

UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

**MINUTES OF THE 43RD MEETING OF THE UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RAY NKONYENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, ON
THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2025, AT 11H00**

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, P Breedts, NT Dlamini, SP Fica, AW Gege, TT Hlophe, SE Khawula, MJ Cele-Luthuli, MA Manyoni, SD Mdluli, TH Msabala, NY Mweshe, MM Mbatha, SP Mthethwa, PZ Mzindle, Z Opperman, N Ndadane, SA Ngcece, B Nyuswa, J Schmidt, MP Shoji, PC Shange, MP Tenza, MV Vezi, MPL Zungu, and LS Zungu

BY INVITATION:

Inkosi EZ Jali
Inkosi MBW Xolo

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr VO Mazibuko	-	Municipal Manager
Mr K Audan	-	General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office (BTO)
Ms D Rankin	-	General Manager: Economic Development and Environmental Services (EDES)
Dr T Mwelase	-	General Manager: Water Services
Ms MP Gobhozi	-	Acting General Manager: Corporate Services
Ms F Mbili	-	Senior Manager: Corporate Strategy and Shared Services
Ms Z Mpurwana	-	Acting Senior Manager: Mayoralty and Communications
Mr S Kati	-	Chief Audit Executive (CAE)
Ms N Mbambo	-	Manager: Legal Services
Ms N Gumbi	-	Manager: Human Resources
Mr A Mbhele	-	Manager: Administration & Auxiliary Services
Ms S Nzama	-	Intern: Secretariat Unit
Ms S Gumbi	-	Committee Clerk: Secretariat Unit
Ms B Malishe	-	Committee Co-ordinator: Secretariat Unit
Ms T Kikine	-	Acting Administrative Officer: Secretariat Unit

• **OPENING**

The Speaker extended a warm welcome to all present.

C 338/09/25 NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of the meeting was taken as read.

C 339/09/25 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It was also noted that Cllrs FM Ngwane (*family commitment*), SHE Mngoma (*family commitment*), and X Nkasa (*council business*) had requested leave of absence from the meeting.

It was noted that Cllr SD Mdluli and Cllr SP Fica had requested to join the meeting via the Hybrid Platform.

The Speaker reported an apology on behalf of Inkosi MP Ngcobo who had another urgent matter to attend to.

It was further noted that Inkosi Jali had requested to leave the meeting at 11h30.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Cllrs FM Ngwane (*family commitment*), SHE Mngoma (*family commitment*), and X Nkasa (*council business*) be and are hereby **GRANTED** leave of absence from the meeting.
- (b) That the request for Cllr SD Mdluli and Cllr SP Fica to join the meeting via the Hybrid Platform be and is hereby **GRANTED**.
- (c) That an apology received on behalf of Inkosi MP Ngcobo be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (d) That the request from Inkosi Jali to leave the meeting at 11h30 be and is hereby **GRANTED**.

C 340/09/25 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were none.

C 341/09/25 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the agenda.

Thereafter, Cllr J Schmidt moved for the acceptance of the Agenda and was seconded by Cllr JS Ngwane.

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 342/09/25 Minutes of the 42nd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 28 August 2025

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the minutes for the 42nd meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 28 August 2025.

Thereafter, Cllr Henderson moved for the acceptance of the minutes and was seconded by Cllr MJ Cele-Luthuli.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the 42nd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 28 August 2025 be and are hereby **CONFIRMED**.

RESOLUTIONS REGISTER

C 343/09/25

Resolutions Register for the 42nd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 28 August 2025

The Speaker took members through the Resolutions Register for the 42nd meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 28 August 2025.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Resolutions Register for the 42nd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 28 August 2025 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 344/09/25

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

It was noted that there were none.

