

**2010 BUDGET SPEECH PRESENTED BY HIS WORSHIP THE
MAYOR OF ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY, CLLR OBED MLABA
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FRIENDS;
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

**I STAND HERE TODAY PRESENTING THIS BUDGET WITH MIXED
EMOTIONS. I AM NOT CERTAIN WHETHER TO PORTRAY A
FRONT THAT WILL SHOW EXCITEMENT OR WEAR A CAP OF THE
ORDINARY MAN IN THE STREET. CERTAIN EVENTS MEAN
DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND I HAVE TO
CONSIDER ALL THE PARTIES.**

**WE ARE STILL ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY FROM THE
DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF THE RECENT GLOBAL RECESSION.
SOUTH AFRICA AND ALL HER PEOPLE RECEIVED A DOUBLE
BLOW BECAUSE THE COUNTRY HAD ALREADY COMMITTED
ITSELF TO HOSTING THE 2010 SOCCER WORLD CUP BUT STILL**

HAD TO FULFILL THE RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE TAKEN IN POLOKWANE IN 2007.

THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, WHICH ALSO HAPPENS TO BE THE RULING PARTY, WENT OUT TO PEOPLE AND ASKED THEM TO LIST FIVE THINGS WHICH THEY CONSIDERED AS PRIORITIES THAT NEEDED IMMEDIATE GOVERNMENT ATTENTION. THEY LISTED EDUCATION, HEALTH, POVERTY ALLEVIATION THROUGH JOB CREATION AND FOOD SECURITY, CRIME AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT. ALL THESE THINGS ARE NECESSARY FOR BASIC LIVING CONDITIONS AND FORM PART OF THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE LATE PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, COMRADE OLIVER REGINALD TAMBO ONCE SAID:

“IT IS VERY EASY TO BE INVOLVED IN THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION. IN FACT, IT IS QUITE ENJOYABLE. THE REAL CHALLENGE IS EXPERIENCED WHEN PEOPLE HAVE TO GOVERN. THAT IS THE MOST DAUNTING TASK.”

ON THE SURFACE COMRADE TAMBO’S UTTERANCES SEEM TO BE EXAGGERATING THE TASK OF GOVERNING A COUNTRY. AT A DEEPER LEVEL IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT GOVERNING IS A TOTALLY DIFFERENT BALL GAME WHEN ONE COMPARES IT TO ENGAGING IN A STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION. THE REAL CHALLENGE IS THAT THOSE WHO GOVERN HAVE TO BE FAIR

TO ALL THE PEOPLE INCLUDING THOSE WHO WERE THEIR ERSTWHILE ENEMIES AS WELL AS CURRENT POLITICAL SPARRING PARTNERS.

WORKING THROUGH THIS BUDGET HAS REMINDED ME OF THESE WISE WORDS THAT CAME FROM COMRADE TAMBO. I HAVE SEEN HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO GOVERN ESPECIALLY IN A COUNTRY WHERE WE STILL HAVE THE BANALITY THAT MANIFESTS ITSELF IN ECONOMIC TERMS AS WELL AS IN SOCIAL CONDITIONS. WE STILL HAVE THOSE WHO LIVE IN ABJECT POVERTY, THE WRETCHED OF THE EARTH AS WELL AS THOSE WHO LIVE IN OPULENCE.

THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

SOUTH AFRICA IS PART OF THE GLOBAL VILLAGE AND ALL WHAT HAPPENS IN THE GLOBAL ARENA WILL HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON OUR ECONOMY. WE HAVE SEEN THE DOWNTURN IN THE WORLD ECONOMY IMPACTING NEGATIVELY ON OUR OWN ECONOMY. THAT HAS LED TO A NUMBER OF JOBS BEING SHED WITH KZN HAVING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF THESE JOB LOSSES IN RELATION TO THE POPULATION OF THE PROVINCE.

THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS AND THE ECONOMIC RECESSION COMPOUNDED THE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND FURTHER RESTRAINED THE LIMITED CAPACITY OF OUR MUNICIPALITY.

THE EFFECTS OF THE RECESSION WERE FELT AT ALL LEVELS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES. THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY WHICH CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH WAS ALSO AFFECTED. IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVE NOTICED A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN THE VOLUMES AT OUR PORT. THE DROP CAN ALSO BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN.

