

UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES of the **Special Council Meeting** of **Umzimvubu Local Municipality** held on **Wednesday, 28th of February 2018** at the **Municipal Town Hall** in **KwaBhaca** at **10h20**.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

1. Cllr. S.K. M nukwa : Speaker
2. Cllr. B.P. Mabhengu : Mayor
3. Cllr. N.G Mdzinwa : Chief Whip
4. Cllr. A.N. Garane : Portfolio Head: LED
5. Cllr. M. Mataka : Portfolio Head: Corporate Services
6. Cllr. F.N. Ngonyolo : Portfolio Head: SP and Communication
7. Cllr. N. Sonyabashi : Portfolio Head: Citizens and Community Services
8. Cllr. T.A. Mambi : EXCO Member
9. Cllr. S.A.N. Cekeshe : Member
10. Cllr. N.H.Dandala : Member
11. Cllr. S. Dangisa : Member
12. Cllr. N.N. Gcadinja : Member
13. Cllr. N. Gogela : Member
14. Cllr. T.V. Hlazo : Member
15. Cllr. X. Jona : Member
16. Cllr. G.V. Lugongolo : Member
17. Cllr. B. Majalamba : Member
18. Cllr. L.S. Maqhashalala : Member
19. Cllr. C.N. Mnyayiza : Member
20. Cllr. T. Ndara : Member
21. Cllr. T. Nomkuca : Member
22. Cllr. C.L. Noqhakala : Member
23. Cllr. L.L. Nqatsha : Member
24. Cllr. M. Ntsevu : Member
25. Cllr. M. Ramabina : Member
26. Cllr. N.S. Soldat : Member
27. Cllr. F.P. Sontsi : Member
28. Cllr. A.N. Zongwana : Member

ABSENT COUNCILLORS

1. Cllr. H.M. Ngqasa : Portfolio Head: Budget and Treasury (*Apology*)
2. Cllr. U.G. Makanda : Portfolio Head: Infra and Planning (*Apology*)
3. Cllr. P.K. Thingathinga : EXCO Member (*Apology*)
4. Cllr. S. Gqiza : Member
5. Cllr. F.J. Heri : Member (*Apology*)
6. Cllr. M. Hlanekela : Member
7. Cllr. M. Joloba : Member
8. Cllr. N.H. Kolweni : Member
9. Cllr. S.O. Madianga : Member
10. Cllr. S. Mankanku : Member
11. Cllr. P. Makhinzi : Member
12. Cllr. M. Maliwa : Member
13. Cllr. N.A. Mantshongo : Member (*Apology*)
14. Cllr. A. Mgangatho : Member (*Apology*)
15. Cllr. A.P. Mkhonto : Member (*Apology*)
16. Cllr. M. Mqulwane : Member (*Apology*)
17. Cllr. S.P. Myingwa : Member
18. Cllr. N.E. Ngalonkulu : Member
19. Cllr. N.V. Nomaqaqa : Member
20. Cllr. S. Sifolo : Member (*Apology*)
21. Cllr. T. Sokhanyile : Member (*Apology*)
22. Cllr. N.C. Tshayisa : Member
23. Cllr. M. Tuku : Member (*Apology*)
24. Cllr. T. Ntsalaze : Member
25. Cllr. N. Ntshayisa : Member (*Apology*)

PRESENT TRADITIONAL LEADERS

1. Cllr. D. Makaula : Member
2. Cllr N.G. Ncapai : Member
3. Cllr. M. Nota : Member
4. Cllr N. Makaula : Member
5. Cllr. J.B. Makaula : Member

ABSENT TRADITIONAL LEADERS

1. Cllr. N. Rolobile : Member
2. Cllr. M. Sogoni : Member
3. Cllr. M Mpakumpaku : Member

PRESENT OFFICIALS

1. Ms. S.L. Batyi : Manager: LED and Environmental Management
2. Mr. N.M. Sineke : Manager: C&CS (*Acting Municipal Manager*)
3. Mrs. N. Zembe : Manager: SP and Communications
4. Mrs. X. Venn : CFO
5. Ms. P. Nkake : Assistant Manager: Sound Governance
6. Mr. Z.M. Manqumakazi : Senior Administrator: Secretariat Services
7. Mr. S. Nonjojo : Intern: Sound Governance

ABSENT OFFICIALS

1. Mr. G.P.T. Nota : Municipal Manager
2. Mrs. N. Kubone : Manager: Corporate Services
3. Mr. S. Ntonga : Manager: Infrastructure and Planning

MINUTES

1. OPENING/ WELCOME

The meeting was declared open by the Speaker; Councillor S.K. Mnu kwa after a moment of silence was observed at 10h20.

2. READING OF THE OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Acting Municipal Manager: Mr. M.N. Sineke read the official notice.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An application for a leave of absence was tendered for Councillor U.G. Makanda who had to attend other municipal businesses.

