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11.1.31 **REQUEST TO USE THE MULTIPURPOSE CENTER COMMUNITY HALL FOR NATIONAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP**  
(C/M 2026/05/07 - 15/2/3/3/1)

**Special Management Committee Meeting of 29 June 2026**, Addendum **5.1** page **04** refers.

**A. This item was submitted to the Management Committee for consideration:**

**1. Introduction**

Attached letter dated **16 June 2026** from Mr Nestor Tobias, Chairperson of the MTC Nestor Sunshine Tobias Boxing Academy requesting to use the Multi-Purpose Community (hereafter referred to as MPC) Hall for their upcoming boxing tournament scheduled for **24 July 2026**.

**2. Background**

Mr Nestor Tobias reserved the MPC Hall for an event scheduled for **24 July 2026** without clarifying the purpose of the event. Upon finalising payment for the event, Mr Tobias informed the office that the event booked was sports-related. He was subsequently informed that, regrettably, sporting events are not permitted at the MPC Hall, but that the booking could be transferred to the Tamariskia Town Hall. The applicant thus expressed his concern after learning about this, especially because he already commenced with marketing and publicity following confirmation of availability and responded in the attached letter (**Annexure "A"**).

**3. Discussion**

After the opening of the MPC Hall during 2015, Council, at its meeting held on 31 August 2016 while discussing the request for approval of tariffs for the halls under item 11.1.12, resolved as follows:

**That Council approves the tariffs for the financial year of 2016/2017 as outlined below and that the tariffs be gazetted:**

	<b>TOWN HALL</b>	<b>MEDULETU</b>	<b>MULTI PURPOSE</b>
<b>SPORT FACILITY</b>			-
<b>Membership fee</b>			-
<b>Other Users per Annum</b>	<b>784.93</b>		-
<b>MULTI PURPOSE</b>			
<b>Weddings</b>	<b>2015/2016</b>	<b>2016/2017</b>	
<b>Before 24h00(Per Day)</b>	<b>2 295.6</b>	<b>3 830.4</b>	
<b>After 24h00</b>	<b>500.00@ per hour</b>	<b>Wedding Tariffs plus 872.30 @hour</b>	
<b>Kitchen (Per Day)</b>	<b>250.00@per hour</b>	<b>Wedding Tariffs plus 771.70@per hour</b>	
<b>DEPOSITS</b>			
<b>Ordinary Shows(Per Day)</b>	<b>1 485.00</b>	<b>1 485.00</b>	<b>2 355.50</b>
<b>Music shows (Per Day)</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>No music shows</b>
<b>Weddings (Per Day)</b>	<b>5 000.00</b>	<b>5 000.00</b>	<b>7 500.00</b>

In light of the above, no tariffs were made available in this regard, and none have been gazetted to date. The only applicable tariffs are those of the Tamariskia Town Hall and

Meduletu Hall, where the fees for matches are **N\$1,630.96** and **N\$800.74** respectively (**extract from tariffs below**).

MPC	Tamariskia	Meduletu	
<b>Matches where entrance fees are charged</b>			
Amateur (per occasion)	<b>1 260.05</b>	<b>641.06</b>	-
Professional (per occasion)	<b>1 630.96</b>	<b>800.74</b>	-

#### 4. **Proposal**

The MPC Hall has an estimated 1,000-person capacity, however with a center boxing ring in the hall it will reduce the capacity of the hall to approximately **40% to 50%** of that capacity. This means that realistically, only **500 to 600 spectators** can be accommodated. On the other hand the 1,000-person capacity can also translate to a 4-court to 6-court indoor sports hall, assuming a mix of active floor space and spectator seating. Opening the hall for selected and controlled sporting codes can further support the promotion of sports tourism in Swakopmund by attracting athletes, technical teams, supporters and visitors to the town. Such events have the potential to stimulate local economic activity through accommodation bookings, transport services, restaurants, informal trading and related tourism services. By positioning the Multi-Purpose Community Hall as a suitable venue for approved indoor sporting events, Council can contribute to broader economic development objectives while still safeguarding the facility through clear conditions and responsible venue management.

It must, however, be noted that the physical environment of a town hall changes significantly when it is used by athletes and large numbers of spectators. The challenges for event organisers include liability insurance and negligence claims should participants suffer career-altering injuries due to facilities that do not meet the required standard.

Considering the above, it would therefore be in Council's interest to ensure that organisers indemnify Council against any claims related to their sporting event.

The key risks associated with the proposed event relate to potential damage to the facility, injuries to athletes or spectators, liability claims against Council, crowd control challenges and uncertainty regarding the applicable tariff. These risks can be mitigated by granting approval subject to strict conditions, including payment of the applicable tariff in line with that of Tamariskia Town Hall, submission of a safety and security plan, proof of liability cover or indemnity, use of protective flooring or mats where necessary, compliance with occupancy limits and Council venue rules, and acceptance by the organiser of responsibility for any damages.

#### 5. **Conclusion**

The request by Mr Nestor Tobias, Chairperson of the MTC Nestor Sunshine Tobias Boxing Academy, requires Council's consideration in view of the existing restriction on the use of the Multi-Purpose Community Hall for sporting activities. While the previous restriction was intended to protect the facility and manage risks associated with unsuitable sporting use, the current request presents an opportunity for Council to consider a controlled and conditional approval for selected indoor sporting activities that can be accommodated without materially compromising the facility.

It is therefore appropriate that permission be granted for the boxing tournament scheduled for 24 July 2026, subject to strict conditions relating to payment of the applicable tariff, safety and security arrangements, indemnity, protection of the facility, and responsibility for any damages. Furthermore, Council may consider amending its previous decision to allow only specific low-impact or controlled sporting codes at the Multi-

Purpose Community Hall, while maintaining the prohibition on music shows and other high-risk activities.