THERE ARE MANY BUSINESSES THAT HAVE CLOSED DOWN IN ETHEKWINI REGION. THAT HAS HAD A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON HOUSEHOLDS AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONSUMER DEMAND IS LIKELY TO REMAIN LOW FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

THERE HAS BEEN A MINIMAL GROWTH IN RATES BASE. ALTHOUGH THE COUNTRY HAS MOVED OUT OF RECESSION, THE COMMUNITIES STILL FEEL THE EFFECTS OF THE RECESSION AND THAT WILL TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE CONSUMER SPENDING REACHES A LEVEL WHERE WE SHALL BEGIN TO SEE REAL CIRCULATION OF MONEY.

BUDGET FOCUS

THIS BUDGET IS INFORMED BY THE HISTORICAL FACTORS. ONE OF THE RESOLUTIONS IN POLOKWANE HAD TO DO WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE RULING PARTY THEN HAD TO

DEFINE "RURAL" AND IN THIS CASE ALL PLACES THAT WERE CREATED AS DUMP SITES FOR POOR PEOPLE BY THE APARTHEID REGIME WERE CONSIDERED RURAL. ALL THE PLACES THAT ARE UNDER AMAKHOSI ARE CONSIDERED RURAL AND THE TOWNSHIPS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES AND MANDATE FULFILLMENT ARE CLASSIFIED AS RURAL.

IN RESPONSE TO THE 5 PRIORITIES THAT WERE SEEN AS IMPORTANT BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THE PROVINCE FORMULATED ITS OWN FRAME WORK TO DEAL WITH ISSUES LIKE HEALTH AND FIGHTING DISEASES LIKE HIV/AIDS AND TB, ONE HOME ONE GARDEN CAMPAIGN, ONE DISTRICT ONE COMMODITY ETC. FOR THIS REASON, THE PREMIER, ALL MECS, SENIOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENT HAD TO FORM TEAMS WHICH WOULD BE HEADED BY AN MEC IN EACH DISTRICT. FOR INSTANCE IN THE ETHEKWINI METROPOLITAN REGION WE HAVE MEC DUBE FROM COGTA AND AS THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT WE HAVE MS. ZANDILE NYANDU FORM PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT. THESE TEAMS WILL THEN INTEGRATE WITH THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH THEY ARE DEPLOYED.

IN THE PAST WE DID NOT HAVE A CLEARLY COORDINATED MANNER OF WORKING AS DEPARTMENTS. IT SEEMED AS IF SOME OF THE SERVICES WERE DUPLICATED BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF COORDINATED COOPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

UNDER THE ZUMA ADMINISTRATION COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLANS ARE MEANT TO BE REAL TO THE EXTENT THAT ALL IDPS OF DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITIES MUST BE INFORMED BY THIS INTEGRATIONIST APPROACH. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW PLANNING COMMISSION COMES TO REINFORCE THIS VISION OF ONE GOVERNMENT ONE NATION.

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, THEREFORE, IS INTENDED TO BE IN LINE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE. THE MUNICIPALITY IS WELL AWARE OF THE OVERLAPS IN JOB DESCRIPTIONS IN SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND FOR THAT REASON SUCH DEPARTMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLEMENT THEIR SERVICES RATHER THAN COMPETE.

THERE IS A MAJOR STRAIN ON CAPITAL BUDGET DUE TO INCREASED DEMANDS AND ERADICATION OF BACKLOGS. THIS CAPITAL BUDGET FOCUSES MAINLY ON THREE KEY AREAS:

- SOCIAL**
- ECONOMIC**
- REHABILITATION**

IN THE WORDS OF COMRADE TAMBO: IT IS, INDEED, VERY DIFFICULT TO GOVERN. AS THE SPHERE OF GOVERNMENT THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE PEOPLE WE HAVE CONTACT WITH

THE PEOPLE WE SERVE. WE, THEREFORE, UNDERSTAND BETTER THEIR NEEDS AS WELL AS THEIR CONCERNS. WE SOMETIMES FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO FULFILL OUR PROMISES BECAUSE OF CERTAIN DEFICIENCIES. MUCH AS WE WOULD LOVE TO DO MORE WE SOMETIMES FIND OURSELVES IN A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION. FUNDS ARE ALWAYS A PROBLEM. THESE ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES:

