

UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING, ON WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2024, AT 09H30.

Cllr SR Ngcobo - Speaker

IS Mqadi (Mayor), VM Chiya (Deputy Mayor), D Nciki (Exco Member), SN Caluza (Exco Member), GD Henderson (Exco Member), MP Shoji, P Breedt, SP Fica, TT Hlophe, SE Khawula, MZ Luthuli, BE Machi, MA Manyoni, SD Mdluli, SHE Mngoma, N Mweshe, PZ Mzindle, N Ndadane, LMR Ngcobo, FM Ngwane, JS Ngwane, X Nkasa, B Nyuswa, J Schmidt, PC Shange, BN Shoji and LS Zungu

BY INVITATION:

Ms N Sikutshwa - CoGTA Expert

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr VO Mazibuko	-	Acting Municipal Manager
Ms D Rankin	-	General Manager: Economic Development and Environmental Services (EDES)
Mr K Audan	-	General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office
Mr F Zama	-	Senior Manager: Mayoralty and Communications
Ms N Mbambo	-	Manager: Legal Services
Mr S Kati	-	Acting Chief Auditor Executive
Ms NP Gumbi	-	Manager: Human Resources
Mr A Mbhele	-	Manager: Administration & Auxiliary Services
Ms T Kikine	-	Committee Co-ordinator: Secretariat Unit
Ms B Malishe	-	Committee Co-ordinator: Secretariat Unit
Ms A Mnisi	-	Committee Clerk: Secretariat Unit

• **OPENING**

The Speaker extended a warm welcome to all present. He then requested all members to pray silently.

C 26/01/24

NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of the meeting was taken as read.

C 27/01/24

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It was noted that there were none.

C 28/01/24

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were none.

C 29/01/24

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the agenda.

Thereafter, Cllr Nyuswa moved for the adoption of the Agenda and was seconded by Cllr Machi.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

That the agenda convening the special meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council be and is hereby **CONFIRMED**.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

C 30/01/24

Status of Pauper Burial in the Ugu District (SDBIP CCI 41)

The Speaker took members through the item.

He apprised members on the Status of the Pauper Burials in the Ugu District. He pointed out that Council was requested to approve the burial of sixteen (16) Paupers, that were currently in the Port Shepstone State Mortuary.

Thereafter, Cllr Manyoni moved for the acceptance of recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Henderson.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report on the Status of Pauper Burials in the Ugu District (SDBIP CCI 41) be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

(b) That, it be **NOTED** that the function of Pauper Burials be undertaken by the Local Municipalities in the District; however, due to Ray Nkonyeni Municipality disputing that it was their function and the fact that there were 16 pauper bodies awaiting burial from the Port Shepstone State Mortuary; it was recommended that the 16 identified pauper bodies be buried, and that the funds be made available for the burial of the 16 pauper bodies be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

(c) That the dispute between the Ray Nkonyeni Municipality and Ugu District Municipality with regards to the function of Pauper Burials be referred to the Provincial Department of CoGTA for a resolution be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 31/01/24

Voter Registration Programme

The Speaker took members through the item.

He apprised members on the Voter Registration Programme report from the Office of the Speaker which was part of the Public Participation to encourage people to register to vote. He reported that all the spheres of government were instructed to come up with programmes to encourage people to register for the upcoming elections. He added that Ugu District proposed the said programme bearing in mind that there were no sufficient funds to implement the said programme. He further mentioned that Ugu District Municipality would be working together with the Local Municipalities. He pointed out that the areas that required the programme would be identified accordingly.

Adding, the Acting Municipal Manager stated that the report was submitted for Council to endorse the said programme. He pointed out that it was important for the Ugu District Municipality to play an oversight role in encouraging or to make the communities aware of the processes of registration for the elections. He explained to members that the said programme was not about political organizations; but same had intended for the District to educate its communities. He mentioned that the Municipality would also be working with the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC). He pointed out that the budget that was reflected on page 13 of the agenda was an estimation and might not spend the whole amount might not be spent. He encouraged that all Councillors should be part of the said programme.

Cllr Henderson raised a concern on the said programme that was targeting the youth to run between February 2024 to March 2024; meanwhile the upcoming weekend was going to be the last weekend for voter registration. He indicated that he did not approve the spending of an amount of R2 million budget for advancing the roller registration that could be closed in a few days' time given that the President of the country was going to announce the voting date soon. He stated that he was not going to approve the spending of such budget as same was going to be an irregular expenditure and that Ugu District Municipality would be held accountable and would have to pay back the money. He suggested that the report should be referred to the Executive Committee.

