MAYOR KAUNDA DISTURBED BY ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION LEVELLED AGAINST HIM AND ORDERS THOROUGH INVESTIGATION

EThekwini Municipality Mayor Mxolisi Kaunda has instructed the City Manager to conduct a thorough investigation into the damning allegations that have been published in the News24 of 13 February 2023.

The article accuses the Mayor of interfering with Supply Chain processes by forcing municipal officials to make payments to companies in preparation for the ANC Conference in December last year.

The Mayor wants to state categorically clear that as the political head of the Municipality, he never gets involved in the awarding of tenders and processing of payments for service providers.

We also want to make the following clear:

- The Mayor never issued an instruction to anyone to fast tract payments for any company
- The Mayor never discussed any contract with the Head of Auxiliary Services.

- The Mayor never instructed anyone in his office to call officials to process payments for any company

The Mayor was brought to the municipality to ensure, among other things, quality service delivery, create stability, strict adherence to transparent and clean governance as well as fighting fraud and corruption.

The Mayor views these allegations as part of the crusade to tarnish his image and create doubts in the minds of the residents of eThekwini on his commitment to run a clean government.

Having led in various structures of the ANC and deployed to lead various government institutions, Kaunda has never been implicated in any corrupt activities because of his strong conviction that misappropriating government funds is tantamount to stealing from the poor.

It is for this reason that the Mayor has called for a thorough investigation into these allegations and expose the officials who are using his name for their selfish ends.