- **HOUSING/R293/ RENTAL DEFICIT**
- **HOSTEL DEFICIT**
- **ELECTRICITY INCREASES**
- **TRANSPORT – CUT BACK IN SUBSIDY FUNDING**

CHALLENGES

MUCH AS IT IS OUR INTENTION TO SPEED UP SERVICE DELIVERY, WE SOMETIMES FIND OURSELVES FACED WITH SERIOUS CHALLENGES THAT AFFECT OUR PLANS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY. SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN:

- **2010 CHALLENGES**
- **SUSTAINED COLLECTION RATES**
- **COST PRESSURES, SALARY INCREASES, BUDGETING WITHIN INFLATION**
- **BACKLOG STRATEGY**
- **IMPACT OF HIGH ELECTRICITY INCREASE**
- **2010 AND BEYOND CHALLENGES**

- **PROVISION OF FREE BASIC SERVICES IS INCREASING AND IS BEING CROSS SUBSIDIZED**
- **STRAIN ON MUNICIPALITY'S CASH FLOW – UNACCOUNTED WATER LOSS, ELECTRICITY THEFT, DETERIORATION IN THE NUMBER OF DAYS CASH ON HAND**
- **NATIONAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS REMAIN SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER - MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPLICATION ON GRANTS**
- **FRAUD AND CORRUPTION. WE ALL RECALL THE RECENT SACP AND COSATU MARCH THAT TOOK PLACE IN DURBAN IN RESPECT OF FRAUD AND CORRUPTION. THE QUESTION IS, WHETHER WE IN DURBAN WOULD PASS THE MAN'S TEST TO THIS PHENOMENON.**

BEFORE MOVING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET, LET ME DO SOME OF THE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- **TOTAL BUDGET - OPERATING R20 568.1M
CAPITAL R 5370.6M
R25 938.7M**
- **STAFF CONVERSION – TEMPORARY TO PERMANENT – R80M. AS PART OF THE POLOKWANE TO 5 RESOLUTION TO ERADICATE CASUALISATION OF JOB**

AND PURSUE THE AGENDA OF DECENT JOBS BY THE ANC.

- **NEW HOUSING – 13 500 UNITS + 2500 NEW RURAL UNITS**
- **STABLE COLLECTION RATES**
- **PUBLIC REALM AND PRIORITY ZONE - R45M**
- **ZIBAMBELE POVERTY ALLEVIATION - R60M**
- **HIGHEST SPEND ON MAINTENANCE AND BIGGEST ROLL OUT OF CAPITAL IN THE COUNTRY**

FREE BASIC SERVICES

LE NKIYANKIYA YOMSHIKASHIKA WOKUBUSA ABANTU ECHAZWE NGUBABA UTAMBO ICACA KAHLE UMA SEKUKHULUNYWA NGEZIBONELELO ZIKAHULUMENI. SONKE SIYAZI UKUTHI ININGI LABANTU NGALABO ABAMPOFU ABAPHILA PHANSI KWEZIMO EZIKHUNGETHWE UBUBHA. NAZI IZIBONELELO ABAZITHOLA KUHULUMENI WASEKHAYA:

WE ARE A CARING MUNICIPALITY AND THEREFORE THE ANC WILL ALWAYS BE BIAS TO THE POOR. AS SUCH THE FOLLOWING RATES LIFELINE ARE PROPOSED:-

- **RATES: LIFE LINE**

- 1. FIRST R120.000 OF PROPERTY VALUE – NO RATES CHARGED**
- 2. PENSIONERS: FIRST R400.000 OF PROPERTY VALUE - NO RATES CHARGED**
- 3. VACANT LAND: FIRST R30.000 OF PROPERTY VALUE - NO RATES**

- **WATER**
- **FIRST 9KL FREE, NO FIXED CHARGE FOR PROPERTIES VALUED UNDER R190.000**
- **ELECTRICITY**
- **FIRST 65KWH FREE TO POOR RESIDENTS USING LESS THAN 150KWH**
- **SEWERAGE**
- **NO CHARGE IF LESS THAN 9KL OF WATER USED**
- **REFUSE**
- **STEPPED TARIFF SLIDING SCALE**

