

UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

**MINUTES OF THE 38TH MEETING OF THE UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RAY NKONYENI MUNICIPALITY,
10 CONNOR STREET, PORT SHEPSTONE, ON THURSDAY, 24 APRIL 2025,
AT 11H10**

Cllr SR Ngcobo - Speaker

IS Mqadi (Mayor), SN Caluza (Exco Member), D Nciki (Exco Member), GD Henderson (Exco Member), JS Ngwane (Exco Member), NA Njenga (Exco Member), MP Shoji, P Breedts, SP Fica, TT Hlophe, SE Khawula, SD Mdluli, SEH Mngoma, SP Mthethwa, NY Mweshe, PZ Mzindle, NO Mazubane, N Ndadane, SA Ngcece, FM Ngwane, X Nkasa, B Nyuswa, J Schmidt, PC Shange, BN Shoji, MV Vezi and LS 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 V Manawer	-	Acting General Manager: Economic Development and Environmental Services (EDES)
Mr ME Luswazi	-	Acting General Manager: Water Services
Ms MP Gobhozi	-	Acting General Manager: Corporate Services
Mr F Zama	-	Senior Manager: Mayoralty and Communications
Ms F Mbili	-	Senior Manager: Corporate Strategy and Shared Services
Mr S Kati	-	Chief Audit Executive (CAE)
Ms N Gumbi	-	Manager: Human Resources
Ms N Mbambo	-	Manager: Legal Services
Ms T Kikine	-	Acting Manager: Administration & Auxiliary Services
Ms S Gumbi	-	Committee Clerk: Secretariat Unit
Ms B Danisa	-	Committee Clerk: Secretariat Unit
Ms N Surajbally	-	Administrative Officer: Secretariat Unit

• OPENING

The Speaker requested Cllr Nciki to open the meeting with a prayer. He then extended a warm welcome to everyone present.

C 127/04/25 NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of the meeting was taken as read.

[At that stage of the proceedings, the Speaker reminded Council that there were two vacancies: one for the ANC and one for the EFF. He mentioned that there would be replacements for the former Cllr VM Chiya and the former Cllr N Ndovela and expressed hope that these vacancies would be filled in the next meeting.]

C 128/04/25 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It was noted that Cllr MA Manyoni (*family bereavement*), Cllr TH Msabala (*family commitment*), Cllr MP Tenza (*political commitment*), Cllr SV Duma (*sick*), Cllr MJ Luthuli-Cele (*council business*) and Cllr LMR Ngcobo (*sick*) had requested leave of absence from the meeting.

It was further noted that Cllr NA Njenga had requested to leave the meeting at 12h00 given that he had a doctor's appointment.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Cllr MA Manyoni (*family bereavement*), Cllr TH Msabala (*family commitment*), Cllr MP Tenza (*political commitment*), Cllr SV Duma (*sick*), Cllr MJ Luthuli-Cele (*council business*) and Cllr LMR Ngcobo (*sick*) be and are hereby **GRANTED** leave of absence from the meeting.
- (b) That the request from Cllr NA Njenga to leave the meeting at 12h00 be and is hereby **GRANTED**.

C 129/04/25 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were none.

C 130/04/25 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the agenda.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

C 131/04/25 Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 27 March 2025

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the minutes for the 37th meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 27 March 2025.

Thereafter, Cllr Breedt moved for the acceptance of the minutes and was seconded by Cllr BN Shoji.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 27 March 2025 be and are hereby **CONFIRMED**.

RESOLUTIONS REGISTER

C 132/04/25

Resolutions Register for the 37th Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 27 March 2025

The Speaker took members through the Resolutions Register for the 37th meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 27 March 2025.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Resolutions Register for the 37th Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 27 March 2025 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 133/04/25

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

It was noted that there were none.

