

WES-RANDSE BANTOESAKE-ADMINISTRASIERAAD
WEST RAND BANTU AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION BOARD
DIE STEDELIKE BANTOERAAD VAN JOHANNESBURG
URBAN BANTU COUNCIL OF JOHANNESBURG

MINUTES OF THE 96TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE URBAN BANTU COUNCIL OF JOHANNESBURG HELD IN THE URBAN BANTU COUNCIL CHAMBER, JABULANI ON THURSDAY 29 APRIL 1976 AT 2,30 P.M.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS : Makhaya, T.J. (Chairman)
Buthlezi, E.
Chuenyane, F.
Cindi, S.
Hanyane, S.
Hlungwane, H.
Jiyane, M.
Leepo, J.M.
Lengene, P.M.
Machaba, B.C.
Mahlangu, F.
Mahlangu, S.S.
Makhanya, A.
Manthata, S.
Maponya, R.J.P.
Mokoena, D.
Mosala, L.M.
Motha, S.
Mothibinyane, E.
Mzinyane, J.B.
Nepfumbada, F.
Nevhulaudzi, J.
Ngubane, Z.
Nkosi, K.
Ntloko, M.M.
Pelotona, A.
Pooe, D.
Radebe, L.
Rakgomo, J.M.
Scwebu, M.
Thebehali, D.
Tjeeko, M.
Tshabangu, L.
Vilakazi, E.
Vukeya, M.S.
Xulu, M.B.

OFFICIALS:

Mr. N. Malan (Assistant Director, Housing)
Mr. A.M. Conn (Senior Townships Manager)
Mr. D.M. Kubayi (Acting Secretary)

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Bayne (Bantu Affairs Commissioner)
Mr. G.M. van Niekerk (Urban Areas Commissioner)
Mr. J. Cook
Mrs. J. Illing
Mrs. Stevens

OPENING PRAYER:

Councillor Thebehali opened the proceedings with a prayer.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 25 March 1976 circulated to members.

CONFIRMED

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence in terms of Regulation 29(2) was granted following Councillors: Nkge, Mlonzi, Mnweba and G. Jiyane.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS:

T. J. M.

COUNCIL SOWETO: (29.4.76)

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE: (1.4.76)

ADMINISTRATION BOARD.

ISSUES FOR KRAAL SITES IN SOWETO

Moving motion has been received from Councillor Makhaya:

Licensed goat sellers in Soweto have made official agreement with the Meat Board to sell goats to the residents of Soweto, who by custom and tradition, are compelled to slaughter goats or sheep when they hold cleansing ceremonies.

People, who are licence holders, are not confined to a certain area in Soweto as they have customers all over like the coal dealers.

Sometimes these licence holders are given trouble by the West Rand Administration Police who collect their sheep and send them to the police station and are then forced to pay for the detained goats and sheep. This causes them to lose a lot of income.

Goat sellers need the protection of the Department particularly Black sellers.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Chief Housing Director be requested to make sites available for goat and sheep sellers in Soweto particularly for new applicants.

That Black goat and sheep dealers be allowed to control the sale of goats and sheep in Soweto and on certain buffer strips situated inside Soweto.

That Black dealers be given licences to trade among their own people in Soweto.

T. J. M.

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO: (29.4.76)

TRADING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE: (1.4.76)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD

APPLICATIONS FOR KRAAL SITES IN SOWETO

(Continued)

Councillor Makhaya said that business rights in Soweto were supposed to be given to the Blacks to trade among their own people but on the contrary they are given to the Europeans. Black Licensed goat sellers were arrested by officials of the West Rand Administration Board based at the Police Headquarters in Dube and charged for illegally trading in goats.

Councillor Makhaya said White people sell goats to Africans and said he could not comprehend the reason why the Blacks were debarred from trading among their own people. White farmers were monopolising the goat selling business in Soweto.

Councillors Manyane, Pooe and Senior Townships Manager addressed the meeting.

RECOMMENDED TO RECOMMEND:

1. That the Chief Director be requested to make sites available for goats and sheep sellers in Soweto particularly for new applicants.
2. That Black goat and sheep dealers be allowed to control the sale of goats and sheep in Soweto and operate on the large undeveloped areas of land in the various Soweto townships.
3. That Black dealers be granted licences to trade among their own people in Soweto.
4. That representation be made by the Chief Director to the Livestock and Meat Industries Control Board for the registration of these traders.

The Chairman of the Urban Bantu Council said that licensed goats and sheep sellers are harassed by the police and their stock are confiscated by the "powers that be."

Councillor Lengene said licensed goats and sheep dealers are not allowed even to deliver the orders to their customers but are expected to confine themselves within their kraals while selling their produce. It is customary to slaughter a goat when a child is born as well as when death has occurred.