ELECTRICITY

ELECTRICITY IS ONE OF THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WAS FORCED BY THE PREVAILING SOCIAL CONDITIONS TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE OF ELECTRIFYING THOSE AREAS AND HOUSEHOLDS WHICH HAD NO ELECTRICITY. THIS COMMODITY HAD TO BE EXTENDED TO RURAL AREAS – AREAS WHICH NEVER THOUGHT THEY WOULD

EVER HAVE ELECTRICITY. WE THEREFORE WILL BE ROLLING OUT:-

- **15 000 NEW CUSTOMERS EACH YEAR**
- **FREE BASIC ELECTRICITY REMAINS AT 65 KWH – SOME 60 000 HOUSEHOLDS ARE NOW ACCESSING THIS**
- **SMART METERING TO BE INTRODUCED SHORTLY**
- **CAPITAL BUDGET OVER 3 YEARS R2.65B**
- **MAINTENANCE BUDGET INCREASES FROM R515 TO R592M**
- **LOSS IN DISTRIBUTION 5%**
- **COLLECTION RATE 96%**

WATER

- **FREE BASIC WATER STILL REMAINS 9KL PER MONTH**
- **WE NOW HAVE 674 000 NEW CUSTOMERS**
- **170 000 HOUSEHOLDS HAVE ACCESS VIA WATER DISPENSERS/STANDPIPES**
- **REDUCE WATER LOSS (FROM 37% TO 33 %) THROUGH ZONAL METERS, EXPANDING INVESTIGATION TEAM, METERING UNACCOUNTED WATER, REPLACING AGEING INFRASTRUCTURE (OVER R550M)**
- **CAPITAL BUDGET R2.15B OVER 3 YEARS**
- **ADD OPERATING EXPENDITURE R301M**
- **COLLECTION RATE 93.1%**

WE RECORD, HOWEVER, THAT THE RATES INCREASE THIS YEAR WILL BE 7.9% WHICH IS LOWER THAN ANY OTHER CITY IN OUR COUNTRY.

SANITATION

THE ANC, AS THE LEADER IN GOVERNMENT HAS SOME RESPONSIBILITIES THAT IT CANNOT SHY AWAY FROM. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AND A COMMITMENT TO BETTER THE LIVES OF ALL SOUTH AFRICANS ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WERE MARGINALISED IN THE PAST. THE APPALLING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE MAJORITY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN LIVED HAVE BECOME A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN TO THE RULING PARTY, IN THIS CASE THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS. FOR THAT REASON, THE MUNICIPALITY HAS DECIDED TO:

- EXPAND WASTE WATER TREATMENT**
- ACCELERATE DE-SLUDGING OF 45 000 VIP PIT LATRINES
– COMPLETED IN 2010**
- HAVE 50 ADDITIONAL ABLUTION FACILITIES FOR INFORMAL SETTLEMENT**
- HAVE A CAPITAL BUDGET OF R544M OPERATING R165M**
- EXPAND SERVICE TO THE RURAL AREAS**
- INCLUDE 16 000 UNITS TO BE SEWERED**
- PROPOSE NEW TARIFFS BASED ON WATER CONSUMPTION**

CLEANSING AND SOLID WASTE

OUR COUNTRY HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT GLOBAL PLAYER. WE ARE THEREFORE EXPECTED TO LIVE ACCORDING TO CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO MATTERS THAT INVOLVE THE ENVIRONMENT. IN KEEPING WITH THE KYOTO PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS THE CREATION OF A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY WILL:

- **EXTEND REFUSE REMOVAL TO 100% COVERAGE**
- **EXPAND LANDFILL SITES**
- **GAS TO ELECTRICITY PROJECT EXPANDED – 2 MORE ENGINES**
- **TO GENERATE MORE ELECTRICITY**
- **RECYCLING AND WASTE MINIMIZATION NEW TENDER ON WASTE INCINERATOR APPROVED**
- **PROPOSE TARIFF INCREASE OF 7,5%**
- **3 YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET – R500M**

THE PROVINCE WILL DEVELOP A WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN WHICH WILL THEN FILTER DOWN TO THE MUNICIPALITIES. ALL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES WERE MANDATED BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP A MUNICIPAL INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN. THIS PLAN WILL HAVE TO BE TESTED IN THE 2010 WORLD CUP VIEWING AREAS.

