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The Town Clerk,
P.O. Box 1049,
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TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT
DATE: 3-9-1968
Regd. No. 261/8
Date Act. 26/5/3

Sir,

BANTU REVENUE ACCOUNT -- ESTIMATES 1968/69. YOUR
261/8 OF 7TH AUGUST, 1968.
17th July

With reference to the Special Meeting of the Urban Bantu Council held on 13 May, 1968, I have to inform you that the Department does not see its way clear to approve of the undermentioned resolutions adopted at the meeting in question:-

- 4. Increase in allowances paid to Bantu Councillors;
- 13. Provision of a car for the Chairman/Deputy Chairman when on official business;
- 15. Provision of a suitable residence for the Chairman;
- 16. Provision of a distinctive robe for the Deputy Chairman;
- 17. Provision of an entertainment allowance to the Chairman to entertain official visitors.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

SECRETARY FOR BANTU ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

*Discussed with Mr. Hold as 17 for discussion with Mr. No further action to
6.9/9*

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- (b) That further consideration of the proposal to provide superior type of houses on various sites in Soweto be held over pending the receipt of a report from the Manager, Non-European Affairs Department."

- (11) That the erection of the Police Station at Jabulani be expedited, and that this Police Station be provided with sufficient mobile vehicles.

Councillor Lewis referred to the comments of the Manager contained in this section of the report. He said that the proposal of the Urban Bantu Council that steps be taken to expedite the erection of the Police Station at Jabulani did not affect the Estimates for the forthcoming year as the necessary financial provision had already been made as indicated by the Manager. The provision of mobile vehicles was a matter which would be dealt with by the South African Police.

RESOLVED: That the comments of the Manager, Non-European Affairs Department and the Non-European Affairs Committee be noted and that the Council be advised accordingly.

- (12) That the building of a Communal Hall at Zola be expedited.

Councillor Lewis said that because of the reasons outlined by the Manager provision would be made in the Estimates for 1969/70 to build a communal hall at Zola Bantu Township.

RESOLVED: That the comments of the Manager, Non-European Affairs Department and the Non-European Affairs Committee be noted and that the Council be advised accordingly.

- (13) That a car be provided for the Chairman/Deputy Chairman for use when on official Urban Bantu Council business.

Councillors Lewis said that the Non-European Affairs Committee did not favour the proposal that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman be provided with a car for use on official business. The Committee had recommended that consideration be given by the Management Committee to the payment of a locomotion allowance for the use of their own cars on official business. The correct mileage allocation could be determined after proper records had been kept for a period of three months. Should the proposal be accepted any expenditure to be incurred could be met out of an existing vote.

After further discussion, it was

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RESOLVED: That the following recommendations of the Non-European Affairs Committee be approved and that the Council be advised accordingly:-

- "(a) That the proposal of the Urban Bantu Council that its Chairman and Deputy Chairman be provided with a motorcar for use on official business of the Urban Bantu Council be not agreed to.
- (b) That the Manager, Non-European Affairs Department be authorized to pursue the proposal with the Chairman of the Urban Bantu Council that a locomotion allowance be paid to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of that Council on the lines suggested by Councillor Lewis and to report in due course to the Non-European Affairs Committee on the outcome of his discussions."
- (14) That transport be provided when Councillors en bloc are required to attend official Urban Bantu Council functions.

After discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the following recommendation of the Non-European Affairs Committee be approved and that the Council be advised accordingly:-

"That further consideration of this item be deferred to enable the Manager, Non-European Affairs Department to report more fully to the Non-European Affairs Committee at a subsequent meeting on the proposal that transport be provided when Councillors of the Urban Bantu Council were required to attend official functions en bloc."

- (15) That a suitable residence be provided for the Chairman commensurate with his position.

Councillor Lewis said that the Non-European Affairs Committee concurred in the comments of the Manager referred to in this section of the report.

After discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the following recommendation of the Non-European Affairs Committee be approved and that the Council be advised accordingly:-

"That the Committee does not see its way clear to recommend that residences be provided for the Chairman of the Urban Bantu Council."

- (16) That a distinctive robe be provided for the Deputy Chairman.

Councillor Lewis said that the Non-European Affairs Committee had resolved to recommend that the Deputy Chairman of the Urban Bantu Council be provided with a distinctive robe. Should the proposal be accepted the expenditure to be incurred would be met from an existing vote.

NOTED AND RESOLVED: That the following recommendation of the Non-European Affairs Committee be approved for submission to the Council:-

"That the request of the Urban Bantu Council that the Deputy Chairman be provided with a distinctive robe at an estimated cost of R55 be acceded to by the Council."

- (17) That the Chairman be provided with an annual entertainment allowance of R300 to entertain official visitors to Johannesburg, this amount being subject to yearly review.

Councillor Lewis said that the Non-European Affairs Committee had resolved to recommend that an entertainment allowance be provided for the Chairman of the Urban Bantu Council. Should the proposal be accepted the expenditure to be incurred could be met out of an existing vote.

