

MAYOR'S ADDRESS AT THE FAREWELL FUNCTION OF EMPLOYEES, WINTERVELD CHROME CLUB, 31 OCTOBER 2012

Programme Director

EXCO Members

Municipal Manager

Directors and Managers

Officials

Media

Distinguished guests

Ladies and gentlemen

We are gathered here tonight to bid farewell to our fellow brothers who have been with the Municipality for many years. It is not often where we meet in a happy to say to people that we value their contribution to the organisation. We often attend memorial services and funeral where we use the platform to praise our colleagues. We are happy that Corporate Services have decided to organise this day so that we can formally say thank you and wish for more blessings.

We are also going to recognise employees who have been us for many years. The Councils were established in 2002 and to have people who served more than 10 years in the service of the state is commendable. You have witnessed the growth of the Municipality and the challenges faced but through your loyalty you chose to remain and fight. We do not have enough words to express our appreciation and wish that God can keep you and continue to work for our communities.

I am told that to date we have 49 employees who have dedicated their services to the Municipality for more than 10 years. You are an example to those who are young and have recently joined the Municipality that perseverance pays. Work is like marriage that cannot be broken easily. People stay in marriage and work through the challenges and raise children.

Even in the Municipality there are certain that we do not like but because we want to serve the public, we stay until we find solutions to the challenges.

We are aware of your challenges that relates to conditions of services but we will continue to engage so that we create good working environment. As stated earlier, we are going to part ways with employees who have been with us for many years. There are 4 people who have reached their retirement age and it is time now for them to go home and rest. Sepedi sere`mahlaku a maswa a

ema ka mahlaku a matala` meaning that your presence in the organisation was giving hope to the young ones.

You have ran a wonderful race and we will continue to rely on your wisdom so that this Municipality can grow further. Go home and rest and make sure that the community know about the importance of local government. We will be happy to see you participating in structures in your respective community because we know you understand the roles and responsibilities of government that those who did not participate in Municipal environment.

Programme Director, as Council we have noted that Mr Lesley Mokwena and Mohlaba Bruce have reached the end of their contracts they had with the Municipality. I am happy to announced that before Lesley and Bruce we appointed as directors, they were ordinary employees like you. They grew in the system until they were appointed as directors in Finance and Technical services. It means that it is possible for anyone of us to occupy higher posts in the Municipality.

We have seen the developments that took place under the leadership of the two gentlemen. Today Greater Tubatse is different from the one we knew in 2007 before they were appointed. Many villages have been electrified, access roads and bridges built and the town growing because of the two gentlemen. We want to promise you today that legacy which you have left will be used as building blocks towards the realisation of our vision which is `A developed Platinum City for the benefit of all`.

We would like to wish you well in your new ventures and we hope that our cooperation will continue to exist and benefit the Municipality. It is a sad reality to accept that people whom you have grown closer to are leaving especially subordinates who were accustomed to the work ethics. It is not going to be easy not having you around but remember your work at Greater Tubatse speak for itself.

Re le lakaletša Mahlatse le mahlogonolo gomme re re Modimo a beng le lena go tšhohle tšeo le ratang go di dira. Re re pula tša mahlogonolo di le nele.

Tsela tshweu bakone

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