UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE 44TH MEETING OF THE UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RAY NKONYENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, ON THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2025, AT 11H00

Cllr SR Ngcobo - Speaker

IS Mqadi (Mayor), SN Caluza (Exco Member), GD Henderson (Exco Member), P Breedt, NT Dlamini, SP Fica, SV Duma, AW Gege, TT Hlophe, SE Khawula, NY Mweshe, NO Mazubane, MM Mbatha, SEH Mngoma, SP Mthethwa, Z Opperman, FM Ngwane, N Ndadane, B Nyuswa, X Nkasa, J Schmidt, MP Tenza, MPL Zungu, and LS Zungu

BY INVITATION:

Inkosi MP Ngcobo
Inkosi EZ Jali

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	-	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 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. He then requested Cllr MPL Zungu to open the meeting in prayer.

C 381/10/25 **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice of the meeting was taken as read.

C 382/10/25 **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

It was also noted that Cllrs MP Shozi (*family commitment)*, SA Ngcece (*sick leave*), MJ Cele-Luthuli *(council business*), MV Vezi (*sick leave*), D Nciki (*family commitment*), JS Ngwane (*council business*) SD Mdluli (*council business*) PC Shange (*family responsibility*) and NA Njenga *(party commitment*) had requested leave of absence from the meeting.

The Speaker indicated that he would not accept the apology received on behalf of Cllr MA Manyoni, given that he was not aware of the scheduled council business that the said Councillor had to attend and that same was also confirmed with the Mayor. He further stated that the apology received from Cllr PZ Mzindle would likewise not be accepted, as the date of this meeting had been communicated to all members well in advance.

It was noted that Cllr M Mweshe had requested to join the meeting via the Hybrid Platform.

Cllr SEH Mngoma and Cllr MP Tenza had requested to be excused from the meeting before13h00 to attend a Special Council Meeting at Umdoni Local Municipality.

The Speaker reported an apology on behalf of Inkosi MBX Xolo, who was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior engagement that coincided with the date and time of this meeting.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

(a) That Cllrs MP Shozi (*family commitment)*, SA Ngcece (*sick leave*), MJ Cele-Luthuli *(council business*), MV Vezi (*sick leave*), D Nciki (*family commitment*), JS Ngwane (*council business*) SD Mdluli (*council business*) PC Shange (*family responsibility*) and NA Njenga *(party commitment*) be and are hereby **GRANTED** leave of absence from the meeting.

(b) That the request for Cllr M Mweshe to join the meeting via the Hybrid Platform be and is hereby **GRANTED**.

(c) That the apologies received from Cllr MA Manyoni and Cllr PZ Mzindle be and are hereby **NOT ACCEPTED**.

(d) That an apology received on behalf of Inkosi MBX Xolo be and is hereby **NOTED**.

(e) That the request from Cllr SEH Mngoma and Cllr MP Tenza to be excused from the meeting before 13h00 to attend to a Special Council Meeting at Umdoni Local Municipality be and is hereby **GRANTED**.

C 383/10/25 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

It was noted that there were none.

C 384/10/25 **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the agenda.

Cllr Tenza requested that the members should be provided with an update on the preparations for the SALGA Games.

In response, the Speaker requested that Management should be afforded an opportunity to present a comprehensive report on the preparations for the SALGA Games to the next meeting.

Thereafter, Cllr Mthethwa moved for the acceptance of the agenda and was seconded by Cllr Tenza.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

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

(b) That the Management be and is hereby tasked to present a comprehensive report on the preparations for the SALGA Games to the next meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

C 385/10/25 **Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 September 2025**

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the minutes for the 43rd meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 September 2025.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 September 2025 be and are hereby **CONFIRMED**.

RESOLUTIONS REGISTER

C 386/10/25 **Resolutions Register for the 43rd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 September 2025**

The Speaker took members through the Resolutions Register for the 43rd meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 September 2025.

He then referred to Resolution C354/09/25 on page 27 of the agenda and drew the attention of members to resolution (c). He informed the Council that the Office of the Speaker had received correspondence from the Local House of Traditional Leaders nominating Inkosi MP Ngcobo to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Resolutions Register for the 43rd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 September 2025 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED.**

(b) That, it be noted that Inkosi MP Ngcobo was nominated to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

C 387/10/25 **OUTSTANDING MATTERS**

It was noted that there were none.

STANDING ITEMS

C 388/10/25 **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 October 2025, namely:

- Cllr B Nyuswa - 02 October
- Cllr MM Mbatha - 14 October; and
- Cllr NA Njenga - 26 October.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Monthly Birthday Greetings for Councillors, Amakhosi and Senior Managers for the month October 2025 be and is hereby **NOTED**.

