

22 September 2025

URGENT MOTION MOTIVATION RULE 90(2)

This matter is submitted for urgent consideration in terms of Rule 90 of the Standing Orders of Council because the allegations raised before the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Criminality, Political Interference, and Corruption in the Criminal Justice System have an immediate and severe impact on the credibility, stability, and integrity of governance of both the Ekurhuleni Metro Police Department (EMPD) and the Municipality as a whole.

On 18 September 2025, testimony was presented to the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Criminality, Political Interference, and Corruption in the Criminal Justice System, implicating Brigadier Julius Mkhwanazi in facilitating the unlawful registration of private vehicles as municipal assets and in authorizing the irregular equipping of such vehicles with blue lights reserved for official law enforcement use. These allegations, widely reported in the media, have understandably generated significant public concern and scrutiny regarding the leadership of the EMPD.

Council recognizes that the Commission has not yet concluded its work and that no findings have been finalized. However, the mere continuation of Brigadier Mkhwanazi in his role, despite being implicated under oath, creates a real and present risk. Precautionary suspension is therefore both necessary and appropriate, not as a finding of guilt, but as a protective measure to safeguard the integrity of the urgent investigation that must now follow. Allowing him to remain in office in these circumstances would undermine the credibility of the EMPD, compromise the perception of fairness in the investigative process, and further damage public trust in this Municipality.

These allegations strike at the heart of institutional integrity. Failure by Council to act with urgency risks undermining the credibility of the EMPD and the broader governance reputation of the Municipality at a time when public trust is already fragile. The matter cannot be deferred to the next ordinary motions cycle without irreparably weakening public confidence in both Council and the EMPD. Rule 90(5)(c)(ii) explicitly provides for precedence where a matter is of immediate public importance. This motion clearly qualifies, as inaction would signal tolerance of alleged abuse of municipal assets, weaken oversight credibility, and embolden misconduct.

Accordingly, the Speaker of Council is requested to accept this as an urgent motion for tabling at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 25 September 2025.

URGENT MOTION SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF RULE 90 OF THE COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS BYLAW: TO PLACE BRIGADIER JULIUS MKHWN AZI, DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE, ON PRECAUTIONARY SUSPENSION AND TO INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS RAISED AGAINST HIM AS PART OF THE DISCIPLINARY FRAMEWORK.

NOTING THAT:

1. The Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Criminality, Political Interference, and Corruption in the Criminal Justice System, better known as the Madlanga Commission, has heard sworn testimony implicating Brigadier Julius Mkhwanazi in the unlawful registration of private vehicles as municipal assets and their irregular equipping with blue lights.
2. These allegations, if ultimately proven, would constitute a serious abuse of office and an unlawful use of municipal resources.
3. The improper use of blue lights is strictly prohibited in law and reserved for authorised enforcement agencies.
4. The Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) has previously investigated related matters and reportedly recommended disciplinary action.
5. The credibility of the EMPD's leadership is fundamental to maintaining law, order, and public trust in the City of Ekurhuleni.
6. Council is bound by Section 67(1)(h) of the Municipal Systems Act, read with Item 2(2)(c) of the Staff Code of Conduct and Section 171(1)(b) and (4) of the MFMA, to ensure that allegations of misconduct by high-ranking officials are promptly investigated and, where warranted, disciplinary steps are taken.

BELIEVING THAT:

1. Precautionary suspension is a lawful and fair step that protects the integrity of investigations while not amounting to a finding of guilt.


2. Immediate action is necessary to safeguard witnesses, to prevent any perception of interference in the investigative process, and to maintain public confidence in the EMPD.
3. Council has previously established precedent by placing senior officials on precautionary suspension when serious allegations or open investigations were underway, in order to protect the institution and to preserve the integrity of investigations.
4. Council has both the constitutional obligation and the moral responsibility to take swift and decisive action when credible allegations of misconduct arise against officials in senior positions of trust.

RESOLVE THAT:

1. THAT Council RESOLVES that Brigadier Julius Mkhwanazi, Deputy Chief of Police in the City of Ekurhuleni, be immediately placed on precautionary suspension, effective the passing of this motion.
2. THAT Council INSTRUCTS the Acting City Manager to initiate an investigation, as part of the City's disciplinary framework, into the allegations against Brigadier Mkhwanazi in line with all relevant legislation.
3. THAT Council further INSTRUCTS the Acting City Manager to conduct an independent assessment of the EMPD fleet to establish whether additional irregularities or corrupt practices exist.
4. THE Acting City Manager MUST, in the OCTOBER 2025 Council Meeting, table before Council a report on:
 - a) Progress made in the investigation and disciplinary process against Brigadier Mkhwanazi; and
 - b) The outcome of the independent assessment of the EMPD fleet.

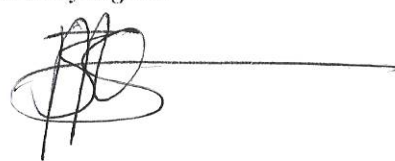
Proposed by: Ald. Izak Berg (IRASA)

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Seconded by: Cllr. John Senona (ATM)

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT,
CITY OF EKURHULENI
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO COUNCIL

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