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The Assistant Director, Housing, said that a farmer, whether Black or White, whether he owns or leases a plot, he can in terms of the law sell his produce without the necessity of obtaining a licence from such plot but will be charged for illegal trading if he sells from some other site.

Councillor Thebehali said White farmers do not sell their livestock within their premises but do so on open spaces all over Soweto. He urged the West Rand Administration to prohibit White farmers from trading among the African people on the periphery of Soweto.

Councillors Scwebu, Manthata, Tshabangu, Ntloko and Mosala addressed the Council.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Chief Director be requested to make sites available for goats and sheep sellers in Soweto particularly for new applicants.
2. That Black goat and sheep dealers be allowed to control the sale of goats and sheep in Soweto and operate on the large undeveloped areas of land in the various Soweto townships.
3. That Black dealers be granted licences to trade among their own people in Soweto.
4. That representation be made by the Chief Director to the livestock and Meat Industries Control Board for the registration of these traders.

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO: (29.4.76)

TRADING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE: (1.4.76)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE VEHICLE
REGISTRATION AREAS : SOWETO

On 25 September 1975 the Urban Bantu Council RESOLVED:

That the Chief Director be requested to make representations for the establishment of a branch of the Johannesburg Licensing Office in Soweto to enable car owners to register and license their cars without going into town.

This matter was referred to the Chief License Officer who comments as follows:

"In reply to your letter of the 20 November 1975 certain tentative investigations have been made but it is considered that, at this stage, it would not be a feasible proposition to establish branch offices elsewhere.

To the best of my knowledge no Registering Authority in the Republic has more than one central point for the registration and licensing of vehicles in its area. Even though Johannesburg has computerized some of the particulars of its motor vehicle records, the full details are still housed in this office in registration number order and not in accordance with the race group of the owners. Although an increasing number of black persons are purchasing new motor vehicles, the majority still confine themselves to second hand vehicles. Therefore even if the records of all black owners were removed to a branch at any given time, the position would alter daily as transfers took place from one person to another. Furthermore most dealers operate in Johannesburg proper and likewise most of their customers work here and consequently it is more convenient for all concerned to transact their business at one office.

However, the whole question of motor vehicle registration is currently under review by the Provincial Administration. The numbering system is likely to be altered and all Registering Authorities in the Transvaal will probably be linked to a centrally operated computer. It is expected that the changes will come about in the next year or so and these might well make the establishment of branch offices a feasible proposition.

It is, therefore, suggested that the matter be held in abeyance pending the introduction of the proposals under review."

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO: (29.4.76)

TRADING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE: (1.4.76)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD

ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE VEHICLE
REGISTRATION AREAS : SOWETO

(Continued)

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

1. That this report be NOTED.
2. That the Chief Director be requested to make further representation for a branch office to be established in Soweto.

ADOPTED.

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO:(29.4.76)

TRADING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE: (1.4.76)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD

3. BUS STOP AT NANCEFIELD HOSTEL

The Urban Bantu Council at its meeting held on 29 May 1975 RESOLVED:

"That the road near Nancefield Hostel be widened to make room for a bus stop to be erected to cater for inmates and visitors waiting to board or alight at Nancefield Hostel."

This matter was referred by the Director, Housing, to Public Utility Transport Corporation who have replied as follows:

"Due to the close proximity of the hostel concerned to Nancefield Railway Station, as well as the very limited number of hostel inmates that make use of our buses passing the hostel, I feel that the expenditure on a lay-by in front of the hostel is not warranted.

The road leading past the hostel is very narrow, and if any vehicle should stop in front of, or near the hostel it causes a great deal of traffic congestion.

In view of the above I feel that consideration should be given to widening the road for a considerable distance on either side of the hostel."

Director, Housing, advises that consideration cannot be given to the widening of this road until such time as funds are available for the project.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

(i) That this report be NOTED.

ADOPTED

(ii) That the Chief Director be requested to make funds available for the widening of the road.

ADOPTED.

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URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SO. ATO: (29.4.76)

TRADING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE: (1.4.76)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD

TRADING SITES ON THE BARAGWANATH
HOSPITAL CAMPUS

At 11 hours on the 17 December 1975 the Chairman, Deputy Chairman of the Trading and Transport Committee of the Urban Bantu Council called on the Superintendent of the Baragwanath Hospital.

The Hospital was represented by the Chief Matron, Mr. Botha, the Superintendent.

