

## UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

### MINUTES OF THE 33<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HELD AT THE UVONGO TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2024, AT 11H40

Cllr SR Ngcobo - Speaker

IS Mqadi (Mayor), D Nciki (Exco Member), SN Caluza (Exco Member), GD Henderson (Exco Member), JS Ngwane (Exco Member), NA Njenga (Exco Members), MP Shoji, P Breedt, SV Duma, SP Fica, TT Hlophe, SE Khawula, MJ Cele-Luthuli, MA Manyoni, NO Mazubane, SD Mdluli, SEH Mngoma, TH Msabala, SP Mthethwa, NY Mweshe, PZ Mzindle, N Ndadane, N Ndovela, SA Ngcece, LMR Ngcobo, FM Ngwane, X Nkasa, B Nyuswa, J Schmidt, PC Shange, BN Shoji, LS Zungu and MPL Zungu

#### BY INVITATION:

Inkosi EZ Jali

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr VO Mazibuko	-	Acting Municipal Manager
Mr K Audan	-	General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office (BTO)
Ms D Rankin	-	General Manager: Economic Development and Environmental Services
Ms MP 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
Ms N Mbambo	-	Manager: Legal Services
Mr S Kati	-	Chief Audit Executive
Ms N Grobler	-	Manager: ICT
Mr A Mbhele	-	Manager: Administration & Auxiliary Services
Ms S Ndwalande	-	Acting Manager: Human Resources
Ms T Jwacu	-	Environmental Health Officer: EDES
Ms N Sunker	-	ICT Governance, Website and Training Administrator
Ms B Malishe	-	Committee Co-ordinator
Ms B Danisa	-	Committee Clerk
Ms N Surajbally	-	Administrative Officer: Secretariat Unit

#### • OPENING

The Speaker requested Cllr JS Ngwane to open the meeting in prayer. He then extended a warm welcome to all present.

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of the meeting was taken as read subject to the change of time from 11h00 to 11h40.

The Speaker apologized for the late start of the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

However, members stressed concern that it was now becoming a norm for the meeting to start late, which was disrespectful.

It was noted that the Whip of Council and the Chief Whip of the African National Congress (ANC) was tasked to attend to this serious concern.

C 384/10/24

#### **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

It was noted that Cllr SP Tenza (*family commitment*), Cllr PZ Mzindle (*council business*) and Cllr LS Zungu (*council business*) had requested leave of absence from the meeting.

It was also noted that Inkosi MP Ngcobo had requested leave of absence from the meeting.

It was further noted that Cllr SHE Mngoma had requested to leave the meeting at 13h30.

In addition, it was also noted that Inkosi EZ Jali had requested to leave the meeting at 13h30.

Following which,

It was unanimously

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That Cllr SP Tenza (*family commitment*), Cllr PZ Mzindle (*council business*) and Cllr LS Zungu (*council business*) be and are hereby **GRANTED** leave of absence from the meeting.
- (b) That Inkosi MP Ngcobo be and is hereby **GRANTED** leave of absence from the meeting.
- (c) That the request from Cllr SHE Mngoma to leave the meeting at 13h30 be and is hereby **GRANTED**.
- (d) That the request from Inkosi EZ Jali to leave the meeting at 13h30 be and is hereby **GRANTED**.

C 385/10/24

#### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

It was noted that there were none.

C 386/10/24

#### **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the agenda.

It was noted that the Agenda Pack consisted of the Main Agenda, the In-Committee Agenda, Item 13.1 Determination of Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of Different Members of Municipal Councils, Item 13.2 Replacement of Cllr MZ Luthuli (*ANC MR Councillor*) with Cllr MPL Zungu.

Thereafter, Cllr Nyuswa moved for the acceptance of the Agenda and was seconded by Cllr Cele-Luthuli.

Following which,

It was unanimously

**RESOLVED:**

That the agenda convening the meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council be and is hereby **CONFIRMED**; subject to the following namely:

- Inclusion of Item 13.1 Determination of Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of Different Members of Municipal Councils;
- Inclusion of Item 13.2 Replacement of Cllr MZ Luthuli (*ANC MR Councillor*) with Cllr MPL Zungu; and
- Withdrawal of Item 14.4 Appointment of the Municipal Manager

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 26 September 2024**

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the minutes for the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 26 September 2024.

Thereafter, Cllr Nciki moved for the acceptance of the minutes and was seconded by Cllr Manyoni.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 26 September 2024 be and are hereby **CONFIRMED**.

