johan Le Roux Road at a cost of R20 million.

We continued an extensive regravelling programme in Drumblade, Riversdale, Welverdiend, Buyscelia, Mooilande, Apple Orchards, Ophir AH and the Homelands.

Midvaal installed stormwater pipelines in Elizabeth Road, Drumblade and the Welverdiend area.

2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR ROADS SUCCESSES

The 2025/2026 financial year saw significant investment in road infrastructure, maintenance, and service delivery programmes with an allocated budget of over R53 million.

We completed the rehabilitation of a portion of Boundary Road at a cost of R17 million.
We delivered a new sidewalk project in the CBD connecting residents to the newly built Riverstone Mall.

In addition, the Municipality completed the Papegaai Street project and continues work on AG Visser Road and Boundary Road maintenance.

The Municipality completed fog spraying on over 58,000 m² of surfaced roads.

We also re-gravelled 23 priority gravel roads, improving access and mobility in our rural and agricultural communities.

Our War on Potholes Programme continues to deliver results.

Between January and May 2026 alone, we repaired more than 12 700 potholes, covering over 10 800 square metres of road surface across Meyerton, Henley on Klip, Walkerville, Riversdale, De Deur, Golf Park, Kookrus, Meyerton Farms, and Sicelo.

These projects are not merely about roads.

They are about improving mobility, supporting economic activity, connecting communities, and ensuring that residents can travel safely.

LOOKING AHEAD 2026/2027

As we look ahead, we remain committed to strengthening and expanding our road network.

A budget of over R41 million has been allocated towards road infrastructure for the 2026/2027 financial year, which begins on 1 July.

The following areas and roads will be prioritised for gravel-to-surface upgrades.

In Sicelo (Ward 10), the roads are: Kiewiet Street, Ratel Road, Dassie Street, Apie Street, Fox Street, Ntsanwisi Street, Amaketa Street, Tau Street, Camel Street, Akkedis Street, and Tarentaal Road.

In Witkop and Daleside (Ward 4), the following roads will be prioritised: Leeuw Road, Oorbietjie Street, Koedoe Road, Duiker Road, Mossie Street, Vleilorie Road, and Adelaar Drive.

Mossie Road in Lakeside (Ward 6) will also be prioritised.

In Ohenimuri (Ward 5), the priority roads will be Morkel Avenue, Jenny Avenue, Felix Avenue, and Janet Avenue.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Speaker,

The Engineering Department remains the backbone of this municipality, ensuring that we provide vital services, such as water, sanitation, and electricity, to our communities.

This is demonstrated in the fact that in every financial year, the department gets allocated over 65% of the municipality's capital expenditure budget.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

ELECTRICITY AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT (PMU)

From the 2022/2023 to the 2025/2026 financial years, the Electricity Section managed an operational budget of over R1.4 billion and a capital budget of R183 million.

These are some of the major electrification and PMU-related projects implemented since 2022:

Midvaal spent at least R16 million on the Token Identifier (TID) Rollover.

We electrified 453 fully subsidised housing units in Savanna City, Moreki and Marothong Sections at a cost of over R8.3 million.

One of the most significant investments that we made was the construction of the Sicelo 88/11kV Substation at a cost of R60 million.

We constructed the Koorkfontein–Sicelo 88kV overhead line at a cost of R13 million.

An Electrical Control Room was constructed at a cost of over R2.2 million.

We undertook an extension of the Henley-on-Klip sewer system to provide proper sanitation services to the community.

Upgrades were also carried out on the Kliprivier Valley Pipeline.

The municipality completed the construction of the Meyerton CBD stalls at a cost of over R12 million, providing dignity to informal traders. We also built an ablution block near the municipal offices, developed the Meyerton Park, and installed Wi-Fi.

We carried out gravel-to-tar road upgrades in Noldick at a cost of R11 million and in Meyerton Farms at a cost of R20 million.

We installed 320 streetlights in Savanna City and retrofitted eight high-mast lights at Sicelo at a cost of over R5 million.

We constructed trading stalls, equipped with ablution facilities and four offices, at a cost of R8 million near the Meyerton Taxi rank.