STANDING ITEMS

C 345/09/25

Monthly Birthday Greetings: Councillors, Amakhosi and Senior Managers

The Speaker conveyed birthday wishes on behalf of Council to the following Councillors, the Traditional Leaders and Senior Managers who celebrated their birthday during the month of September, namely:

- Inkosi Jali Ngcobo - 17 September;
- Cllr J Schmidt - 25 September;
- Cllr X Nkasa - 05 September;
- Cllr TH Msabala - 15 September;
- Cllr FM Ngwane - 28 September; and
- Dr T Mwelase - 27 September.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

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

C 346/09/25

Water Supply Status Quo Report

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

She apprised members on the status of the water systems throughout the Ugu District and provided a detailed report on the water supply that included successful shutdowns, restoration of supply, pipeline replacement projects, challenges faced, and the ongoing efforts to improve the system.

She then highlighted the updates on the water supply status quo in each of the following areas, namely:

- Area South Central;
- Area South;
- Area North; and
- Area South-West.

Cllr Breedt raised a concern regarding Riverview Road in Marina Beach. He advised members that he had made several requests in the past two (02) months through the Portfolio Committee on Water and Sanitation for the General Manager: Water Services to convene a meeting with the two (02) affected residents, but without success.

He then humbly requested for an intervention from the Mayor to ensure that the said meeting was convened to prevent the said residents from reporting the said matter to the media. He further reported that the residents had video footage covering incidents from the past three (03) years, during which the road collapsed which resulted in the properties being flooded with water, yet their concerns have not been addressed.

The Speaker thanked Cllr Breedt for raising the matter and pointed out that the said matter did not necessitate the Mayor's involvement and instead required the involvement of the Municipal Manager given that the said issue was administrative.

Cllr Schmidt indicated that the Gayridge area had been affected by uninterrupted water outages for three (03) consecutive days. He requested that Management should urgently find a solution to resolve the said issue.

The Speaker suggested that, going forward, Management should address the issues raised by members and present a report at the next meeting outlining the progress and status on each matter that was raised whether same was resolved or in progress.

Cllr Njenga reported with concern that the Khanda-Ndlovu area and the California area under the Brema area were currently experiencing water shortages. He then requested that the Water Services Department investigate the said matter and provide water relief to the affected communities.

He informed members about his recent deployment in Ward 18 under Umzumbe, where residents had raised concerns that the borehole serving as their main water source had not been operational for the past four (04) weeks.

He expressed concern that, for the past two (02) weeks, the municipality had been receiving negative publicity regarding sewage discharge into the Umbango River. He cautioned members that this situation could expose the municipality to unnecessary scrutiny.

He then enquired whether the municipality was using an accredited laboratory and whether a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was in place to guide the testing process, including the frequency of sampling. He further sought clarification on whether the municipality had a sister laboratory or a competitor laboratory to compare the results, or if the issue was due to inadequate staffing.

He reminded members that the General Manager: Water Services had previously reported that, during one of the previous meetings held between Ugu District Municipality and Umgeni Water, Umgeni Water had committed to providing the Municipality with a mobile laboratory. He then urged the Municipal Manager and the General Manager: Water Services to engage with Umgeni Water to ensure that Umgeni Water honored the commitment they made which would enable the Municipality to increase its capacity.

Cllr Ngcece commended the commendable efforts of the Council and Management in ensuring the provision of water supply to the Ezingolweni communities. He further noted that, apart from the electricity challenges experienced at Umtamvuna, there were additional contributing factors that had adversely affected the system, including the acts of sabotage.

Echoing the same sentiments, Cllr JS Ngwane expressed appreciation to the Council and Management for their tireless work on the Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Project. He advised that the Management should reallocate the water tankers previously assigned to the areas within Area South that now have access to water, to other communities that continue to face challenges relating to inadequate water infrastructure and those that were currently experiencing water shortages.

He also expressed gratitude to the General Manager: Water Services and her team for their prompt response in attending to the boreholes in the KwaMadlala area. He noted that one of the boreholes had been dysfunctional and that he was now informed of the underlying cause. He also reported that, in some areas, residents were still requesting water tankers even though water was available from the standpipes.

