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MEDIA RELEASE:

New Executive Mayor elected.

At the first council meeting of the newly elected council on Friday 03 June, everyone present waited with great anticipation for the announcement of the new Executive Mayor for Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

Judge Nigel Mthembu from the Middelburg Magistrates Court, who seated next to the Municipal Manager Willie Fouché and the Executive Manager Corporate Services Adv. Thobela Mekuto, broke the ice after he read the oath and solemn affirmation to each councillor who individually sworn verbally his or her faithfulness to the Republic and obedience to the constitution.

Following this exercise, the new council Speaker was also elected after the municipal manager requested the meeting to submit nominations for the office of the Speaker. Councillor Busisiwe Ndala nominated Councillor Robert Xaba as Speaker.

In view of the fact that no further nominations were received, Councillor Xaba was elected to the office of the Speaker.

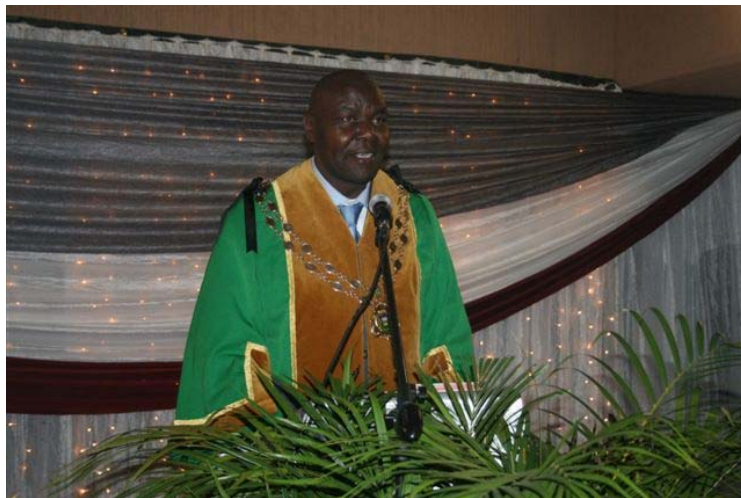
This is where the big moment arrived as the newly elected Speaker proposed that council must have an Executive Mayor. The Speaker then requested the council to submit nominations for the election of Executive Mayor.

From the African National Congress (ANC), Councillor Michael Masina was nominated. Meanwhile the official opposition party, the Democratic Alliance nominated councillor Elza du Toit as mayoral candidate.

After the elections, under the watchful eye of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), Councillor Masina was then elected as the new Executive Mayor of Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

The clapping of hands and ululating as the Municipal Manager put the mayoral robe on the mayor was evident enough that Councillor Masina was mostly welcomed by the people of Steve Tshwete Municipality as the political head of this municipality.

In his keynote address at dinner time shortly after the council meeting, the newly elected Executive Mayor thanked the people of Steve Tshwete for going out in their big numbers to cast their vote. He went on to thank the ANC for the honor bestowed upon him to lead the people of this municipality as the Executive Mayor. It was here that the Executive demonstrated his readiness to work and deliver as he introduced his Members of the Mayoral Committee (MMCs) to the audience.



1. The newly elected Steve Tshwete Speaker Cllr. Robert Xaba congratulates Cllr. Michael Masina shortly after being elected as the new Executive Mayor of Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.



2. The Executive Mayor Michael Masina delivers a thank you speech to the council and members of the public for electing him as the political head of the municipality.