

## PR Councillor

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### **ACTING CITY MANAGER** **Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality**

#### **COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER / RULE 25 QUESTIONS – ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY MEETING: Progress on Streetlights**

##### **Noting that:**

Our communities are covered with a veil of darkness due to the widespread failure to repair streetlights, with some remaining unfixed for over two years. This prolonged inaction has created an environment where crime thrives, leaving residents vulnerable and at the mercy of criminals who operate without fear or consequence.

Furthermore, the persistent delays in addressing faulty streetlights highlight a deeper issue of poor governance and a lack of consequence management within the City. The failure to take decisive action not only compromises public safety but also erodes confidence in the municipality's ability to deliver essential services.

In light of this concerning situation, the following questions are posed to seek clarity, accountability, and urgent intervention.

##### **1. Public Lighting Contract Finalisation**

- a) What progress has been made in finalising the new public lighting contract?
- b) What are the key outstanding issues preventing finalisation, if any?
- c) Have service providers been identified, and if so, what are the contract details (duration, scope, and cost)?

## **2. Investigation into the Cancelled Public Lighting Contract**

- a) What were the reasons for the cancellation of the previous public lighting contract?
- b) What discrepancies or irregularities were found that led to the cancellation?
- c) Has the investigation into the cancelled contract been concluded, and if so, what were the key findings?
- d) Were any officials or service providers found to be at fault, and what consequences have been or will be implemented?

## **3. Internal Investigation on Faulty Streetlights at Depots**

- a) Has an internal investigation been conducted regarding the stock of faulty streetlights at municipal depots?
- b) What were the findings of this investigation, and what remedial action has been or will be taken?
- c) How many faulty streetlights are currently at depots, and what is the plan for addressing these defects?

## **4. New Public Lighting Contract – Timelines and Specifications**

- a) What is the estimated timeline for the new public lighting contract to be in place?
- b) What are the technical specifications for the new contract, particularly in terms of durability and energy efficiency?
- c) How will the split between streetlights and highmast lights be managed within the new contract?
- d) What is the process plan for the rollout of public lighting under the new contract, including prioritisation criteria?

## **5. Outstanding Streetlight Repairs**

- a) What is the total accumulative number of streetlights that have been reported as faulty but remain unrepaired?
- b) What are the main reasons for these outstanding repairs, and how does the department plan to address the backlog?
- c) Can the municipality provide a breakdown of outstanding streetlight repairs per ward or cluster?

