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The Speaker  
CLLR THABANI NYAWOSE  
eThekweni Municipality  
City HALL, Durban

## MOTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 22 OF THE RULES OF ORDER

This Council noting that...

Essential services units have been rendered quite dysfunctional, as they have exhausted their budgets, in certain departments. Electricity, water and sanitation has seen the largest dip in service delivery, particularly over the festive period. There are insufficient plumbers, contractors and spares to deal with faults and repairs, resulting in a tremendous prejudice to ratepayers. The situation has reached a critical state and needs urgent intervention.

Hereby resolves that the Executive Committee mandates the CFO to

1. Investigate the feasibility of Reprioritization of budget in January 2025,
2. That savings be identified to allocate to the EWS and electricity clusters urgently

Proposer : Ernest Smith

Seconder : Yogis Govender

## **MOTIVATION FOR MOTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 22 OF THE RULES OF ORDER**

**The DA notes with grave concern the significant dysfunction within essential service units, particularly over the festive period, as we have only now learned that they have exhausted their budgets. The departments of electricity, water, and sanitation have experienced the most severe decline in service delivery. The situation has become critical, and immediate intervention is necessary.**

**The lack of sufficient plumbers, contractors, and spare parts has led to numerous unresolved faults and repairs, causing considerable prejudice to ratepayers. The absence of adequate human resources and stock hampers the ability to provide timely and effective service. This not only diminishes the quality of life for residents but also threatens public health and safety.**

**Electricity outages can result in extended periods without power, affecting both residential and commercial activities. Water and sanitation issues can lead to unsanitary conditions, posing health risks to the community. The inability to address these problems promptly exacerbates the frustration and dissatisfaction among ratepayers. Insufficient plumbers means water losses are escalating.**

**In light of these challenges, it is imperative to urgently reprioritize the budget to allocate funds towards hiring additional contractors, plumbers, and technicians, as well as securing necessary spare parts. Ensuring that these essential services operate efficiently will restore public confidence and enhance the overall well-being of the eThekwini community.**