



Tabling of Budget by Her Worship, Mayor Zandile Gumede during South Region Budget Presentation held at King Zwelithini Stadium - 02 May 2018

Siyabonga Mphathi wohlelo,

Deputy Mayor – Cllr Peer,

Amalunga e-Executive Committee,

Amakhansela aseNingizimu yeTheku,

Civil society,

Umphakathi,

Abezindaba,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Sanibonani, sithanda ukunibonga ngokwenza lomcimbi wokwethula uhlahloMali ube yimpumelelo. Sibonga ukunibona nonke nivela kumaWadi nezigceme ezahlukene. Siphuma kumaholidi empelasonto , phecelezi (long weekend), eyenziwa izinsuku ezibalulekile emlandweni ezifana no 27April ka1994 kanye nosuku lwabasebenzi okungu 1May.

Kulonyaka sigubha impilo kaTata uNelson Mandela noMama Albertina Sisulu okungamaqhawe omzabalazo. Kuningi esizokufunda ngalezishosho ezadela imindeneni yazo zilwela inkululeko yethu njengendlu ensundu.

Esithanda ukuqhakambisa kwaba inkonzo yoxolo nokubuyisana eyayiholwa owayenguMongamelo wethu woqokala uTata Madiba. Yingakho ngonyaka odlule savula iBridge kwaMnyandu ngoba sishumayela ukuthula. Leli-Bridge elikhanyayo ebusuku lisikhumbuzo sokuthi kwachitheka igazi endaweni yaseMlazi. Abantu abavela kwaD bengakwazi ukuwelela kwaT. Sithi ngaleli-Bridge lemiphakathi isayakwazi ukuhlala ndawonye, ithenge ndawonye futhi igebele ndawonye. Umbango owawuphakathi kweNkatha neANC upheleli.

Sinazo futhi izinhlelo zokwakha i-Museum kwaMgxenge, sizozethula maduzane ngoba umlando wethu lona. Umangabe ungena eMlazi ngaseMega City zikhona izichule zika Mama nobaba uMgxenge kanye nesikaMama uDorothy Nyembe. Kubalulekile ukuthi singawukhohlwa umlando wethu ukuze sikwazi ukuthi izihlakalo ezimbi zomlando singaziphindi – besekuthi ezinhle siziphinde njalo-njalo.

Programme Director,

We are here to table an important budget which is meant to move this city forward to greater heights. We are presenting this budget in the year that we are celebrating the centenary birthday of former President Nelson Mandela and Mme Albertina Sisulu.

This is they year that the ANC has declared as 100 Years of Nelson Mandela: The Year of Renewal, Unity and Jobs. Our focus is it renew hope, foster unity and cohesion and drive radical economic programme in order to create jobs and fight poverty.

Our public hearings must be understood within the context of the Freedom Charter which said, **people shall govern**. As this ANC led Municipality, we believe that we practise the participatory democracy.

I am glad that as we table this budget, our city has been rated as the most liveable city in South Africa by Mercer survey. The quality of life in Durban is far better than other big cities in South Africa and Africa such as Cape Town and Joburg. Our city of Durban was also named by **Brand SA**, as the most improved image.

We are on the right track, we are positive and optimistic about our today, tomorrow and the future. We believe that it is possible that in the year of President Nelson Mandela. South Africa is on the road to economic recovery as government is creating an enabling environment to boost investor confidence.

The 2018/2019 Medium Term budget is a total consolidated budget of **R45.8 billion** which has been developed with an overall planning framework and includes programmes and projects to achieve the city's strategic objectives.

Through this budget we will be driving service delivery, creating job and economic opportunity, improving our social and public infrastructure and changing the lives of our people. We are committed in delivering the dream – of – Better Life for All. We are in the age of renewal, hope and job creation.

We have confidence that with several catalytic projects we will be able to create investment and employment opportunities. We have already revealed a big project like the Point Waterfront promenade.

The Beachfront promenade extension is a catalyst to the R35 billion Point Waterfront development to be undertaken in three phases over five to ten years. This project will unlock development, contribute about R200 million annual revenue, 11 000 jobs and about 7000 permanent jobs.

Abalelwa ku25 amaProjekthi amakhulu azoletha inqalasisizinda, athuthukise umnotho adale namathuba omsebenzi. Wonke lamaProjekthi sizowenza ngokubambisana noHulumeni weSifunda nokaZwelonke. Siphinde sibambisane nosomabhizinisi abazotshala imali kuvuleke amathuba osomabhizinisi abancane.

We strongly condemn the stopping of projects in Durban by different forums. We believe that we should find a common ground and engage properly. The stopping of projects will chase away investors.

