

THE MAYORAL IDP/BUDGET SPEECH FOR 2009/10 DELIVERED  
ON TUESDAY, 02 JUNE 2009 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER

The task of liberation of our people has become even more relevant than ever before. The people have fully demonstrated their confidence in the ANC by overwhelmingly giving us a resounding victory in the past elections. The people cannot wait any longer and it is required of us in our positions to defend and protect this victory by responding to the needs and expectations of the masses through service delivery and socio-economic upliftment through engagement of our people in their own development.

Last year in my budget speech I quoted the Freedom charter when it says “The people shall govern”. I want to say that today it is more relevant than ever before that the people must govern and will continue to govern. The need for refocused minds and energies is highly required to take the transformation of our people forward.

This Municipality is not excluded from this task since it is ANC led. We are going to make sure that every employee of this Municipality is on their duty and performing their tasks as they should. We are aware that there are employees in this Municipality who are paid without being productive and sometimes even going to an extent of undermining the authority and leadership and even bring the Municipality into disrepute. We are not going to waste any more time with situations like these, we will ensure that from tomorrow all employees are at their work place those that are not their managers will be charged.

The full time councilors are going to devote their time to ensure that we run a clean and effective administration led by the Mayor. We are going to visit work places to observe for ourselves and compile reports with recommendations to the Exco and Council for action. We have also seen a lot of disappointment from the site of management by being reluctant to perform their responsibilities. We are also going to hold monthly meetings with management to assess continuous implementation and maintenance of discipline in the work place. We will pull no stops in this regard.

Madam. Speaker I would also like to pronounce that from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 the IDP Officer will report directly to the Municipal manager. The following measures will be put in place to ensure continuous monitoring;

1. Constant meetings will be held by the Mayor's office, the audit committee, the Municipal Manager, the Chief Financial Officer and the internal audit to assess required policy intervention and compliance matters throughout the financial year.
2. Continuous assessment meetings will also be held by the Mayor, Municipal Manager, PMS Officer and IDP Officer for timeous interventions in the implementation of the IDP.
3. The full time councilors will be exposed to the specifications of projects, so that they can do inspections and provide reports to the Executive committee. The consultants of all projects will be held accountable for poor quality of projects and such consultants and contractors will be dealt with.

It is our firm believes that our full time councilors will also fulfill their obligations by being available in their offices and leading from the front. We have a lot of work to be done and that calls on the availability of all

resources we have in the institution. It has however been disappointing to see how councilors have been responding to the programs of the Municipality.

Madam. Speaker from September this year when we go back to our communities our ward councilors and committees are going to be in the forefront of these community consultations including stakeholder engagements. We have heard many of our people during election campaigns and even beyond saying they never see their ward councilors and this must end with immediate effect.

Every organization rises and falls on leadership, and the leadership of this Municipality is going to be pulled through the roof to ensure that the ANC is not going to suffer any embarrassment in the face of the oppositions. We want to be criticized because we make mistakes in our effort to perform and not because we are lazy and corrupt. When you are paid without being at work every day that is clearly corruption and you are stealing the money of our people that is supposed to pay someone who has the interest of our people at heart. If indeed you are a leader in the ANC alliance you cannot be involved in such activities because you know the revolutionary agenda has no room for lazy and destructive people.

The third sphere of government which is locally based remains critical in achieving the goals as mentioned above. Therefore the efforts and interpretation of this aspiration must manifest themselves in the form of programs and projects we approve in our budgets.

In the previous financial year we have amongst others implemented some projects and programs that aimed at laying a clearer foundation for the delivery of services. However the victim in this endeavor is integration. We still have to see a comprehensive approach towards

consolidating cooperative governance by all spheres of government as a commitment to service delivery. We however have full confidence in the reconfiguring of National Ministries, which will impact on Provinces and Municipalities to also reorganize and configure to meet service delivery requirements.