The Speaker pointed out that the said proposal came from the officials and that Councillors should take a decision on the issue of figures. He clarified that the upcoming registration was going to be the last mass registration; however, the end of registration would be when the President of the country announced the election date. He added that the amount of R2 million was a proposal and after the announcement, no money would be spent on such programme. He indicated that the Local Municipalities had programs already taking place.

Commenting, Cllr Nciki stated that Ugu had a responsibility to educate its communities.

Cllr Mdluli shared the same sentiments with Cllr Henderson of not voting in favour of the item and that the District's core function was water and sanitation. He added that the IEC had a responsibility to educate the communities.

Thereafter, Cllr Breedt, and Cllr Schmidt, also were not in favour of the item. It was also noted that members approved that the programme should continue. Thereafter, the Acting Municipal Manager was tasked to update members regarding the said programme once the date of the elections was announced, whether the Municipality had embarked on the said programme or not and report to the next meeting. It was

noted that the report would include the expenditure; if any funding was spent; or not for transparency purposes.

Following discussion,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Voter Registration Programme be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Voter Registration Programme for February and March 2024 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the Acting Municipal Manager be and is hereby to tasked to update members regarding the said programme once the announced the date of the elections was announced, whether the Municipality had embarked on the said programme or not and report to the next meeting and include the expenditure incurred.

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

It must be noted that Management except the Manager: Human Resources, and the CoGTA Expert had left the meeting.]

IN-COMMITTEE MATTERS

Extension of the Secondment of the Acting Appointment of the Municipal Manager

The Mayor took members through the item.

Thereafter, Cllr Machi moved for the acceptance of recommendations and was seconded by Cllr MP Shoji.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report regarding the Extension of the Secondment Appointment of the Municipal Manager, Mr VO Mazibuko be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the response from the Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) on the Extension of the Secondment Appointment of the Municipal Manager, Mr VO Mazibuko be and is hereby **NOTED**.

- (c) That Mr VO Mazibuko be Seconded as the Municipal Manager for a period of three (03) months with effect from 01 February 2024 to 30 April 2024 or until the position was filled; whichever comes first be **APPROVED**.
- (d) That the Recruitment and Selection process for the position of the new Municipal Manager be concluded within this period of three (03) months.

C 33/01/24

Acting Appointment of the General Manager: Water Services

The Manager: Human Resources took members through the item.

Cllr Nyuswa moved for the acceptance of recommendations and was seconded by Cllr MP Shozi.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the status of the Acting Appointment of the General Manager: Water Services be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That Mr S Malinga be recommended to the COGTA MEC for secondment appointment to the General Manager: Water Services position for Ugu District Municipality for a period of three (03) months with effect from 01 February 2024 to 30 April 2024 or until the position was filled whichever comes first be **APPROVED**.
- (c) That His Worship, the Mayor be and is hereby tasked to write to the COGTA MEC requesting for the secondment of Mr S Malinga to the position of the Acting General Manager: Water Services with effect from the 01 February 2024 to 30 April 2024.

C 34/01/24

Acting Appointment of the General Manager: Corporate Services

The Manager: Human Resources took members through the item.

Cllr Machi moved for the acceptance of recommendations and was seconded by Cllr MP Shozi.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the status of the Acting Appointment of the General Manager: Water Services be and is hereby **NOTED**.

- (b) That Ms M Gobhozi be recommended to the COGTA MEC for secondment appointment to the General Manager: Corporate Services position for Ugu District Municipality for a period of three (03) months with effect from 01 February 2024 to 30 April 2024 or until the position was filled whichever comes first be **APPROVED**.
- (c) That His Worship, the Mayor be and is hereby tasked to write to the COGTA MEC requesting for the secondment of Ms M Gobhozi to the position of the Acting General Manager: Water Services with effect from the 01 February 2024 to 30 April 2024.

[Cllr Nyuswa moved for the proceedings to move out of committee and was seconded by Cllr Machi.]

C 35/01/24

CLOSURE

The Speaker thanked all members for their participation and contribution in the meeting.

There being no further items for discussion, the Speaker declared the meeting closed at 10h23.

CHAIRPERSON: ----- **DATE:** -----