An application for a leave of absence was tendered for Councillor M. Tuku who was

attending other municipal business in Ward 26.

It was thereafter with Councillor N.H. Dandala and Councillor X. Jona proposing and seconding respectively;

RESOLVED

1. That an apology tendered for Councillor U.G. Makanda is accepted.
2. That an apology tendered for Councillor M. Tuku is accepted.

This was carried unanimously.

4. APOLOGIES

An apology was tendered for Councillor A. Mgangato who was having an appointment with his Medical Doctor.

An apology was tendered for Councillor S. Sifolo who was having an appointment with his Medical Doctor.

An apology was tendered for Councillor M. Mqulwana who was having an appointment with his Medical Doctor in Mount Frere.

An apology was tendered for Councillor N. Mantshongo who was having an appointment with her Medical Doctor in Kokstad.

An apology was tendered for Councillor P.K. Thingathinga who was not feeling well.

An apology was tendered for Councillor H.M. Ngqasa who was having personal matters to attend to.

An apology was tendered for Councillor F. Hem who was having family matters to attend to.

An apology was tendered for Councillor T. Sokhanyile who was having an appointment with his Medical Doctor.

An apology was tendered for Councillor A.P. Mkhonto who was having personal matters to attend to.

It was thereafter with Councillor M. Mataka and Councillor S.A.N. Cekeshe proposing and seconding respectively;

RESOLVED

1. That an apology tendered for Councillor A. Mgangato is accepted.
2. That an apology tendered for Councillor S. Sifolo is accepted.
3. That an apology tendered for Councillor M. Mqulwana is accepted.

4. That an apology tendered for Councillor N. Mantshongo is accepted.
5. That an apology tendered for Councillor P.K. Thingathinga is accepted.
6. That an apology tendered for Councillor H.M. Ngqasa is accepted.
7. That an apology tendered for Councillor F. Hem is accepted.
8. That an apology tendered for Councillor T. Sokhanyile is accepted.
9. That an apology tendered for Councillor A.P. Mkhonto is accepted.

This was carried unanimously.

5. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no pecuniary interest declared.

6. COMMUNICATION STATEMEN

The Mayor

The Chief Whip

The Mayoral Committee

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee

Esteemed Traditional Leaders

Management as Led by the Municipal Manager

Guests

Let me take this opportunity to welcome you all to this Special Council Meeting in the mighty name of our lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

It is a great honour and privilege for me today to be presenting this statement in this special council meeting.

A story was told of a vehicle driver who drove to an unmentioned destination in accordance to the rules and orders of the road, on his way he was stopped by a traffic officer. He went out of the car and produced with a smile his driver's licence even before the traffic officer spoke.

To his surprise the traffic officer responded saying "why are you breaking the law? I am going to fine you for over speeding".

This young man politely asked the traffic officer of what he was talking about because the speed he was driving on was the authorised speed.

They argued for some time and the matter was referred to court. The judge requested for proof that indeed the driver was over speeding.

The traffic officer could not provide evidence as at that time of the incident he had no speed measuring equipment.

The case was dismissed and the driver was free.

In life we must never rely on assumptions, rumours and gossips, it is vital for us to provide substantial evidence in everything we do and desire.

Umzimvubu Local Municipality is amongst the well-known category B municipalities that strives for the betterment of its constituency. It has presented itself with numerous efforts, showing the nation of its potential in redressing the imbalances of the past and furthermore putting the interests of its populace at the centre.

Success stories can be told nation-wide about this municipality but not individuals, for individuals come and go but Umzimvubu Local Municipality will remain until the end of time.

Councillors, what went wrong?

No one has the capacity to drag into the mud the reputation that this municipality has built for decades just because of personal interests and greediness. I for one will not allow that.

The previous council was a disgrace, as it was dominated by a disorderly behaviour that tried to put the municipal council into disrepute as there were numerous point of orders that were raised with no substance, questioning of what has already been explained on reports and trying to hold the council in ransom through a number of irregularities that were to put the council in jeopardy.

As this council we should not gossip rather we owe it to the people who voted us to be here to engage robustly on critical debates that will bring forth service delivery to them. This council should not be full of Satanism but rather peace and love.

Councillors an act of such as the one that transpired in the previous council will never occur again in this lifetime and that is a promise.

The book of Matthew 25:32-46 in the bible reads as follows;

31-33 "When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left.

34-36 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why:

I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me.'

37-40 “Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’

41-43 “Then he will turn to the ‘goats,’ the ones on his left, and say, ‘Get out, worthless goats! You’re good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because—

I was hungry and you gave me no meal, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was homeless and you gave me no bed, I was shivering and you gave me no clothes, Sick and in prison, and you never visited.’

44 “Then those ‘goats’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn’t help?’

45 “He will answer them, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.’

46 “Then those ‘goats’ will be herded to their eternal doom, but the ‘sheep’ to their eternal reward.”

You are still in this council, it is your chance to speak to your mind and change your acts.