The highlights of projects implemented are the paving of streets in Regorogile, high masts lights in Regorogile, Rooiberg and Northam, the connection of Regorogile Ext 6 & 7 to the main sewer and water lines. This has been featured in the media many times on TV and newspapers.

We are proud to report that this project was implemented by mobilizing the local community to be the implementers of their own projects. We are also building a sewer pipe line in Northam through the intervention of the Waterberg District Municipality. We have bought a new water pump to improve water supply in town. Whilst water flow has improved what remains to be improved are the pipe lines that break from time to time. We need a resolution on a program to be implemented to renew this important infrastructure that is key to the health and survival of our people.

We also want to recognize a sterling work done by Clr PA Mosito and the Acting Manager Community Services at Regorogile Meriting section. Even though the area is not yet proclaimed they have been able to move people in proper lines to ensure that they can receive electricity and sanitation and be readied for future expansions of services.

Previously people were supposed to be delivered with wheelburrows to deliver sick people to the road where ambulances can pick them, but today ambulances can drive up to their houses because of this exercise. There are proper roads to reach our people.

We are also proud to announce that the Department of Health and Social development has completed the building of SASSA and the building of the new hospital has commenced and will soon be followed by a new clinic in Regorogile. It is a clear fact that Regorogile population has grown tremendously and we are also opening 903 stands soon. It therefore calls upon us to sharpen our service delivery machinery to meet the demands that will face us there.

We also note with serious regret that some of our comrades have been attempting to disrupt this process of a commitment to service delivery. It is indeed very sad to have people who claim to be cadres of our alliance but their actions prove to be counter revolutionary. It is also similar to the case where our people have received eviction orders on the land that belongs to the state; it is a serious counter revolutionary move that requires strongest condemnation ever from all directions of our movement. It is actually unbelievable. We want leaders who understand where our people come from and know where we are going.

We are not going to tolerate people who assist farmers who evict our people mercilessly from their farms. We do not have reserve land waiting for people to be evicted and be accommodated.

We want people who will understand that our transformation agenda requires tolerance and cooperation of all stakeholders.

Our people do not deserve to be treated with the cruelty we have seen from other people.

We will defend our democratic gains through fighting for the rights of the farm dweller and worker even if it calls for the loss of our lives in this endeavor, we will die for a real course of martyrs.

We have heard disheartening stories in farms about the cruelty our people meet there, in Dwaalboom a woman was mauld by a farmers' dog, bit her breast off and broke her thigh and when the case was reported to the police, she was told a dog cannot be arrested and she later died of those wounds.

Whilst we have enjoyed some improvements in our police service in some areas these reports leaves much to be desired.

We also want to congratulate the leadership of the stations in Thabazimbi, Rooiberg, Cumberland and Northam in particular for their continued support in all our activities in the Municipality.

Whilst our budget continues to be more and more insufficient we have however been able to improve office space for optimal performance.

The problem however has remained a high staff turnover in this financial year.

We have lost key personnel in our finance department and the filling of the CFO post has proven to be a challenge given the fact that we could not get a suitable candidate at the level of our grade. The post will be filled before the end of June 2009.

The ANC manifesto has outlined the five key focus areas for our government in this dispensation

1. Creation of sustainable jobs and sustainable livelihoods
2. Education and skills development
3. Rural development, land reform and food security
4. Improved health care
5. Fight against crime and corruption.

These are not new priorities but an affirmation of the commitment of 1994 Manifesto when we promised a better life for all. At the ANC Provincial lekgotla, Dr Mathole Motshekga the Chief whip in the National assembly mentioned that the structures of the ANC and Departments of government are to blame for the failure to identify problem areas of service delivery until it is only identified by media. It is clear that from now on we need a cadreship that is proactive and responsive to the needs of our communities. This means we must all be ready to serve.

We have won the National Vuna award for LED KPA, I believe we can only afford to build on this success and make sure that the good record keeping shown in this regard can be transferred to other areas of operation.