NOTED AND RESOLVED: That the following recommendation of the Non-European Affairs Committee be approved for submission to the Council:-

"That the request of the Urban Bantu Council that the Chairman be paid an annual entertainment allowance not exceeding R300 be agreed to on a trial basis and subject to the production of vouchers being submitted to the satisfaction of the Manager, Non-European Affairs Department for audit purposes."

- (18) That the draft estimates be approved with the abovementioned amendments and additions.

After further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the comments of the Urban Bantu Council, together with the comments of the Manager, Non-European Affairs Department, Non-European Affairs and Management Committees be referred to the Council with an intimation that these, together with the 1968/69 Estimates of Income and Expenditure on the Bantu Revenue Account, be forwarded to the Hon. the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development and Bantu Education for approval.

(262/5/3)
(N.E.A.D. 134/63)

MANAGER'S COMMENTS ON COMMENTS OF COMMENTS OF URBAN BANTU COUNCIL ON 1968/69 ESTIMATES.

USE

The Revenue and Capital Estimates for 1968/69 were placed before the Urban Bantu Council for consideration, and the following are the comments made by the Urban Bantu Council together with the Manager's comments thereon :-

- (1) That Grants-in-Aid for Welfare Organisations be increased by 2 1/2% p.a.

Manager's Comment :

Grants-in-Aid are reviewed annually taking into consideration information supplied on each individual organisation's balance sheet for the previous year. In some instances, where it is warranted, the grant may, in fact, be lowered. The relevant information is placed before the Non-European Affairs Committee for decision on each individual application. There would be no point in making an over all 2 1/2% annual increase as, again where warranted, far more than 2 1/2% may be granted. This could then be a serious limiting factor.

- (2) That the amount provided for bursaries be doubled every year in view of the poverty of the people.

Manager's Comment :

The amount provided for bursaries is provided after all the factors of demand have been considered. Very seldom have all bursaries been applied for by suitable applicants. The number of bursaries has been increased considerably this year, but this could not be accepted as a regular necessity. The number and type of bursary provided is, from time to time, discussed with education authorities.

- (3) That the question of parking bays at Stadia be taken up immediately.

Manager's Comment :

All stadia have considerable parking available in the immediate vicinity. It would be impracticable to provide

parking for maximum capacity crowds as it would involve purchase of land earmarked for other and more needy purposes. Ellis Park for example can seat + 70,000, yet no special parking is provided and patrons park in adjoining streets. All stadia under the jurisdiction of this Department are considerably better of than this, as parking is available for normal crowds.

- (4) That allowances paid to Bantu Councillors be increased by 25%.

Manager's Comment :

There would be no basic objection to an increase in the allowances paid to Bantu Councillors which have just been fixed at :

Chairman	:	R50	per	month
Vice Chairman	:	R40	"	"
Councillors	:	R30	"	"

but this is a matter for decision by the Committee.

- (5) That the Burial of paupers in future be given specifically to African undertakers.

Manager's Comment :

Burial of paupers is put out to tender annually. There is no objection to Bantu undertakers tendering - provided they comply with requirements.

- (6) That more Lower Primary Schools be built.

Manager's Comment :

As application is made for housing loan funds for any particular scheme, primary school buildings are included. The dearth of housing loan funds during recent years has meant that less houses, and therefore schools than are required, have been built. It is not always only a question of buildings but of adequate staff and equipment, which is in the hands of the Bantu Education Department. It is admitted that lower primary schools are overcrowded and ~~ixxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ this is due to the fact that the Department of Bantu Education has in some cases used facilities provided for lower primary school purposes

as higher primary schools. This is a matter which is being pursued and discussions are held from time to time with senior officials of the Department of Bantu Education. If housing funds are made available for lower primary schools they can be used, ^{/even} though provision has not been specifically made in the current estimates.

- (7) That the provision of automatic telephone services be expedited.

Manager's Comment :

This is a request which is reasonable and representations have been made and will continue to be made to the telephone authorities. The difficulty appears to lie in the capital expenditure required in taking main telephone lines to Soweto and the lack of exchange equipment.

- (8) That a clinic be erected centrally to serve Zondi, Dube, Mofolo.

Manager's Comment :

Although by comparison with some areas it would appear that this region is not as well served, it is advised as follows :

- (i) Curative services i.e. attention to the daily sick, and midwifery services are the responsibility of the Provincial Authorities and the Council is conducting these services on their behalf until they are able to take over existing clinics.
- (ii) It is unlikely that a request to the Provincial Authority for a curative clinic in these areas will be favourably considered on account of their own staff shortage, and the fact that these areas are situated within a radius of two miles from a curative clinic.
- (iii) Promotive Health Clinics are the responsibility of the City Health Department and a proposal is at present passing through the appropriate

channels to provide a Mobile Family Health Clinic primarily for child health services to serve inter-alia, the areas of Dube, Zondi and Mofolo.

- (9) In view of the fact that Western Native Township was given priority when moved to Moroka, that Pinville be given priority with provision of electricity in the removal to Klipspruit.

Manager's Comment :

This is a matter which is receiving consideration but will necessitate a full report to the Council as the early provision of electricity to Pinville/Klipspruit will affect the Council's electricity programme for Soweto as a whole.

