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WEST RAND BANTU AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION BOARD

DIE STEDELIKE BANTOERAAD VAN JOHANNESBURG  
URBAN BANTU COUNCIL OF JOHANNESBURG

MINUTES OF THE 105TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE URBAN BANTU COUNCIL  
OF JOHANNESBURG HELD IN THE URBAN BANTU COUNCIL CHAMBER, JABULANI  
ON THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 1977 AT 2.30P.M.

PRESENT:

- COUNCILLORS:
- Thebehali, D. (Chairman)
  - Makhaya, T.J. (Deputy Chairman)
  - Chunyane, P.M.
  - Hanyane, S.
  - Khungwane, H.
  - Jiyane, J.M.
  - Leepo, J.L.
  - Lenyane, P.M.
  - Machata, B.C.
  - Mahlangu, F.
  - Mahlangu, S.S.
  - Makhanya, A.
  - Mantshato, S.
  - Mponza, R.J.F.
  - Mokocna, D.
  - Motha, S.
  - Mziyane, J.B.
  - Mvuhlaudzi, J.
  - Mtshane, Z.
  - Mkoe, E.
  - Mkosi, K.
  - Felotona, A.
  - Radebe, L.
  - Ramoni, D.
  - Tjecko, K.
  - Tshabangu, L.
  - Vilakazi, E.

- OFFICIALS:
- Mr. M.P. Wilsnach (Director, Housing)
  - Mr. E.A. Walter (Chief Townships Manager)
  - Mr. A.M. Conn (Senior Townships Manager)
  - Mr. E.M. Fubayi (Acting Secretary)
  - Mr. A. Mfeto

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ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Baynes (Bantu Affairs Commissioner, Johannesburg)  
Mr. Bordman (Urban Areas Commissioner)  
Brig. J. Visser (Divisional Commissioner, South African  
Police Soweto)  
Councillor C.C. Mafube (Chairman Robsonville Urban Bantu  
Council)

#### OPENING PRAYER

Councillor Makhaya opened the proceedings with a prayer.

#### INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chairman introduced Mr. Baynes, the Bantu Affairs Commissioner of Johannesburg and Mr. Bordman the Urban Areas Commissioner who took over Mr. van Niekerk.

#### 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the ordinary meetings held on 11 November 1976, 25 November 1976 and 7 December 1976 circulated to members.

CONFIRMED

#### 2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(i) Leave of absence in terms of Regulation 29(2) was granted to the following Councillors:

M.M. Mtsho  
M.B. Kulu  
E. Buthelezi  
F. Nephumava

(ii) Leave of absence in terms of Regulation 29(3) was granted to Councillor S. Jiyane for the period 1 January 1977 to 1 February 1977.

#### 3. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO: (27.1.77)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD:

1. FREE TRANSPORT OF BLACK CHILDREN TRAVELLING  
BY S.A.R. TRAINS AND BUSES

Councillor Hanyane recommends that the Chief Director be requested to make representations to the South African Railways that Black minor children using train/buses in company of their parents/guardians travel free of charge.

Councillor Hanyane said it has come to his notice that the South African Railway offers free transport to European children under the age of six years and added that they do not deprive the commuters of the seats. Children sit on their mothers' laps.

He said similar privileges granted to European children should be accorded to Black minor children.

Councillor Nkosi said it would be irresponsible for the Urban Bantu Council to recommend that a five year old child be given free transport as it has reached school-going age. He said he would agree with the mover if he had recommended free transport to children under the age of five years.

Councillor Tshabangu said that information given by Councillor Hanyane should first be verified before the Council approved of the recommendation. He asked the mover to withdraw this motion, as it is an exercise in futility.

The Chairman wanted the mover to clarify whether the recommendation refers to children travelling on mainline or in local transport and buses, and Councillor Hanyane said that his motion refers to children travelling on both the mainline and local transport.

Councillor Leepo said this item highlights some of the problems experienced by the Black Community as well as the bad treatment meted out to the Blacks.