There is a need to redefine Municipal capacity building in line with our key performance areas as outlined above. We need to improve our capacity to plan and maintain by the employment of relevant key personnel who will draw up maintenance plans for all Municipal infrastructure.

Looking into the future we need to take our challenges on, it has not been a good year financially in this Municipality.

Our revenue collection program proves to be working very well; we have however suffered a serious setback when we lost R 3,6million through our cash focus system. I want to put my head on the block to say we can not rule out a collaboration between the bank and the suppliers of the cash focus system, hence ABSA has been reluctant to give us records.

We had to use a court order to get these records whilst they wanted to force us to indemnify them from responsibility in this regard. I must say

we are disappointed in the manner in which ABSA has handled this matter; they were not committed to dealing with this problem. But we are determined to push this matter to the limit until the culprits are arrested, this is a highly sophisticated crime but with our laymen's minds we can already see where the solutions lie.

There is still much to be done which is not necessarily catered for in this budget. We have the following areas that need serious attention;

1. Smashblock will receive dry toilets and high mast lights and purified water. The land issue still needs to be clarified.
2. Dwaalboom, there a discussions to buy land for the people and provide the necessary services.
3. Jabulani, we have suffered a setback as the process of buying the land by Land Affairs has not transpired, we will engage Land Affairs in this regard.
4. Leeupoort C-mine, we have to find alternative land for these communities in this financial year
5. Regorogile Ext 2, the people will have to be incorporated into other developments within Thabazimbi
6. Kwa-Botha, we will have to attend to this place as soon as possible because the situation has already gone out of hand
7. Groenvlei, an engagement with the departments of education and public works is ensuing.

We also have the following land claims that either needs completion or programs and projects to ensure that the beneficiaries benefit as required; Dilokong in Rooiberg, Baphalane ba Mmantserre with a lot of in-fights, Baphalane ba Ramokoka in Koedoeskop and the Matlabas people still with issues of beneficiaries to be clarified.

Ours remains a daunting task and the road is not smooth at all but as we have said working “together we can do more”. We want to thank all our stake holders who have made a meaningful contribution to our budgetary and IDP process. It has been very interesting and I want to urge my fellow councilors and officials not to run away from these processes as they are enriching and make you a strong leader with a better understanding.

We want to thank those who made submissions; it has been an eye opening exercise and a valuable learning curve. Please continue to do that it is your right to hold your leaders accountable. We also want to thank our communities where we held consultations; the meetings had a satisfactory attendance. Our people did not sit back and wait for us to pass the budget and lodge their complains but they participated.

The Office of the Mayor will put more focus on the following priorities in this financial year; youth and women programs, disabled and sports art and culture, moral regeneration and HIV/AIDS. We will focus on these issues as they are cross cutting in all our programs and projects.

This is a clear demonstration that together we will do more.

I would therefore like to summarize the budget as follow. And also request council to approve and adopt the budget, IDP and the related policies as presented in line with Municipal Systems Act, (Act of 2000 chapter 4) and Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 200 Ch Sc )

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the report is to present the 2009/2010 budget to the council for approval and adoption

## **INTRODUCTION**

The budget for 2009/2010 year was done based on the figures of the budget review. Incremental method of budgeting was used. The actual for the 2008/2009 were also taken into consideration. According to the IDP, there were other capital expenditures that were funded from the operating expenses and these expenditures were taken into account. As the budget reflects there will be a surplus of R76, 115.00 which is acceptable by the MFMA

