

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OF LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, CLLR
NICHOLAS PIENAAR, DURING THE MAYORAL INAUGURATION AT THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBER ON 17 OCTOBER 2022 AT 10:00

Good Morning Colleagues

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who came to this historic occasion for Lephalale.

Magistrate, Magoshi a rena, Councillors, officials from the Municipality, union representatives, members of the public and the media.

The only way we can ensure this transition is smooth and successful is together. There will be days ahead where we fervently disagree on issues, but we owe it to our communities to ensure that we come together and create a strong working Lephalale that attracts investors.

Without open honest communication we will have no chance for success.

I have been entrusted with an important responsibility that will require all members of this council to work together regardless of political affiliation.

To the officials I expect nothing less than a clean audit outcome, our standards need to be higher.

We need to rely on the seniors amongst us to assist where possible.

I can tell you now for those who don't know me. What you see is what you get. I will also be honest with our community even if they don't like what I am saying but we need to have hard conversations going

forward regarding corruption and lack of Municipal services.

Let's remember that we are here today because of a democratic process that led me to be the Mayor of Lephalale.

Lastly I will rely on our Speaker and Whip to ensure the smooth running of Council Sittings and want to thank them for their vote of confidence.

I am glad to see that our Magoshi are in this chamber as we will need their support going forward.

Colleagues thank you for this opportunity given to me by Council, let's go out and make a real difference.

I THANK YOU.

Now let's get back to work.