

UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE 33RD MEETING OF THE UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RAY NKONYENI MUNICIPALITY, 10 CONNOR STREET, PORT SHEPSTONE, ON THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST 2019, AT 11H00.

PRESENT:

Cllr NH Gumede - Speaker

Cllrs AD Ngubo (Executive Member), NT Dlamini (Executive Member), L Mzimela (Executive Member), LMR Ngcobo (Executive Member), SP Mthethwa (Executive Member), SN Caluza, S Chetty, TB Cele, K Dladla, TW Dube, JJ East, M Gcwabe, DMM Hlengwa, SE Khawula, MA Manyoni, S Mngomezulu, NCP Mqwebu, ZZ Msani, NY Mweshe, Y Nair, PT Naude, SR Ngcobo, and MPL Zungu.

BY INVITATION:

Inkosi EZ Mkhize
Inkosi BS Nzimakwe
Inkosi ZGB Msomi
Inkosi ZR Qwabe
Inkosi EZ Jali
Inkosi B Cele

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr VO Mazibuko	-	Acting Municipal Manager
Mr MS Dlamini	-	General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office
Mr S Mbewu	-	General Manager: Water Services
Ms N Walingo	-	General Manager: Economic Development and Environmental Services (EDES)
Ms F Mbili	-	Senior Manager: Corporate Strategy and Shared Services
Mr F Zama	-	Senior Manager: Mayoralty and Communications
Mr A Mbhele	-	Manager: Administration and Auxiliary Services
Ms N Grobler	-	Manager: ICT
Mr K Oduro	-	Acting Manager: Risk and Internal Audit
Ms N Surajbally	-	Administrative Officer: Secretariat Unit
Ms T Kikine	-	Committee Clerk: Secretariat Unit

OPENING

The Speaker welcomed all to the meeting. She then requested Cllr TB Cele to lead the meeting in prayer.

C 174/08/19 NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of the meeting was taken as read.

C 175/08/19 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It was noted that Cllrs PH Mthiyane (*sick leave*), GD Henderson (*vacation leave*), BE Machi (*family commitment*), TA Disane (*family commitment*) D Nciki (*council business*), HJ Ngubelanga (*council business*) and B Ntusi (*sick leave*) had requested leave of absence from the meeting.

It was further noted that the following Councillors had requested to be excused from the meeting as follows:

- Cllr TW Dube - 12h30;
- Cllr SR Ngcobo - due to a protest at Umzumbe; and
- Cllr A Rajaram - 14h00 to attend to a Portfolio Committee meeting at Ray Nkonyeni Municipality.

From the Management component, it was noted that the Municipal Manager (*vacation leave*) had requested leave of absence from the meeting.

It was further noted that Mr VO Mazibuko was the Acting Municipal Manager.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

(a) That Cllrs PH Mthiyane (*sick leave*), GD Henderson (*vacation leave*), BE Machi (*family commitment*), TA Disane (*family commitment*) D Nciki (*council business*), HJ Ngubelanga (*council business*) and B Ntusi (*sick leave*) be and are hereby granted leave of absence from the meeting.

(b) That the request from the following Councillors to be excused from the meeting at the respective times be and are hereby **GRANTED**:

- Cllr TW Dube - 12h30;
- Cllr SR Ngcobo - due to protest at Umzumbe; and
- Cllr A Rajaram - 1400, to attend to a Portfolio Committee meeting at Ray Nkonyeni Municipality

(c) That, from the Management component the Municipal Manager (*vacation leave*) be and is hereby granted leave of absence from the meeting.

(d) That, it be noted that Mr VO Mazibuko was the Acting Municipal Manager.

C 176/08/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were none.

C 177/08/19

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the agenda.

The Acting Municipal Manager informed Council that the Agenda comprised the following:

- Main Agenda;
- First Addendum;
- Inclusion of Item 13.3 Report on the Umthamvuna and Bhobhoyi Water Supply Challenges under Urgent Matters; and
- Inclusion of Item 14.4 Acting Appointment of Chief Financial Officer under In-Committee Matters

At that stage of the proceedings, Cllr Rajaram raised a concern on the thickness of the agenda. He also referred members to page 23 of the agenda and pointed out that the maps reflected were not clear. He then proposed that the Municipality should consider sending agendas to all members electronically, and that same would save paper time and costs during the dispatching process and was seconded by Cllr East.

It was noted that members had shared the same sentiments and advised that the Municipality should consider sending agendas to all the members electronically.