AIR QUALITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

AIR POLLUTION IS ONE OF THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO CLIMATE CHANGE. THAT IS WHAT THE SCIENTISTS ARE SAYING. BECAUSE OF THE EMISSIONS, IT HAS BECOME FASTER AND MORE VIOLENT WITH DEVASTATING RESULTS. IT IS THEREFORE IMPERATIVE THAT WE ALL PLAY OUR PART IN MAKING SURE THAT WE MINIMISE THE POLLUTION OF AIR. WE HAVE SEEN THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. WE ARE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT MOST OF OUR PEOPLE ARE NOT CONVERSANT WITH THE TOPIC. THAT THEREFORE POSES A CHALLENGE TO ALL OF US TO START AN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ESPECIALLY IN THE VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. THEY SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. WE MUST EDUCATE PEOPLE IN THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY BUILD THEIR HOMES SO THAT THEY PLANT TREES AROUND THE HOMESTEADS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE WINDBREAKERS.

GREENING FOR 2010 FIFA WORLD CUP

THE FIFA WORLD CUP SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOLS FOR RAISING AWARENESS ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

WE ENCOURAGE THE PLANTING OF TREES AT HOME AS WELL AS IN ALL AREAS WHERE TREES CAN BE PLANTED ESPECIALLY IN AREAS LIKE THE PARKS. THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS MADE AN UNDERTAKING TO PLANT A TREE NEXT TO MOSES MABHIDA FOR EACH GOAL THAT IS SCORED DURING THE WORLD CUP. THE TARGETED NUMBER OF GOALS IS 20 AND EACH TREE WILL CARRY A COMMEMORATIVE SIGN.

SCHOOL GARDENS ARE ALSO EARMARKED FOR TREE PLANTING – FRUIT TREES. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL TO HAVE VEGETABLE GARDENS. THERE IS A GROWING NUMBER OF CLEANUP CAMPAIGNS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE. SOME OF THESE CAMPAIGNS ARE INITIATED BY COMMUNITIES.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE RELEVANT TO OUR BUDGETING PROCESSES

MORE TREE PRODUCING AND MORE TREE - PLANTING IN KWAZULU-NATAL

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURALISTS

RAIN HARVESTING AND RAIN RESTORATION

AVOIDING CREATING HUMAN SETTLEMENT ON CATCHMENT AREAS

ROADS

OUR URBAN RENEWAL STRATEGY IS MORE FOCUSED ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE THOUGHT IT FIT TO CONSTRUCT ROADS AND REHABILITATE SOME OF THE OLD ONES. WE ARE:

- **CONSTRUCTING 32 KMS NEW ROADS IN AREAS LIKE USIKWAMA, FOLWENI, INANDA, STOCKVILLE, KWAMAKHUTHA, KWAMASHU**
- **33 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES**
- **166 KMS OF SIDEWALKS**
- **GRAVEL TO BLACKTOPS PROGRAMME**
- **SPEND ON CAPITAL R512M**

ON FRIDAY THE 30TH OF APRIL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED AN ARTICLE ABOUT A MISSING PERSON AT UMLAZI. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT AFTER HAVING VISITED FRIENDS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD HE FELL OVER

A BRIDGE AND IS STILL MISSING TO DATE. THE QUESTION IS: HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO FALL OVER THESE HAND MADE BRIDGES AND WHAT ARE WE DOING TO MINIMISE SUCH DEATHS.

JOB CREATION

IT IS A FACT THAT THE RECENT RECESSION HIT EVERYBODY. ITS IMPACT WAS NOT THE SAME. IT IS THE POOR PEOPLE WHO FELT THE HARDEST PINCH. MOST COMPANIES DECIDED TO LAY OFF SOME OF THE WORK FORCE WHILE OTHERS DECIDED TO DOWN SIZE. THAT HAD A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE GENERAL LABOURERS. IT WAS THROUGH PROJECTS LIKE THE 2010 INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT THAT AMELIORATED THE SITUATION.

WE WERE FORTUNATE IN KZN BECAUSE THE RECESSION WAS CUSHIONED BY A NUMBER OF JOBS THAT WERE CREATED. THERE ARE MANY PROPOSED PROJECTS WITH THE BOUNDARIES AND OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY. I THEREFORE URGE THAT OUR OFFICIALS COOPERATE MORE AND MORE WITH THE OTHER SPHERES OF GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO FAST TRACK AND GUIDE THESE PROJECTS TO FRUITION IN THE SPIRIT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.