Cllr Mthethwa welcomed the report and pointed out with concern that the KwaGqigqa area in Ward 4 under Umuziwabantu Local Municipality has had no water for the past five (05) months. He reminded members that the said concern was raised in one of the previous meetings, and the Ugu team visited the site and made a commitment to return with solutions which was not done.

He mentioned that water did not reach the Dumeni area when the Municipality applied the vula-vala water shedding system, noting that approximately twenty (20) households were affected in this regard.

He also reported that the Squngeni area, directly opposite the Fica area, as well as the Mbhobho area, the Shlonyaneni area and Ntaba area do not have water. He noted that, although there were pipes in these areas, officials needed to be continually reminded to open the water supply during the Vula-vala water shedding system.

He then suggested that the General Manager: Water Services and her team should develop a plan that would enable the Plumbers to perform their duties in a more effective and efficient manner without the need to constantly remind the said officials during the Vula-vala water shading system.

He reported that he was recently deployed by the Umzumbe Council with the Chief Whip, Cllr Cele, to address an issue affecting Ward 9 and Ward 15, where the community in Ward 15 was obstructing the water supply intended to fill the reservoir in Ward 9.

He mentioned that he was able to prevent the community of Ward 9 from protesting and shutting down the Ugu Offices. He further stated that the said community requested the Ugu Mayor to come and address their concerns.

He reminded members that the Municipality had previously committed to the installation of a water pipeline in the Nomakhanzana area, and that the said community had been advised of the high cost associated with the project. He informed members that the

residents had contemplated a protest in the previous week. He humbly requested that Management should convene an engagement with the affected community to provide a comprehensive update on the progress achieved to date. He pointed out that Ward 9 had previously been allocated two (02) water tankers. He further raised a concern that only one (01) water tanker was currently serving the entire ward.

Cllr Duma apprised members that in 2022, a child in the Dumisa area under Ward 04 tragically had drowned while fetching water from the river. He expressed concern that the area has had no water infrastructure since year 2015 and further highlighted that residents were compelled to travel long distances to collect water from the river due to no water infrastructure.

He further reported the recent incident that occurred on 13 September 2025, whereby a thirteen (13) year old girl went to the river to fetch the water and ended up being raped. He mentioned after the said incident was reported, the Local Traditional House organized an urgent meeting with the residents and the South African Police Services (SAPS). He pointed out that on 20 September 2025, the Ward Councillor had organized a meeting that was referred to as a Damage Control Meeting with the delegation from Ugu and the residents.

He assured members that he would share the case number with the Municipal Manager after the meeting. He then humbly requested that the Municipality should ensure that during the allocation of the boreholes, the borehole was installed close to the residents to prevent the recurrence of the said incidents in the Dumisa area.

The Municipal Manager welcomed the comments received from members of the Council. He pointed out that consequence management should be applied in terms of the matter relating to KwaDumisa area.

Regarding the issue relating to the Gayridge area, he indicated that the matter was of a technical nature and confirmed that he would continue to communicate with Cllr Schmidt regarding addressing the persistent water outages affecting the said area.

Regarding the concern relating to Riverview Road in Marina Beach, he affirmed that the General Manager: Water Services was not the type of official that disregarded the reported matters. He assured members that the matter would be addressed accordingly.

On the issue of the laboratory, he confirmed that the Municipality had a laboratory in place with adequate staff members. He stated that the sample testing was conducted by Umgeni Water. He further confirmed that Umgeni had committed themselves to assist the Municipality with the mobile laboratory.

Regarding the matter of adverse publicity concerning the discharge of sewage into the Umbango River, he emphasized the necessity of upgrading the river. He reported that the Municipality had submitted Business Plans to the Department of Water and Sanitation, and that internal funding had also been allocated for this purpose. He further indicated that a chemical company had been identified to address the issue of the odour affecting the Umbango River. He further reported that the water supply in the areas of Umuziwabantu had significantly improved.