Cllr Nair pointed out that most of the Local Municipalities were now sending the agenda electronically including the Portfolio Committee at Ugu District Municipality.

Cllr Mthethwa advised that there should be timeframes attached to the request of sending the agendas electronically.

Cllr SR Ngcobo advised members that prior to implementing the said request, the Municipality would have to allocate a budget for Councillor's laptops and data, given that members could not access their agendas using their cellphones.

Cllr East suggested that the Municipality should conduct a cost benefit analysis that would clearly outline how much the Municipality was spending on copiers, papers and so forth.

The Acting Municipal Manager advised members that an item on the implementation of the Paperless Agenda would be presented to the next meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Sound Governance and Human Resources. He assured members that the implementation of the Paperless Agenda would be done in the second quarter.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

(a) That the agenda convening the Ugu District Municipal Council meeting be and is hereby **CONFIRMED**, subject to the following:

- Inclusion of the First items on the Addendum;
- Inclusion of Item 13.3 Report on the Umthamvuna and Bhobhoyi Water Supply Challenges under Urgent Matters; and
- Inclusion of Item 14.4 Acting Appointment of Chief Financial Officer under In-Committee Matters;

(b) That Item 11.3.2 Mobile APP Progress Report be prioritised as the first item for discussion given that same was a presentation.

(c) That, it be noted that the Municipality should allocate a budget for Councillor's laptops and data, given that members could not access their agendas using their cellphones.

(d) That, it be noted that the implementation of the Paperless Agenda would be done in the second quarter.

(e) That a cost benefit analysis that would clearly outline how much the Municipality was spending on copiers, papers and so forth be conducted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

C 178/08/19

Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 July 2019

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 25 July 2019.

Cllr Chetty moved for the adoption of the minutes and was seconded by Cllr Rajaram.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 July 2019, be and are hereby **CONFIRMED**.

RESOLUTION REGISTER

C 179/08/19

Resolution Register for the 32nd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 July 2019

The Speaker took members through the Resolution Register for the 32nd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 July 2019.

Cllr Mthethwa referred members to page 20, Resolution No. C 156/07/19, (c) and enquired if the unauthorized expenditure amounting to R145 947 455 was referred to CoGTA and that if same also formed part of the investigation that would be conducted by CoGTA, given that the said expenditure was not listed on the findings that were tabled at the previous meeting of the Executive Committee.

Responding, the Acting Municipal Manager confirmed that the said unauthorized expenditure amounting to R145 947 455 was referred to CoGTA.

Cllr Khawula referred members to page 27, Resolution No. C 171/07/19, (f) and enquired if the said resolution was implemented and when Council could be furnished with the reason for the resignation of the Chief Financial Officer.

The Speaker apprised members that the Exit Interview for the Chief Financial Officer was conducted and that a report on same would be submitted to the next meeting.

Cllr Nair referred members to page 26, Resolution No. C 171/07/19 and enquired if the status quo "IMPLEMENTED" referred to only resolution (b) or all the resolutions under the same column.

The Speaker confirmed that the status quo "IMPLEMENTED" referred to all resolutions under the same column.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Resolution Register for the 32nd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 July 2019, be and is hereby **NOTED**.

(b) That the report on the Exit Interview for the Chief Financial Officer be submitted to the next meeting.

C 180/08/19

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

It was noted that there were none.

C 181/08/19

STANDING ITEMS SALGA Monthly Report

It was noted that there was none.

C 182/08/19 Monthly Birthday Greetings: Councillors, Amakhosi and Senior Managers

The Speaker conveyed birthday wishes on behalf of Council to Cllr PH Mthiyane Inkosi EZ Mkhize and Inkosi MP Ngcobo who celebrated their birthdays during the month of July 2019.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Monthly Birthday Greetings for Councillors, Amakhosi and Senior Managers be and is hereby **NOTED**.

SECTION 79 REPORTS

C 183/08/19 Report on S36 Deviations and Irregular Expenditure

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

He apprised members that the objective of the report was to identify the instances whereby the Accounting Officer had deviated with the official procurement process as established by the SCM Policy for the procurement of goods and services in the 2018/2019 financial year.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report on the S36 Deviations and Irregular Expenditure be and is hereby **NOTED**.

(b) That the report on the S36 Deviations and Irregular Expenditure be **INVESTIGATED**.