- **MOSES MABHIDA STADIUM AND OTHER 2010 PROJECTS:**

THROUGH THESE PROJECTS THERE ARE OVER 40 000 NOTIONAL JOBS THAT WERE CREATED

- **EPWP GRANT, MAXIMUM PAYABLE IS R100 PER DAY OF WHICH R50 IS SUBSIDIZED BY NATIONAL TREASURY**
- **ZIBAMBELE POVERTY ALLEVIATION**

- **3100 TEMPORARY AND AGENCY STAFF CONVERTED TO PERMANENT**
- **1000 ADDITIONAL POSTS APPROVED**

IN ADDITION TO THIS, THE MUNICIPALITY WORKFORCE INCREASES TO 20 000 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF STAFF. IT IS A MATTER THAT IS WORRYING US AS THE MUNICIPALITY TO FIND THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE PERMANENT TEMPORARY WORKERS. TO CURB THIS WE HAVE MADE A PROVISION OF 80MILLION FOR THE CONVERSION OF CONTRACT TO PERMANENT WORKERS.

SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE SAID ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT GO WITH RIGHTS. IT IS A RIGHT TO STRIKE BUT IT IS ALSO RESPONSIBILITY TO STRIKE PEACEFULLY.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

THE APARTHEID GOVERNMENT WAS INTENT OF DIVIDING PEOPLE AND CREATED AN ABNORMAL SYSTEM WHERE BLACK PEOPLE HAD TO LIVE IN TOWNSHIP. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THAT THESE TOWNSHIPS WERE FAR AWAY FROM THEIR PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT. THEY THEREFORE NEEDED A TRANSPORT SYSTEM THAT WOULD TAKE THEM TO AND FRO THEIR PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT. ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOW IN A DEMOCRACY, THE SITUATION HAS NOT CHANGED. WE STILL HAVE A

NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE FAR AWAY FROM THEIR WORK PLACES. QUOTING THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT STATEMENT, OUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT STILL IS REFLECTIVE OF THE APARTHEID GOVERNMENT. IT IS ONE EXAMPLE WHERE APARTHEID IS STILL WITH US.

IF WE CONSIDER TOWNSHIP LIKE MPUMALALNGA, UMLAZI, KWAMASHU ARE AREAS THAT ARE SERVED MAINLY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMPARED TO AMANZIMTOTI, UMHLANGA ROCKS AND THE RESEVOIR HILLS OF THIS WORLD. THERE IS THEREFORE A NEED TO TAKE A LONG TERM VIEW OF OUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

- **THE MUNICIPALITY HAS RESTORED DURBAN TRANSPORT BUSES**
- **WARWICK MALL**
- **INNER CITY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**
- **IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT ABLUTIONS**
- **EXPAND PARKING CONTROL SYSTEM**
- **IMPROVE RESPONSE TIME ROBOT REPAIR**
- **THERE IS NO PROVISION MADE FOR ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY BY CITY FOR SPLITTING INTO 4 AREAS.**

HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

ONE OF THE RIGHTS THAT ARE IN OUR CONSTITUTION IS THE RIGHT TO ACCESS HEALTH CARE. WE VIEW THIS AS A BASIC

HUMAN RIGHT AND THEREFORE WE FIND IT IMPERATIVE FOR US TO SQUEEZE THE MEAGER RESOURCES THAT ARE AT OUR DISPOSAL TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS RIGHT IS NOT VIOLATED. THIS POINT WAS FURTHER RAISED AT POLOKWANE IN 2007 AND IT WAS ADOPTED AS ONE OF THE PRIORITY RESOLUTIONS. WE ARE AWARE THAT SOME OF OUR AREAS ARE FAR FROM THE HEALTH CENTRES AND PEOPLE HAVE TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES BEFORE THEY COULD ACCESS MEDICAL CARE. AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE, THE MUNICIPALITY HAS 23 MOBILE CLINICS. THESE VISIT THOSE REMOTE AREAS WHERE THERE ARE NO CLINICS. THERE ARE 60 CLINICS THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT AND THERE ARE 2.3 MILLION PEOPLE THAT ARE SERVED PER ANNUM.