On the issue relating to Riverview Road in Marina Beach, the General Manager: Water Services explained to members that in August 2025, a site visit was conducted, and it was noted that the damage was due to the floods. She mentioned that there were continuous engagements that were held with the Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality. She then assured members that she would commit herself to another visit with Cllr Breedts to address the said matter. She further confirmed that the monitoring of the water quality was being done.

The Speaker requested that the General Manager: Water Services should communicate with Cllr Breedt to determine the most effective course of action to resolve the matter relating to the damaged property at Riverview Road in Marina Beach.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Water Supply Systems Status Quo be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That Management be and is hereby tasked to address the issues raised by members and thereafter submit a report to the next meeting outlining the progress and status on each matter.
- (c) That the General Manager: Water Services be and is hereby tasked to communicate with Cllr Breedt in determining the most effective course of action to resolve the matter relating to the damaged property at Riverview Road in Marina Beach.
- (d) That Management be and is hereby tasked to convene an engagement with the Nomakhanzana community to provide the said community with a comprehensive update on the progress achieved to date.
- (e) That the General Manager: Water Services and her team be and is hereby tasked to develop a plan that would enable the Plumbers to perform their duties in a more effective and efficient manner without the need to constantly remind the said officials during the vula-vala water shading system.
- (f) That it be noted that, upon completion of the Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Project, Management be and is hereby tasked to reallocate the water tankers previously assigned to the areas within Area South that now have access to water, to other communities that continue to face challenges relating to inadequate water infrastructure and those that were currently experiencing water shortages.
- (g) That the Municipal Manager and the General Manager: Water Services be and is hereby tasked to engage with Umgeni Water to ensure that Umgeni Water fulfilled their commitment relating to the Mobile Laboratory which same would enable the Municipality to increase its capacity.
- (h) That the Water Services Department be and is hereby tasked to investigate the concern relating to the reported water shortages in Khandandlovu area and the California area including providing water relief to the said affected communities.
- (i) That, it be noted that the Municipal Manager would continue to communicate with Cllr Schmidt in terms of addressing the persistent water outages affecting the Gayridge area.

C 347/09/25 SALGA Monthly Report

It was noted that there was no report.

C 348/09/25 Human Rights Commission Inquiry

It was noted that there was no report.

C 349/09/25 SECTION 79 REPORTS

It was noted that there was no report.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

C 350/09/25 Ugu District Municipality-August 2025 Monthly Budget Statement

The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office took members through the report.

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

Thereafter, Cllr Mthethwa 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 District Municipality-August 2025 Monthly Budget Statement be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Monthly Budget Statement for the month of August 2025 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the Monthly Budget Statement for the month of August 2025 and the supporting documents be submitted to both the Provincial and National Treasury in both electronic and hard copies.

C 351/09/25 SCM Monthly Performance Report: August 2025

The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office 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 August 2025.

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

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

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

C 352/09/25 Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Progress Report

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

She reported that the Municipality had successfully implemented the temporary upgrade project. She further indicated that all six (06) pumps were now operational, resulting in noticeable improvements in the water supply.

She added that the User Department was currently focusing on the distribution system to ensure that the water being supplied was adequate, while also ensuring that the Municipality responded swiftly to any reported pipe bursts.

Adding, the Municipal Manager emphasized that while the Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Project had yielded positive results, the Municipality also needed to focus on other areas within the district, such as Dumisa and the Northern areas.

The Mayor highlighted the successes of the Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Project, noting that the Council had met the targets set by the Municipality, which would result in approximately 250,000 people now having access to clean water.

He thanked the Council for their commitment and for working towards achieving the strategic objectives outlined in the Six-Point Plan. He reminded the members that the said plan included the following issues, namely:

- Vehicles;
- Communications;
- Staffing, and
- Service Delivery.

He then expressed words of gratitude to the Municipal Manager and his team for their tireless efforts in ensuring the success of the Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Project. He further stated that the Municipality would now focus on addressing the water challenges in the Northern areas. He also mentioned that he was also aware of the water challenges at the Mahlongwa area and Mandawe area.