STANDING ITEMS

C 134/04/25

Monthly Birthday Greetings: Councillors, Amakhosi and Senior Managers

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

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| • Cllr MJ Luthuli-Cele | - | 04 April |
| • Cllr SD Mdluli | - | 05 April; and |
| • Cllr TT Hlophe | - | 28 April |

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

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

C 135/04/25

Water Supply Status Quo Report

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

He apprised members on the status of the water systems throughout the Ugu District.

He referred members to pages 2,3,4,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,17, 23 and 24 of the attachment, and highlighted the status as per the operational areas as follows:

- Area South Central;
- Area South;

- Area North; and
- Area South-West;

Thereafter, he presented to Council the progress update on the Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade.

Cllr Mdluli thanked the Mayor, the Chief Whip, and the Acting Municipal Manager for attending the Mayoral Izimbizo at Umdoni to address the community complaints. He then expressed hope that the Municipality would resolve the water issues in Wards 12 and 14. He also praised the efforts made to address the houses with standpipes but no meters as well as the illegal connections associated with same.

Cllr Mthethwa sought clarity on what were the updates on the interventions at the Dingimbiza Reservoir in ensuring that the pumps were working in order to prevent strikes. He also requested more water tankers to provide relief and to ensure that the community had access to water.

Inkosi Jali appreciated the report and then sought clarity on why a standpipe was installed at the Bazini Reservoir in KwaJali; however, the water supply was irregular. He then questioned why some areas, like Budlu, Mjika, and Ndlele, were not receiving water whilst the others were receiving water. He also enquired about the water level at the Bazini Reservoir and why the water coming from the taps was dirty.

Cllr Henderson praised the Ugu District teams' efforts in the water supply provision. He was also pleased that residents did not swear at him or express negative publicity towards the Ugu District during the Mayoral Izimbizo.

Responding, the Acting General Manager: Water Services assured members that the water supply issues in KwaJali, including the Bazini Reservoir and the dirty tap water, would be addressed. He then mentioned that the requisition for a pump at KwaDingimbiza was underway, but the cost would be determined after the pump was stripped. He also stated that the Manager: Area North would be tasked to provide Cllr Mthethwa with regular updates on the said procurement process. Additionally, he highlighted that a program to address illegal connections would be implemented using a previously successful District-wide strategy which ensured compliance with the law.

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 Manager: Area North be and is hereby tasked to provide Cllr Mthethwa with a regular update on the pump procurement process as well as ongoing follow ups for the KwaDingimbiza area.

C 136/04/25 SALGA Monthly Report

It was noted that there was no report.

C 137/04/25 Human Rights Commission Inquiry

It was noted that there was no report.

C 138/04/25 SECTION 79 REPORTS

It was noted that there were none.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

C 139/04/25 Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Progress Report

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

He reported that the project conclusion date was currently unclear. He mentioned that Eskom had advised that the material for the project has been ordered.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

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

C 140/04/25 Ugu Sanitation Infrastructure Status, Progress Report and Required Intervention

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the report on the Ugu Sanitation Infrastructure Status, Progress Report and Required Intervention be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 141/04/25 Ugu District Municipality-March 2025 Monthly Budget Statement

The Speaker reminded Council that the Agenda was dispatched on time, giving members ample opportunity to review the reports. Members were then given a platform to ask questions or seek clarity.

It was noted that the objective of the report was to inform members about the Monthly Budget Statement for March 2025, in compliance with Section 71 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA).

Thereafter, Cllr SP Fica moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr MP Shozi.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Ugu District Municipality-March 2025 Monthly Budget Statement be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

- (b) That the Monthly Budget Statement for the month of March 2025 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the Monthly Budget Statement for the month of March 2025 and the supporting documents be submitted to both the Provincial and National Treasury in both electronic and hard copies.

C 142/04/25 SCM Monthly Performance Report: March 2025

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

It was noted that the purpose of the report was to inform members on the SCM Monthly Performance Report for March 2025.

It was further noted that this report allows Council to monitor and review the spending patterns within the Municipality effectively.