Councillor Notha said it should be investigated as to which child pays and which one does not pay.

Councillors Manthata, Makhaya, S.S. Mahlangu and Mokoena addressed the Council.

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FREE TRANSPORT OF BLACK CHILDREN TRAVELLING  
BY S.A.R. TRAINS AND BUSES

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RESOLVED:

That this item be taken up by the Liaison Committee  
on Transport with the South African Railway and report  
back to this Council.

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URBAN BANTU COUNCIL SOWETO:(27.1.77)

WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD:

2. PROVISION OF BUS SERVICES TO AND FROM  
NEW CANADA AND ALL THE SUBURBS OF  
JOHANNESBURG

Councillor Hanyane recommends that the Urban Bantu Council request the Chief Director to make representations to the Johannesburg City Council (bus transport service) to provide bus services between New Canada opposite the West Rand Administration Board offices and all the Suburbs of Johannesburg to reduce travelling expenses and to reduce the unnecessary delays.

Many females living in Soweto work in the Suburbs of Johannesburg. Councillor Hanyane said that many women living in Soweto work in the Suburbs of Johannesburg and it is a known fact that they are meagrely paid. A woman living in Zola and working in the Suburbs would spend much of her earnings on transport. He said that as their services are an absolute necessity to the Whites, the Johannesburg City Council should be requested to provide bus transport from New Canada and all the Suburbs.

Councillor Rasmeni endorsed the remarks of Councillor Hanyane.

Councillor Tshabangu said that Public Utility Transport Corporation will object against this recommendation as they are licensed to transport commuters to and from Soweto to Johannesburg.

Councillor Maponya said that this demand is not feasible from the business point of view as only a handful of commuters will make use of transport to numerous suburbs. The Company that will provide the transport will run at a loss and will finally be insolvent.

Councillors Mofha, Nkosi, Leepo and Mzinyane addressed the Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Liaison Committee should investigate the possibility of providing bus transport to and from New Canada to all the Suburbs.

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1. JOHANNESBURG AFRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The following letter has been received from Messrs Borkum, Katz & Co. :

"Further to our claim against your Council we wish to confirm that at the request of Mr. Lengene we postponed our Application for Default Judgement against the Council. This was on the understanding and on the undertaking by Mr. Lengene that further action would be taken in the matter.

Mr. Lengene undertook to assemble sufficient evidence for us in order to enable ourselves to bring a claim on behalf of sub-committee styled the Anti-high rent committee against the Johannesburg African Chamber of Commerce whom according to Mr. Lengene were holding monies collected for this particular purpose.

Mr. Lengene however, has failed to arrange for the persons responsible to call on us in order to enable us to bring the Application.

I would therefore please request you to do your utmost to bring this matter to a head as soon as possible. As you will realise we cannot allow the matter to continue indefinitely and whilst we are prepared to assist in bringing the matter to a head, we would ask you also to put the necessary wheels in motion on your side. Please let us hear from you in this regard."

The Chairman said that since October 1976 he has received several letters of demand from a firm of lawyers threatening to sue the Urban Bantu Council with legal action to recover the sum of R2000 for services rendered. The firm of lawyers stated in their letters that they intended to apply for judgement in Default against the Urban Bantu Council if this money is not paid.

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JOHANNESBURG AFRICAN CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE

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He added that he informed the lawyers concerned that this Council was not involved in this in that it never sought legal advice in the matter. Councillor Motha said the Council had nothing to do with this matter because Councillor Lengene was not authorized by the Urban Bantu Council to serve on the Johannesburg African Chamber of Commerce Anti-high rent Committee. As far as this Council is concerned Councillor Lengene acted on his private capacity.

Councillor Rasmeni said Councillor Lengene convened a public meeting outside the Urban Bantu Council Chamber where the Anti-high rent Committee was formed and the decision taken at that meeting was not the decision of the Urban Bantu Council and he did not see the reason why the Urban Bantu Council must be implicated in this matter.