The Urban Bantu Council had on its delegation the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and Councillor Poole who was introduced as the Secretary. Councillor Mahlangu opened the discussion by informing the Baragwanath delegation that the Urban Bantu Council was disturbed by the white proprietor of the Tuck-Shop on the precincts of Baragwanath Hospital, an Institution which is Black. The Chairman after beautifully outlining the policy of the Urban Bantu Council regarding trading in the Township, asked the Baragwanath Hospital Superintendent why the trading rights of the Tuck-Shop were allocated to a foreigner and not to a Black entrepreneur.

Mr. Botha replied as follows:-

1. Baragwanath Administration is not responsible for the allocation of the shop to the successful applicant, who was granted a licence to trade after tenders for the shop had been considered.
2. In terms of the law Baragwanath is a Black Institution in a White area - Baragwanath is situated South of the Potchefstroom Road which in terms of the law is white.
3. The present lease expires in January 1980.
4. The rental is R250,00 per month.

In view of the reply by the Baragwanath delegation Councillor Mahlangu, the Chairman, felt that the matter should be gone into by the Trading and Transport Committee.

The discussions were most amicable.

T. J. M.

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO : (29.4.76)

TRADING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE: (1.4.76)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD

TRADING SITES ON THE BARAGWANATH
HOSPITAL CAMPUS

(Continued)

Councillor J.J. Mahlanju said there are no White clientele patronising the Tuck shop at Baragwanath Hospital. The five year lease granted to the present lessee should not be renewed on expiry.

Councillor Poce said the Urban Bantu Council should suspend its business until all the White businessmen are prohibited from trading in areas predominantly occupied by Black people.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

That the Chief Director be requested to make urgent representation to the Administrator of the Transvaal to insure that no trading licences or rights are granted to Non-Black person to conduct any type of business on land adjoining the periphery of Soweto.

Councillor Thebehali pointed out that it was wrong for Councillor Poce to be introduced as a Secretary as he was a member of the delegation.

White people should not be allowed to trade among the Black people as Black people are not allowed to conduct their business in the City of Johannesburg which is a White area.

It is said in this report that Baragwanath Hospital is in a White area but when a White person is injured along the Potchefstroom he is not taken to Baragwanath Hospital for treatment, but is sent to the Johannesburg General Hospital. In conclusion he said that Baragwanath Hospital is a Black Institution.

Councillor Lengene said contracts of all traders in Soweto are to be renewed every year but the trader in Baragwanath Hospital is granted a 5 year contract because of the colour of his skin. He felt that the contract concerned should be terminated immediately and the trader cease operations now.

The Assistant Director, Housing, said no restrictions were placed against any race in the allocation of the Tuck Shop at Baragwanath Hospital. Tenders were advertised in various newspapers including "Die Transvaler", and because only White people tendered, the authorities had no option but to lease the trading premises to a White person.

Councillor Manthata said that very few Africans, if any, read Afrikaans Newspapers. Tenders should have been advertised in the English press.

Councillor S.S. Mahlangu said that according to the Hospital authorities only one African tendered but because he did not have sufficient capital his tender was not accepted. He said the Urban Bantu Council should seek legal opinion to ascertain if it were possible to cancel the lease before it has expired, before any demand for the termination of this lease be made.

Councillors Pooe, Maponya and Tshabangu addressed the Council.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Chief Director be requested to make urgent representation to the Administrator of the Transvaal to insure that no trading licences or rights are granted to Non-Black person to conduct any type of business on land adjoining the periphery of Soweto.
- (b) That the existing lessee be given notice to vacate the trading premises within the precincts of Baragwanath Hospital by the end of December 1976.

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO: (29.4.76)

TRADING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE: (1.4.76)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE
GARAGE AT EMDENI

The Chairman of the Urban Bantu Council tabled the following application addressed to the Secretary of the Urban Bantu Council by Mr. Mafela of 2048 Emdeni Extension, (Acting Secretary):

"Please find enclosed copy of our application for a garage site at Emdeni South.

Further, I accordingly request your honoured Organisation to consider our application for recommendation to the West Rand Bantu Affairs Administration Board."

Councillor Makhaya said certain businessmen acting on the advice of their legal advisor have applied for the lease of a garage site at Emdeni from the West Rand Administration Board. He felt that this application should be strongly recommended by the Urban Bantu Council seeing that a garage site is available at Emdeni and that there is no garage in the vicinity of Emdeni.

The Senior Townships Manager addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

That the Chief Director be requested to arrange for a site in Emdeni to be set aside for garage purposes and that the Council gives full support to the applicants who, if and when registered as a company, will assume the name of Masikhupulane Trading Company (Pty) Ltd.

