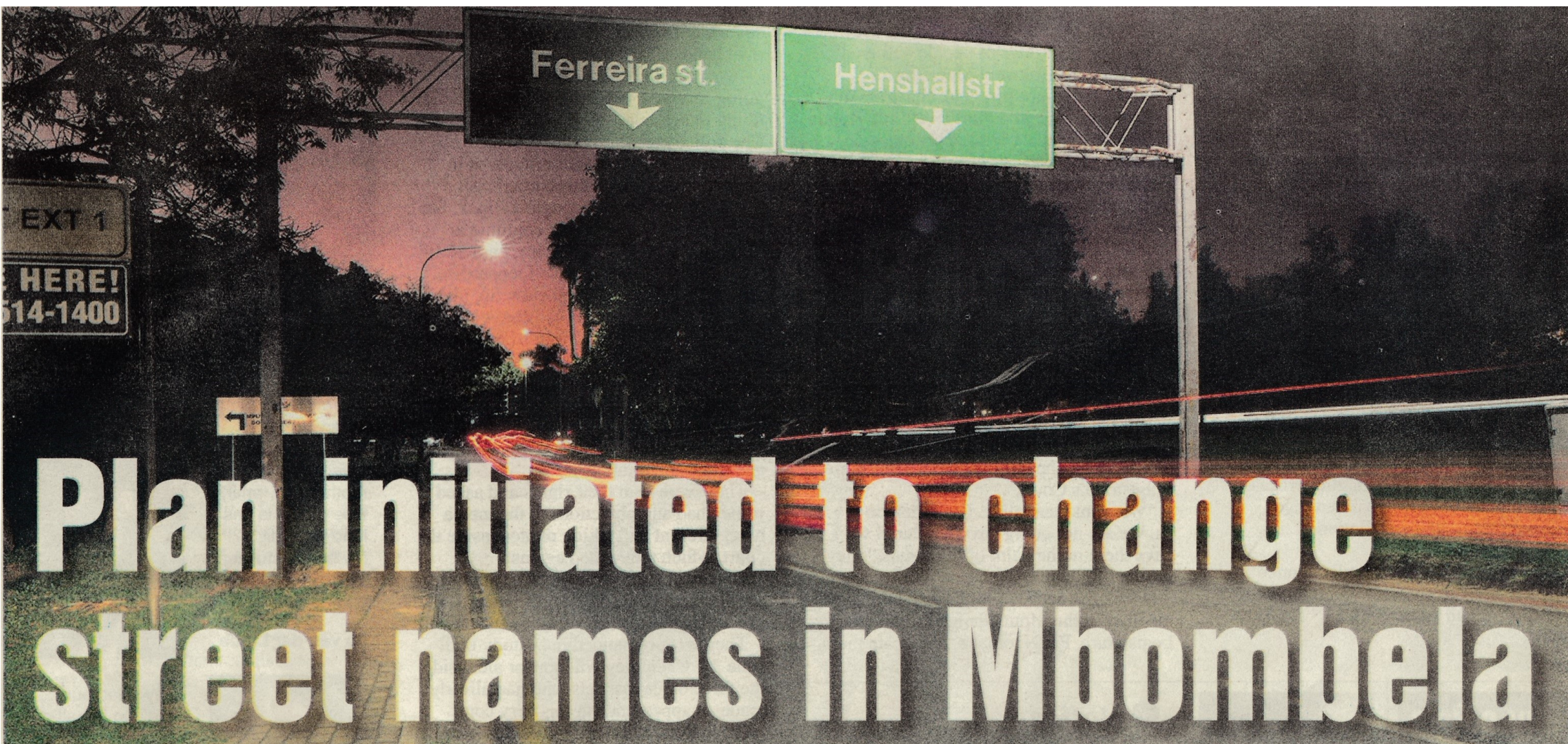




Plan initiated to change street names in Mbombela

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MBOMBELA - The city's residents are in for a massive name change shock after the City of Mbombela Local Municipality started to implement this process.

If the council's local geographical names committee gets its way, the residents of at least eight streets in the city will find that they live in a strange new street soon.

Millions of rands of taxpayers' money might be spent on the project.

The streets in the city that are targeted for a name change are Piet Retief, Bester, Anderson, Brown, Ferreira, Henshall, Voortrekker and Old Pretoria Road.

Soon the suburb of Pienaar might be known as Nkosi City.

The decision to start these renaming projects was "silently" pushed through at the council meeting on February 28.

The council resolutions stipulate

that proposals for new street names in Mbombela, Hazyview, Barberton and White River must be done within 30 days.

The first notifications of these proposed name changes were published in *Lowvelder* and its sister publication, *Mpumalanga News*, this week.

Proposals and/or objections should thus be submitted by or on June 24. Street names in other towns in the Mbombela area of responsibility targeted for change are

• White River: Danie Joubert and Theo

Kleynhans

- Barberton: Kruger Street
- Hazyview: The R40 main road (which is currently actually known as an extension of Madiba Drive), Tarentaal and Stormvoël.

"Change the names if you want, but not with our money," said Linda Grimbeek, chief operating officer of the KLCBT.

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