As part of our urban revitalisation plan, we embarked on and completed the upgrade of the eastern side of Station Road and Diens Avenue from gravel to tar, including the construction of a sidewalk with parklets and the installation of a traffic circle, at a cost of R13 million.

We completed the electrification of over 1,600 households in Sicelo (Extensions 4 and 5).

We are undertaking the multi-phased, multi-year construction of the Savanna City Substation at a cost of over R47 million to increase electricity capacity.

We have spent more than R38 million to complete the Lakeside Multipurpose Sports Complex.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Since 2021, we have invested over R102 million through the Technical Support Section.

Investments went towards pipeline and valve replacements, the installation of bulk and domestic meters, and leak repairs for indigent households.

WATER

Since 2021, the Water Section has spent more than R14 million of the capital budget on reservoir refurbishment projects.

This includes the procurement of JoJo tanks for water shortage emergencies, machinery, the refurbishment of pump stations, chlorine booster stations, the Vaal Marina Water Treatment Plant, and other essential water services equipment.

Over R102 million was spent through the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG).

This went into the replacement of pipelines, pressure management infrastructure, installation of reticulation valves and bulk water meters.

Some of the innovative programmes and infrastructure improvements we have implemented since 2022 include the introduction of monthly water balance reporting to monitor water losses and improve non-revenue water management.

We installed an Automated Chlorine Dosing System at the Meyerton Reservoir to protect residents and guarantee that our water remains safe and drinkable.

We enhanced pressure management across the water network through the servicing and optimisation of pressure-reducing valves.

We implemented digital pressure control systems and calibrated pressure-reducing valve controllers to ensure efficient pressure regulation in areas such as Vaal Marina, Kookrus, Grasmere, and Henley-on-Klip.

We strengthened internal municipal capacity through the planned procurement of leak detection equipment to improve leak response times and reduce water losses.

Through these investments, we were able to bring our water losses down from 33.71 % in the 2021/2022 financial year to 28.71 % in the 2025/2026 financial year.

SANITATION

Since 2021, the Sanitation Section has spent more than R51 million on sewer connections, the refurbishment of pump stations, renewable energy equipment and other critical sanitation infrastructure.

We upgraded the Bell Road and Meyerton Farms sewer network, thus eliminating recurring sewer failures and improving the quality of life for affected communities.

We installed an odour control system at the Rothdene Pump Station, therefore improving environmental conditions and quality of life for residents living near the facility.

We installed renewable energy power supply systems (battery storage) across our sewer pump stations to ensure uninterrupted pumping during electricity outages.

We completed the Savanna Pump Station Screen Chamber Project, improving sewer system reliability and preventing environmental pollution caused by sewer overflows.

Furthermore, the procurement and installation of new pumps at sewer pump stations and wastewater treatment works have significantly improved operational efficiency and the reliability of wastewater management systems.

As Midvaal, we remain committed to ensuring that our infrastructure is well managed to better serve the residents of Midvaal.

MAYORAL UNDERTAKING 4: Solving Challenges Through Innovation and Creativity

Speaker,

The fourth undertaking was to solve challenges through innovation and creativity.

We understood that the challenges facing local government required more than traditional solutions.

They required bold thinking, innovation and a willingness to embrace change.

Our goal was clear: to build a municipality that not only responds to challenges but anticipates them and adapts to them.

CORPORATE SERVICES

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Ladies and gentlemen,

We are living in an era of unprecedented technological change, where innovation is reshaping economies, industries, and the way governments serve their citizens.

The Fourth Industrial Revolution is no longer a future concept but a present reality.

Recognising the growing need for accessible and convenient municipal services, Midvaal invested in enhancing its digital communication and service delivery platforms.

We strengthened and modernised the MyMidvaal App and Municipal Website, improving functionality, navigation, and accessibility for residents.

We launched the WhatsApp Virtual Agent, transforming the way residents interact with the municipality.

The platform has moved beyond traditional complaint-logging mechanisms to an integrated service platform.

Through these channels, we saw the number of complaints logged increased by approximately 15% during the reporting period, demonstrating increased public confidence in municipal reporting channels.

The Municipality simultaneously improved its complaint resolution rate from 94% to 96%.

These improvements have not only expanded access to municipal services but have also strengthened the relationship between the Municipality and its residents.

