

SPECIAL MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING **MINUTES**



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 02 JUNE 2026 AT 08:00 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER, VOORTREK STREET, SWELLENDAM.

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Yours sincerely.

H.F DU RAND
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

DATE

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE OF SWELLENDAM MUNICIPALITY HELD ON TUESDAY, 02 JUNE 2026 AT 08:00 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER, VOORTREK STREET, SWELLENDAM.

PRESENT:	Councillor	H.F. du Rand	Executive Mayor
		F. Kees	Member
		E.J. Lamprecht	Member

IN ATTENDANCE:	A. Vorster	Municipal Manager
	E. Wassermann	(Director: Financial Services)
	W. Treurnicht	(Acting: Director Infrastructure and Planning Services)
	J. Etzebeth	(Manager: Administrative Support Services)

SECRETARIAT:

K. Opperman

RECORDING OFFICER:

K. Opperman

ALSO PRESENT

Alderman J. du T. Loubser Speaker

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

At 08:00 the Executive Mayor, Councillor H.F. du Rand welcomed everyone at the Mayoral Committee meeting and declared the meeting duly constituted with a quorum present.

Councillor F. Kees rendered an opening prayer.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON, IF NECESSARY

None

3. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
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None

4. SPEECHES AND SUBMISSIONS

None

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

None

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
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None

7 STATEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY THE ACTING EXECUTIVE MAYOR
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None

8 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

None

9 FINANCIAL REPORTING

None

10. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

10.1 Items submitted by officials of the Council

10.1.1

Item number A115. 02.06.2026

FINANCE: SECTION 29 - UNFORESEEN AND UNAVOIDABLE BUDGET – DISASTER

Report from the Director Financial Services:

Ms E. Wassermann

Department

Financial Services

Section

Budget

File number

5/1/1/20

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report requests approval for funding to repair infrastructure damaged by the severe storms on 11 and 12 May 2026.

FACTS AND BACKGROUND

Severe storms, heavy rainfall, flooding, and strong winds affected the Swellendam municipal area and the wider Western Cape on 11 and 12 May 2026.

The following key damage to municipal infrastructure was reported:

a) Parks, Sport and Recreation:

- Caravan Park – damage to roofs, ceilings, and windows.
- Damage to walls and fencing at Powell Stadium.
- Damage to the Railton Community Hall fence, together with minor structural damage.
- Numerous trees were uprooted or fell in both Swellendam and Suurbraak.

b) Water and Sanitation:

- Damage to the roof of the N2 Pump Station.
- Damage to power supply infrastructure at Buffelsjagrivier Water Treatment Plant
- Suurbraak Water Treatment Plant repair work for the replacement of the faulty surge control unit, telemetry restoration, electrical repairs and damage to property.
- Buffelsjag Pump Station and Waste water Treatment works

c) SCM Stores/Fleet Department:

- Damage to roof sheeting.

d) Electrical Department:

- Damage to electrical infrastructure in Swellendam and Railton.

e) Suurbraak:

- Damage to the raw water pump station.
- Roof damage to the Wawiel Building.
- Damage to the large store door.
- Damage to gutters at the main building.
- Roof and structural damage at the sports facility.

f) Barrydale:

- Damage to gabions.

DISCUSSION

In terms of section 29(1)–(3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA):

The Mayor may authorise the expenditure in emergency or other exceptional circumstances for which no provision was made in an approved budget, subject to:

- It must comply with the prescribed framework;
- It may not exceed a prescribed percentage of the approved annual budget;
- It must be reported to Council at the next meeting.
- It must be appropriated in an adjustments budget;

- If the adjustments budget is not approved within 60 days, the expenditure becomes unauthorised under section 32;

Based on MFMA regulations, the Mayor of a municipality may authorise expenditure in terms of Section 29 of the act only if:

- The expenditure could not have been foreseen at the time the annual budget of the municipality was approved;
- The delay in approving the expenditure:
 - May result in significant financial loss;
 - Disrupt or suspend essential municipal services;
 - Endanger life, cause serious injury, or significant property damage;
 - Prevent the municipality from instituting or defending urgent legal proceedings;

The municipality must restore the damaged infrastructure as quickly as possible. While the process to lodge insurance claims is underway, repair work must continue. As an interim measure, budget virements were approved; however, the available budget votes have now been exhausted. It is therefore requested that additional funding be authorised in terms of section 29 of the MFMA to address the damage caused by the extreme weather conditions.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Municipal Finance Management Act and Budget and Reporting Regulations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The additional funds will have to be allocated from surplus funds in the meantime, whilst the insurance process is underway to recover the cost.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

None

COMMUNICATION IMPLICATIONS

None

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Director: Corporate and Community Services

None

Director: Financial Services

In the interim, an amount of R510 000 was made available through virements to fund emergency repairs following the severe storm damage. These funds have now been exhausted, and it has become increasingly difficult to identify further amounts for virements. Based on preliminary cost estimates, an additional amount of R1 400 000 is required, as set out below:

Caravan Park:	R 105 720
Trees:	R 323 300
Cherry Picker Rental:	R 62 100

Repair electricity lines:	R 146 165
Engineering cost for water and sewerage:	R 500 000
Material to date issued:	R 236 000
Other Unforeseen:	R 500 000
Total	R1 873 285
Less Interim Budget	(R510 000)
Additional Disaster Budget Required	<u>R1 363 285</u>

Director: Infrastructure Services and Planning Services

None

Municipal Manager

None

RECOMMENDED

1. that the Executive Mayor approves the expenditure in terms of section 29 of the MFMA as follows:

Operating Expenditure

Department	Project	Item	Amount
Engineering Services	Disaster Management	Contractors: Maintenance of Unspecified Assets	R1 000 000
Engineering Services	Disaster Management	Inventory Consumed: Materials and Supplies	R400 000
TOTAL			R1 400 000

2. that a Special Adjustments Budget for unavoidable expenditure per section 29 of the MFMA be passed by Council.

DISCUSSION

The CFO, Ms E. Wassermann requested that the other unforeseen amount of R500 000 be increased to R800 000 as there was an invoice that was not included for the cherry picker that was hired. She said that the amount of R1.4 million would then be increased to R1.7 million.

In response to a question by the Executive Mayor regarding the probability of the insurance to pay for damages that occurred to municipal property, the CFO, Ms E. Wassermann indicated that there might be limitations in the insurance policy but believed that a portion would be able to be covered.

Ms Wassermann indicated that the amount of R1 million in the recommendation would then be amended to R 1.3 million.

The Executive Mayor indicated that the Committee was in support of the amendment to the recommendation.

RESOLVED**Item A115/02/06/2026**

1. that the Executive Mayor approves the expenditure in terms of section 29 of the MFMA as follows:

Operating Expenditure

Department	Project	Item	Amount
Engineering Services	Disaster Management	Contractors: Maintenance of Unspecified Assets	R1 300 000
Engineering Services	Disaster Management	Inventory Consumed: Materials and Supplies	R400 000
TOTAL			R1 700 000

2. that a Special Adjustments Budget for unavoidable expenditure per section 29 of the MFMA be passed by Council.

10.2 Consideration of matters which require non-disclosure

None

10.3 Consideration of urgent matters

None

11. MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES

None

12. GENERAL**13. CLOSURE**

The Executive Mayor thanked everybody for their time and commitment to attend the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 08:10.