The President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa in his Statement of the Nation Address took us through the vision and aspirations of the late Nelson Mandela, the pillar of this beautiful land, he alluded saying, “We should honour Madiba by putting behind us the era of discord, disunity and disillusionment, We should put all the negativity that has dogged our country behind us because a new dawn is upon us, it is a new dawn that is inspired by our collective memory of Nelson Mandela and the changes that are unfolding, as we did our minds of all negativity, we should reaffirm our belief that South Africa belongs to all who live in it, for though we are a diverse people, we are one nation, For this, we owe much to our forbearers – people like Pixley ka Seme, Charlotte Maxeke and Chief Albert Luthuli – who understood the necessity of the unity and harmony of all the people of this great land”.

Comrades, it is of paramount importance to prioritise unity over anything else in this council. Peace and love is the amicable way of dealing with issues, reading is very much key so as to have the necessary information before jumping the gun.

The president furthermore, spoke on the youth development, it is our duty to ensure that we develop these future leaders of our country, through employment and capacitating them with relevant skills so as to make sure that we attend to the cry.

Chapter 11 of the Constitution states that the institution, status and roles of traditional leadership, according to customary law, are recognised.

Government acknowledges the critical role of traditional leadership institutions in South Africa's constitutional democracy and in communities, particularly in relation to the rural-development strategy. It therefore remains committed to strengthening the institution of traditional leadership.

To this end, numerous pieces of legislation have been passed and various programmes implemented to ensure that traditional leadership makes an important contribution to the development of society.

These past few weeks the Office of Public Participation accompanied the mayoral committee and the Department of Infrastructure we visited all traditional authorities in our localities. We took them through service delivery and Spluma.

The Eastern Cape Premier launched the "Operation Masiphathisane" to foster closer ties with local communities. The project was described as a "bottom up" approach, where government will be working with local communities and other stakeholders to resolve service delivery challenges.

I am very much aware of the politics at hand but I sincerely plead with you all to ensure that all war-rooms are operational for the purposes of addressing service delivery in our wards, because it is that platform that enables our constituency to be well informed on service delivery related issues.

To strengthen democracy, the South African government established the ward committee system in accordance with Sections 72-78 of the Municipal Structures Act. The objective was to improve service delivery by bridging the gap between the respective communities and the municipal structures. Ward committees should be able to enhance participatory government. Public participation is essentially a process that engages communities from the planning to the implementation and the evaluation phases of a particular activity or a project.

This council should ensure of full participation of these ward committees.

With those few words.

I thank you!!

7. DEPUTATIONS

7.1 IEC (Independent Electoral Commission)

Mr. X. Mfunte from the afore-mentioned organization made a presentation that the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) would be conducting voter registration and address verification on the 10th and 11th of March 2018 throughout South Africa. He stated that Alfred Nzo District has all systems ready for the voter registration and verification of residential addresses for voters on the 10th and 11th of March 2017. He also mentioned that Alfred Nzo District was rated number 1 by IEC in South Africa in terms of voter turnout during 2016 Local Government Elections. He further stated that IEC was aware of the challenges that the Demarcation Board has created in terms of voting stations. He said the Demarcation Board was busy re-arranging the

demarcation of boundaries to address challenges of voting stations.

He appealed to the Political Parties representing various constituencies in the Council to go all out and encourage their constituencies to come to the voting stations to register and also to verify their residential addresses.

Councillors were afforded a slot to ask questions of clarities and those questions were responded to accordingly.

- ***Noted.***

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to be confirmed.

10. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

10.1 CONSIDERATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2018

ULMC: 47

10.1 BUDGET AND TREASURY DEPARTMENT: 2017/2018 ADJUSTMENT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

PURPOSE

To advise Council about the adjustment budget process for 2017/2018 MTREF (Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework).

To submit the 2017/2018 Adjustment Capital and Operating budget for Council approval.

To advise council about items affecting adjustment budget and service delivery.

To provide adjustment budget information to council for more discussion to achieve approved budget on time.

It was thereafter with Councillor S.S. Dangisa and Councillor N. Mdzinwa proposing and seconding respectively;

RESOLVED

1. That the Council approves that the adjustment budget of the municipality for the financial year 2017/2018.

2. That the Council notes the submission of the Adjustment Budget by the Municipal Manager within five (5) working days after the Council approval to National and Provincial Treasuries.
3. That the Council notes the publication of approved Adjustment Budget within five (5) working days after the Council has approved the Adjustment Budget.

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This was carried unanimously.

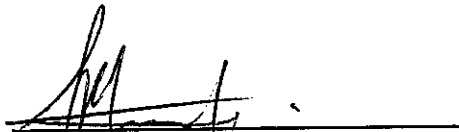
13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Council Meeting is of 27 March 2018.

13. CLOSURE

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED THE COUNCIL
ADJOURNED AT 11H25.**

CONFIRMED BY



**CLLR. S.K. MNUKWA
SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL**

27/03/2018
DATE