C 184/08/19 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

It was noted that there were none.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEES

C 185/08/19 Extracts from the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 24 July 2019 Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy, Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Committee Charter

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy, Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Committee Charter be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy, Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Committee Charter be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 186/08/19 ICT Policy Reviews

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the ICT Policy Reviews be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the following ICT Policy Reviews be and are hereby **ADOPTED**:
 - ICT Security Controls Policy;
 - ICT User Management Policy; and
 - ICT Operations Policy

C 187/08/19 Ugu Spatial Development Framework

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Ugu Spatial Development Framework be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Ugu Spatial Development Framework be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 188/08/19 Back to Basics Implementation

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Back to Basics Implementation be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That, it be noted that the final categorization for Quarter 3 (01 January 2019 to 31 March 2019) was that the Municipality was requiring intervention.

C 189/08/19 2019/2020 Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

That the 2019/2020 Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan be and is hereby **NOTED**.

C 190/08/19 2019/2020 Policy and Procedure Framework

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report regarding the 2019/2020 Policy and Procedure Framework be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the 2019/2020 Policy and Procedure Framework be and is hereby **ADOPTED**.

Extracts from the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 07 August 2019

C 191/08/19 Monthly Budget Statement - May 2019

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Monthly Budget Statement for May 2019 and the supporting documents as presented be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Monthly Budget Statement for May 2019 and the supporting documents be submitted to both the Provincial and the National Treasuries in both electronic and hard copies.

C 192/08/19

Appointment of the Service Provider to Conduct a Technical Verification of Infrastructure

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following discussion,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Appointment of the Service Provider to Conduct a Technical Verification of Infrastructure Assets be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Service Provider appointed using S36 of the Procurement Regulations for four (4) months in line with the Terms of Reference be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the financial implications of R1 104 605.82 that would be done through the virement process be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (d) That the Pawacons Engineering Consultants appointed through S36 of the SCM Regulations for an amount of R1 104 605.82 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 193/08/19

Redundant or Obsolete Ugu District Municipality Assets to be Donated to the Public

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Redundant or Obsolete Ugu District Municipality Assets to be Donated to the Public be and is hereby **NOTED**.

- (b) That the donation of the redundant assets to the public be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

Extracts from the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 21 August 2019

C 194/08/19

Fleet Management Policy Review

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Fleet Management Policy Review be and is hereby **NOTED**.

- (b) That the Reviewed Fleet Management Policy be and is hereby **ADOPTED**.

C 195/08/19

Mobile APP Progress Report

The Manager: ICT took members through the presentation on the Mobile APP.

She informed members that the APP was presented to the Management Committee on 18 January 2019, and that the said Committee approved the Mobile APP implementation and instructed that a Task Team be formed.

She mentioned that on 15 May 2019, the Task Team reviewed the progress of the APP and that final inputs were received and that the developers had completed all snags in June 2019.

She advised members that on 29 July 2019, the Task Team met and completed the User acceptance testing, whereby the APP was downloaded on the Ugu Wi-Fi and the information was checked for accuracy and that all the role players had approved the Use Acceptance Testing (UAT) phase.

She informed members that from 31 July 2019 to 08 August 2019, the User trainings were conducted in multiple sessions, whereby all Revenue, Control Centre, Call Centre, ICT and other public facing staff were trained on the APP. She pointed out that all comments were received and submitted to the developers for inclusion in the APP.

She advised members that the APP was launched with basic functionality and the intention was to start including additional functionality as it was being used by customers as it had a lot more features available within it.

She further pointed out that as the User Acceptance Testing and staff training was completed, the APP was ready to be launched to the public. She informed members that the market plan for the public dissemination was managed by the Communications Office.

She mentioned that the APP would take a lot of work away from the Call Centre because when customers logged their calls on the APP, it would bypass the Call Centre and would call directly to the City Call and thereafter create a reference number, meaning the volume of calls and the length of the queries would decrease.

In terms of managing the Control Centre, she said that the process of beefing up the dispatching of work whilst managing job cuts on the ground would commence, because citizens on the APP would now be able to log in and have access to all the logged calls, the reference numbers and the status of each call.

She further advised members that the Municipality was also considering beefing up the response time on the field.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mobile APP Progress Report be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Mobile APP be and is hereby **APPROVED** to be launched to the Public.

C 196/08/19

Ratification of the Approval of Variation Orders

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Ratification of the Approval of Variation Orders be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Variation Orders reflected from pages 544 to 545 of the agenda be and is hereby **RATIFIED**.
- (c) That the Variation Orders reflected from pages 544 to 545 of the agenda be referred to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee for investigation.