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

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the SCM Monthly Performance Report for March 2025 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the SCM Monthly Performance Report for March 2025 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 143/04/25 2024/25 Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report and Impact on the 2024/25 Adjustments Budget

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

It was noted that the rationale of the report was to table to Council the letter from Provincial Treasury on the Assessment of the 2024/2025 Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report and the impact of the 2024/2025 Adjustments Budget.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the 2024/25 Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report and Impact on the 2024/25 Adjustments Budget be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 144/04/25 Request to Write-Off Irrecoverable Debt

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

He pointed out that the objective of the report was to seek approval for the request to write off the irrecoverable debt that was owed by the indigent support beneficiaries.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Request to Write-Off Irrecoverable Debt be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the request to write off the debt owed by the Indigent Support Beneficiaries for an amount of R5 938 776.74 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 145/04/25 **Assessment of the 2024/25 Adjustments Budget Approved in terms of Section 28 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act No. 56 of 2003 (MFMA)**

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

It was noted that the intention of the report was to table to Council the letter from Provincial Treasury on the Assessment of the 2024/2025 Adjustments Budget tabled in terms of Section 28 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act No. 56 of 2003.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Letter from Provincial Treasury for the 2024/2025 Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report and the impact on the 2024/2025 Adjustments Budget be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 146/04/25 **Addendum to the Bulk Water Agreement between Ugu District Municipality and Umgeni Uthukela**

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

It was noted that the aim of the report was for Council to consider and approve the addendum to the Bulk Water Agreement between Ugu District Municipality and Umgeni Water to be extended for an additional five (5) Years with effect from 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2030.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Addendum to the Bulk Water Agreement Between Ugu District Municipality and Umgeni Uthukela be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

- (b) That the Addendum to the Bulk Water Agreement Between Ugu District Municipality and Umgeni Uthukela with effect from 01 July 2025 until 30 June 2030 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the request for the parties to extend the Bulk Water Supply Agreement for a further period of five (5) years between the Ugu District Municipality and the Umgeni Uthukela Water as mentioned on the agreement from 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2030 be and is hereby **NOTED**.

C 147/04/25

Municipal Integrity Notice 1 of 2025/26: The Institutionalisation of the Code of Ethical Leadership in Local Government

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

He briefly explained to Council that the purpose of the report was to present to members the Municipal Integrity Notice No. 1 of 2025/26: The Institutionalisation of the Code of Ethical Leadership in Local Government from the Office of the MEC on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA).

He indicated that attached to the report was the Copy of Notice 1 of 2025/26: The Institutionalisation of the Code of Ethical Leadership in Local Government from the Office of the MEC on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) and the SALGA Joint Circular No. 1 of 2024: Adoption of the Code for Ethical Leadership in Local Government for ease of reference.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Municipal Integrity Notice 1 of 2025/26: The Institutionalisation of the Code of Ethical Leadership in Local Government be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Code be and is hereby **ADOPTED** by the Ugu District Municipal Council so that the ethical standards were known and agreed to at the outset.
- (c) That, it be and is hereby **NOTED** that all the Municipalities were requested to provide the Department with copies of the Council Resolution considering and adopting the Code as well as the progress reports on the institutionalisation of the Code within sixty (60) days following receipt of the said correspondence.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM COMMITTEES

Extracts from the Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 16 April 2025

C 148/03/25

Report on Fleet Management Policy Review

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

He informed Council that the Fleet Management Policy was reviewed; hence the request for approval.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

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

C 149/04/25 **Review of Human Resources Policies: Sexual Harassment, Intimidation and Victimisation in the Workplace Policy, Leave Management Policy, Hours of Work Policy, Human Resources Plan and Strategy and the Human Resources Development Plan and Strategy**