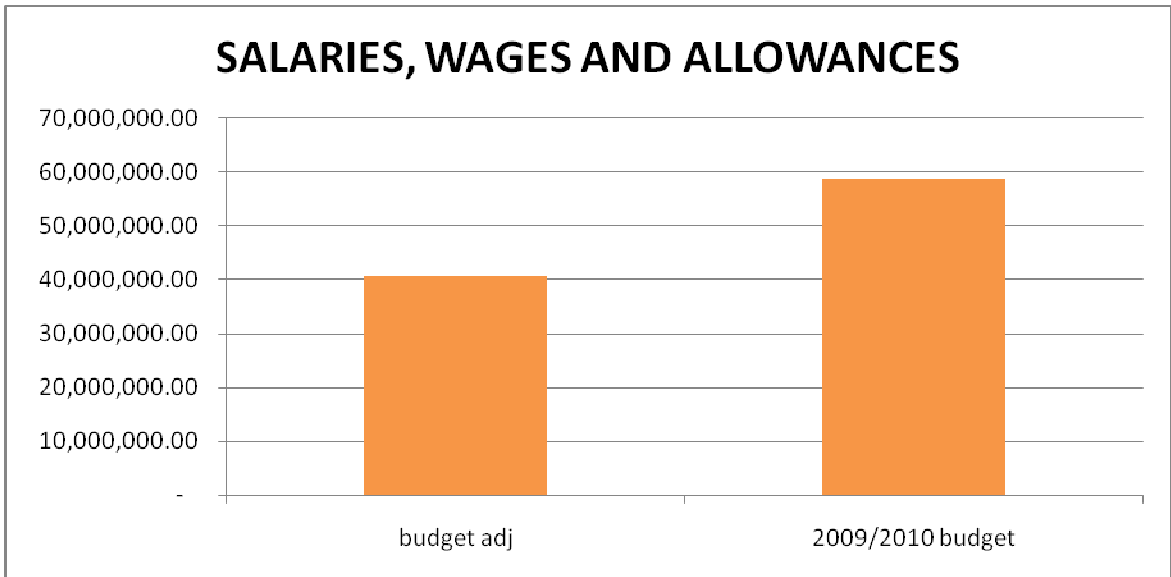
There are some highlights in the budget which will be discussed later in the report. The South African economy is not well currently due to the world economy melt down. Our electricity for the 2009/2010 year will be increased by 34% due to the cost of electricity going up by the same percentage. Our country is in a technical recession which means that less money will be available for consumers to spend which will affect our collection of rates for the coming year.

### ***EXPENDITURE***

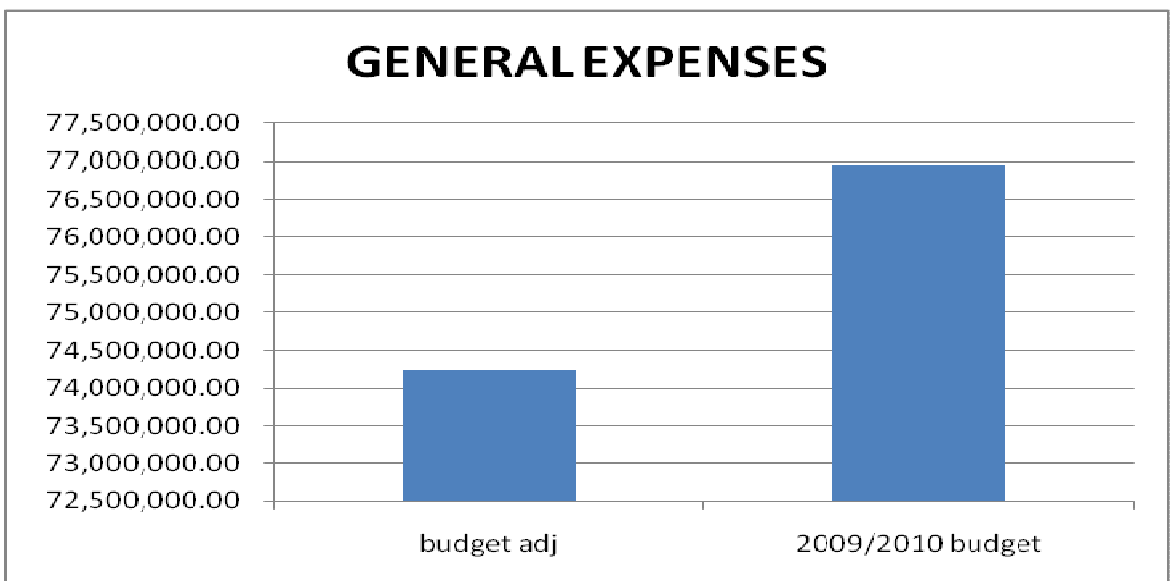
The total expenditure for the 2009/2010 year has increased by 29%, the total expenditure for 2008/2009 was R158, 888,212.00 which increased to R188, 860,725.00.

