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ELOKUTHULWA KWESABELO ZIMALI KULINDELEKE UKUBA LWETHULE AMAPROJEKTHI

UMkhandlu woGu ngokubambisana kanye noMasipala basekhaya babamba lwemihlangano uchungechunge yohlelo lwentuthuko lukaMasipala kanye neSabelo Zimali sikaMasipala woGu sonyaka ka2023/2024.

Kubalulekile njengokulotshwa komthetho kahulumeni (The Local Government Systems Act no 32 of 2000) ukuthi imikhandu yonke kaMasipala kumele igqugquzele futhi yakhe izindlela la izakhamuzi zikwazi ukuzimbandakanya nezinhlelo zikaMasipala.

Ingakho ke uMkhandlu woGu uhambela imiphakathi eyakhele isifunda soGu ukwethula izinhlelo kanve nesabelozimali sikaMasinala sonyaka ka 2023/2024. Abaholi bavakashela cishe yonke imiphakathi yalesifunda ukuthola kabanzi izidingo ezisasele emiphakathini nokuthi izimali zika 2023/2024 zisosebenza kanjani ukusiza imiphakathi.

Lesabelo sentuthuko sika 2023/2024 sibhekelele kakhulu izinsiza zamanzi

nokuthuthwa Ingxenye yayo iya ekuthuthukisweni mithetho kahulumeni. kwezokuvakasha, ukusiza abantulayo kanye nezidingo ezibizwa Thina inhloso yethu njengohulumeni special ngama programmes, ukubhekela imfundo, abasha, abedulela ngculaza.

UMkhandlu uzama ukuletha intuthuko ngokushesha kubantu. Njengo Mkhandlu, siyacela kwizakhamuzi zasogwini ukuthi zisebenze nathi

"Amaprojekthi azolekelela kakhulu kweamanzi."

ngokubambisan ukuqinisekisa ukuthi izidingo zabantu ziyafinyelela

UHlelo oludidiyelwa ngokuphelele lika 2023/2024 (IDP 2022/20223-2026/2027) lenziwe ngokulandela umthetho olandela ukusebenza kwezinhlelo zikamasipala. Lolu hlelo oludidiyelwe ngokuphelele libandakanya nemibono yabanentshisekelo kubandakanya Amakhosi, Iminyango kaHulumeni, amagatsha ezentuthu-

kwendle. ko kanye nemibhalo kanye ne-

wendawo osathuthuka icacile. Sisebenzela ukuthuthukisa izimpilo sifazane kanye nabaphila nesan- zabantu ngokubahlinzekela ngezidingo ezisemgoka njengamanzi kanye nokukhucululwa kwendle. Sivuselela futhi siphinde sikhulise umnotho wendawo ukuze sikwazi ukwenza amathuba emisebenzi angcono, siphucule izimpilo zabantu. Lesi sabelomali esisihlongozayo, senziwe ngendlela eqinisekisa ukuthi izinhloso ezibekwe uhulumeni kaZwelonke mavelana nezidingonggangi zomphakathi nokuqinisekisa ukuthuthukiswa kwezimpilo kanye nomnotho wabantu bethu ziyafezeka. Bonke oomasipala abangaphansi koGu kulindeleke ukuba bethulelwe isabelo mali esigondene namaproazolekelela kakhulu kwezamanzi. Wonke umuntu onentsisekelo uyamenywa ukuba athamele uhlelo lwe IDP budget Roadshow oluzobanjelwa emaholo emiphakathi eyahlukahlukene ukuze bazizwele mathupha.

demise came as a great loss to the placement programme being implegovernment sphere.

We would like to thank all our communities and stakeholders for their tanks and ensure our people have unwavering support until we laid running water from designated taps. them to rest.

people in ensuring their basic human the budget road shows. Manager Dr Elliot Ntombela whose realised, through the pipeline re-

mented. We are also implementing boreholes projects in the entire District to minimise the usage of water

We have a number of projects on the seemed to have fallen on our District We continue with their efforts to pipeline which will be explained to bring better service delivery to our our communities as we embark on

Double Tragedy for UGU

The past few months have been devastating to the entire Ugu District Municipality council and communities in the District. A dark cloud as we lost two most important heads in our institution. Our Mayor Cllr Phumlile Mthiyane and Municipal rights of access to clean water is

PRAYER DAY FOR UGU EMPLOYEES & CLLRS

Efforts to ensure the emotional and psycho- process for all staff members in the municilogical well being of both employees and pality. council members were realised through the Not only did the spiritual wellness empower at the Helm of Ugu a day apart and later a let go of the past experiences and focus on foreman, many staff members as well as rebuilding each other to accelerate service council members were left traumatised. delivery. Speaking at the event, Acting Mayor affected. As such, church leaders were invit- pivotal to the wellbeing of all employees. ed to become a part of a prayer and healing

recent employee wellness day hosted at the employees on how to respond to unex-Port Shepstone Civic Centre. Following the pected situations, acceptance, tolerance, and unfortunate incident of the loss of two heads resilience skills, they were also taught how Their emotional well-being had been greatly Cllr Mandla Chiya said, emotional healing is



Religious Leaders with Acting Mayor Cllr Mandla Chiya







COUNCIL APPROVES DRAFT BUDGET

Council has recently approved a revised annual budget for the remainder of the current financial year following the adjustment budget process. In presenting the revised budget, Acting Mayor, Cllr Mandla Chiya tabled a total budget of about R1,6 billion with an allocation of about R1.3 billion to operational budget and a capital budget allocation of more than R399 million. This adjustment budget seeks to strike a balance between on-going service delivery imperatives of water and sanitation services while responding to challenges of ageing municipal infrastructure throughout the district.

