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MAHLAKU TO RESHUFFLE METSIMAHOLO COUNCIL

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Making major plans ... Metsimaholo Mayor, Brutus Mahlaku

The Weekly can reveal that Metsimaholo Local Municipality mayor, Brutus Mahlaku, will reshuffle his mayoral committee of councillors, on Tuesday next week, in a bid to speed up service delivery in the municipality.

“The mayor will be reshuffling his cabinet and he is expected to replace some councillors while others will be demoted to become ordinary councillors. He is doing this because of lack of both services and leadership on the part of the few mayoral committee members (MMCs) who will be fired,” revealed a reliable source.

One of the councillors expected to face the chop is Selina Moreki, who is heading the urban planning and housing department. There are apparently hundreds of members of the community who are still without legal stands and some have illegally occupied land in the Harry Gwala phase 2 and Zamdela’s Angola, because of the department’s incompetence.

Another councillor in the firing line is Mnyamezeli Khonto, who is responsible for the public safety department in the council. He has been accused of failing to ensure that municipal law enforcement officers do their jobs effectively and efficiently.

The MMC for Local Economic Development (LED), Thabo Lempe, has reportedly resigned and has taken up the post of LED director, in the same municipality.

The Weekly can reveal that councillors Nkono Radebe, Thandiwe Soetsang and Lindiwe Shongwe, are likely to remain in their portfolios while others will either be axed or redeployed.

Radebe, the councillor responsible for special programmes, denied any knowledge of the impending reshuffle.

“We know nothing about the reshuffling, but I personally believe that if it is true it will be in the best interest of our people and maybe changes will take the municipality forward. I do not care if I also get reshuffled as long as that expedites the work the municipality is doing to the community.”

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Mahlaku would neither confirm nor deny the impending reshuffling. “We are meeting on the fourth for a council meeting.”

Meanwhile, the municipality has recovered property that was attached by the sheriff of the court after service providers obtained an attachment. He was owed millions of rands by the municipality.

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