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BCM State of the City Address proceedings

The City's Executive Mayor Zukisa Faku is expected to set the tone and direction for service delivery for the next financial year on Friday 31 July 2009.

Faku will be inaugurated and thereafter will immediately deliver the State of the City Address at the East London City Hall.

The theme is titled: "committed to accelerating service delivery through Batho Pele principles".

The Municipality has set aside an Operating Budget of R2, 9 billion and a Capital Budget of R1 billion for 2009/2010 financial year.

Comprising of the Port City of East London, through the township of Mdantsane – second largest in the country – to the provinces capital Bhisho and the historic settlers town of King William's Town, Buffalo City is the sixth largest Municipality in the country with an estimated population of nearly 800 000.

In her speech, the Executive Mayor is expected to unpack issues of service delivery, performance management and issues of development while raising aspects that will be priority in this financial year.

High profile dignitaries from all spheres of government, the business sector, industries and key stakeholders are expected to be in attendance.

The proceedings will commence with a guard of honour from the City Hall at 08:00 am with the Executive Mayor and her entourage scheduled to hoist the national flag to the rendition of the national anthem thereafter.

The ceremony of the inauguration of the Executive Mayor will start at 09:00 am.

Council Speaker Luleka Simon will officially preside over the inauguration and the convening of Council in which the Executive Mayor will deliver the address at about 10:20 am.

Political parties, namely the African Christian Democratic party, the United Democratic Movement, the Democratic Alliance and the African National Congress will be given a platform to comment on the speech.