WHILST HEALTH PER SE IS NOT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPETENCE, IT HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAN ALSO PLAY A ROLE IN EDUCATING COMMUNITIES ABOUT HEALTH MATTERS. RECENT HEALTH STUDIES PRESENTED TO THE PROVINCIAL HIV/AIDS COUNCIL CLEARLY POINT OUT THAT HIV/AIDS AND OTHER CHRONIC DISEASES ARE INCREASING DAY BY DAY IN SOME WARDS IN THE ETHEKWINI REGION, THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER'S FORUM WOULD DO WELL TO PRIORITISE A PARTICULAR FOCUS AIMED AT IDENTIFYING AND ATTENDING TO THESE PROBLEMATIC AREAS. THE PROGRAMME IS CALLED WAR ON POVERTY.

THE CONDITIONS IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS ARE APPALLING. THERE IS TOTAL DISREGARD FOR HEALTH STANDARDS. PART OF THE PROBLEM IS CAUSED BY THE VERY DWELLERS WHO FAIL TO OBSERVE HEALTH STANDARDS IN THESE AREAS. THE MUNICIPALITY HAS DECIDED TO PROVIDE 50 ABLUTION FACILITIES IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS. THERE IS ALSO A MOBILE AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATION AND WE ALSO HAVE DEVELOPED A STREET CHILDREN PROGRAMME.

FIGHT AGAINST CRIME AND CORRUPTION

CRIME AND CORRUPTION ARE TWO FACTORS THAT DESTROY DEMOCRACIES. OUR GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN A FIRM STAND TO ROOT OUT CRIME AND CORRUPTION. CRIME CANNOT BE FOUGHT BY GOVERNMENT ALONE. ALL STAKEHOLDERS NEED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN CRIME FIGHTING.

THE PROBLEM THAT WE FACE AT THE MOMENT IS LACK OF COOPERATION ON THE PART OF COMMUNITIES. WE HAVEN'T AS YET BUILT THAT TRUST BETWEEN OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE POLICE. WHILST WORKING ON THE HUMAN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE COMMUNITIES, WE HAVE 300 ADDITIONAL TRAINEE CONSTABLES AT A COST OF R3.2M. THERE IS ALSO 140 ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED OFFICERS. A NEW CONTROL CENTRE (DISASTER MANAGEMENT, CCTV, VOC,

JOC, EMERGENCY CENTRE) WHICH HAS COSTED 46M. IN ADDITION TO ALL THIS THERE ARE 80 LEANERSHIPS/RESERVISTS AT A COST OF 10M. ALL THESE POLICE PEOPLE NEED A BASE FORM WHICH THEY WILL OPERATE. THERE ARE 19 POLICE STATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT AND THREE SATELLITE POLICE STATIONS HAVE BEEN SET UP.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DURBAN IS THE HUB OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. IT IS THEREFORE LOGICAL TO DEVELOP THIS AREA SO THAT IT IS IN KEEPING WITH ITS ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN TERMS OF ITS CAPACITY TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN WE PRIDE OURSELVES ABOUT THE DUBE TRADE PORT. IN A FEW DAYS WE SHALL BE UNVEILING AND SHOW CASING OUR BRAND NEW AIRPORT TO THE WHOLE WORLD THIS AIRPORT HAS THE STATE OF THE ART CARGO HANDLING TERMINAL FOR VARIOUS PRODUCTS INCLUDING PERISHABLE ORGANIC PRODUCTS.

THE KING SHAKA AIRPORT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT ZUMA ON THE 8TH OF MAY. THIS WAS BUILT AT A COST OF R8 BILLION. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS AIRPORT HAS HAD SOME ECONOMIC SPIN OFFS. IT CREATED JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND A WINDOW TO PROMOTE SOCIO-ECONOMIC

EMPOWERMENT WHICH IS A RESPONSE TO THE APARTHEID INSPIRED DISPARITIES. THE DUBE TRADE PORT IS STILL DEVELOPING AND THERE ARE PLANS TO SERVICE SITES FOR THE AGRIZONE, TRADE ZONE AND DUBE CITY. THERE IS A 75 000 HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROJECT THAT IS COMING UP IN THE KING USHAKA AIRPORT PRECINCT. THIS MAY BE CALLED USHAKA CITY OR DUBE CITY. A LOT OF OTHER PROJECTS ARE MOOTED WHICH WILL BE UNVEILED AS SOON AS THEY ARE READY.

