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Tshwane serious about delivery

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The city of Tshwane readies itself to deliver better services, build social cohesion and support local economic growth for the 2014/ 15 financial year.

With a few days remaining before the end of the third financial year of the current five-year term of office, the mayoral committee (Mayco) convened its 61st ordinary session yesterday.

They expressed satisfaction at the rate of progress in the delivery of services, as well as the overall transformation and economic development programmes being undertaken city-wide.

Spokesperson Blessing Manale said: “The mayoral committee noted the current process being undertaken by mayor Kgosientso Ramokgopa in the appraisal of members of the mayoral committee, as per their performance and service delivery agreements entered into at the beginning of the term.

“The committee has noted challenges in various areas of service delivery and called upon the city manager and the heads of departments to improve and accelerate all programmes as outlined in the recent state of the capital address.”

He added that the city’s finances remain not only healthy, but have improved in various areas of revenue collection , creditworthiness and investment in bankable social and economic infrastructure and general financial governance.

Mayco discussed in detail the continuous impact of the 2011 merger and inclusion of parts of Motswedding and Kungwini municipality.

“The meeting appreciated that in addition to various integrative plans for the erstwhile areas, more resources are required to address the inequitable impact of the merger,” he said.

Mayco came to a conclusion in concurrence with the findings of the financial and fiscal commission that there is a clear, tangible and intangible effect, including significant costs borne by Tshwane.

They called upon Ramakgopa to continue to engage with the Minister of Finance and MEC to finalise a roadmap for addressing the constraints imposed by the merger.

“Mayco reaffirmed the commitment of the city to grow, support and develop informal business enterprises and acknowledged that informal traders contributed R600m towards the Tshwane fresh produce market’s R2bn annual turnover, making them significant economic players in the local economy,” said Manale.

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