

## Remarks by Michael Sun, Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Environment and Infrastructure Services

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The filth of the Inner City, growing illegal dumping across Joburg and failing infrastructure with an infrastructure backlog of R300-billion is just a taste of what we inherited from the previous ANC administration. A thoroughly broken City that required an urgent plan to repair and rebuild it. Indeed, our plan was well underway.

The Environment and Infrastructure Services Department (EISD) is integral to the functioning of Joburg, and its core mandates: Keeping the lights on and making sure the water runs in a clean environment.

Since we took office we identified the failures in service delivery, hence we dedicated resources and a plan towards the repair and rebuild of the city's main mandate - SERVICE DELIVERY!

Some of the progress we were making includes:

Pikitup:

We deployed Mechanical Sweepers on two shifts, 05:00 am and 08:00 pm. These service delivery resources aimed at making our City cleaner, were dispatched primarily to the Inner City and other business nodes.

Furthermore, we procured 41 new compactors at Pikitup to bolster the cleaning project in the City, which are already at work. We were set to unveil these City service delivery assets this week.

City Power:

The theft and vandalism of City Power infrastructure was at an alarming level, but we have seen progress in this area, that threatens the living and economic viability of the City:

- 41 Suspects were arrested in July 2022 compared to 24 in July 2021, amounting to a 71% increase in arrests, and
- 9 Suspects were convicted to collective 82 years of direct imprisonment

We cannot talk about the City without talking about the Joburg Energy Indaba, which began the work of taking Joburg towards a future without rolling blackouts, with work being done to procure an additional 500MW of energy from Independent Power Producers (IPPs).

The Energy Indaba has allowed process of appointing Transaction Advisory Services through the National Treasury.

In addition to this, we have worked closely with the City of Cape Town and our own IPP program was merely days away. With the procurement phase set to begin within the next two-months.

Joburg Water:

In this space, I came across pipes that were over 100-years old. Just illustrating the level of neglect. We had begun the work of signing off on new bulk infrastructure, having unveiled the 15-megalitre concrete reservoir in Lenasia.

Working with Joburg Water, my Office and the Office of the Executive Mayor, we were collating information on the work we were doing to stabilise water supply in Joburg and outlining the work that is required.

We also initiated various important project which would see Joburg residents benefiting from uninterrupted water supplies, these projects include the asbestos pipe replacement program in the Greater Fourways area; breaking ground of the new Wastewater Treatment Works in Lanseria; upgrade and refurbishment of the Northern Works'; expedited rollout of the backfilling and reinstatement project; works on the Erand, Bluehills, Brixton Towers and Woodmead, Linbro Park, Carlswald and Halfway House reservoirs; and R 136 million worth of the sewer pipe replacement program City wide.

The Multi-Party Government allocated R1.2 billion in capital expenditure and R1.6 billion in operational expenditure to support the repair and rebuild EISD infrastructure.

One can only imagine where this money will now be channelled towards. And the thought that this multi-party government could succeed and deliver a better life to Joburgers probably scared the ANC. They have only succeeded in stripping the city bare. Forcing them to rush through an illegal change of government that we will now overturn!