We will be embarking on tours to attract investors but if we will be having these disruptions we will defeat this bigger picture. In June this year, we will be accompanying the Provincial MEC for Economic Development to London. We want to attract more investments to the city but we will be asked about the level of disruption by certain business forums. This thing must stop because it deprives people of job opportunities.

In the South we have many projects like the extension of KwaMnyandu Mall, Umlazi Station Junction, Ezimbuzini Hub and Clairwood Logistics. These projects have already started and they'll create jobs for the area, we must support and protect them. You have seen already the expansion of Umlazi Mega City. These projects belong to all of us, people of Umlazi will benefit from them and everyone else. Let us learn to work together and to share in all these public projects. Projects belongs to communities not individuals, it is important that we protect them.

This is an important budget which will bring and renewal in our lives. It is the budget of radical socioeconomic transformation and jobs. It is the budget of service delivery. It requires us to make difficult but necessary compromises, important to ensure that this budget is a platform for radical, inclusive growth and job creation.

Programme Director,

Ngonyaka odlule kwakhalwa kakhulu ngokuphela kwamanzi, ugesi, izindlu kanyeNemitholampilo. Based on our last public hearings, I am pleased to announce the following progress we have made based on your requests:

- Ward 68 – Jacobs hostel housing, paving and fixing of Sewer
- Ward 69 – Housing project for Lamontville, Stormwater project for Havenside (Chatsworth)
- Ward 70 -Westcliff Drive Sidewalks and Ironstone Road Widening at Silverglen

- Ward 71 - Coastal, StormWater & Catchment project – we are also upgrading the stadium
- Ward 72 – Welbadatch housing, electrification and fixing of gravel road
- Ward 73 – electrification, storm water and upgrade of Arena Park
- Ward 74 - Ntuli Street Sidewalks, Wema Hostel business, Lamontville Ministerial and Sporting facilities at the hostel
- Ward 76 – Sbusiso Mdakane road upgrade, mobile police station for Glebelands, a new electricity transformer and Housing for Glebelends hostel
- Ward 77 – I will soon unveil the housing project which links with Wilbedatch
- Ward 78 – Umlazi J and K2 Housing project is coming
- Ward 79 – we will unveil the Water project
- Ward 80 – Housing project for eThopia, Thandanani and other areas
- Ward 81 – Housing project for Qi-Q10, Jabulani and other areas
- Ward 82 – Zwe Madlala street sidewalks and fixing of Storm water for the areas
- Ward 83 - We have 5 housing projects, fixing of stormwater and Road for J-section
- Ward 84 – We have 4 Housing project and Road upgrade
- Ward 85 – We have 4 Housing project, stormwater, sidewalks and pedestrian for Phila Ndwandwe

- Ward 86 – Malukazi electrificy project, 4 Housing project and stormwater upgrades at U-section
- Ward 87 – Housing project and we are busy with Plans for the area
- Ward 88 - 3 housing project and Zonal planning
- Ward 89 - Isipingo Phase3 of Public Realm Upgrades, Housing Project in Malukazi and T-section, Electricity Project
- We do have other projects like G-section Clinic, upgrade of Lamontville Clinic and provision of Mobile Clinics by Provincial government
- Replacement of Mobeni Heights Furnace or Crematoria, U-section cemeteries upgrade and Swimming Pools
- Upgrade of Khuzimpi Metro Police Station

Siwumkhandlu olalelayo, siwumkhandlu onakekelayo oholwa inqola-emasondosondo, uKhongolose, uMkhululi wabantu.

We are guided by the Freedom charter. When we campaigned we promised to work with you. We are still committed in delivery of service within our budget.

The following budgeting PRINCIPLES were applied in drafting the medium term budget:

- Realistic and achievable collection rates
- Sustainable, affordable, realistic and balanced budget
- Major tariffs to be cost reflective, realistic and affordable

- Budget to contribute to achieving strategic objectives of the IDP
- Loans to be sustainable and affordable and utilised for capital projects only
- Balancing capital expenditure for social, economic, rehabilitation and support
- Need to ensure rates base growth to ensure sustainability of free basic services
- Holistic: account for basket of goods & services provided, that are needs driven into the IDP
- Income/ revenue driven budget: affordability i.e. if funds do not materialise review expenditure

Mphakathi, as we remember Mama Winnie Mandela in the year of jobs and unity. This city is more than optimistic that our budget will assist us in ensuring that we take care of the needs of the poor, to develop our communities.

We will drive radical economic transformation, create jobs, drive township economy, deliver service such as water, sanitation and electricity. We will develop infrastructure such as housing, roads, walk way passages, including electrification of informal settlement.

By working together, we can move South Africa forward.