He expressed comfort with the progress that was currently underway in the KwaLembe area. He further indicated that a meeting would be convened with the Ugu Team and the Service Provider to explore the various options and phases that were available to ensure that the said community received water.

Sharing the same sentiments, Cllr Henderson also expressed his appreciation for the involvement of both Council and Management in the Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Project. He reported that on 22 September 2025, he received the report on the water level for the Southern area and had noted that most of the reservoirs were at high capacity.

He advised members on the recent visit undertaken with the KZN Cabinet to Umzumbe Local Municipality. He reported that the said visit was subsequently followed by a War Room meeting that was attended by all the Sector Departments.

He reported that the Ward Councillor delivered a presentation focusing on his Ward, during which he outlined the existing infrastructure. He indicated that Ward 14 had discontinued the use of water trucks, as the community was now accessing water from the four (04) solar-powered boreholes installed by Ugu District Municipality in the previous financial year.

He shared with members that the Minister was impressed with the initiative and had advised that she would table the said project to the next Cabinet meeting, with the intention of using it as a blueprint to eliminate the future reliance on water tankers.

Cllr Mthethwa thanked the Municipality for the successful completion of the Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Project, including the procurement of the essential tools of trade, which would positively contribute to the effective implementation of the service delivery.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

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

C 353/09/25 Bridging Short Term Facility

Cllr JS Ngwane advised members of a request that was made for the said report to be simplified, given that there were already three (3) versions of same that were previously presented.

The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office took members through the report.

He informed members that the intention of the report was to seek approval for the additional temporally short-term banking facility.

He indicated that the existing overdraft facility was utilized to support the Municipality's financial management operations. He further explained that the facility would be used to address emergencies and short-term working capital requirements, thereby assisting the Municipality in managing the cashflow shortfalls. He also advised members that the overdraft was utilized to ensure timely payment of compliance-related obligations such as Eskom, SARS, and other statutory commitments.

He informed members that the Municipality received the Equitable Share in July 2025, and the next tranche was expected in December 2025. He also expressed concern that the combined amount of the Equitable Share, the collections, and other revenue remained insufficient.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter, the Speaker requested that the said report should be referred back to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the report on Bridging Short Term Facility be and is hereby **REFERRED BACK** to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM COMMITTEES

Extracts from the Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 17 September 2025

C 354/09/25 **Amendment of the Municipal Standing Rules and Order of Council 2025 / 2026**

The Speaker took members through the item.

He informed members that the intention of the report was to apprise the Council regarding the instruction from the Provincial Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) for Ugu District Municipality to amend its standing rules and order.

He then requested that the Traditional Leaders should be given an opportunity to deliberate on the matter and thereafter submit the name of the Traditional Leader who would be serving as a member to the Executive Committee.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Amendment of the Municipal Standing Rules and Order of Council 2025 / 2026 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That, it be and is hereby **NOTED** that the Amendment of the Municipal Standing Rules and Order of Council 2025 / 2026 would only become law once gazetted, as the previous gazette process, there would be financial implications associated with the gazetting of the Standing Rules of Order of Council.
- (c) That the Traditional Leaders be and is hereby requested to submit a name of the Traditional Leader who would be serving as a member to the Executive Committee.

C 355/09/25 **Labour Relations and Disciplinary Matters**

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

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

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

C 356/09/25 **Report on the 2025 / 2026 Fraud, Ethics and Corruption Risk Assessment and Fraud Risk Register**

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

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

Following discussion,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- a) That the report on the 2025 / 2026 Fraud, Ethics and Corruption Risk Assessment and Fraud Risk Register be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- b) That the 2025 / 2026 Fraud, Ethics and Corruption Risk Assessment and Fraud Risk Register be and is hereby **ADOPTED**.
- c) That the 2025 / 2026 Fraud, Ethics and Corruption Risk Assessment and Fraud Risk Register be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 357/09/25