C 389/10/25 **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.

She advised members that a spreadsheet was included in the report as an annexure indicating all the issues that were raised by members in the previous meeting including the progress on each of the line items.

With regard to the sanitation issues, she assured members that the Municipality was attending them as and when they were received.

Cllr Schmidt expressed his appreciation to the Municipal Manager and the General Manager: Water Services for their prompt action in developing a plan to address the issue raised regarding Gayridge area. He noted that the matter was handled in an effective and efficient manner and further highlighted that the area now had a steady water supply.

Cllr Opperman commended the Municipal Manager and the Management for the excellent work in improving the water provision, particularly in the North Area, including enhancing the communication channels between the Councillors, the staff, and the residents.

Cllr Mthethwa also expressed appreciation to the Municipal Manager and the General Manager: Water Services for effectively and efficiently attending to the concerns that were previously raised relating to Mandleni area in Ward 4 under the Umzumbe Local Municipality.

He reminded Management that the Mbhobho area still lacked access to water and suggested that the Municipality should consider installing a borehole in the said area. He also pointed out with concern that the water does not reach the Squngeni area, located directly opposite the Fica area, during the implementation of the Vula Vala water-shedding system.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the report on the Water Supply Systems Status Quo be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 390/10/25 **SALGA Monthly Report**

It was noted that there was no report.

C 391/10/25 **Human Rights Commission Inquiry**

It was noted that there was no report.

C 392/10/25 **SECTION 79 REPORTS**

It was noted that there was no report.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

C 393/10/25 **Ugu District Municipality- September 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 September 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 Schmidt.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

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

(b) That the Monthly Budget Statement for the month of September 2025 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

(c) That the Monthly Budget Statement for the month of September 2025 and the supporting documents be submitted to both the Provincial and National Treasury in both electronic and hard copies.

C 394/10/25 **SCM Monthly Performance Report: September 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 September 2025.

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

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

(a) That the SCM Monthly Performance Report for September 2025 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

(b) That the SCM Monthly Performance Report for September 2025 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 395/10/25 **Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Progress Report**

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

She confirmed that the temporary upgrade was fully operational and delivering adequate and reliable water supply.

Regarding the permanent project, she confirmed that the Municipality was actively engaging all pertinent stakeholders. She further advised that the Alfred Nzo District Municipality was concurrently consulting with its communities to ensure the seamless continuation of the project.

Cllr Mbatha requested confirmation on whether the meeting that was scheduled for 09 October 2025 was convened as indicated in the report, and, if so, he further enquired on the outcomes of the said meeting.

Responding, the General Manager: Water Services confirmed that the meeting was held on 09 October 2025. She explained that the Municipality was waiting for Alfred Nzo District Municipality to conclude its consultation process with the communities.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

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

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM COMMITTEES
Extracts from the Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 15 October 2025

C 396/10/25 **2022-27 ICT Digital Strategy Implementation Report (Year 4 2025/26 Q1)**

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

a) That the report on the ICT Digital Strategy Implementation progress of 100% for Quarter 1 targets of the 2025/26 FY, Year 4 of the 5 Year Strategy be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

b) That the following Reviewed Policy documents 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;
- ICT Enterprise Architecture Framework;
- Cybersecurity Strategy; and
- IT Steering Committee Terms of Reference and Sub-Committees.

C 397/10/25 **Labour Relations and Disciplinary Matters**

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

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

C 398/10/25 **Mayoral Izimbizo Schedule 2025**

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

Thereafter, Cllr Mthethwa 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 Mayoral Izimbizo Schedule for the year 2025 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the Mayoral Izimbizo Schedule for the year 2025 be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 399/10/25 Fire and Rescue Services Policy Framework

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

Thereafter, Cllr Mngoma moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr LS Zungu.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report on the Fire and Rescue Services Policy Framework be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the Fire and Rescue Services Policy Framework be and is hereby **APPROVED.**

(c) That the Fire and Rescue Services Policy Framework be and is hereby **ADOPTED**.

C 400/10/25 Summer Season Contingency Plan for 2025/2026 FY

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report on the Summer Season Contingency Plan for 2025/2026 Financial Year be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the Summer Season Contingency Plan for 2025/2026 Financial Year be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 401/10/25 **Time & Attendance Module in Payday System**

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report on the Time and the Attendance Module in Payday System be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the Time and the Attendance Module in Payday System be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

(c) That the Time and the Attendance Module in Payday System be submitted to the Local Labour Forum for consultation purposes.

(d) That the Time and the Attendance Module in Payday System Report be forwarded to the Bilateral meeting for consultation purposes.