Looking ahead, the municipality will continue to expand the functionality of its digital platforms.

Future enhancements will include online indigent applications, digital meter-reading submissions and prepaid service purchasing capabilities.

FINANCE

AUTOMATION OF FINANCE SYSTEMS

We successfully completed the automation of our Supply Chain Management function, with all municipal departments fully integrated into the electronic procurement system.

The system reduced administrative delays, accelerated procurement processes, and ensured that purchase orders and service contracts were processed more efficiently.

By shortening procurement lead times, the municipality is now able to implement infrastructure projects faster, improve operational responsiveness, and deliver services to residents more effectively.

MAYORAL UNDERTAKING 5: Listening to the people we serve is non-negotiable

Speaker,

The fifth undertaking was perhaps the most important of all: listening to the people we serve.

We made it clear that community engagement would not be limited to legislated meetings such as IDPs.

We committed ourselves to being present in our communities, engaging residents regularly, responding to concerns, and ensuring that government remained accessible and accountable.

We pledged to bring services closer to communities and strengthen the responsiveness of councillors and municipal leadership.

INCREASED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Through the Speaker's Office, we have facilitated public participation across all wards, ensuring that residents, including those in rural areas and far-reaching areas, can engage with Council and raise service delivery concerns.

We increased public engagement through quarterly ward-based meetings, giving residents regular updates on municipal projects and service delivery.

We held engagements such as *Buang Batjha*, *Mayoral Imbizos*, consultation meetings, stakeholder meetings and many others.

We travelled far and across all the corners of Midvaal, so every resident's voice is heard.

Councillors were also empowered through various training programmes, so they are able to better serve our people.

We strengthened accountability and service excellence through enforcing the Councillor Code of Conduct and monitoring participation in Council structures.

UTILISING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FAR GREATER REACH

Speaker,

We have built a strong digital presence, with more than 90 000 followers across Facebook, X, TikTok, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Social media is where people engage and receive information in real time.

Through these channels, we share public notices, municipal updates and opportunities for public participation.

We also monitor and escalate community concerns to the relevant departments for resolution.

At the same time, we recognise the important role of traditional media.

We regularly engage our communities through radio interviews, television appearances and advertisements in local newspapers to ensure our message reaches all residents.

This supports our commitment to listening to residents and keeping communities informed.

GROWING THE ECONOMY

Speaker,

When I took office, it was in the aftermath of the devastating COVID-19 pandemic.

Although Midvaal had, and continues to maintain, one of the lowest unemployment rates in Gauteng, we could not ignore the severe impact that the pandemic had on businesses, livelihoods, and economic opportunities.

We then set out to position Midvaal as an investment destination within the Gauteng Province.

During the 2021 to 2025 term, the municipality supported over 600 businesses through targeted training and capacity-building programmes.

We also intensified our support to the Tourism sector through the development of the Midvaal Tourism Strategy and Implementation Plan.

Our approach is simple: Midvaal is open for business.

Through strategic partnerships and collaboration, we have successfully attracted and supported major events such as the Fast One Cycle Challenge and the Cycling South Africa National Road Championships.

These events not only showcase Midvaal's unique attractions but also generate tangible economic benefits for local tourism establishments, accommodation providers, restaurants, and small businesses

Speaker,

I have actively championed Midvaal as an investment destination, engaging directly with investors and businesses to encourage them to establish operations in our municipality.

Each year, I attend the South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA) Convention and Property Networking Event in Sun City.

This is one of the country's premier investment platforms where billions of rands in opportunities are discussed and unlocked.

I have also engaged with key business organisations and chambers, including the French South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FSACCI).

I have participated in the Small Business Institute Indaba to advance opportunities for SMMEs through public and private sector partnerships.

These engagements have strengthened Midvaal's investment profile, opened doors to new economic opportunities, and helped position our municipality as the investor destination.

ECONOMY AND JOB CREATION

Speaker,

Midvaal created over 12 400 job opportunities through EPWP and Capital Projects between 2021 and 2025.

The municipality is prioritising the following sectors for growth and support: construction and infrastructure development, tourism and hospitality, agriculture and agri-processing, SMMEs and the informal economy, and the digital economy.

