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Dear Mayor Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla and Madam Speaker

**Pietermaritzburg Business Fair, SMME's and Co-Ops Festival and Investment Conference 2021**

MARRC wishes to refer to the full council meeting held on the 25 November 2020 via MS Teams, where MARRC representatives were in attendance.

At the meeting, it was proposed that:

1. Council approves the funding of a Pietermaritzburg business fair, SMME's and co-ops festival and investment conference 2021.
2. Council enter into a three-year R1 million funding agreement with the company Enzomode.

MARRC is, in principle, in support of the investment conference initiative, as it could unlock potential investments and employment opportunities. However, MARRC objects to any Municipal funds being used to fund such an event and objects to the signing a 3-year contract in light of the Municipality's dire financial constraints.

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MARRC, therefore, urges our Honourable Mayor, Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla, and Council to seek external sponsorships to cover costs and suggest that council only endorses the event in order to attract possible alternative funding for the event.

We further request information on:

1. The proposed budgetary funding source for funding this event.
2. The company mentioned as Enzomode. The CPIC website reflects no company registration,
3. The names of the directors and shareholders of Enzomode?
4. Enzomode's track record and experience in hosting business fairs?
5. What procurement procedure were followed? Was the contract put to tender? If so, who were other bidders and on what basis was the Enzomode's tender accepted?

These are crucial questions that all members of the executive and Council should be asking to ensure that the city makes prudent financial decisions. If such questions have not been addressed, then the executive and Council must be held accountable for dereliction of duty.

MARRC, as representatives of residents and ratepayers, strongly object to Council's consent for the allocation of Municipal funding for this event and urge Council and our Honourable Mayor, Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla to prioritize funding of better service delivery to residents of Msunduzi instead.

We look forward to a comprehensive response to the above questions and request a response within 14 working days.

We also kindly request written acknowledgement of receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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