**RESOLUTIONS REGISTER**

**Resolutions Register of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 26 September 2024**

The Speaker took members through the Resolutions Register for the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 26 September 2024.

Following which,

It was unanimously

**RESOLVED:**

That the Resolutions Register for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 26 September 2024 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 389/10/24

**OUTSTANDING MATTERS**

It was noted that there were none.

**STANDING ITEMS**

C 390/10/24

**Monthly Birthday Greetings: Councillors, Amakhosi and Senior Managers**

The Speaker conveyed birthday wishes on behalf of Council to the following Councillors and Management who celebrated their birthdays during the month of October, namely:

- Cllr B Nyuswa - 02 October; and
- Cllr NA Njenga - 26 October

Following which,

It was unanimously

**RESOLVED:**

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

C 391/10/24

**Water Supply Status Quo Report**

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

Commenting, Cllr Mthethwa stated that the Umzumbe Local Municipality dealt with many challenges and as a result, a Water and Sanitation programme was developed with the assistance of the Manager: Public Participation which would assist the Umzumbe Local Municipality and its Ward Councillors in visiting each ward to address the water challenges. However, he stated that there had been a delay in the said programme being initiated which had affected the said Municipality. He then requested feedback on when the said programme would be initiated. In addition, he indicated that there needed to be intervention in the KwaDingimbiza area regarding the water supply as well as providing same with water tankers.

In response, the Speaker tasked the Acting General Manager: Water Services to work together with the Manager: Public Participation in ensuring that the Water and Sanitation Programme was initiated. Thereafter, he stated that the Acting General Manager: Water Services should engage with the responsible officials regarding the said programme in finding a way forward and to give feedback to the Umzumbe Local Municipality.

Cllr JS Ngwane commended the progress on the water supply to the KwaMadlala and Oak Farm Areas. He then highlighted the challenges of water supply in the Magog and the KwaMlenze Areas. He pointed out that the issue of the non-availability of materials at the Stores Unit had delayed the maintenance work. He requested the Budget and Treasury Office Department or the Mayor's Office to look into the said matter.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the Water Supply Systems Status Quo be and is hereby **NOTED** and **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager: Water Services be and is hereby tasked to work together with the Manager: Public Participation in ensuring that the Water and Sanitation Programme was initiated and thereafter, the Acting General Manager: Water Services engage with the responsible officials regarding the said programme in finding a way forward and to give feedback to the Umzumbe Local Municipality.

**C 392/10/24 SALGA Monthly Report**

It was noted that there was no report.

**C 393/10/24 Human Rights Commission Inquiry**

The Speaker took members through the item.

It was noted that the Human Rights Commission met with the Ugu District Municipal Council for a one-day session on Monday, 14 October 2024 and that the said Commission was very happy with the progress made by the Ugu District Municipality.

However, it must be noted that the report entailed the recommendations made by the Commission to the Water Services Authorities.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

That the report on the Human Rights Commission Inquiry be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

**C 394/10/24 SECTION 79 REPORTS**

It was noted that there were none.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**C 395/10/24 Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Progress Report**

The Speaker took members through the item.

It was noted that the report entailed the progress update on the Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

That the Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Progress Report be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 396/10/24

**Borehole Management System & Water Infrastructure**

The Speaker took members through the item.

It was noted that the rationale of the report was to update members on the progress regarding the implementation of the Borehole Management System and the Water Infrastructure Management System.

Commenting, Cllr JS Ngwane raised a concern that it was difficult to send trucks to the Mbozana area, where there was no water supply for a very long time. He requested that boreholes should be put in the said area.

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

Following which,

It was unanimously

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the report on the Borehole Management System and Water Infrastructure Management System be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the Business Plan application for funding be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 397/10/24

**Ugu District Municipality – September 2024 Monthly Budget Statements**

The Speaker took members through the item.

It was noted that the purpose of the report was to inform members of the Monthly Budget Statement for the month of September 2024, which was in compliance with Section 71 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA).

Thereafter, Cllr Nyuswa moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Schmidt.

Following which,

It was unanimously

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the Monthly Budget Statements for the month of September 2024 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Monthly Budget Statements for the month of September 2024 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the Monthly Budget Statements for the month of September 2024 and the supporting documents be submitted to both the Provincial and National Treasury in both electronic and hard copies.

C 398/10/24

**SCM Monthly Performance Report: September 2024**

The Speaker took members through the item.

