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TSHWANE Budget 2013/2014

National trade performance is holding the country back. The economy must first recover before growth will realise. Much more is needed for expanded trade, investment and job creation.

So what has this budget done to aid with the growth of our economy and to assist in investment and job creation?

It basically stopped at acknowledging the problems and then has done everything to exasperate it and make the residents of this metro worse off. Nothing has been done to encourage any form of investment. Less has been done to put more money into the hands of the residents to enable them to balance their budgets and contribute to national saving. Without increased saving there is no money for investment and without investment in the economy there will be no new jobs. This should not surprise the average South African as the current administration has proved that they do not understand job creation. They continue to show us that for the economy in this city to improve there will need to be a change in the administration. This is a budget which tries to do the same old thing and will only result in the same failed economic outcomes for growth.

While the government leaders encourages workers to not be greedy, to tighten their belts and accept pay increases in the single digits, this hypocritical administration says to the residents, we are only increasing property rates revenue effectively by 13.4%. We are only increasing the value of vacant land by 5.8% which is lower than the 13.9% for the overall property roll. Who cares that most residential land in this city has reduced year on year by double digit figures. Probably as a result that residents do not and can not afford to invest in this Metro. Who cares that the municipal valuation roll increases by 13.9% whilst most residential home prices in Tshwane have decreased?

Most resident will be lucky to receive single digit salary increases and yet our Sanitation, Solid Waste and Water tariffs will increase with double digits.

The paying residents of this metro should have serious concerns about the effectiveness of the city's debt collection methods. This administration continues to in-effectively collect its over inflated Revenue budget each year. This coming year we will provide for a R868 million write off to the non-payers who will enjoy the benefits of services but who will not pay for these services thanks to the efforts of the administration.

What in this budget will induce a businessman to invest here and not in another metro? If the ANC to create more jobs they need to create a more efficient and responsive administration. The city need to create incentives to encourage business to establish itself in our city. The City need to find ways to stop the daily exodus of residents to Johannesburg. Where is the cities leadership and strategic thinking in this regard? Where is the excellence? The small amount budgeted for economic development is so miniscule that if put on a graph you would need a magnifying glass to see it. We have become a capital city of bureaucrats and commuters. This country and this city deserve a government which is innovative and can find new and better ways to stimulate the economy and balance its budget. A government that does not look outside of itself for people to blame for its failures. Efficient government expenditure is central to turning around the economy. All this budget has done is repeat the same old things, increasing the cost of living and delivering more promises which will, based on past performance, be watered down in the adjustment budget in 6 months time. We may live in Gauteng now but the Wet van Transvaal still applies in the new Tshwane.



BUDGET IMPLICATIONS FOR THE MAN ON THE STREET

Tariff Structures for Main Services

Sanitation	10%
Refuse Removal	25%
Water	10%
Electricity	08%

Property Rates

New valuation roll will be implemented on 1 July 2013.

Overall average increase per property is 13.9% and 12.2% for the residential property category.

Tariff includes the 35% rebate on property rates granted with the implementation of the MPRA in 2009, meaning the tariff will be reduced by 35% and the rebate on the property rates discontinued. This will have the same property rates relief as before.

Total valuation rebate on residential properties of R50 000 was increased to R75 000, which include the legislative impermissible value of R15 000. ± 325 000 households will benefit from this increased valuation rebate.

Residential tariff is therefore proposed to be 0,853 cent

ONTMOET JOU RAADSLID

Indien jy nog nie die wyksraads lid vir wyk 47, Rita Aucamp ontmoet het nie of probleme ondervind wat jy graag met haar wil bespreek, kom ontmoet haar elke 3de Saterdag van die maand by RAWSON's, h/v De Villa Bouisstr en Jacquesstraat, Moreletta Park vanaf 09:00—11:00. Op Saterdag, 22 Junie sal sy beskikbaar wees by die Olivewood Winkelsentrum vanaf 09:00.

IS JY GEREGISTREER? 2014 VERKIESING OM DIE DRAAI

Is u geregistreer om te kan stem? Onthou jou stem kan die verskil maak. Indien u wil uitvind of u geregistreer en op die kieserslys is, stuur asb 'n epos met u ID no na rita@dagautengnorth.co.za of stuur 'n sms na 083-6290315.

Indien u nie geregistreer is nie, kan u op Saterdag, 22 Junie by die Olivewood Winkelsentrum in De Villa Bouis str, Moreletta Park die nodige dokumentasie kom voltooi by die "Ontmoet jou raads lid" tafel.