

## MAYOR'S REMARKS AT THE MPAC COUNCILLORS WORKSHOP, LAND MARK LODGE, 11 DECEMBER 2012

**Programme Director**

**Madame Speaker**

**Chief Whip**

**EXCO Members**

**Councillors**

**Municipal Managers and Director**

**Officials from SALGA**

**Our facilitators**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to this workshop to be facilitated by SALGA. We think that this workshop is long overdue and we would like to thank SALGA for coming to our rescue in arranging the session. We also take this opportunity to thank the Municipal Manager and his team for responding positively to our request for a workshop.

Since this Council was inaugurated we have attended many workshops but this one is different in the sense that SALGA has arranged for a specialist to come and educate us about one of the important Committees of the Council. MPAC is a new structure which many Municipalities are struggling to implement and as Greater Tubatse we are not different from the rest. It is an opportunity for all of us to embrace so that MPAC can start doing its work effectively.

The Council has resolved on many issues that needed the attention of MPAC to engage but due to limited capacity it is unable to execute its mandate.

On the other hand Councillors also are not clued up with the processes of MPAC and this is the moment where we must all learn to assist the committee to function effectively.

I would like to appeal to everyone Councillors and Officials included to pay attention to every presentation that is going to be made in the 3 days. We owe it to our communities to inform them of what is happening in Council and to employ mechanisms that will encourage participation from them. As stated above, we gave MPAC many documents to look into and in turn it is our responsibility to debate their outcomes before presenting to Council.

We would like to acknowledge the fact that this week we are engaged in various activities outside Council but equally it is important to focus all our energies into this workshop so that when we go back to Council we can implement what we have been taught. When we closed the Strategic Planning session 2 weeks ago I stressed the point to the administration that we must start implementing resolutions and it will be a sad day if we cannot implement what we have been taught.

Once more let me take this opportunity to thank all those who took effort in attending the workshop. I believe that we will emerge for the session with renewed feelings and knowledge ready to serve our constituencies. I hope that the workshop will be beneficial to the Council and I would like to thank SALGA for avail all their resources to make this a success.

**I THANK YOU**