In ensuring a good upkeep of our infrastructure, an allocation of 4% of the total budget has been made towards the maintenance of our infrastructure



NEW COUNCILLOR IS SWORN IN



Ugu District Municipality council sitting recently swore in a new PR councillor. Councillor SR Mdluli (23) from Umdoni municipal area joined the municipality as a Proportional Representative (PR) councillor, replacing former Cllr Edwin Baptie in the Ugu council. Cllr Mdluli swore under oath to serve with diligence the communities of Ugu. He vowed to carry forward the directive given to him by the district's council in line with the municipality's vision and mission. Ugu Speaker Cllr Sizwe Ngcobo has on behalf of council welcomed Cllr Mdluli and wished him well in his new responsibilities as part of the Ugu

UGU ENGAGES WITH COMMUNITIES

To improve stakeholder relations and ensure communities participate actively in community development, Ugu Leadership and officials have started with a series of engagements with communities across the district. These engagements are part of the municipality's efforts to address water supply challenges facing rural communities & to find practical solutions challenges that hinder water supply in these areas.

Leadership will also be visiting various stakeholders in the District.









Ugu District Municipality in collaboration with the Office of the KZN Premier, hosted the operation Sukuma Sakhe Cabinet Day successfully. The Premier alongside members of the Executive Council unveiled high impact service delivery projects that will deliver visible improvement in the lives of communities in the District. The visit included oversight on water & sanitation projects, police stations, community based projects where they engaged communities and assessed the impact of government projects to ordinary citizens.

Premier Dube-Ncube stressed that the initiative embraces community partnership which supports a coordinated implementation of service delivery interventions aimed at curbing social ills, dug abuse, crime, unemployment, inequality and poverty. All MEC's present carried oversight visits to various projects in the District.







FALLEN CLLR



Ugu Mayor Cllr Phumlile Mthiyane was laid to her eternal place. *Lala uphumule mama!!*



MUNICIPALITY APPLAUDS IMPROVED AUDIT



The Auditor General of South Africa has today tabled an audit outcome before the full municipal council for the period 2021/22 financial year. Auditor General presented a remarkable improved audit opinion for the year under review where the municipality has progressed to an Unqualified Audit opinion. This improved audit outcome can be attributed to the resilient character of municipal leadership which despite all the detractors succeeded in implementing stringent measures which were poised to deliv-

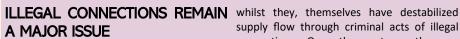
er an improved audit outcome. In accepting the audit outcome, the Speaker of council Cllr Sizwe Ngcobo stated, "the Municipality recognises and support the work of the Chapter 9 institutions such as Auditor-General of South Africa in strengthening our democracy through the execution of the important task of oversight, accountability, and good governance in the municipality. It is through institutions like AGSA that the municipality can measure and reflect on its efforts of improving the lives of communities it serves". And having noted the Auditor General's comments, the leadership of the municipality re -affirmed its commitment to continue in improving the quality of audit outcomes for the next financial year. A consolidated Audit Corrective Action Plan with time frames has been developed by the municipality which seek to address and clear all the issues raised by the Auditor-general's report.

Eastern Seaboard RSDF Workshop

The Eastern Seaboard Regional Spatial Development Framework recently hosted a two day strategic workshop at the Wild Coast Sun & Casino. Strategic discussions were held among government officials, political leaders, traditional leaders, busi-

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ness forums and other interested parties in the Ugu District in order to gain inputs on the draft Eastern Seaboard development. Mr Vela Mazibuko stressed that this initiative is a District Development Model flagship project and all efforts are put in to connect developmental opportunities across the four district municipalities in KZN and Eastern Cape Provinces.



The municipality is taking a strong stance on illegal connections. As such, most rural communities continues to battle with water challenges caused by 90% illegal connections. Many community members who are supposed to be receiving basic water from communal standpipes, connect themselves illegally to municipal infrastructure & in-turn demand access to water in their homes,



supply flow through criminal acts of illegal connections. Over the past months, our teams have been busy removing illegal connections all over the district. This work will continue and action will be taken against those found to be perpetrators of this kind of saboteur. Other challenges found were that of households and boundary walls built on



DISASTER TEAMS ON HIGH ALERT

Our Fully Fledged disaster teams are always ready to aid victims and provide support to local Disaster units in times of Disaster. Pictured above are our teams in full uniform.







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in repairs.