Report on the Strategic Risk Assessment and Strategic Risk Register

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

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

Following discussion,

It was

RESOLVED:

- a) That the report on the Strategic Risk Assessment and Strategic Risk Register be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- b) That the Strategic Risk Assessment and Strategic Risk Register be and is hereby **ADOPTED**.
- c) That the Strategic Risk Assessment and Strategic Risk Register be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 358/09/25

Report on the 2025 / 2026 Operational Risk Assessment and the Operational Risk Register

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the 2025 / 2026 Operational Risk Assessment and the Operational Risk Register be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

- (b) That the 2025 / 2026 Operational Risk Assessment and the Operational Risk Register be and is hereby **ADOPTED**.
- (c) That the 2025 / 2026 Operational Risk Assessment and the Operational Risk Register be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 359/09/25

Report on the 2025 / 2026 ICT Risk Assessment and the ICT Risk Register

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the 2025 / 2026 ICT Risk Assessment and the ICT Risk Register be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the 2025 / 2026 ICT Risk Assessment and the ICT Risk Register be and is hereby **ADOPTED**.
- (c) That the 2025 / 2026 ICT Risk Assessment and the ICT Risk Register be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 360/09/25

Application for Overtime Exemption Certificate

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Application for Overtime Exemption Certificate be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Application for Overtime Exemption Certificate be and is hereby **APPROVED** and concurrence for an application be made to the South African Local Government Bargaining Council (SALGBC) for overtime exemption.

C 361/09/25

Draft Illegal and Unauthorised Water Services Connections Policy

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

She informed members that the purpose of the report was to present the reviewed Illegal and Unauthorized Water Services Connections Policy together with the Standard Operating Procedure for consideration and approval.

Thereafter, Cllr Dlamini 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 for the Illegal and the Unauthorized Water Services Connections Policy be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Review for the Illegal and the Unauthorized Water Services Connections Policy be and is hereby **ADOPTED**.
- (c) That the Review for the Illegal and the Unauthorized Water Services Connections Policy be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 362/09/25 Update: KZN Provincial SALGA Games 2025

The Municipal Manager took members through the item.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the KZN Provincial SALGA Games 2025 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the updates for the preparations of the SALGA Games be and is hereby **SUPPORTED**.

C 363/09/25 Water Tariffs Policy

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

She informed members that the purpose of the report was to present the Water Tariffs Policy for consideration and approval.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report on the Water Tariffs Policy be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the Water Tariffs Policy be and is hereby **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

C 364/09/25 Water and Sanitation Services Policy

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

She apprised members that the intention of the report was for members to consider and approve the Water and Sanitation Services Policy.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report on the Water and Sanitation Services Policy be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

(b) That the Water and Sanitation Services Policy be and is hereby **ADOPTED**.

C 365/0/9/25 Ugu Sanitation Infrastructure Status, Progress Report and Required Intervention

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

She informed the Committee that the report was submitted to provide a comprehensive update on the current condition of the sanitation infrastructure. She mentioned that the report also outlined the critical system deficiencies, the maintenance backlogs, and the operational failures that had contributed to a series of equipment breakdowns.

She further stated that the report also indicated the incidents of equipment failure that had resulted in sewage spillages from the pump stations, as well as the discharge of non-compliant final effluent into ecologically sensitive estuarine and marine environments.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

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

(b) That the incidents occurring which were in breach of the applicable legislations and specific to environmental: Section 30(1) (a) of NEMA, an "incident" means an unexpected sudden occurrence which affects the environment be and is hereby **NOTED** and **CONSIDERED**.

(c) That the report on the Ugu Sanitation Infrastructure progress on the system challenges with outlined status, interventions and remedial action plans be and is hereby **NOTED** and **NOTED**.

