

ROCCI WELCOMES NEW MAYOR HIS WORSHIP HON CLLR PARKS TAU

“Johannesburg newly elected Mayor Parks Tau has said that basic services like water electricity and sanitation will be a top priority for him.

He will also focus on addressing the quality of roads, potholes and broken traffic lights.

Our City of Johannesburg is more than tarmac and concrete and more than wires and pipes. It is also about social economic development and transformation,” he said.”

Above is a direct extract from newly inducted Mayor of Johannesburg His Worship Hon.Cllr Parks Tau as broadcast by Eye Witness News on News 24 on 27th May 2011.

The Roodepoort Chamber of Commerce and Industry in congratulating His Worship on his term of office pays special tribute to the above acceptance speech as being encouraging of renewed trust and hope in the City Leaders to ensure that Joburg consolidates its position as A World Class African City.

The Chamber sees all that is mentioned above as critical areas of service delivery that was lacking in the past and which brought about great unhappiness, frustration, and stagnation in business growth and inward investment.

A highly topical area now is the threat of further power outages by City Power and judging by the schedules placed online, not much thought seems to have been given to the prioritization of areas, if one has to go by what is reported in the local Press. Business cannot go back to the era of 2008 where it had to endure long and continuous outages especially after assurances by Eskom, barring severe unforeseen conditions, outages are a thing of the past. We call on the new incoming Council and particularly His Worship to ensure that should Outages become necessary – it be managed in a responsible manner with due prior consultation and notices given so that Productivity is not as seriously hampered as in the past.

To ensure that the highest levels of service delivery are met with the concomitant growth in employment – the Chamber urges the new Mayor to stay as closely to the City's Growth and Development strategy devised in 2006 and ensure regular performance feedback by every municipality and council under its control.

To this end, Business offers its hand to His Worship and his incoming Council to assist in all areas of Municipal development to make Joburg the preferred destination of choice.

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