

Department threat gets power back

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City of Tshwane mayor Nasiphi Moya has ordered the reconnection of electricity to the department of education in the Pretoria CBD after it threatened legal action.

Moya announced last Thursday that the city had disconnected the electricity and water at the department of basic education head office in Struben Street as part of its #TshwaneYaTima programme.

Moya said this was due to a combined debt of over R104 million owed by 200 schools.

The department reacted swiftly, warning that disconnecting services to it for the debt of a separate legal entity is without legal basis.

Moya and her team have also cut the power to police stations, Weskoppies Psychiatric Hospital and Kgosi Mampuru Correctional Centre in the past.

She ordered the reconnection of the department's headquarters, but vowed further action to recover school debt, saying the municipal debt of public schools in the city continues to escalate.

"While the city fully respects the high court judgment prohibiting the disconnection of schools, that judgment has left municipalities with very limited mechanisms to recover substantial amounts owed for municipal services rendered.

"Since the court ruling we have engaged extensively with the relevant authorities to secure payment of these outstanding accounts.

"Despite this, the debt continues to escalate, placing further strain on the city's finances and its ability to deliver services to all residents," Moya said.

Tshwane cannot continue providing municipal services indefinitely without payment, she added.

She has instructed the city's administration to urgently explore all lawful avenues available to compel the education authorities to honour these outstanding obligations.

Gauteng education MEC Lebogang Maile said the total owed to Gauteng municipalities over 60 days, as at the end of March, is R583.9 million: R51.7 million to the City of Tshwane, R75.14 million to the City of Ekurhuleni and R390.71 million to the City of Joburg.



JOZI FIGHT CLUB

Sande Mbalane, from the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation Incubation Hub, takes part in an event recently at Fight With Insight's gym at The Children's Memorial Institute in Johannesburg. Picture: Michel Bega

City manager's job on the line

ACCUSED: COUNCIL STARTS SUSPENSION PROCESS

» DA's Brink claims EFF report is motivated by Johann Mettler's blocking of rigged tenders.

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There is another bid to oust City of Tshwane manager Johann Mettler. The council has adopted a report to suspend him and he has been granted a week to explain why he should not be suspended.

This comes after Tshwane EFF leader Obakeng Ramabodu tabled a 45-page report accusing Mettler of maladministration and irregular recruitment of the Emergency Medical Services' chief.

He also accused Mettler of failing to do mandatory vetting in the irregular appointments of Ashraf Adam as a senior manager in the city and of Revo Spies as deputy chief of the Tshwane Metro Police Department (TMPD).

Ramabodu said TMPD deputy chief was a non-existent position.

He also accused Mettler of obstruction for the suspension of the Special Investigating Unit Rooiwal wastewater treatment works findings and the unlawful dismissal of 44 municipal workers.

Ramabodu said the case against Mettler is not political contestation, but a matter of documented governance failure.

Tshwane mayor Nasiphi Moya said she had a statutory obligation to place allegations of this nature before the council for its consideration.

"The tabling of the report is a procedural requirement prescribed by law and does not constitute a finding that any misconduct has occurred. Council has now initiated the prescribed statutory process," she said.

Moya said council also considered an update on the investigation report into allegations of misconduct against chief financial officer Gareth Mnisi.

"In accordance with the rules governing council proceedings, it would be inappropriate to comment on the findings or recommen-



TARGET. Johann Mettler. Picture: Supplied

dations of either report while these matters remain under consideration.

"The city further notes that extracts or summaries of confidential council documents may appear in the public domain. Such extracts do not necessarily reflect the full context in which council is required to consider these matters."

Moya said processes must be allowed to run their course.

Tshwane DA mayoral candidate Cilliers Brink said it was clear the ANC coalition wanted to remove Mettler, not because he is guilty of misconduct, but because he stands in the way of tender rigging, fraud and corruption.

Brink described Obakeng's report as vaguely defined accusations.

"Some of the things they blamed him for were not under his control.

"The object is clearly to have Mettler suspended and replaced by a city manager who will sign off on rigged tenders, which Mettler has been stopping," he said.

"One of those tenders we have identified went to a company implicated at the Madlanga Commission of Inquiry for a lease on the Pretoria showgrounds.

"This company is linked to EFF leader Julius Malema in that testimony," he added.

Brink said they will await Moya's response. "If she does bring a report, we will consult our attorneys. By making this public, we can ensure the mayor cannot hide behind a veil of confidentiality. This is a matter of public interest."

ActionSA national chair Michael Beaumont called Brink's stance politicking.

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5	2
4+ P	22
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3+ P	979
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2+ P	13 803
1+ P	73 152
P	122 517



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3+ P	802
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2+ P	12 290
1+ P	65 456
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3+	1 516
3	17 159
2+	23 583

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INVITATION TO TENDER (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

ERRATUM NOTICE Bid No: MAF142/2025/26

Mafube Local Municipality hereby issues this Erratum in respect of the tender advertised on 26 June 2026.

Please take note that the closing date for the above-mentioned re-advertised tender has been amended. The correct closing date is as follows:

Closing Date: 09 July 2026

All other terms, conditions, and specifications are contained in the new tender advertisement