- (d) That the three year-Budget requirements for the 2024/2025 Financial Year for repair and maintenance of water and sanitation infrastructure, be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 366/09/25

Report on Ugu District Municipality Draft Narrative Water Services Development Plan 2025/2026

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

She apprised members that the report was submitted to present the Ugu District Municipality Draft Narrative Water Services Development Plan for the 2025/2026 Financial Year for consideration and approval.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Ugu District Municipality Draft Narrative Water Services Development Plan 2025 / 2026 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Ugu District Municipality Draft Narrative Water Services Development Plan 2025 / 2026 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 367/09/25

Business Plan for the Upgrade of the Rudimentary Water Supply Schemes

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

She informed members that the purpose of the report was to present the Business Plan for the Upgrade of the Rudimentary Water Supply Scheme. She further indicated that the said plan also detailed the proposed projects that were intended to address the water supply challenges specifically in the areas that were lacking the water infrastructure.

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

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Business Plan for the Upgrade of the Rudimentary Water Supply Schemes be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Business Plan for the Upgrade of the Rudimentary Water Supply Schemes be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 368/09/25

Report on Ugu District Municipality Draft Narrative Water Services Development Plan 2025/2026

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

She informed members that the purpose of the report was to provide an update on the progress and milestones achieved in respect of the Cwabeni Bulk Water Supply Project.

She indicated that the report also outlined the various options relating to the distribution of water supply across the catchment areas, as well as the potential funding models for the project.

She then referred members to pages 192 to 195 of the agenda and highlighted the following key aspects of the report, namely:

- Progress milestones achieved;
- Options for water supply in catchment areas;
- Options for the project funding model; and
- Challenges encountered.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Progress Report on the Cwabeni Bulk Water Supply Project be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the PSP together with the Ugu District Project Management Unit secure updated uMzimkhulu River Bhobhoyi Wastewater Treatment Works supply zone water balance data – demand, schemes, areas, settlements, zones, demographics, projections, non-revenue water physical and commercial category levels of service, Local Municipality new developments water demand, water output, delivery, water consumption, zone billing 12 months, water tanker records – all current information and 30-year lifecycle projections.
- (c) That the PSP together with Ugu District Municipality conduct an Ugu District Municipality beneficiation assessment for possible purchase of old Illovo Sugar Mill facility for potential beneficiation for the Ugu District Municipality – such as additional river abstraction 32Ml/d, Ugu Regional Laboratory, numerous building and engineering workshop facilities, clear water Dam uses and the new Water Treatment capacity that could supplement and support all of existing.
- (d) That the Bhobhoyi Wastewater Treatment Works demand zones supporting universal access and water security.
- (e) That the PSP together with the Ugu District Municipality collate all data and information into bankable case scenarios work packages for the Project Financing Modelling Scenarios options for the Ugu District Municipality consideration as the Ugu District Municipality options might secure the Ugu District Municipality bankable commercial MFMA Co-founding instruments and mechanisms as so match those discretionary grants funding as had been committed by state.

C 369/09/25 Request for Amnesty on Outstanding Debt on Business Customers Accounts

The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office took members through the item.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Request for Amnesty on the Outstanding Debt on the Business Customers Accounts be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Amnesty be offered to the business customers when 60% of the total debt owed was settled by 30 June 2026 and the Municipality write off 40% of the remaining debt be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 370/09/25 Amnesty on Outstanding Debt on Intergovernmental Customers Accounts

The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office took members through the item.

Cllr Dlamini conveyed her support for the amnesty initiative and proposed that the Municipality formally communicate the initiative across all media platforms to maximize public awareness.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Amnesty on the Outstanding Debt on the Intergovernmental Customers Accounts be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Amnesty on Outstanding Debt on Intergovernmental Customers Accounts when 80% of the capital debt was settled by 30 June 2026 and the Municipality write off 20% of the remaining capital debt be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the interest debt be and is hereby **WRITTEN OFF** on receipt of the payment of the 80% of capital amount.

C 3710/09/25 Request for Selection of the Quota Acquisition for Port Shepstone Taxi Rank Mall – Erf 1904

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

She informed members that the report was submitted to seek guidance on the determination of the quota acquisition fee to be levied on the Port Shepstone Taxi Rank Mall, Erf 1904, Port Shepstone.

