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CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL

for

JOHANNESBURG

COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMME

11th APRIL, 1968

SHORT HISTORY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN URBAN BANTU COUNCIL FOR JOHANNESBURG

In 1923, with the introduction of the Native Urban Areas Act, provision was made for the election of an Advisory Board for each of the townships in Johannesburg.

The first Advisory Board was elected in 1925 and Advisory Boards have been in operation since that date and have played a vital role in the liaison between the City Council and the people of Soweto.

As Soweto has grown and eventually become the fourth largest city in South Africa, complexities of administration have placed an increasing burden of responsibility on members of the Bantu community. These responsibilities have been met and it is heartening to know that there is a core of leading citizens interested in civic affairs.

Against this background legislation was introduced in Act 79 of 1961, which permitted the setting up of Urban Bantu Councils. Planning for this event has taken three years to see fruition. Regulations for the Urban Bantu Council make provision for the election of persons from the eight national groups to represent their wards in the Council and also for certain selected chiefs' urban representatives to hold seats in the Council. The selection of these urban representatives took place over a number of weeks and most of the necessary representatives have been appointed. The election for the balance of the councillors took place on the 30th March, when an extremely heavy poll was recorded at all 20 stations. This contrast to previous Advisory Board elections reflected the interest of the residents of Soweto in a new system of civic administration.

A prestige building will house the Council Chamber and committee rooms and four committees, namely:—

Amenities,

General Purpose and Housing,

Trading and Transport,

Educational

will be set up to look in detail at the many aspects of administration in Soweto.

The establishment of the Urban Bantu Council for Soweto is an historic event and I as Manager am pleased to welcome you to this occasion.

W. J. P. CARR,
Manager.

PROGRAMME

- 1.00 p.m. Gowning of Councillors.
- 2.00 p.m. Guests to assemble in seating area outside front of Chamber.
- 2.10 p.m. Arrival of His Worship the Mayor — Councillor I. Schlapobersky.
- 2.15 p.m. Arrival of the Hon. the Deputy Minister of Bantu Administration and Education — Mr. B. Coetzee, M.P.

Chairman, Non-European Affairs Committee — Councillor P. R. B. Lewis to introduce His Worship the Mayor — Councillor I. Schlapobersky.

His Worship the Mayor to speak, welcome the Hon. Deputy Minister.

The Hon. the Deputy Minister to speak, unveil the plaques, cut the ribbon at the doors and officially open the Chamber. Band to play as Bantu Councillors (Robed) and special party moves inside the Council Chamber.

INSIDE COUNCIL CHAMBER

- 3.00 p.m. Bantu Council to assemble, with guests in appropriate seats.
- Rev. E. E. Mahabane to open in prayer.
- Notice of Meeting.
- Manager to address Bantu Council and guests.
- Manager to call for nominations for appointment of Chairman.
- Manager to ask Mayor to robe Chairman.
- Chairman to address gathering and to call for nominations for appointment of Deputy Chairman.
- Committee System and references to Committees.
- Standing Orders.
- Election of Committee Members.
- Chairman to announce the date of the next Urban Bantu Council meeting and to declare the meeting closed.

CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

Mayor:

Councillor I. SCHLAPOBERSKY.

Management Committee:

Councillors:

P. M. ROOS—*Chairman*.

P. R. B. LEWIS—*Deputy Chairman*.

J. F. OBERHOLZER, M.P.C.

A. B. WIDMAN, M.P.C.

M. L. NEPPE.

Non-European Affairs Committee:

Councillors:

P. R. B. LEWIS—*Chairman*.

S. MOSS—*Deputy Chairman*.

I. E. B. ATTWELL.

J. S. J. BURGER.

E. CUYLER, J.P., M.P.C.

H. F. DENNIS.

D. MAHONY.

C. J. ROSS-SPENCER.

C. P. VENTER.

Urban Bantu Councillors:

MNCUBE, F.—*Chairman*.

RATHEBE, J. R.—*Deputy Chairman*.

BUTHELEZI, H.

MBELE, P.

MDLALOSE, I.

NGIDI, E.

SIKOSANA, A.

LANGA, S.

THUSI, A.

ZONDI, J.

MBUYISA, J.

MBANJWA, J.

DABATA, S.

MNWEBA, K.

SCWEBU, M.

MAPONYA, R.

CHUENYANE, M.

SHIGALO, S.

VUKEYA, M.

RAMABULANA, A.

MADZAGA.

MASINGA, E.

MOSIMAME, B.

MAKHENE, E.

PILANE, E.

TSOTETSI, S.

MOSALA, L.

MOSHESH, D.

THEBEHALI, D.

MOKAKE, I.

LEHANA, S.

MAHLANGU, S.

MPANZA, J.

TSHABANGU, T.

MAKHAYA, T.

LUSHOZI, J.

ZWANE, E.

GUMEDE, J.

KUZWAYO, H.

NKOSI, K.

NCWANA, L.

MLONZI, L.

VUNDLA, P.

MANTHATA, S.

MOSEAMO, A.

MABUZA, B.

MAGEZA, C.

NEVHULAUDI, J.

MOEMA, S. M.

TSHABANGU, L.

RAMOKGADI, M.

MOKGELE, Rev. S.

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