C 197/08/19

Request for Extension of Security Services / Ratification of Expenditure - Security Services

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

It be noted that the report was submitted in order to request for the condonation and ratification of the expenditure incurred in respect of the provision of security services under Section 36.

Cllr LMR Ngcobo informed Council that the User Department had made a request for six (6) months but the Executive Committee had resolved on three (3) months.

Commenting, Cllr SR Ngcobo emphasized that the issue of the Security Services' tender must not take so long; same must be concluded as soon as possible.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the request for Extension of Security Services / Ratification of Expenditure - Security Services be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the extension of the current security service providers be and is hereby **APPROVED** for three (3) months commencing from 01 September 2019 to November 2019 in order to allow for the SCM processes to be completed in respect of finalizing the award of the Security Tender for the period of 36 Months.

C 198/08/19

Progress Report on mSCOA Project Implementation

The Speaker took members through the item.

Cllr Nair sought clarity on the percentage of compliance given that the Municipality was spending a lot of money on mSCOA as per CoGTA.

In response, Cllr SR Ngcobo referred members to page 558 of the agenda and advised that the percentage compliance was 26%.

The Speaker shared with members that as per the information given to the Executive Committee, there was improvement with the service provider, CCG.

The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office confirmed that there was an improvement and that the 26% reflected was as per the assessment that was done by Provincial Treasury.

He advised members that on pages 558 and 559 of the agenda, the reasons were reflected for the 26%.

He reported that there was an action plan in place with CCG.

He said that before the end of October 2019, Provincial Treasury would do an assessment again.

Cllr LMR Ngcobo referred members to page 569 of the agenda and pointed out that the percentage compliance was actually 45% in progress.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Progress Report on the mSCOA Project Implementation be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That, it be noted that a Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and the Portfolio Committee on Finance be held to consider the said assessment.

C 199/08/19

Death of Staff Member and Code of Ethics Policies

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Death of a Staff Member and Code of Ethics Policies be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Death of a Staff Member and Code of Ethics Policies be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 200/08/19

Employment Equity Plan 2019-2022

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

It was noted that the objective of the report was to apprise the Committee with the draft template for the Employment Equity Plan (Section 20) for reviewal and preparation for the subsequent Plan since the active plan expired in the year 2019.

Commenting, the Speaker pointed out that there needed to be an improvement on Disability. She said that the Municipality should encourage the people with disabilities to apply.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Employment Equity Plan 2019-2022 be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Employment Equity Plan 2019-2022 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 201/08/19

2020/2021 Draft IDP, Budget, PMS Framework and Process Plan

The Speaker took members through the item.

It was noted that the rationale of the report was for Council to deliberate on the 2020/2021 Draft IDP, Budget and PMS Framework and Process Plan.

Commenting, Cllr SR Ngcobo appealed to Management to do proper consultations with the Local Municipalities.

He mentioned that the District should take the Local Municipality's IDP and develop the District IDP.

The Speaker informed members to encourage their Officials to attend the IDP District Forum.

Cllr Mqwebu pointed out that even the Sector Departments did not attend the IDP Forum of the Local Municipalities.

She advised that Management should write to all the Sector Departments informing same of the concern of non-attendance and the importance of the IDP Forum.

Cllr East pointed out with concern that although the Sector Departments were not attending the IDP Forum, the Local Municipalities were attending.

Moreover, he pointed out with serious concern that the District Municipality did not attend the IDP Forum of the Local Municipalities.

Following discussion,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the 2020/2021 Draft IDP, Budget, PMS Framework and Process Plan be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the 2020/2021 Draft IDP, Budget, PMS Framework and Process Plan be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

- (c) That the Senior Manager: Corporate Strategy and Shared Services be and is hereby tasked to write a letter to the Sector Departments and to the Local Municipalities informing same of their poor attendance to the IDP Forum as well as the seriousness and importance of the IDP Forum.

C 202/08/19

Monthly Budget Statements – July 2019

The Speaker took members through the item.

Commenting, Cllr East said that he was aware that Treasury had returned the Budget for the 2019/2020 Financial Year given that same was unfunded.

He sought clarity as to when a copy of the approved budget would be submitted to Council.

In response, the General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office informed Council that the Budget for the 2019/2020 Financial Year was approved by Council in May 2019.

He said that Treasury had concerns with the Draft Budget that was sent in March 2019; and that the said concerns were addressed before the Budget was approved by Council in May 2019.

