

UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECESS COMMITTEE HELD VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING, ON WEDNESDAY, 08 JANUARY 2025, AT 09H15

PRESENT:

Cllr IS Mqadi	-	Mayor
Cllr D Nciki	-	Member
Cllr SN Caluza	-	Member
Cllr GD Henderson	-	Member
Cllr NA Njenga	-	Member
Cllr SR Ngcobo	-	Member

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr VO Mazibuko	-	Acting Municipal Manager
Ms D Rankin	-	General Manager: Economic Development and Environmental Services (EDES)
Ms M Gobhozi	-	Acting General Manager: Corporate Services
Dr T Mwelase	-	Acting General Manager: Water Services
Ms F Mbili	-	Senior Manager: Corporate Strategy and Shared Services
Mr F Zama	-	Senior Manager: Mayoralty and Communications
Mr S Kati	-	Chief Audit Executive (CAE)
Ms N Gumbi	-	Manager: Human Resources
Ms F Goberdhan	-	Co-ordinator: Legal Services
Ms N Surajbally	-	Administrative Officer: Secretariat Unit
Ms A Mnisi	-	Committee Clerk: Secretariat Unit

• **OPENING**

His Worship, the Mayor requested the Acting Municipal Manager to open the meeting in prayer. Thereafter, he extended a warm welcome to all present.

RC 01/01/25 NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of the meeting was taken as read.

RC 02/02/25 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It was noted that Cllr D Nciki would join the meeting shortly due to network challenges.

From the Management Component, it was noted that the General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office (*municipal business*) had requested for leave of absence from the meeting.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That, it be and is hereby **NOTED** that Cllr D Nciki would join the meeting shortly given that she was experiencing network challenges.
- (b) That from the Management Component, it was noted that the General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office (*municipal business*) had requested for leave of absence from the meeting.

RC 03/01/25 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

It was noted that there were none.

RC 04/01/25 **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

The Mayor took members through the confirmation of the agenda.

Thereafter, Cllr Henderson moved for the adoption of the Agenda and was seconded by Cllr Ngcobo.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

That the agenda convening the meeting of the Recess Committee be and is hereby **CONFIRMED** subject to the inclusion of Item 5.1 Peak Season Report: Water Supply Status under Matters for Discussion.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

RC 05/01/25 **Peak Season Report: Water Supply Status**

[At that stage of the proceedings, Cllr Nciki joined the meeting.]

The Acting General Manager: Water Services took members through the report.

She reported on the current water supply status in the different systems; specifically during the peak season.

She highlighted the following aspects; namely:

- Water Services Operations;
- Area South Central;
- Area South;

- Area North; and
- Area South-West

She reported that the Bhobhoyi System was very stable. She mentioned that the Bhobhoyi Off-Channel Storage Dam was still 100% full.

She stated that there was power supply challenges experienced in some areas due to Eskom.

She reported that there were overflows in Masinenge.

Concluding, she mentioned that there were mostly the usual pipe breaks during the peak season.

Commenting, Cllr Henderson commended the Water Services Department as well as Management for a well-run peak season. He pointed out that it was the first time that a system never collapsed and that it was just the normal challenges; whereby the responses were very quick and efficient. He applauded the administration team.

In addition, the Acting Municipal Manager complimented the Water Services Teams, the EDES Department, the Corporate Services Department, the Communications Unit and all the supporting teams that were on board. He expressed his happiness to all the Departments that worked so closely together that unveiled unity amongst all the Departments.

He pointed out that the Councillors were also readily available to assist. He emphasised that the Departments had exceeded the standards that were set.

Moreover, His Worship, the Mayor, on behalf of the Councillors thanked all i.e. from the Management Team to the Cleaning Staff for a job well done.

Echoing the same sentiments, the Speaker pointed out that a detailed report should be submitted to the meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council scheduled for 23 January 2025.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Peak Season Report: Water Supply Status be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Peak Season Report: Water Supply Status be submitted to Council scheduled for 23 January 2025.

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

IN-COMMITTEE MATTERS

RC 06/01/25

Extension of the Secondment of the Acting Municipal Manager

His Worship, the Mayor took members through the item.

Thereafter, Cllr Henderson moved for the adoption of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Caluza.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Extension of the Secondment of the Acting Municipal Manager be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the correspondence from the Office of the MEC for COGTA extending the Secondment of Mr VO Mazibuko to act as the Municipal Manager for three months with effect from 01 December 2024 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (c) That pursuant to (b) above, Ms MP Gobhozi to act as the General Manager: Corporate Services be and is hereby extended for a period of three months with effect from 01 December 2024.

[At that stage of the proceedings, Cllr Caluza moved for the meeting to move out of Committee and was seconded by Cllr Henderson.]

RC 07/01/25

CLOSURE

His Worship, the Mayor thanked all members for their participation and contribution in the meeting.

There being no further items for discussion, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 09h52.

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