The following were increases per items:

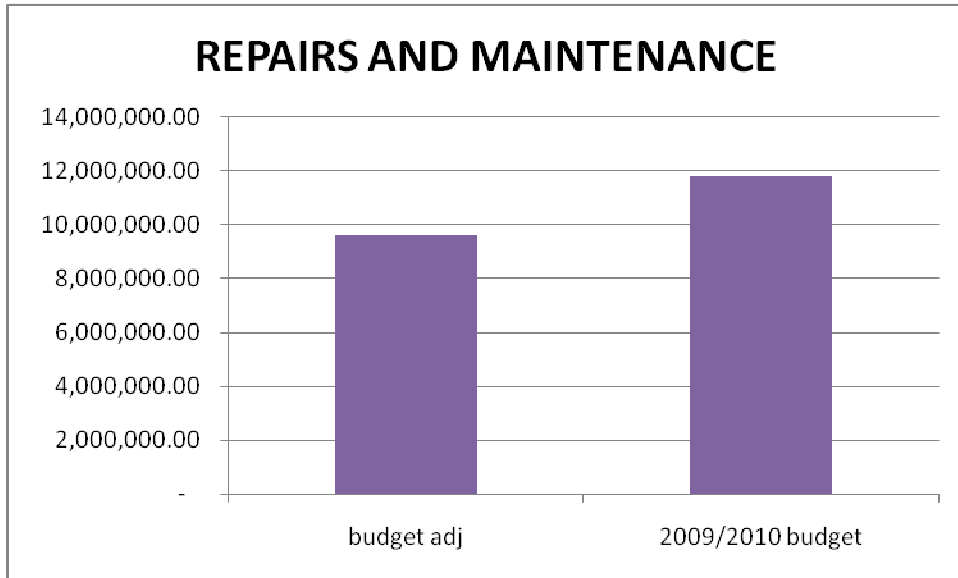
- Salaries and wages:44% increase



- General expenses:4% increase

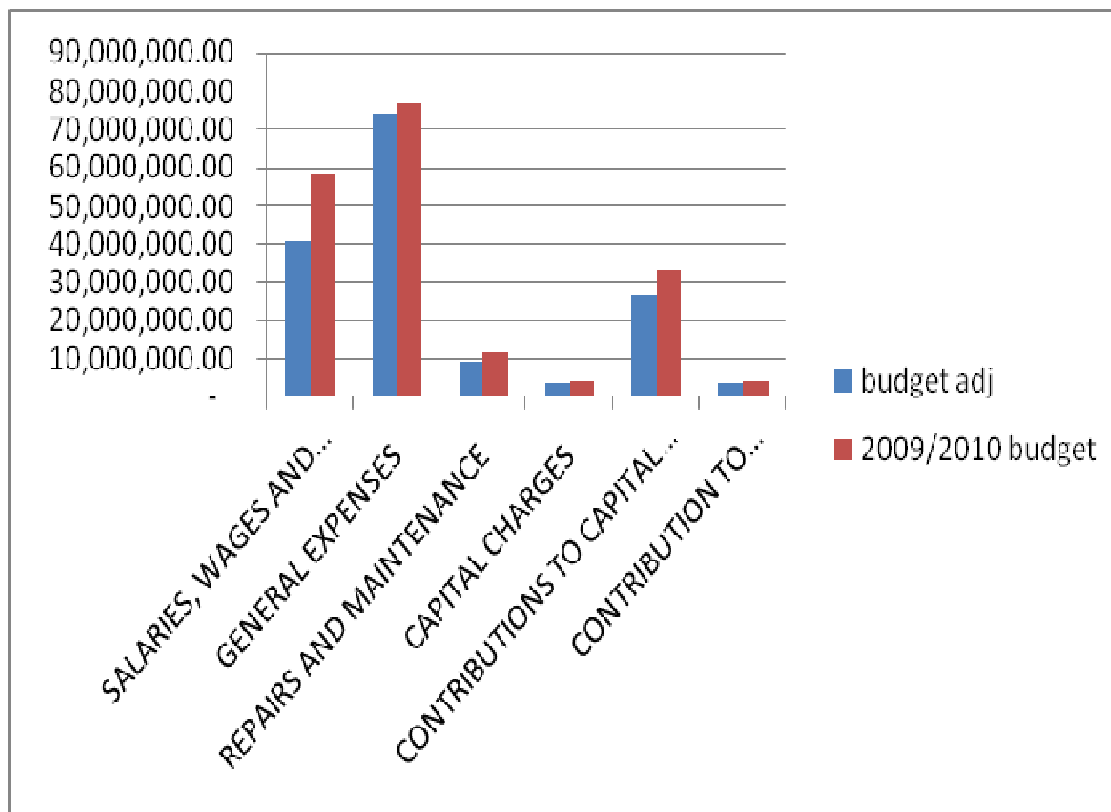


- Repairs and Maintenance: 23% increase



- Contribution to capital outlay: 24% increase
- Contribution to capital: 13% increase

The following is the total expenditure with the expenses:



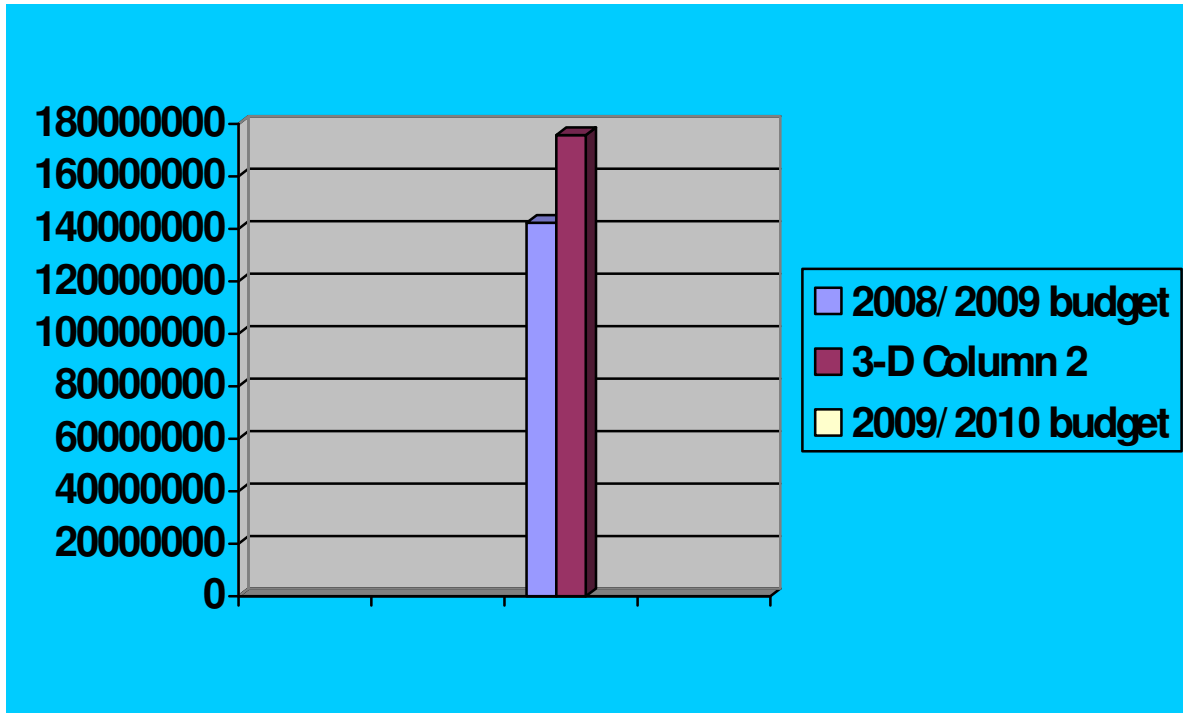
## INCOME

Income budget was increase based on the following factors:

- The increase by the National electricity regulator
- Other income, increase was based on the expected inflation figures.

The overall increase is 23% on the income. The budget figures increased from R142, 330,188.00 in 2008/2009 to R175, 668,666.00. this year

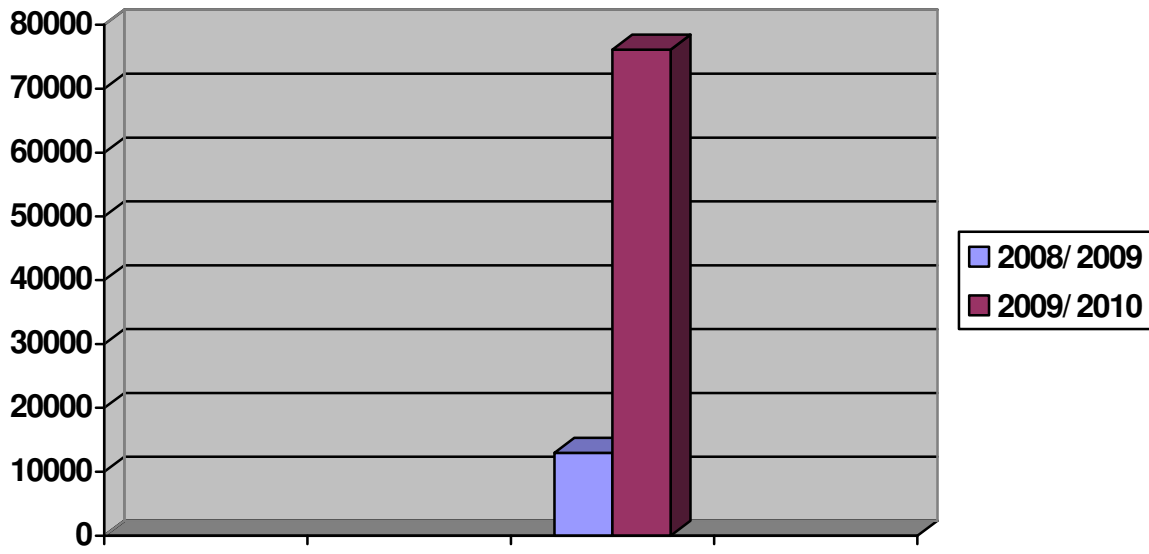
The following diagram shows the comparisons of the two years which is 2008/2009 and 2009/2010:



**DEFICIT (SURPLUS):**

The budget has a surplus of R76, 110.00 which is accepted by legislation. Though the budget is in a surplus, we have included capital expenditure which is paid from operations. The surplus has increased from R12, 972.00 to R76, 110.00 on this budget.

The following diagram clearly illustrates the difference between the two years:



Madam Speaker, I move for the adoption of the 2009/10 IDP/Budget together with all the related policies contained in today's council package.

With your support, victory is certain, Together We Can Do More! As affirmed by our motto "Working Together for Prosperity"

I thank you all.