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

He informed Council that the Human Resources Policies was reviewed; hence the request for approval.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Review of Human Resources Policies: Sexual Harassment, Intimidation and Victimisation in the Workplace Policy, Leave Management Policy, Hours of Work Policy, Human Resources Plan and Strategy and the Human Resources Development Plan and Strategy be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Review of Human Resources Policies: Sexual Harassment, Intimidation and Victimisation in the Workplace Policy, Leave Management Policy, Hours of Work Policy, Human Resources Plan and Strategy and the Human Resources Development Plan and Strategy be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 150/04/25 **Labour Relations and Disciplinary Matters**

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the report on the Labour Relations and Disciplinary Matters be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 151/04/25 **Draft Schedule of IDP/Budget Roadshows 2025 and Concept Paper**

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

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 Draft Schedule of IDP / Budget Roadshows 2025 and Concept Paper be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Draft Schedule of IDP / Budget Roadshows 2025 and Concept Paper be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 152/04/25

5th Annual Ugu Maskandi Music Festival

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

It was noted that the intention of the report was for Council to approve the waiver of the tariff charges for the use of the Ugu Sports and Leisure Facility in partnership with the Ugu Broadcasting Services for hosting the 5th Annual Ugu Maskandi Music Festival.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the 5th Annual Ugu Maskandi Music Festival be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the waiver of tariff of charges fee for the Ugu Broadcasting Services to host the event be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the Ugu District Municipality partner with the Ugu Maskandi Music Festival in hosting the said event.
- (d) That, it be and is hereby **NOTED** that due to the financial constraints, the Municipality would not be able to provide the sponsorship of R150, 000.00.

C 153/04/25

Mavundla Tribal Authority GIS Support

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

It was noted that the purpose of the report was for Council to consider the request by the Mavundla Tribal Authority for GIS assistance on their Mavundla Land Committee Land Claim to the Commission on the Restitution of Land Rights.

Thereafter, Cllr Mweshe moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Mazubane

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Mavundla Tribal Authority GIS Support be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the request on the Mavundla Tribal Authority for the GIS assistance on their Mavundla Land Committee land claim to the Commission on the Restitution of Land Rights be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the waiver of the cost be and is hereby **APPROVED** for the production of the 161 maps to be produced as part of fulfilment of the Mavundla Tribal Authority.

C 154/04/25 **Water Supply Systems Status Report Pipeline Replacement Project Implemented from Nodalane to Izingolweni Reservoir**

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

It was noted that the rationale of the report was to provide Council with a status quo of the pipeline replacement project implemented from Nodalane to the Izingolweni Reservoir. It must be further noted that the report provided progress on various stages of the project as well as outlines the challenges that were encountered during the implementation process.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the report on Water Supply Systems Status Report Pipeline Replacement Project Implemented from the Nodalane to Izingolweni Reservoir be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 155/04/25 **Wastewater Risk Abatement Plan-Review 2024/2025**

The Acting Municipal Manager took members through the report.

It was noted that the objective of the report was to update members on the review of eighteen (18) of Ugu District Municipality's Wastewater Risk Abatement Plans for the 2024/2025 financial year.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Wastewater Risk Abatement Plan – Review for the 2024/2025 Financial year be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Wastewater Risk Abatement Plan – Review for the 2024/2025 Financial Year be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

C 156/04/25 Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19 March 2025

The Speaker took members through the noting of the minutes of the 43rd meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19 March 2025.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19 March 2025 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 157/04/25 URGENT MATTERS

It was noted that there were none.

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

IN-COMMITTEE MATTERS

C 158/04/25 In-Committee Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19 March 2025

The Speaker took members through the In-Committee Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19 March 2025.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

That the In-Committee Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19 March 2025 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

[At that stage of the proceedings, Cllr MP Shoji moved for the meeting to move out of committee and was seconded by Cllr Fica.]

C 159/04/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was scheduled for 29 May 2025.

C 160/04/25 CLOSURE

In closing, the Speaker expressed gratitude to all present for their co-operation and participation in the meeting.

With no further items for discussion, the Speaker declared the meeting closed at 11h46.

CHAIRPERSON: -----

DATE:-----