ADOPTED

(THE NEXT ITEM FOLLOWS THE ANNEXURES TO THIS ITEM)

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO: (29.4.76)

AMENITIES COMMITTEE: (6.4.76)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD

6. ABSENCE OF A QUORUM

The ordinary meeting of the Amenities Committee which was scheduled for 6 April 1976 could not be held owing to the absence of a quorum and was adjourned to the next ordinary meeting of the Committee.

NOTED.

Ordinary Meeting of the Urban Bantu Council : 29 April 1976 : MINUTES : 347.

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO: (29.4.76)

HOUSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE: (8.4.76)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD

ABSENCE OF A QUORUM

The ordinary meeting of the Housing and General Purposes Committee which was scheduled for 8 April 1976 could not be held owing to the absence of a quorum and was adjourned to the next ordinary meeting of the Committee.

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO: (29.4.76)

EDUCATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE: (9.3.76) (13.4.76)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD

8. FENCING OF SCHOOLS

The following motion has been received from Councillor Mokoena:

"That a 6 foot security diamond mesh fence with an apron be erected at all existing and new schools by the West Rand Administration Board."

Councillor Chuenyane said the schools which were provided with low fences and whose School Boards decided to provide their schools with men proof security fences, did so from their school funds. He added that provision of high fences was not the responsibility of the Johannesburg City Council, and doubted if it were the duty of the West Rand Administration Board.

The Senior Townships Manager said in the past the cost of building a school included the provision of a low fence only and often a caretaker's cottage but at present a men proof securing fence is included in the cost of building a school so as to curb vandalism.

Councillor Mokoena said that all the Teach Schools were provided with high fences and therefore were not liable to frequent damages.

He maintained that the low fences did not serve any useful purpose because delinquent children jumped over them and caused extensive damage to the schools. He said School Boards should not be asked to provide high fences because in the event of a school belonging to one ethnic group which is re-allocated to another ethnic group the ethnic group which effected the improvements is not compensated for its expenditure. He felt that the West Rand Administration Board should be requested to provide all the old schools with high fences. He added that all schools in Meadowlands, Orlando West, Orlando East and Diepkloof which were provided with low fences now have hardly any fence at all due to vandalism.

The Senior Townships Manager pointed out that at least three schools in Orlando West have security fences.

Councillor Xulu felt that the School Boards should be held responsible for the provision of high fences to the old schools as parents for many years contributed towards the Development fund which in fact had not been utilised.

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO: (29.4.76)

EDUCATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE: (9.3.76)(13.4.76)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD

FENCING OF SCHOOLS

(Continued)

Councillors Lengene and Chuenyane addressed the meeting.

Councillor Thebehali said the Committee should, in the first instance, ascertain from the West Rand Administration Board whether the Board was committed to the principle of providing all the schools with the high fences. If the principle has been accepted, when was the decision taken. If so, has the money been provided in the estimates?

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

That the Chief Director be requested to furnish this Council with the following information:-

(a) Is it the intention of the Board to provide 6 foot security fences at all schools?

ADOPTED

(b) If so, when was the decision taken?

ADOPTED

(c) If so, when will the Board start to implement its decision?

ADOPTED

(d) If not, whose responsibility is it?

ADOPTED

(e) If schools are fenced, at whose request were they fenced: the School Boards or the West Rand Administration Board?

ADOPTED

(f) If it is the West Rand Administration Board, is provision made in the 1976/77 estimates?

ADOPTED

(g) What is the cost of providing a 6 foot fence?

ADOPTED

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO: (29.4.76)

EDUCATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE: (9.3.76) (13.4.76)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD

9. CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

The Chairman of the Christian Academy in Southern Africa has sent the following copy of a letter from the Bantu Affairs Commissioner:

"I am informed by my Head Office that my Department has approved of the constitution of the above organisation and has recommended registration as a welfare organisation."

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

That this report be NOTED

ADOPTED.

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URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO: (29.4.76)

EDUCATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE: (9.3.76) (13.4.76)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD

10. SOWETO SOCIETY FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE : REPRESENTATIVE

The Urban Bantu Council at its meeting held on 25 January 1973
RESOLVED inter alia :

"(a)

- (b) That a member of the Education and Health Committee be appointed to serve on the Advisory Council of the Soweto Counselling Service to assist in the establishment of the Marriage Council Service.

At a subsequent meeting of the Urban Bantu Council held on 25 April 1974, Councillor J. Ligege was appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee of Rev. Tau's Marriage Guidance and Counselling Service.

Mr. Ligege has ceased to be a member of the Urban Bantu Council and it is necessary for a member to be appointed to this position.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

Councillor Thebehalu be appointed to serve on the Soweto
for Marriage and Family Life.

Meeting closed at 4,50 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

CHAIRMAN:

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