She further explained to members that the Mall had been constructed and commissioned without confirmation of water services from Ugu District Municipality based on the submitted drawings. She added that the plans had not been approved by the Water Services Authority (WSA) Section, which is responsible for collecting capital contributions derived from the calculated quota acquisition.

She reported that the developer had submitted the plans and the quota acquisition twice, through separate engineers at different times. She explained that the capital contributions were calculated based on each submission made to the developer

She advised members that, at a later stage, the developer requested a meeting with the Municipality's management, whereby he indicated that the mall was being supplied by a borehole and that the quota acquisition should be based solely on sewer demand.

She further reported that subsequently, a third calculation was prepared reflecting the sewer connection only. She then referred members to the three (03) quotations that were attached to the report from page 209 to 211.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Request for Selection of the Quota Acquisition for Port Shepstone Taxi Rank Mall – Erf 1904 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Developer be charged a capital contribution of R5.081, 567.63 calculated based on the 2019 information and the current tariff be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That an interest would be added to the amount owed to the Municipality, dating back from the initial stage of the Mall's development.
- (d) That, it be **NOTED** that Manager: Legal Services be and is hereby tasked to attend to any legal matters that may arise, and that the Legal Services Unit must provide advice and assistance in the event the issue proceeds to court.

MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

Minutes of the 48th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20 August 2025

The Speaker took members through the noting of the minutes for the 48th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20 August 2025.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the 48th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20 August 2025 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

URGENT MATTERS

It was noted that there were none.

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

IN-COMMITTEE MATTERS

C 374/09/25

In-Committee Minutes of the 42nd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 28 August 2025

The Speaker took members through the In-Committee Minutes of the 42nd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 28 August 2025.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the In-Committee Minutes of the 42nd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 28 August 2025 be and are hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 375/09/25

In-Committee Minutes of the 48th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20 August 2025

The Speaker took members through the In-Committee Minutes of the 48th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20 August 2025.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the In-Committee Minutes of the 48th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20 August 2025 be and are hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 376/09/25

Extension of the Acting General Manager: Corporate Services

The Municipal Manager took members through the item.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Extension of the Acting General Manager: Corporate Services be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Extension of the Acting General Manager: Corporate Services effective from 01 September 2025 on a month-to-month basis until the position was filled be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 377/09/25

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

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

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

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 **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the Determination of Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of Different Members of Municipal Councils be and is hereby **ADOPTED**.
- (c) That the Government Gazette Vol. 712, No. 51419 Determination of Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of Different Members of Municipal Councils and the Government Gazette Vol. 722, No. 53168 Amendment Determination of Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of Different Members of Municipal Councils from the Office of the MEC on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **APPROVED** for adoption to pay Ugu District Municipality Councillors 100% of the 2.5% across the board increase.

C 378/09/25

Appointment of the General Manager: Corporate Services

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Appointment of the General Manager: Corporate Services be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the recommendations of the Interviewing Panel to appoint Ms MP Gobhozi to the position of the General Manager: Corporate Services as confirmed by the Interviewing Panel be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the recommendations of the Interviewing Panel to appoint Ms MP Gobhozi to the position of the General Manager: Corporate Services together with the Competency Assessment Results that have deemed her **COMPETENT** for the position of the General Manager: Corporate Services be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **APPROVED**.
- (d) That the appointment of Ms MP Gobhozi be on a permanent status of employment with a total remuneration package of R1,528,180 (Midpoint of a Category 06 Municipality).
- (e) That His Worship, the Mayor be and is hereby **AUTHORISED** to request the CoGTA MEC in writing for the concurrence on the appointment of Ms MP Gobhozi to the position of the General Manager: Corporate Services for the Ugu District Municipality.

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

C 379/09/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was scheduled for 23 October 2025.

C 380/09/25 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 13h27.

CHAIRPERSON: -----

DATE:-----