He advised Council that the Budget 2019/2020 was available on the Website

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Monthly Budget Statement for July 2019 and supporting documents as presented be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Monthly Budget Statement for July 2019 and the supporting documents be submitted to both the Provincial and the National Treasuries in both electronic and hard copies.

C 203/08/19

MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20 June 2019

The Speaker took members through the minutes of the 38th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20 June 2019.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Confirmed Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20 June 2019, be and are hereby **NOTED**.

C 204/08/19

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 12 July 2019

The Speaker took members through the minutes of the Special meeting of the Executive Committee held on 12 July 2019.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Confirmed Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 12 July 2019, be and are hereby **NOTED**.

C 205/08/19

Minutes of the 40th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 07 August 2019

The Speaker took members through the minutes of the 40th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 07 August 2019.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Confirmed Minutes of the 40th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 07 August 2019, be and are hereby **NOTED**.

URGENT MATTERS

C 198/08/19

Request for Office Space: Request for the Council Resolution to be Rescinded

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Commenting, Cllr Ngubo stressed with concern that the next time when requests were sent to Council, proper information should be submitted together with the request so that Council could take an informed decision.

Cllr SR Ngcobo pointed out that the building belonged to Ugu District Municipality, but the land belonged to the Ingonyama Trust; hence Council

should allow Cllr MJ Cele to use the building whilst the said matter was being dealt with.

Echoing the same sentiments, Cllr Cele said that it would be preferable for someone to occupy the vacant building; instead of same being vandalized.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Request for Office Space: Request for the Council Resolution to be Rescinded be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That whilst the other matters were being investigated, Cllr MJ Cele be and is hereby **ALLOWED** to use the office space; instead of Council allowing the building to be vandalized.

C 206/08/19

Report on Irregular Expenditure 2018/2019

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

He informed members that the objective of the report was to inform Council of the results of the Investigations conducted on some Irregular Expenditure for the 2018/2019 financial year.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Irregular Expenditure 2018/2019 be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Irregular Expenditure of R 106 153 770 for 2018/2019 be **WRITTEN OFF**.
- (c) That the Irregular Expenditure be further submitted to KZN Provincial Treasury and National Treasury for **CONDONATION**.

C 207/08/19

Water Supply Challenges

The General Manager: Water Services informed Council on the current water supply challenges experienced in the areas within the Ugu District operational areas and the water supply to all the affected communities. He also apprised members of the long-term project plans to eradicate the water supply shortage to all the supply areas i.e. urban and rural areas.

He reported that Ugu District Municipality had experienced serious water supply interruption challenges within the operational areas for the past three months due to infrastructure breakdown and water supply interruption due to major equipment breakdowns and pipeline bursts. He said that there was water scarcity in the inland areas supplied by the Umthamvuna Water Supply System and that the Harding System had been experiencing challenges for more than three years due to the inadequate bulk supply capacity and drought.

He mentioned that the Umthamvuna System had a major supply interruption and that the water supply system restoration delays were being experienced as a result of major mechanical failures of the second raw water abstraction pump station which had reduced the average daily inflow capacity by 50% from 20 ml/day to 10 ml/day. He further mentioned that due to this failure, the water supply rationing / shedding had been implemented to supply available bulk water to the coastal strip and inland by Water Tanker Relief in areas whereby restoration could not be realised according to the schedule due to capacity constraints.

He further reported that the Bhobhoyi system water supply interruptions were experienced due to the breakdowns at the Fairview Pumpstation which supplied the greater Umzumbe and Fairview; Nsimbini Pumpstation which supplied Nyandezulu, Bomela and parts of Msikaba and Mgubo Pumpstation which supplied KwaHlongwa. He pointed out that the raw water supply to the Bhobhoyi plant had also been affected by planned and unplanned power supply outages which resulted in the major system to collapse i.e. Gamalakhe, Ramsgate, Northern System (Twini, Albersville). He reported that the Umzumbe rural areas being supplied by both the Bhobhoyi and the Umgeni Water Bulk Water Scheme were experiencing erratic water supply due to the water demand exceeding the available supply; areas on the eastern part i.e. Magog, KwaQwabe and Western part Mehlomnyama, Dweshula were on the water ration in order to balance the bulk system to prevent the total bulk system to collapse.