INVESTMENT FACILITATION

The Investment Committee, established and approved by Council in July 2022, has been instrumental in attracting and retaining investment in Midvaal.

Between 2021 and 2025, we facilitated developments with a combined project valuation of over R54 million.

Key investments include Thomas Tyres New Factory, Riverstone Mall, Pick'n Pay Centre Expansion, Shoprite Usave Meyerton Farms, Dimako Transformers, and the Soufflet Malt and Heineken Development at Kliprivier Business Park.

These investments have generated job opportunities, expanded retail and industrial infrastructure, and strengthened Midvaal's reputation as a business-friendly municipality.

The municipality also formalised a partnership with the Gauteng Growth and Development Agency and the Vaal Special Economic Zone during this period.

LAND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To unlock investment opportunities and stimulate economic growth, the municipality is engaging the National Department of Public Works to release strategic land parcels.

These engagements remain ongoing and are aimed at creating future opportunities for investment, development and job creation.

LED STRATEGY

Speaker,

In 2023, we adopted the Local Economic Development Strategy with the objectives of:

- Establishing the municipality as a competitive economy on a sub-regional and regional level,
- Enhancing and promoting the agricultural sector,
- Expanding and diversifying the manufacturing sector,
- Encouraging entrepreneurship through education and enhanced opportunities,
- and promoting existing businesses by providing for their needs.

Through the implementation of this strategy, we are creating an environment where businesses can grow, investment can flourish, and jobs can be created.

And every resident has a fair opportunity to participate in Midvaal's prosperity.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR SUCCESSES **STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH IGR**

Speaker,

As Executive Mayor, I have always believed that leadership is not about observing challenges from a distance, but about actively pursuing solutions that improve the lives of our residents.

It is for this reason that I personally championed and escalated many critical intergovernmental matters.

WALKERVILLE LANDFILL SITE REOPENING

Following the closure of the Walkerville Landfill Site due to regulatory non-compliance, we engaged the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and escalated the matter through intergovernmental structures, including the Premier Coordinating Forum.

Through sustained engagements, the landfill was successfully reopened in 2025.

RECOVERY OF OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT DEBT

Through direct engagements with the Gauteng Departments of Health and Treasury, supported by interventions through the Premier Coordinating Forum, we recovered over R17 million that was owed to Midvaal by national departments.

PROVINCIAL ROAD MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES

Through ongoing engagement with the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport and COGTA, key projects such as the rehabilitation of Uitvlugt Road and the R59 pedestrian bridge were finally implemented.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE SUPPORT FOR FARMERS

When local farmers were affected by the Foot-and-Mouth Disease outbreak, the municipality worked closely with provincial and national departments of agriculture to provide support and guidance.

These interventions resulted in relief measures, including tariff assistance, helping to protect jobs, livelihoods and food security.

REDUCING ESKOM POWER OUTAGES

Through direct engagement with Eskom leadership and ongoing coordination with technical teams, we were able to improve response times to power outages in Eskom-supplied areas.

This has reduced disruptions and infrastructure upgrades in affected areas.

MAYORAL PROGRAMMES

Speaker,

I have always said that if we are to empower our people, we must go beyond the provision of basic service delivery.

We must invest in their potential.

Since the beginning of this term, we have championed Mayoral Programmes to empower our residents, especially the youth, the vulnerable, and those who are often overlooked.

Allow me to reflect on these programmes and the impact they have made over the past year:

MAYORAL YOUTH SUMMIT

The Mayoral Youth Summit was born from the *Buang Batjha* Campaign, a programme designed to empower Midvaal youth.

For the past three years, young people have been connected with multiple stakeholders to provide support, training, and opportunities.

Learners have received opportunities to undertake virtual courses, learnerships, bursaries, and entrepreneurial training.

Real pledges were made and, more importantly, real lives were changed.

I want to extend my gratitude to our partners, including Bantubanye Skills, Human Capital Learning Solutions, Thomas Tyres, Meyerton Engineering, the Vaal University of Technology, Lynca Meats, Midvaal Community Radio, AfriGuard, Nedbank, Ranyaka Solutions, and many others.

I hope this programme continues to grow and to empower the youth.

MAYORAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

In 2024, we launched the Mayoral Student Financial Aid Programme to support Midvaal youth pursuing higher education who do not have the means to pay for it.

Since its inception, 101 students have received financial assistance to pursue their tertiary studies.

We also donated laptops to support digital learning.

Our partner, Nedbank, contributed R50,000 annually towards this cause.

BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

The Back-to-School Mayoral Programme was introduced in 2022 to support vulnerable learners by providing school shoes and other essential items.

Over 605 pairs of school shoes were distributed between 2022 and 2026.

I want to thank our partners in this programme: God on Earth NGO, Kotulong Community Centre and Model Liquor Distributors.

TOP TEN MATRICULANTS

We introduced the Top Ten Matriculants Programme in 2022 to recognise and reward outstanding academic performance among learners.

At least 33 academic awards were presented between 2022 and 2025.

FORGOTTEN GENERATION

Speaker,

Too often, those aged 35 and older are excluded from skills development programmes.

This is why we launched the Forgotten Generation Programme, to bring opportunities to this demographic group.

We partnered with AfriGuard, and beneficiaries received security-related training in Grades E, D and C, as well as PSIRA registration.

DISABILITY PROGRAMME

We launched the Disability Programme in 2024 to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities and individuals with mobility challenges.

We donated over 80 wheelchairs and 35 pairs of crutches between 2024 and 2026.

I wish to extend my gratitude to Uphawo Lothando NGO for always partnering with us to deliver this programme.

CELLPHONE REPAIR AND ICT PROGRAMME

We also introduced the Cellphone Repair and ICT Programme, where 62 learners were trained and upskilled.

I wish to extend my gratitude to VUT and other stakeholders for the support in this programme.

CONSTRUCTION TRAINING WITH BRIGHTSTONE

We secured 50 opportunities for Midvaal youth to pursue a National Certificate in Building and Civil Construction, accredited by the Construction SETA, through a partnership between Brightstone Academy and Nghwazi Hugo Holdings (Pty) Ltd.

WALK WITH THE MAYOR

We have also hosted the annual Walk with the Mayor for the past five years to promote social cohesion, encourage the use of our recreational facilities, and support an active lifestyle.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT DONATIONS PROGRAMME

As I said earlier in my speech, I am an avid supporter of sport and believe in developing the local talent we have in Midvaal so that it can reach its full potential.

This is why we introduced the Sports Development Donations Programme in 2022.

The programme supports local sporting organisations, clubs, and athletes through financial assistance.

More than R2.9 million has been invested in sports development, benefiting over 100 beneficiaries between 2022 and 2026.

Some of the beneficiaries include: Midvaal Development Hockey, May in Midvaal, Mc Ausland Boxing Competitions, Rhino Youth Sports Development, Meyerton Athletics Club, Rotary Club of Riverside's Fast One Cycle Race, and many individuals representing various sporting codes at tournaments.

MAYORAL YOUTH GAMES

In addition to this, we host the annual Mayoral Youth Games every 16 June.

Teams come together to participate in different sporting codes and showcase their talent.

SUPPORT FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

We also instituted the Non-Profit Organisations (NPO) Support Programme in 2022 to strengthen assistance to community-based organisations that provide essential social welfare and development services.

Over R1.1 million was invested towards this cause, benefiting 50 NPOs and enabling them to continue their important work.

Some of the organisations that received support include Huis Meyerton for the Aged, Daleside Volunteers, Child Welfare Meyerton, Kotulong Community Centre, AGAPE, and the Lions Club Community Hall Renovations project.

SPREAD THE LOVE

In partnership with our trusted partners, Lynca Meats and Harvest Fresh, we distribute more than 50 food parcels every month to families in need across all 15 wards.

The Spread the Love Programme, which started in 2022, has distributed more than 2,400 food parcels.

I would also like to thank Klip Supermarket, a valued and trusted partner of our municipality.

Time and again, when we have approached them for support with food parcels and grocery assistance, they have responded with generosity and a willingness to help our communities in need.

Ladies and gentlemen,

It remains our priority to go beyond the core mandates of service delivery.

Beyond simply providing water, electricity, waste removal, and sanitation.

That is why we have introduced these programmes, so that we can reach every resident in every corner of Midvaal with support and opportunities.