- (10) That 10 "L" type houses be erected in every 50 houses built, and that "L" type houses be built on all vacant sites which were earmarked for self-builders.

Manager's Comment :

There is a demand for bigger type houses but the emphasis in the past has had to be on the building of the normal 4 -roomed type house (51/6 or 51/7) as housing loan funds have only been made available where a house costs a maximum of R500. An "L" type house costs considerably more than this and representations would have to be made for an increased allocation of housing funds to comply with the wishes of the Urban Bantu Council in this regard.

Consideration is being given to the building of a superior type of house on various sites in Soweto and a report will be submitted to the Committee as soon as possible.

- (11) That the erection of the Police Station at Jabulani be expedited, and that this Police Station be provided with sufficient mobile vehicles.

Manager's Comment :

The police station at Jabulani has been started and R100,000 has been provided and will be spent during the current financial year, i.e. ending on the 30th June, 1968. The balance (R301,000) has been provided

in the 1968/69 Estimates and work is proceeding as fast as possible. The building should be completed within the financial year. The provision of mobile vehicles is a matter which will be dealt with by the South African Police.

- (12) That the building of a Communal Hall at Zola be expedited.

Manager's Comment :

The original intention ~~of the Manager~~ was to have built two halls this year but the shortage of capital funds has made it necessary to reduce this to one, which is to be built at Senaoane. Unless the capital provision is to be increased from R70,000 to R140,000 the building of a hall in Zola will have to be left over until the following year's Estimates. A hall was recently opened in Maledi which could serve the Zola people and is nearer to Zola than it is to Senaoane.

- (13) That a car be provided for the Chairman/Deputy Chairman for use when on official Urban Bantu Council business.

Manager's Comment :

The provision of such a car would involve capital as well as revenue expenditure for the driver and running costs and is a matter which I would prefer to report more fully on to a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

- (14) That transport be provided when Councillors en bloc are required to attend official Urban Bantu Council functions.

Manager's Comment :

Capital and revenue expenditure would be involved in the provision of transport for Councillors and is a matter which I would prefer to report more fully on to a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

- (15) That a suitable residence be provided for the Chairman commensurate with his position.

Manager's Comment :

This is a matter which I cannot support at this stage as the Chairman may only hold office for a year and would then have to move out of the official residence and obviously during that time would expect to retain any other house he might have for the period of his Chairmanship. The limitation of capital funds makes this proposition in my opinion unrealistic at this stage.

- (16) That a distinctive robe be provided for the Deputy Chairman.

Manager's Comment :

I have no objection to the provision of a distinctive robe for the Deputy Chairman which will cost approx. R65.00 and could be provided from an existing vote if the Committee so desires.

- (17) That the Chairman be provided with an annual entertainment allowance of R300 to entertain official visitors to Johannesburg, this amount being subject to yearly review.

Manager's Comment :

I support this recommendation subject to proper vouchers being submitted for audit purposes.

- (18) That the draft estimates be approved with the abovementioned amendments and additions.

Manager's Comment :

No comment.

IT IS RECOMMENDED :

That the comments of the Urban Bantu Council on the 1968/69 Estimates, together with the Manager's comments, be forwarded to the Non-European Affairs Committee for consideration.

SENT TO COMMITTEE CLERK

21 MAY 1968

(N.E.A.D. 134/1968)

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL COMMENTS
ON

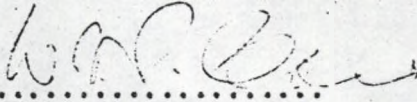
ESTIMATES : 1968/69

At a special meeting of the Urban Bantu Council held on the 13th May, 1968, the following resolutions were passed :

1. That Grants-in-aid for Welfare Organisations be increased by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %.
2. That the amount provided for bursaries be doubled every year in view of the poverty of the people.
3. That the question of parking bays at Stadia be taken up immediately.
4. That allowances paid to Bantu Councillors be increased by 25%.
5. That the Burial of paupers in future be given specifically to African undertakers.
6. That more Lower Primary Schools be built.
7. That the provision of automatic telephone services be expedited.
8. That a clinic be erected centrally to serve Zondi, Dube, and Mofolo.
9. In view of the fact that Western Native Township was given priority when moved to Moroka, that Pinville be given priority with provision of electricity in the removal to Klipspruit.
10. That 10 "L" type houses be erected in every 50 houses built, and that "L" type houses be built on all vacant sites which were earmarked for self-builders.
11. That the erection of the Police Station at Jabulani be expedited, and that this Police Station be provided with sufficient mobile vehicles.
12. That the building of a Communal Hall at Zola be expedited.
13. That a car be provided for the Chairman/Deputy Chairman for use when on official Urban Bantu Council business.
14. That transport be provided when Councillors en bloc are required to attend official Urban Bantu Council functions.

15. That a suitable residence be provided for the Chairman commensurate with his position.
16. That a distinctive robe be provided for the Deputy Chairman.
17. That the Chairman be provided with an annual entertainment allowance of R300.00 to entertain official visitors to Johannesburg, this amount being subject to yearly review.
18. That the draft estimates be approved with the above-mentioned amendments and additions.

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URBAN BANTU COUNCIL


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