

MAYOR COMMIT TO IMPROVE BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY

MOKOPANE: “First and foremost we apologize to the community of the Mogalakwena Municipality at large for what has happened in the previous council term. We are hopeful and confident that this newly elected council working together with the communities of Mogalakwena, administration, officials, civic organizations and government stakeholders we will not experience the past.”

“I have no doubt that in working together, we will better and strengthen the lives of the community of Mogalakwena municipality. We are looking forward to resolving existing struggles and we commit to improve the quality of basic service delivery.

These were the words of Cllr Raisibe Andrina Matsemela, the new mayor of Mogalakwena Municipality after she was officially elected and inaugurated on Wednesday afternoon at the Lleka Lekalakala Council Chamber.

Matsemela said, “I would like to appreciate the African National Congress (ANC), the organisation I come from for the responsibility it has bestowed on me in leading this collective and the entire people of Mogalakwena,”.

“The people of Mogalakwena had spoken, most of us as politicians had plenty of time listening to what they go through, their needs and expectations. We will further recognize contributions of our predecessors in building a strong and vibrant Municipality, added Matsemela.

“I will place high value of the principles of participatory democracy, collective leadership and acceptance of criticism. These are the core in ensuring that the values of Ubuntu, selflessness, sacrifice and accountability are among the guiding tools in the administration of the affairs of this council,” said Matsemela.

“The mandate we received from community is to create employment under the economic conditions of the joblessness. This is what every Cllr is expected to perform around. This can only be achieved through utilization of any economic potential within our midst. Taking bold decisions that will enhance our economic leverage without compromising the existing opportunities,” Matsemela signed off.

The public gallery of the Lleka Lekalakala chamber was packed with people who sang in celebration when the new mayor was sworn in.

During the first council sitting’s meeting after the 03 August Local Government Elections, Cllr Hlengani Samuel Mathebula was elected as the new Speaker, while Cllr Mankopane Michael Rapatsa was elected as the new Chief Whip.

Following that new Members of Executive Council and the Portfolios were elected as follows:

1. Cllr Semola Masipa- Financial Services Chairperson
2. Cllr Malesela Mokwele- Electrical Services Chairperson

3. Cllr Mmaphuti Senoamadi- Technical Services Chairperson
4. Cllr Pheladi Oliphant- Planning and Developmental Services
5. Cllr Mabu Tlhaku- Corporate Support Services
6. Cllr Lesibana Langa- Community Services Chairperson
7. Cllr Korny Dekker- Special Project Chairperson
8. Cllr Maepa- Traffic and Emergency Services

During the council sitting, Cllr Vaaltyn Kekana was elected as the Municipal Public Account Committee (MPAC) Chairperson.

The African National Congress (ANC) holds the position of the Mayor, Speaker and Chief Whip and **seven EXCO members** while the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) and the Democratic Alliance (DA) holds one seat each.