CONCLUSION

Speaker,

As I conclude this State of the Municipality Address, I do so with a deep sense of gratitude and pride.

Over the past five years, we have worked tirelessly to build a municipality that puts people first.

A municipality that does not merely speak about service delivery but delivers it.

MIDVAAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
MINUTES OF THE 6TH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (SOMA) OF 2026
HELD ON THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2026 AT 12:00 @ MIDVAAL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

A municipality that does not shy away from challenges but confronts them head-on with solutions in hand.

A municipality that is committed to redress and the continued integration of our communities to ensure that development benefits all residents.

Through the expansion of our law enforcement capacity, investment in vehicles, technology, cameras and partnerships with communities, we have continued to strengthen safety across our municipality.

Through investment attraction, support for local businesses, skills development programmes, infrastructure expansion and job creation initiatives, we have worked to build an economy that creates hope and restores dignity.

From upgrading roads and stormwater systems to improving water and sanitation infrastructure.

From expanding our municipal fleet, strengthening electricity networks and maintaining public facilities.

We have consistently invested in the services that improve the daily lives of our residents.

We have embraced innovation to improve efficiency and better serve our communities.

We have introduced smarter infrastructure management systems and strengthened water loss monitoring.

We have implemented strategic investment approaches and adopted new methods of service delivery.

Through innovation, we continue to find better ways to meet the needs of our communities.

Through public participation, ward engagements, stakeholder consultations and community meetings, we have created meaningful opportunities for residents to be heard.

These engagements, together with direct interaction with our communities, have ensured that the voices of our people continue to shape the decisions we make.

Today, as we reflect on our journey, we can confidently say that Midvaal stands stronger than it did five years ago.

We have built roads where there were gravel tracks.

We have expanded critical infrastructure where capacity was under pressure.

We have strengthened public safety.

We have invested in libraries, parks, sports facilities and community development.

We have modernised municipal systems.

We have maintained sound financial governance.

Most importantly, we have continued to improve the quality of life of the people we serve.

But while we celebrate these achievements, we remain mindful that our work is not finished.

The true measure of leadership is not what we accomplish for ourselves, but what we leave behind for future generations.

MIDVAAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

**MINUTES OF THE 6TH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (SOMA) OF 2026
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The projects we have completed, the infrastructure we have built, the opportunities we have created and the systems we have strengthened are all part of something greater than a single term of office.

They form part of a lasting foundation upon which future progress can be built.

That is why the theme of this address, "A Legacy of Service, A Future of Progress", is more than a slogan.

It reflects who we are as a municipality.

The legacy of service is reflected in every kilometre of road upgraded and every household connected to services.

It is reflected in every investment attracted, every community programme implemented and every resident whose life has been improved through the work of this municipality.

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence.

Together, we have overcome challenges.

Together, we have delivered results.

Together, we have built a municipality that is recognised as a benchmark for good governance and service delivery.

And together, we will continue moving forward.

WORD OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

I want to thank the Municipal Manager, Mr Phumudzo Magodi, and his team, all our HODs and supporting staff, right down to the workers with boots on the ground.

It is your hard work that allows us to deliver on the promise we made to the people of Midvaal.

I want to thank my Members of the Mayoral Committee for their hard work in the various portfolios they head.

Teamwork makes the dream work.

Thank you to all Midvaal councillors for the great work you do in your communities.

And to members of the opposition parties, thank you for continuing to hold us accountable.

I want to thank my family for their love and support.

To my beautiful wife, who has shared me with the people of Midvaal and supported me so patiently throughout this term, thank you.

Your love and understanding have meant more than words can express.

Speaker, Esteemed Guests,

Let history record that this administration did not merely manage a municipality.

We built a legacy.

A legacy of service.

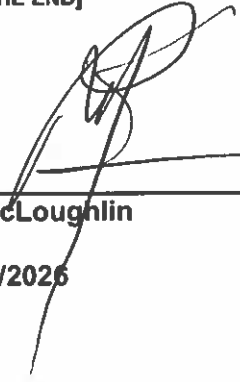
A future of progress.

May God bless the people of Midvaal.

I thank you.

[THE END]

Approved


Ald. A.R. McLoughlin

Date: 30/07/2026