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MEC MOILOA CALLS ON TSHWANE MAYOR TO SUSPEND THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Gauteng MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements, Dikgang Uhuru Moiloa, has called on the City of Tshwane Mayor Solly Msimanga to suspend its Municipal Manager.

This comes after reports alleging that the Municipal Manager was involved in handing over infrastructure projects worth R12 billion to an engineering consultancy to manage.

Moiloa said that the City of Tshwane was supposed to have placed the Municipal Manager on suspension already, if indeed their public pronouncement about fighting corruption is to be believed by anyone.

“This is in particular because the Mayor Solly Msimanga, says he did not know about the shenanigans around the multi billion rand tender that provided room for looting of the public purse.”

“Under normal circumstances any government should have taken measures to suspend such an official so that investigation take place unhindered. We are calling on the mayor of the City of Tshwane to act in line with his public pronouncement of the Democratic Alliance and the EFF proclaiming that they are fighting corruption, let’s see them in action in the City of Tshwane,” said MEC Moiloa.

The MEC said that Mayor Msimanga came across in responding to the allegations as not knowing what is happening in the City.

“This calls for forensic investigation to protect the public purse and restore public confidence in our institutions of government. The Constitution gives me power that once I have been made aware of any action that is untoward, to investigate. We are going to intervene, we are going to work with provincial treasury to propose a forensic investigation be instituted in the city so that we can put to rest the allegations that otherwise if left unchallenged have got dire consequences for the credit liquidity of the municipality” said the MEC.

Moiloa said that he was also aware of allegations of wrong doing in the City of Johannesburg and the City of Ekurhuleni and was going to take action against them, or any other municipality found to be on the wrong side of the law.

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