I WANT TO RE-EMPHASISE THE NEED FOR COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND COOPERATIVE PLANNING BETWEEN THE THREE SPHERES MORE SO WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAVING BEEN UNVEILED. THE PRESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICA ONCE MOOTED A HUGE TOURISM PROJECT BETWEEN KWAZULU-NATAL, SWAZILAND AND MAPUTO WHICH WAS TO BE CALLED MAPUTO CORRIDOR, BUT ALSO A HUGE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WAS UNDERTAKEN BETWEEN DURBAN AND JOHANNESBURG BY THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION WHICH WAS GOING TO CHANGE THE ECONOMY OF THESE TWO MAJOR

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE TOURISM INDUSTRY IS FAST GROWING AND IT SEEMS TO CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO THE ECONOMY OF THE CITY. THERE ARE SOME INVESTMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE TOWNSHIPS. IN THE INK THERE IS A MALL THAT HAS BEEN BUILT – THE BRIDGE CITY AND THAT IS

PART OF THE NODAL EXPANSION PROGRAMME. WE, THEREFORE, SEE THIS PORT AS THE CATALYST FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH IN RATES BASE.

UMLAZI MEGA CITY, BRIDGE CITY KWAMASHU, INANDA – DUBE KWAMASHU TOWN CENTRE, MPUMALANGA TOWNSHIP MALLS. THESE PROJECTS ARE SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR. TOGETHER, WE CAN DO MORE TO GROW THE ECONOMY.

FOR US TO BE ABLE TO MAXIMISE OUR ECONOMIC POTENTIAL WE NEED TO DEVELOP RURAL AREAS AND ENSURE THAT THERE IS FOOD SECURITY AND LAND REFORM. A DEDICATED STRUCTURE HAS TO BE CREATED WHICH WILL DRIVE AGRICULTURE, AQUA AND POULTRY FARMING. THE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS INCLUDE SOYA BEAN PROJECT, 20 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FARMS, 423 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GARDENS, COTTONLANDS HYDROPHONIC PROJECT AND THE PRODUCTION OF MUSHROOMS.

COMMUNITIES ARE SUPPLIED WITH SEEDLINGS AND COMPOST. THESE EFFORTS ARE AIMED AT POVERTY ALLEVIATION. IN ADDITION TO ALL THIS, THE EPWP FUNDS WILL BE USED TO CREATE SUSTAINABILITY. THE MUNICIPALITY ENCOURAGES ALL HOMES TO HAVE A VEGETABLE GARDEN. OUR MUNICIPALITY SUPPORTS SMALL SCALE COMMUNAL CASH CROP FARMERS.

MR. SPEAKER, OUR SOCIETY IS STILL GRAPPLING WITH THE INIQUITIES OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE STILL, TO A LARGE EXTENT, TREATED IN MANNER THAT MAKES THEM APPEAR AS INFERIOR BEINGS. WOMEN AND THE YOUTH STILL STRUGGLE TO GET EMPLOYMENT. WOMEN AND CHILDREN FORM THE MAJORITY OF THE UNEMPLOYED. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO CAN ADD TO OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

CONCLUSION

JESSE JACKSON SAYS: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND AFRICAN SOUTH AFRICANS ARE FREE BUT NOT EQUAL. IN JAIL THEY ARE THE FIRST TO BE IN NUMBERS. THEY HAVE THE SHORTEST LIFE SPAN THAN ANY OTHER RACE AND THEY STILL ARE SERVANT IN EVERY ECONOMY WORLD WIDE. FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS THE BEST CONSTITUTION AND THEREFORE A RAINBOW NATION, THE QUESTION IS IF IT IS BEST; BEST FOR WHOM? AND IF WE HAVE THIS RAINBOW NATION WHERE IS THE AFRICAN COLOUR IN THE ECONOMY

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WHAT THIS MESSAGE SAYS IS THAT THERE IS STILL MORE TO BE DONE BY ALL OF US. AGAIN, I REPEAT, AS I MOVE THIS BUDGET FOR ADOPTION: WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN DO MORE.

THANK YOU