

## CASE STUDY: MONEY DIVERTED FOR LOCAL WORKS IN THE CAPITAL IN THE ELECTION PERIOD

### I: INTRODUCTION:

Mayor of Podgorica, Slavoljub Stijepovic, during the parliamentary election campaign,<sup>1</sup> amended the Budget of the Capital for 2016 by special conclusions and increased funds earmarked for the local infrastructure in the Urban Municipality of Tuzi by €345,000.

### II: CONCLUSIONS TO PROVIDE MORE MONEY FOR WORKS IN TUZI:

First, on 29 August 2016, Stijepovic, the Mayor of Podgorica, adopted a special conclusion<sup>2</sup> and increased funds for the local infrastructure in Tuzi by €180,000, of which €140,000 was earmarked for the rehabilitation of local roads and the remaining €40,000 for the construction and reconstruction of public lighting.

Less than a month later, on 22 September 2016, Stijepovic adopted a new conclusion<sup>3</sup> and allocated an additional sum of €165,000 for the Urban Municipality of Tuzi. Thus, an amount of €150,000 was allocated for reconstruction and rehabilitation of roads in the area of Tuzi, and €15,000 for the construction and reconstruction of public lighting in the area. The funds were diverted from the expenditures for capital projects in the Capital that were not implemented as planned.

Na osnovu člana 46 Zakona o budžetu i fiskalnoj odgovornosti („Službeni list CG“, br. 20/14 i 56/14) i člana 74 Statuta Glavnog grada („Službeni list RCG – opštinski propisi“ br. 28/06 i „Službeni list CG – opštinski propisi“ br. 39/10 i 18/12) Gradonačelnik Glavnog grada Podgorice, donosi –

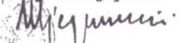
#### ZAKLJUČAK

U Posebnom dijelu Odluke o Budžetu Glavnog grada Podgorice za 2016. godinu („Službeni list CG – opštinski propisi“, br. 49/15) u okviru potrošačke jedinice Sekretarijat za finansije na poziciji „izdaci za lokalnu infrastrukturu“ (ek.klasa 4412) izvrši se preusmjeravanje dijela sredstava sa stavke „izgradnja pješačkog mosta na rijeci Cijevnoj kod Dinoše“ iznos od 165.000,00 € na stavku „rekonstrukciju i sanaciju saobraćajnica na području GO Tuzi“ u iznosu od 150.000,00 € i „izgradnju i rekonstrukciju javne rasvjete na području GO Tuzi“ u iznosu od 15.000,00 €.

Za realizaciju ovog Zaključka nadležan je Sekretarijat za finansije Glavnog grada.

Broj: 01-031/16-6889  
Podgorica, 22.09.2016. godine

GRADONAČELNIK,  
Slavoljub Stijepović



*Excerpt from one of the two decisions on diverting the funds*

€345,000 was diverted for the local infrastructure in Tuzi

A total of 11,365 people in the Urban Municipality of Tuzi had the right to vote in the parliamentary election held in October.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Parliamentary elections in Montenegro were called on 11 July 2016 and held on 16 October 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Conclusion of Mayor of Capital Podgorica No. 01-031/16-6255, 29 August 2016, approved to NGO MANS by Decision No. 16/99055.

<sup>3</sup> Conclusion of Mayor of Capital Podgorica No. 01-031/16-6889, 22 September 2016, approved to NGO MANS by Decision No. 16/102082.

<sup>4</sup> Link: <http://www.mup.gov.me/vijesti/165813/Numericki-tabelarni-prikaz-podataka-o-promjenama-u-BS-7-10-2016.html>

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