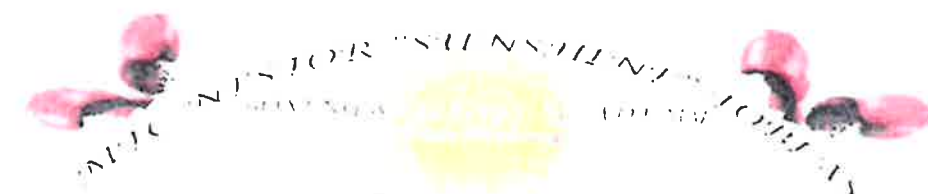
**B. After the matter was considered, the following was:-**

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (a) That Council grants permission for Mr Nestor Tobias, Chairperson of the MTC Nestor Sunshine Tobias Boxing Academy, to host a Boxing Tournament at the Multipurpose Hall, Mondesa, on 24 July 2026, subject to the following conditions:
- i. Payment of the applicable approved tariff;*
  - ii. Submission of an event safety and security plan;*
  - iii. Submission of proof of liability cover or indemnity;*
  - iv. Organiser responsibility for damages incurred as a result of the event;*
  - v. Use of protective flooring or mats under the boxing ring;*
  - vi. Compliance with Council venue rules and occupancy limits ie. Max 500 spectators.*
- (b) That Council amends its previous resolution made during 2016 and allows only the following specific sports as permissible activities to be held at the Multi-Purpose Hall:
- i. Boxing
  - ii. Wrestling
  - iii. Karate
  - iv. Gymnastics and Ballet
  - v. Chess
- (c) That Council approves the application of the Tamariskia Town Hall tariffs with an additional 10% to the sporting codes mentioned in (b) above and that these tariffs are gazetted.
- (d) That music shows remain a prohibited activity in the Multipurpose Hall.
- (e) That the users of the hall indemnify Council against all and any claims in respect of damage to property and/ bodily injury to/ loss of life of people that may arise from the utilization of the leased property.
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16 June 2026

**Subject: Clarification and Confirmation of Booking – Multi-Purpose Centre Hall (24 July)**

Dear Mr Benjamin

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to formally follow up on the booking of the Multi-Purpose Centre hall for our upcoming boxing event scheduled for 24 July.

Following our initial telephonic conversation on 24 May 2026, I traveled from Windhoek to Swakopmund on 26 May 2026 specifically to finalise this arrangement. During our meeting at your office, the booking was officially confirmed and recorded in your reservation ledger.

Relying on this confirmation, the MTC Nestor Sunshine Tobias Boxing Academy returned to Windhoek and commenced full-scale preparations. To date, we have issued an official press release, produced various advertising materials, and completed the printing of tickets. Significant financial resources and administrative efforts have already been committed.

To my great surprise, I recently received a text message from Caroline with whom the original booking was made stating that boxing events are no longer permitted at the Multi-Purpose Centre.

This sudden change causes significant distress and potential financial loss to our academy. As our guests have already been invited and the media is prepared to cover the event, we kindly request your urgent assistance in honoring the agreement made on 26 May. We have operated in good faith based on the confirmation provided in your office.



**AMENDMENT OF THE CHARGES AND FEES IN RESPECT OF PUBLIC HALLS**

The Council of the Municipality of Swakopmund under section 30(1)(u) of the Local Authorities Act 1992 (Act 23 of 1992) as amended further amends the charges and fees in respect of public halls as set out in the Schedule: Effective **01 July 2026**.

The tariff Schedule is hereby amended-

**9. DEPARTMENTAL TARIFFS****A. TARIFFS FOR LEASE OF PUBLIC HALLS (VAT EXCLUSIVE)**

		2026 / 2027		
		Town Hall	Meduletu	Multi-Purpose Hall
1.	<b>MUSIC SHOWS</b>			
	Before 24:00	3 355.24	1 230.58	-
	After 24:00 per hour	903.90	625.12	-
	Kitchen (by day or by night or part thereof)	347.55	-	-
2.	<b>WEDDINGS</b>			
	Before 24:00	3 355.24	1 230.58	5 321.46
	After 24:00 per hour	903.90	625.12	1 214.61
	Kitchen (by day or by night or part thereof)	347.55	-	975.13
3.	<b>DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES CONCERTS AND SIMILAR FUNCTIONS</b>			
	Professional	1 565.86	1 230.58	2 463.62
	Amateur	939.52	223.51	1 861.83
	Educational Institutions	447.04	358.61	703.72
4.	<b>FUND RAISING</b>			
	By day	1 565.86	827.49	2 463.62
	By night	2 012.90	1 084.43	3 168.56
5.	<b>FORMAL MEETINGS</b>			
	By day	2 190.98	625.12	3 476.82
	By night	3 312.25	894.08	5 252.69
6.	<b>FILM SHOWS</b>			
	Films	2 283.08	756.52	3 621.73
7.	<b>RELIGIOUS MEETINGS / CHURCH SERVICE</b>			
	Half a day (9:00-13:00) (14:00-18:00)	894.08	690.21	1 418.48
	Full day (09:00-18:00)	1 626.03	1 626.03	2 581.52
	By night (18:00-00:00)	1 993.25	669.33	3 162.42
8.	<b>PUBLIC MEETINGS</b>			
	By day	1 994.47	670.55	3 162.42
	By night	3 011.36	727.05	3 162.42
9.	<b>SPORT PURPOSES</b>			
	For practices: Amateur (per occasion)	406.51	256.68	-
	Professional (per occasion)	569.85	395.46	-

**Matches where entrance fees are charged**

Amateur (per occasion)	1 260.05	641.08	-
Professional (per occasion)	1 630.95	800.74	-