Councillor Maponya said Councillor Lengene should not involve the Urban Bantu Council but should handle this matter with the Johannesburg African Chamber of Commerce. The Urban Bantu Council had no part to play in this matter.

Councillor Chuanyane called on Councillor Lengene to make a public statement disassociating the Urban Bantu Council in this matter.

Councillor Radebe said that a man who convened a public meeting outside the Chamber styled himself as the Chairman of the Urban Bantu Council and thereafter went to the lawyers and fraudulently involved the Urban Bantu Council.

Councillor Lengene said that because of the West Rand Administration Board not following the correct procedure in increasing the rentals, the people at the public meeting and not the Urban Bantu Council took a decision to take the West Rand Administration Board to court.

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URBAN BANTU AFRICAN CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE

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Councillor Hanyane and Rasmeni addressed the Council.

RESOLVED:

That this Council advise the firm of attorneys that this Council never at any stage instructed any lawyer to act for this Chamber in any rent dispute nor did this Council instruct any individual Councillor to act on its behalf.

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4. FUTCO BUS SERVICE TO AND FROM CHIAWELO  
EXTENSION AND STEELDALE

Councillor Hanyane says that he has been consulted by several bus commuters to ask Futco to run a bus service to and from Chiawelo Extension and Steeldale.

If introduced, the suggested times of departure from Chiawelo Extension to Steeldale, Robertsham be:

4,30 a.m.  
5,30 a.m.  
6,00 a.m.  
7,00 a.m.

and the return trips from Steeldale to Chiawelo via Robertsham at:

4,00 p.m.  
5,00 p.m.  
6,00 p.m.

RESOLVED:

That the Director, Housing be requested to make representations to Public Utility Transport Corporation to introduce a bus service to and from Chiawelo Extension 2 and Steeldale and the times of departure from Chiawelo be

4,30a.m.  
5,30a.m.  
6,00a.m.  
7,00a.m.

and the return trips from Steeldale to Chiawelo via Robertsham at : 4,00p.m.

5,00p.m.  
6,00p.m.

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P.U.T.C.O. BUS SERVICE BETWEEN  
CHIAWELO EXTENSION 2 AND DUBE  
STATION

Councillor Manyane proposes that representations be made to Public Utility Transport Corporation for a bus service to be introduced to run between Chiawelo Extension 2 and Dube Station.

Taxis operate throughout the day and are very busy over week-ends.

RESOLVED:

That the Director , Housing be requested to make representations to Public Utility Transport Corporation to introduce a bus service between Chiawelo Ext. 2 and Dube Station.

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5. FUTCO BUS SERVICE BETWEEN CHIAWELO EXTENSION 2  
AND BARAGWANATH HOSPITAL

Councillor Hanyane recommends that Futco be requested to introduce a bus service between Chiawelo Extension 2 and Baragwanath Hospital to cater for residents of Chiawelo Extension 2 and Mapetla Extension wishing to go to Baragwanath Hospital.

Residents from these two areas rely on Taxi services for their transport which is beyond the means of many people.

RESOLVED:

That the Director, Housing be requested to make representations to Public Utility Transport Corporation to introduce a bus service between Chiawelo Extension 2 and Baragwanath Hospital.

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## 7. CRIME

On 31 July 1975 the Urban Bantu Council rejected the following recommendations of the Housing and General Purposes Committee:

- (a) That an ad hoc Committee on crime comprising of representatives of Social Workers, the educational, legal and the medical professions, the cultural and the church organisations be appointed to investigate ways and means of combatting crime and juvenile delinquency.
- (b) That the ad hoc Committee on crime should sit for as long as is required.
- (c) That the ad hoc Committee on crime should submit its findings to the Urban Bantu Council which should forward the report with its recommendation to the relevant Government Department through the West Rand Administration Board.