It was noted that the aim of the report was to apprise members on the SCM Monthly Performance Report for the month of September 2024 and for Council to play an oversight role in terms of monitoring and reviewing the spending patterns within the Municipality.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

That the SCM Monthly Performance Report for September 2024 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED and NOTED**.

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM COMMITTEES**

**Extracts from the Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 16 October 2024**

C 399/10/24

**Close-Out Report for Provincial Golden Games 2024**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Cllr MP Shozi moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and requested that Cllr SN Caluza should attend the Golden Games 2024 given that the said Games were part of the Portfolio Committee that she was responsible for and was seconded by Cllr Ngcece.

Concerns were raised if the Councillors from the Local Municipalities were going to be given an opportunity to participate in the said Games.

In response, the Speaker advised that the Local Municipalities must send their Councillor of the Portfolio Committee that was responsible for the said Games.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the Close-Out Report for Provincial Golden Games 2024 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the update on the National Golden Games be and is hereby **SUPPORTED**.
- (c) That the Accommodation and Transport for two (2) Officials who would be attending the National Golden Games be and is hereby **SUPPORTED** and **APPROVED**.
- (d) That from the Councillor component, Cllr SN Caluza attends the National Golden Games.

**C 400/10/24 Ratification of the Umzinto Informal Settlement Sanitation Services Agreement with Umdoni Local Municipality**

The Speaker took members through the report.

Commenting, Cllr LMR Ngcobo pointed out with concern that the Ugu District Municipality was incurring huge amounts of money for UIFW. He requested clarity in this regard.

The Acting Municipal Manager explained to Council that the Honourable MEC for Human Settlement had intervened and that the money was transferred to Umdoni Local Municipality. He mentioned that the Ugu District Municipality then billed the Umdoni Local Municipality every month. He indicated that an Agreement was signed for a period of six (6) months at a time.

Thereafter, Cllr Fica moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Cele-Luthuli.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the Ratification of the Umzinto Informal Settlement Sanitation Services Agreement with Umdoni Local Municipality be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Actions of the Municipal Manager for signing the Memorandum of Agreement for the Umzinto Informal Settlement Sanitation Services with the Umdoni Local Municipality be and is hereby **RATIFIED**.

**C 401/10/24 2022-2027 ICT Digital Strategy Implementation Report (Year 3 2024/25 Q1) (MTID 1)**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Thereafter, Cllr Nyuswa moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Cele-Luthuli.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the ICT Digital Strategy Implementation Progress of 100% for Quarter One (01) targets of the 2024 / 2025 Financial Year, Year Three (03) of the Five (05) Year Strategy be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the following reviewed Policies be and is hereby **APPROVED**:
- ICT Digital Strategy 2022 – 2027;
  - ICT Cloud Strategy 2022 – 2027;
  - ICT Governance Charter;
  - ICT Governance Framework;
  - ICT Project and Portfolio Management Framework;
  - ICT Security Controls Policy;
  - ICT User Management Policy;
  - ICT Operations Policy;
  - ICT ROI Policy; and
  - ICT Enterprise Architecture Framework.

C 402/10/24

**Ugu Website Refresh**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Thereafter, Cllr Schmidt moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Khawula.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the Ugu Website Refresh be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the launch of the website on the WordPress Platform with the changed functionality be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 403/10/24

**Ugu District Municipality 2023/2024 Annual Performance Report**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

That the report on the Ugu District Municipality 2023 / 2024 Annual Performance be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 404/10/24

**Delegation Framework**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Thereafter, Cllr Ngcece moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Mthethwa.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the report on the Delegations Framework be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the Delegations Framework be and is hereby **ADOPTED**.

C 405/10/24

**Review of Disciplinary Policy and Procedure, In-Service Training Policy and Internship Policy**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Thereafter, Cllr Mthethwa moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Ngcece.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the report on the Review of the Disciplinary Policy and Procedure, In-Service Training Policy and Internship Policy be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

(b) That the Review of the Disciplinary Policy and Procedure, In-Service Training Policy and Internship Policy be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 406/10/24

**Report on the 2024/2025 Operational Risk Assessment and Operational Risk Register**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Thereafter, Cllr Nyuswa moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Cele-Luthuli.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the 2024/2025 Operational Risk Assessment and Operational Risk Register be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the report on the 2024/2025 Operational Risk Assessment and Operational Risk Register be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