C 402/10/25 **Report – Medical Aid Accreditation - Sizwe Hosmed**

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report on the Medical Aid Accreditation – Sizwe Hosmed be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the Manager: Human Resources be and is hereby tasked to inform members of the Sizwe Hosmed medical aid on the discontinuation of the medical aid in December 2025.

(c) That, it be and is hereby **NOTED** that the Sizwe Hosmed Medical would convene a meeting with its members regarding the said matter.

C 403/10/25 **Bridging Short Term Facility**

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

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

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report on the short-term debt facility by Standard Bank be and is hereby **NOTED** and **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the short-term debt facility by Standard Bank be and is hereby **NOTED** and **APPROVED**, with the following terms, namely:

- Temporal Short-term debt facility increase of R10,000,000.00 to the existing facility of R15,000,000.00 which would result in a total facility amount of R25,000,000.00.
- That the additional facility of R10,000,000.00 be settled in December 2025.

(c) That in the Financial Year 2025/2026, the Municipal Manager be and is hereby **AUTHORISED** to accept and **APPROVED** any adjustments or increases to the short-term facility for the use of managing the Municipality's working capital.

(d) That the Municipal Manager be and is hereby **AUTHORISED** to sign the facility letter from Standard Bank on behalf of the municipality.

C 404/10/25 **Progress Report on Backfilling / Reinstatement**

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

She reminded members that there were numerous complaints that were reported indicating that, when Plumbers attend pipe breaks across various areas, the sites were not being properly reinstated or backfilled following the repairs.

She stated that the Municipal Manager had intervened in the said matter, whereby he issued an instruction for the establishment of an internal team that would manage the backfilling with the objective of improving the turnaround time. She further confirmed that the said team was formally established and was fully operational.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Progress Report on the Backfilling / Reinstatement be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

C 405/10/25 **Progress Report on Borehole Maintenance**

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

She informed members that the purpose of the report was to update the Council on the progress of the Borehole Maintenance Programme.

She directed members' attention to page 118 of the report, highlighting the key steps undertaken to ensure the effective maintenance and proper functioning of the boreholes. She further outlined the challenges encountered during the maintenance process, along with the corresponding solutions implemented.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Progress Report on the Borehole Maintenance be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

C 406/10/25 **Borehole Refurbishment Project at KwaMadlala Tribal Area**

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

She apprised members that the Municipality was approached by the SA Lithium, a mining company currently conducting operations in the KwaMadlala area. She mentioned that, as part of its corporate social investment, the said company had requested to partner with the Municipality to enhance water provision in the KwaMadlala area.

She stated that the Municipality had conducted several engagements with SA Lithium and further reported that the company had committed to installing four (04) boreholes using qualified engineers.

She stated that the said installation would be done in accordance with the Municipality's specifications, including the water quality testing that would to be conducted. She highlighted that these boreholes would supply water to the reservoirs, thereby benefiting the local communities.

She pointed out that after the four (04) boreholes were installed, the Municipality would be responsible for the maintenance of same. She reported that, upon completion, the project would be formally handed over to the municipality for operational management and would be included in the municipality's asset register.

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 Borehole Refurbishment Project at the KwaMadlala Tribal Area be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the refurbishment of the Boreholes at the KwaMadlala area by the SA Lithium be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(c) That the Municipality takes ownership of the operation and maintenance of the Boreholes on completion of the project.

(d) That the Borehole Refurbishment Project at the KwaMadlala Tribal Area be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

C 407/10/25 **Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 17 September 2025**

The Speaker took members through the noting of the minutes for the 49th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 17 September 2025.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 17 September 2025 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 409/10/25 **URGENT MATTERS**

It was noted that there were none.

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

IN-COMMITTEE MATTERS

C 410/10/25 **In-Committee Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 September 2025**

The Speaker took members through the In-Committee Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 25 September 2025.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the In-Committee Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 23rd September 2025 be and are hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 411/10/25 **In-Committee Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 17 September 2025**

The Speaker took members through the In-Committee Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 17 September 2025.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the In-Committee Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 17 September 2025 be and are hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 412/10/25 **In-Committee Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 23 September 2025**

The Speaker took members through the In-Committee Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 23 September 2025.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the In-Committee Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 23 September 2025 be and are hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 413/10/25 **Concurrence on the Appointment of the General Manager: Corporate Services**

The Municipal Manager took members through the item.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the report on the Concurrence by the COGTA MEC on the Appointment of Ms MP Gobhozi as the General Manager: Corporate Services effective from 01 October 2025 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

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

C 414/10/25 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was scheduled for 27 November 2025.

C 415/10/25 **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 12h05.

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