The following is a letter addressed to the Urban Bantu Council Chairman by Mr. Moshe Tsotetsi of 8836B Mda Street, Orlando West:

"I wish to refer you to your motion dated 16 June 1975 on crime. In this motion you stated: "That the Urban Bantu Council institute a commission of inquiry to establish the causes of juvenile delinquency and adult crime. In reply to this, the Director, Housing stated that such a commission had already been appointed by the Hon. the Minister of Justice and that the matter could not be pursued further.

I, on behalf of the people of Orlando West, wish to state that the time has now come that this matter be re-considered as a matter of urgency. We wholeheartedly appreciate your concern over the matter and have confidence in you to approach the authorities on this issue.

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CRIME

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We regret that although we realise that you, our Hon. the Mayor of Soweto, are so heavily burdened by this onerous task, we have no alternative but to appeal to you for assistance as the Urban Bantu Council is the only platform from which we can seek redress to our grievances.

In conclusion we state that the findings of the commission appointed by the Hon. the Minister of Justice is earnestly awaited.

The Director, Housing informed the Council that the Commission established to investigate crime has submitted its report to Parliament.

That this report be MOVED.

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## 8. CRIME WAVE IN TRAINS

The following is a copy of a letter that was received from Mr. Tsotetsi of 8836B Orlando West addressed to the Chief Commissioner of S.A.R. Police, Johannesburg:

"Owing to the tremendous increase in travelling from the city to Soweto, we as commuters and residents, wish to appeal to you for assistance from dangerous thugs who terrorise in trains.

It has now become a common issue for defenceless people to be robbed, assaulted and most likely to be killed daily in trains. The situation could have been caused by the recent unrest, the stay-away and probably the unemployment issue but the contributory factor as well is the lack of police who used to operate in trains.

WE SUBMIT: If tangible active co-operation could be achieved from the police and certain organisations of dedicated men, this could minimise the ever-increasing crime. We appeal to your authority on this matter especially during this critical period. We also believe that your assistance in this matter could promote good relationship between the South African Railways and its commuters. This is an urgent call and outcry from Soweto."

RESOLVED:

That this report be NOTED.

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## 9. URBAN BANTU COUNCIL MEETINGS

- a) That in the light of the original resolution of suspending the election of Committees this Urban Bantu Council continues as last year, to have two official meetings a month. That the first official meeting be on the second Thursday of the month to discuss Education, Health, Trading and Transport matters.
- b) That the second official meeting be held on the last Thursday of the month to discuss Amenities, General Purposes and Housing matters.
- c) That this must be the bases of holding our official meetings until the whole question of delegated powers is resolved.

Councillor Rasmeni said Committees are needed to do the spade work.

Councillor Mponya said the Council should rescind its decision to suspend the election of Committees as suspending Committees is tantamount to suspending the Standing Orders.

Councillor Lengene said the decision of the Council taken on 7 October 1976 is in conflict with the regulations of the Urban Bantu Council and the Standing Orders.

The Chairman said the Urban Bantu Council has the power to suspend a clause of the Standing Orders.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the decision of this Council to suspend the election of Committees be REPEALED.
- (ii) That this Council reverts to the Committee system and elect Committees at a meeting to be held on 17 February 1977.

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10. LIAISON COMMITTEE ON CRIME

That this Urban Bantu Council recognising the importance of working closely with the South African Police and South African Railway Police as statute bodies for the maintenance of law and order in our community moves that a Liaison Committee consisting of six Urban Bantu Council members and representatives of the South African Police and South African Railways Police be resuscitated. That this Liaison Committee meet bimonthly to discuss the crime situation and related matters.

Councillors Motha, Meponya, Leepo and the Director, Housing addressed the Council.

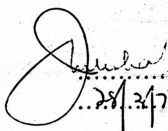
RESOLVED:

- (i) That Chairman of Committees be appointed and the Chairman of the Urban Bantu Council and Deputy Chairman be appointed to serve on the Liaison Committee on Crime.
- (ii) That notices of meetings of the Liaison Committee on crime be sent to all Councillors to enable those who are interested to attend and make contributions.

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CHAIRMAN :

DATE :

  
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