He then took members through the Water Supply Challenges Remedial Action Plan and mentioned that the following systems were adversely affected by the water supply challenges and that remedial action plans were undertaken for the following:

Area South: Ray Nkonyeni and Umzumbe Local Municipality

Umthamvuna System

- Umthavuna Raw Water abstraction pump station and Water Treatment Works (WTW);
- Izingolweni / KwaXolo system: (Gcilima, Mvutshini, Kwaxolo, Izingolweni, Nkulu, Mbecuka, Jerico, Manzimhlophe, Shobamdlanzi, Goqoza, Nzimakwe); and
- Coastal System: Port Edward, Palm Beach, Leisure Bay, Southbroom, Glenmore, Munster.)

Bhobhoyi / Kwahlongwa System

- St Helen Rocks;
- Gamalakhe Township;
- Uvongo, Shelly Beach and Margate;
- Marburg;
- Ramsgate;
- KwaMadlala (Magog);
- Kwahlongwa (Mgubo area); and
- Nsimbini (Nyandezulu, Bomela, Bethania, Msikaba)

He then took members through the Implementation Plan, the Timeframes and the Estimated Budget: Upgrade and Refurbishment of Bulk Infrastructure for the Umthamvuna System: Water Bulk Supply.

Concluding, he took members through the Water Supply Schedule, which entailed the System, the Supply Days and the Supply Areas for the following Systems:

- Izingolweni / KwaXolo; and
- KwaXolo

Commenting, Cllr Khawula thanked Management for the detailed report. He referred to the illegal connections and stressed with concern that same was adding challenges to the water services. He sought clarity on how the Municipality was going to deal with the illegal connections.

Cllr Cele also appreciated the report and requested that the General Manager: Water Services should prepare such an item to all the Local Municipality's Councils and that same should be a Standing Item on the Agenda for the Local Municipalities and the District.

He said that the Ugu District Municipal Council should also deploy an Official to present the said item to the Councils of the Local Municipalities on a monthly basis.

Cllr Mzimela stressed with concern that the Municipality's fragile system was overburdened. He pointed out that the illegal connections were a serious issue and that Council should allow the General Manager: Water Services to comment on same.

Cllr SR Ngcobo pointed out that the illegal connections was a crisis and that one needed to consider same in the next budget, He also referred to the Aging Infrastructure and emphasized that one needed to do something about same.

Cllr Naude mentioned that both the extraction plants had holding dams. He sought clarity as to why the holding dams were never full.

In response, the General Manager: Water Services informed members that due to there being less pumps, the dams could not be kept full.

It was then resolved that a holistic picture of the Water Services be submitted to the next meeting.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Water Supply Challenges be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the General Manager: Water Services prepare an item on the Water Supply Challenges to all the Local Municipality's Councils and that same be a Standing Item on the Agenda for both the Local Municipalities and the District and that same be reported on, on a monthly basis by an Official from the District Municipality.
- (c) That a holistic picture of the Water Services be submitted to the next meeting.

IN COMMITTEE MATTERS

[At that stage of the proceedings, Cllr Machi moved for the meeting to move in-committee and was seconded by Cllr Nair.]

C 208/08/19 In-Committee Minutes of the meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 July 2019

The Speaker took member through the In-Committee Minutes of the meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 July 2019

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

That the In-Committee Minutes of the meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 July 2019 be and are hereby **CONFIRMED**.

C 209/08/19 In-Committee Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 12 July 2019

The Speaker took members through the In-Committee Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 12 July 2019.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

That the In-Committee Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 12 July 2019 be and are hereby **NOTED**.

C 210/08/19 2019/2020 S57 Managers Performance Agreements

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the report on the 2019/2020 S57 Managers Performance Agreements be and is hereby **NOTED**.

C 211/08/19 Acting Appointment of the General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report regarding the Appointment of the Acting General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (b) That the request for the Executive Committee of the Municipality to appoint the Acting General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office with effect from 01 September 2019, until 30 November 2019 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That whilst the delegation of the Executive Committee and the processes were taking pace, Mr SJ van Rooyen be and is hereby appointed as the Acting General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office for a period of ten (10) days with effect from 02 September 2019 while the Municipality awaits a response from CoGTA.
- (d) That the Ugu District Municipal Council ratify the decision at the Council Meeting scheduled for September 2019.

[At that stage of the proceedings, Cllr Ngubo moved for the meeting to move in- committee and was seconded by Cllr Manyoni.]

C 212/08/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was scheduled for 29 August 2019.

C 213/08/19 CLOSURE

There being no further items for discussion, the Speaker declared the meeting closed at 14h25.

CHAIRPERSON: -----

DATE: -----