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As all of you who have passed through the Mayoral chair know, it is a unique period in one's life. Johannesburg is one of the great cities of the world, and to be elected to the office of first citizen is an overwhelming experience. Who were we to be called by this name and treated as such. There is no doubt that the traditions built up, both by those who have passed through this Chair, and by the insistence of the Mayor's office officials on proper protocol and deference to the Office, has given the Mayor and Mayoress a standing in the city which one had not appreciated until one took Office. To all who have contributed to this happy state of affairs we pay tribute and offer our thanks.

We have enjoyed our year of Office and are now very happy to hand over to our successors. There will be other occasions, both this afternoon and next week, when I will add to these remarks.

Thank you again my fellow Councillors for your support during my term of Office, and for this gift, which we greatly appreciate.

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