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## **COGTA MEC MZI KHUMALO CALL FOR RESOLUTION OF THE WAGE DISPUTE IN CITY OF TSHWANE METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY**

The MEC for CoGTA, e-Government, Research and Development, Mr Mzi Khumalo is appalled at the deteriorating situation in the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Council and calls all the parties to resume negotiations to resolve the impasse in the City.

MEC Khumalo views the state of affairs in the City in a very serious light and expresses serious concern on the failure by the City of Tshwane to provide basic services to the residents of Tshwane as a gross violation and dereliction of responsibility. The continued failure to provide services undermines the stability of the Council as witnessed recently when a Council meeting degenerated into a gory spectacle of violent conduct.

MEC Khumalo condemns the wanton destruction of Council property as this put further strain on service delivery. The torching of Council vehicles and intimidation of workers will not help to resolve the wage disputes. We wish speedy recovery to injured workers.

In the prevailing circumstances, MEC Khumalo appeals to Executive of Council to put the interest of the residents of Tshwane first and take the necessary steps to resolve the dispute expeditiously. The MEC will explore options/ avenues available to intervene decisively should the City fail to resolve this dispute.

We urge all parties in Council to at all times act in the best interest of the citizens of the City.

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