**C 407/10/24 Report on the 2024/2025 Fraud Risk Assessment and Fraud Risk Register**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Thereafter, Cllr Breedt moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr JS Ngwane.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the 2024/2025 Fraud Risk Assessment and Fraud Risk Register be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the report on the 2024/2025 Fraud Risk Assessment and Fraud Risk Register be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

**C 408/10/24 Report on the 2024/2025 ICT Risk Assessment and Risk Register**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the 2024/2025 ICT Risk Assessment and ICT Risk Register be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the report on the 2024/2025 ICT Risk Assessment and ICT Risk Register be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

**C 409/10/24 Progress Report on Projects Implemented by Umgeni uThukela Water**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Following which,

It was unanimously

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the Status of the Projects Under Implementation by the Umgeni uThukela Water be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That, it be and is hereby **NOTED** that the Chief Operations Officer from Umgeni uThukela Water submit a detailed timeframe on the Ncwabeni Project.

**C 410/10/24 Progress Report on the Implementation of the Emergency Borehole Programme**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Following which,

It was unanimously

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the status of the Implementation of the Emergency Boreholes Programme be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the background on the shortage of water resources, water supply challenges and the need for production boreholes to supplement the water supply be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (c) That the background and update on the implementation of the Emergency Borehole Phase 1 funded by the Water Services Infrastructure Grant be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (d) That the background, and the current progress on the Implementation of the Emergency Borehole Phase 2 by the Municipal Infrastructure Grant be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (e) That the challenges faced by the Municipality due to vandalism and theft be and is hereby **NOTED**.

**C 411/10/24 Progress on the Disaster Management and Fire Services**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

That the report on the Progress on the Disaster Management and Fire Services be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 412/10/24

## **Proposal for Hibiscus Coast Marine Route**

The Speaker took members through the report.

Giving members a brief background to the item, he mentioned that the Ugu District especially along the coastal regions remained underdeveloped in comparison to the other coastal regions despite its natural beauty, tourism potential and strategic location of the District and due to same, the District was struggling to attract the necessary investments to drive sustainable development owing to several factors.

He said that in line with the above assertion, the Municipality received a proposed titled “transforming the KZN South Coast through the Hibiscus Coast Marine Route and the proposal was authored by Professor Rubin Pillay.

He stated that essentially, the proposal aimed to address the above-mentioned challenges by turning natural resources into a key economic driver.

He indicated that this was anticipated to be achieved through the creation of a dynamic, interconnected marine transportation system that links Durban with key coastal towns, including Ifafa, Hibberdene, Port Shepstone and St Michaels-on-Sea.

He pointed out that the proposed route would utilize hydrofoil technology which would ultimately reduce road congestion, improve tourism accessibility, and promote sustainable growth in key sectors such as hospitality, retail and adventure tourism.

Concluding, he informed members that the objective of the proposal also aims to create numerous job opportunities and stimulate local economies through the establishment of tourism hubs along the marine route.

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

Following which,

It was

### **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the Proposal for the Hibiscus Coast Marine Route be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Proposal for the Hibiscus Coast Marine Route be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 413/10/24

## **Technical Engagement on Data Driven Cities with the UK Government**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Thereafter, Cllr Mthethwa moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Ngcece.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the Technical Engagement on Data Driven Cities with the UK Government be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the invitation to participate in the programme be and is hereby **ACCEPTED**.
- (c) That the nominations of the Senior Personnel, Ms F Mbili, Ms N Grobler, Mr S Mbatha and Mr M Mzotho to participate in the programme be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (d) That, it be and is hereby **NOTED** that once the programme was firmly established, same be registered with the OTP.

C 414/10/24

**SALGA Games 2024**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Commenting, Cllr JS Ngwane requested that the Sending Off Ceremony should be done by the District Mayor. He emphasised that the District Municipality needed to own the Games.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the SALGA Games 2024 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the use of the sport vote for the costs be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (c) That the use of the sport vote for the costs related to the SALGA Games 2024 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (d) That the Youth Development Unit and the Supply Chain Management Unit begin with the processes with immediate effect, in line with the budget vote of R1,441,228,00 as well as the roles and responsibilities.

C 415/10/24

**The Repatriation of Human Remains from Zimbabwe and Zambia**

The Speaker took members through the item.

