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MAYOR'S REMARKS AT THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION, THE RANCH HOTEL, 26 NOVEMBER 2012

Programme Director

Madame Speaker

Chief Whip

EXCO Members

Chairperson of MPAC

Municipal Manager

Directors and Managers

Support staff

Sector departments and our social partners

Facilitators and presenters

Ladies and gentlemen

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to this important event in the Calendar of the Municipality. It is important because it is an opportunity for all of us to come together and plan for our institution. It is important to plan because it helps to allocate resources at our disposal in order to meet the expectations of our constituencies. This session also gives us opportunity to reflect on the progress we have made in the first quarter of the new financial year which will be used as a baseline.

We have just emerged from the EXCO Lekgotla where the performance of all departments was assessed and we have raised several concerns that can assist us when we plan in order to avoid such in future.

In February this year we met at Land Mark where the similar exercise was done and the most exciting outcome of the session was the formulation of the Vision 2030 strategy. We formulated the strategy informed by the outcomes of the National Planning Commission which seeks to align all plans of government.

We have invited sector departments and our social partners so that our planning should be integrated to deliver quality services to our communities. We were supposed to have launched the Vision 2030 Strategy but the process was suspended to allow the Province to conclude its own Strategy. Our interest is that the Vision 2030 Strategy will assist all of us to synergise our planning and to put resources together to achieve better results.

We are going to spend 3 days here and it will be in the interest of the community if we can come up with plans that will change the face of our communities. I am certain that at the moment we know our weaknesses and we cannot repeat the mistakes of the past. We have implemented projects in the past for the sake of implementing without checking the impact of the project for the people on the ground. We must use this occasion to come up with plans that will have a positive impact on the lives of our people.

We would like to take this opportunity to applaud the efforts of Administration in assisting the Council to deliver on its core mandate of delivering basic services to our community. In the past 11 months this Council has experienced a period of calm when comparing with the previous years. We have virtually seen 100% decrease in protest marches where communities are complaining about services. This is a clear indication that our cooperation as Political wing and Administration is excellent and we must sustain it at all cost.

We also take this occasion to thank the sector departments and our social partners for assisting the Municipality to deliver services to our people. We still have a long way to go and we fully understand the frustrations of our communities. The programme of the 3 days will facilitate our interventions in the communities by coming up with plans that will speed up the provision of services and improving on quality.

There are institutions which are going to present their plans here today to assist the Municipality and the message that we want to convey is that we are ready to work with you and be our partners to change the landscape of Greater Tubatse. We are also happy that STATSA will present the outcomes of the 2011 Census that will assist us greatly when we plan.

Our task here is to plan for the future of this country and we should not waste time but get our hands dirty. I would like to wish the Strategic Planning session all the success and I hope that all of us will be proud of the product that will have positive impact in Tubatse.

I THANK YOU