It was noted that the objective of the report was to present to Council the repatriation and reburial planning for the human remains of Mr Bafana Duma, a resident of Umzumbe Ward 4, whose remains will be repatriated from Zimbabwe as part of a broader national initiative led by the Office of the Premier, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Thereafter, Cllr Mthethwa moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Ngcece.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the Repatriation of Human Remains from Zimbabwe and Zambia be and is hereby **NOTED** and **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That, it be noted that the Ugu District Municipality in consultation with the Office of the Premier of Sport, Arts and Culture be and is hereby tasked to facilitate the logistical arrangements for the burial of Mr B Duma from Umzumbe, Ward 4 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That, it be and is hereby **NOTED** that the relevant Local Municipality be also consulted on the said burial arrangements of the late Mr B Duma.

**MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES**

C 416/10/24

**Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 18 September 2024**

The Speaker took members through the noting of the minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 18 September 2024.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 18 September 2024 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

**URGENT MATTERS**

C 417/10/24

**Determination of Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of Different Members of Municipal Councils**

The Speaker took members through the item.

It was noted that if a Councillor needed any clarity on the Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of Different Members of Municipal Councils then same could contact the Office of the Municipal Manager directly.

Thereafter, Cllr Schmidt moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Caluza.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report on the Determination of Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of Different Members of Municipal Councils be and is hereby **NOTED**.

- (b) That the implementation of provisions of Gazette Vol. 712, No. 51407 on the Determination of Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of Different Members of Municipal Councils at 100% be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the Government Gazette Vol. 712, No. 51407 on the Determination of Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of Different Members of Municipal Councils be and is hereby **APPROVED** for onward submission to the MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) for concurrence for the implementation by the Municipality with effect from 01 July 2023.

C 418/10/24

**Replacement of Cllr MZ Luthuli, a MR Councillor representing Umzumbe Municipality on the Ugu District Municipal Council with Cllr MPL Zungu**

The Speaker took members through the item.

It was noted that the report entailed the Replacement of Cllr MZ Luthuli, a MR Councillor representing the Umzumbe Municipality on the Ugu District Municipal Council with Cllr MPL Zungu; hence Cllr MPL Zungu had to be sworn in as a member of the Ugu District Municipal Council.

However, concerns were raised by the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) representing Umzumbe Municipality on the replacement of Cllr MZ Luthuli with Cllr MPL Zungu.

Following several political caucus sessions that were held by the IFP and then the ANC, the Speaker referred members to the attachment of the report and explained to members that Council was taking directives from the IEC; hence the swearing in of Cllr MPL Zungu.

He pointed out that it must be noted that as per the IEC, Cllr MPL Zungu was already a Councillor; and that the swearing in was just ceremonial.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the report regarding the Replacement of Cllr MZ Luthuli, a MR Councillor representing Umzumbe Municipality on the Ugu District Municipal Council with Cllr MPL Zungu be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That, it be and is hereby **NOTED** that Cllr MPL Zungu was sworn in as a MR Councillor representing Umzumbe Municipality in the Ugu District Municipal Council.

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

**IN-COMMITTEE MATTERS**

C 419/10/24

**In-Committee Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 26 September 2024**

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the In-Committee Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 26 September 2024.

Cllr FM Ngwane moved for the acceptance of the minutes and were seconded by Cllr Ndadane.

Following which,  
It was

**RESOLVED:**

That that In-Committee Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 26 September 2024 be and is hereby **CONFIRMED**.

C 420/10/24

**In-Committee Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 18 September 2024**

The Speaker took members through the noting of the In-Committee Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on 18 September 2024.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

That that In-Committee Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 18 September 2024 be and is hereby **NOTED**.

C 421/10/24

**Restructuring of Disaster Management and Fire Services**

The Speaker took members through the item.

Thereafter, Cllr Schmidt moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Mthethwa.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the report on the Restructuring of Disaster Management and Fire Services Section be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the position of the Manager: Disaster and Fire Services be normalised to the Level 02 position of the Senior Manager: Corporate Services and Head of Centre: Disaster Management.

(c) That the position of the Chief Fire Officer be normalised to that of a Managerial position within the Municipality being the Level 03 position and be titled Manager: Fire Services.

**C 422/10/24 Appointment of the Municipal Manager**

It was noted that the item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

Following which,

It was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the concerns raised in the discussion be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That a special meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council be held within fourteen (14) days to deal with the issue of the Appointment of the Municipal Manager.

*[At that stage of the proceedings, Cllr Cele-Luthuli moved for the meeting to move out of committee and was seconded by Cllr Mweshe.]*

**C 423/10/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was scheduled for 28 November 2024.

**C 424/10/24 CLOSURE**

There being no further items for discussion, the Speaker declared the meeting closed at 14h30.

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