



MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: AMAKHOSI
2024/25 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 10 APRIL 2024
 AT 09:00 EMPANGENI CIVIC CENTRE (HALL)

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Chief Whip, Dr Cllr N Donda.

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: Mayor, X Ngwezi.

Chief Whip, Dr Cllr N Donda requested Amakhosi to raise questions and issues that needed clarity.

Mayor, X Ngwezi responded to these questions.

3. QUESTIONS OF CLARITY AND COMMENTS

	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	Mathenjwa - Ward 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An existing Apollo light fell off and destroyed therefore requesting a replacement. Alkanstrand Beach to be refurbished also food court be added as people get hungry after swimming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to DCM – EES (Mr Dolf Marais)

2.	<p>Induna Mkhwanazi - Ward 16 Port Dunford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condolences on the shooting incident. • Inquiry about the trucks constantly going in and out the harbour, yet there is no money mentioned about any financial compensation. • Request for street lights • Stated roads are in bad condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for the condolences • Referred to Mr Dolf Marais • A tender for graveling has been appointed so road problems should be resolved. In the meantime, referred to DCM -IS, Mr ES Ngcobo
3.	<p>Bongani Mthethwa - Inkosi uCebekhulu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated that the 3 wards from Ntambanana that were absorbed by COU namely: 31, 32, 33 have zero development or progress happening. • There is water but no proper water distribution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many reasons why water distribution is interrupted; sometimes the infrastructure is not in good condition.
4.	<p>Bheki Mthethwa - Ward 32 Obizo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had previously contacted COU about the fencing around the reservoirs of the tanks as people can tamper with them. This is a safety issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is budget for fencing for the water treatment works.
5.	<p>Majola - Ward 32 Obizo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated that he had previously contacted COU about the new cemetery, the road leading to and from it is not travel worthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to Mr Zilindile Masango and to liaise with Roads Department
6.	<p>Induna uMbatha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked what happens to all the grievances that are raised because there is never any 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creches are now under DOE not the Municipality but this matter is to be discussed privately

	<p>feedback. Because there was a request for quarry a long while back and till today there hasn't been a response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated the creche is not operational for teaching purposes; can it be used for something else? • Request for a traditional hall (indlu yomkhandlu) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COGTA would be responsible for the traditional hall
7.	<p>Unknown #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated that in November, contractors came and told the community to nominate people that will work but no actual water was given to the community, only a fence was done 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCM IS needs to explain about this and get details from Cllr Ntshaba
8.	<p>Mbuyazi - Induna yaseMambuka</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the last budget meeting, spoke about water that was supposed to be already running but there still is not any until today. Mayor keep your promises. • In ward 32, there is no reservoir and there is nothing about that ward getting water. There are only dams, which serve as cows watering holes. • In ward 17 the dams are empty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • Dams referred to DCM City Development, Ms Ndonga

4. CLOSING: WHIP OF COUNCIL: DR CLLR N.G DONDA



**MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: WARD COMMITTEES
2024/25 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

10 APRIL 2024

AT 13:00 EMPANGENI CIVIC CENTRE (HALL)

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Chief Whip, Dr Cllr N Donda.

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: Mayor, X Ngwezi.

Chief Whip, Dr Cllr N Donda requested ward committees to raise questions and issues that needed clarity.

Mayor, X Ngwezi responded to these questions.

3. QUESTIONS OF CLARITY AND COMMENTS

	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	Justice Manqele - Ward 27 Ngwelezana <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested that each ward have their own halls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted
2.	Fanele Gumede - Ward 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hall in ward 5 needs to be fixed. Stated that there was nothing said about the fire station Steel tanks are leaking when they are full 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted

3.	Sikhumbuzo Mthethwa - - Ward 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated that as a ratepayer, would come home and electricity is blocked and there is no assistance when electricity is blocked during weekends. Stated the invite for this meeting should have specified that there would not be refreshments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer relations is available during weekends to assist.
4.	Gcwabaza <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested a streetlight in Esikhawini. The Sportsground in ward 20 has not been fixed yet it had budget allocated Road heading to Esikhawini cemetery needs to be fixed There is a sinkhole in Madlankala, Cllr Donda knows, He has visited the road before with the DOT. Issue of water. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted Sportsground referred to DCM Mhlongo Roads will be fixed with new tender appointed
5.	Muzi Nyawo- Ward 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No ground for children. Nothing has been said about Mzingazi Hall. A lot of potholes in phase 2 road This is the 3rd time attending the budget, sewer for Ward 1 had previously been budgeted for 16 million then at 26 million but now nothing at all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted For areas not mentioned in the current draft budget, there will be a review of the draft budget before the Budget for 2024/25.

<p>6.</p>	<p>Dumisani Khumalo - Ward 17 eMzingwenya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mzingwenya Bridge is a high accident zone. • Requesting walkways as the drainage system is no good • Kwabashokobezi there is no water in the area. Always reporting but nothing. Get told that there is water tank allocated to ward 17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many reasons why water distribution is interrupted; sometimes the infrastructure is not in good condition. • There will be no new road construction/fixing this financial year. There is no money
<p>7.</p>	<p>Mthimkhulu - Ward 33</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests indoor sports centre to be fixed. • Community is not happy; the consensus is that they are overlooked because they are in a rural area. In the previous budget, Ntambanana cluster had boreholes provision but no progress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted
<p>8.</p>	<p>MaSikhakhane - Ward 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests a Hall. • Requests Apollo lights at Ndabayakhe, since there is crime in the area. • Transformer burned in October, residents were told to pay R 3000 fine by Khethiwe from ESKOM. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to relevant department • Mayor stated that DCM Ngcobo should take down the names of those officials.
<p>9.</p>	<p>Unknown #1 - Ward 1 Mzingazi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents throw litter in ground, Sports department at COU were notified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCM IS Ngcobo to see the matter. • Referred to DCM Mhlongo

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no running water at the sportsground. 	
10.	Bongumusa Ngcobo- Ward 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water tanks cannot be accessed in certain areas. Requests streetlights at Nseleni. Road (KwaBhejane) needs to be fixed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The requests & comments are noted and the relevant departments will assist
11.	Nathi Madonsela- Ward 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queries about the water meter being installed in the area, but no running water. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to the relevant department
12.	Robert Yimba- Ward 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New hall at Esikhawini is leaking No security fencing Toilets are not hygiene Mzingwenya road is in a bad condition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted, will depend on the budget The Mayor stated that the relevant department would assist.

13.	Zandile- Ward 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity issue • Requests official communication from COU about meetings • Some residents are paying rates, but there are no meters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public participation section must issue messages on time. • DCM EES - Dolf Marais to address the issue of electricity.
14.	Nomvula - Ward 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated that it has been 7 months with no pay, the Speaker is aware 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers department needs to look into this matter
15.	Unknown #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward committees want to get skills training e.g plumbing so that they can fix things themselves • Request for better pay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted
16.	Mam’Fihlela - Ward 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hlanganani hall, please include it in the budget as this is not the first time this is being raised 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be reviewed for the budget.
17.	Sandisile - Ward 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will the loan benefit the people? • Still waiting for certain capital projects to be done • Walkways are not in good condition • Unemployment rate is rampant, when announcing projects also announce job opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk way refer to DCM Ngcobo • Noted

18.	Ntombifuthi - Ward 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked when are the Ward Committee reports read? All grievances get reported but nothing happens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The office of the Speaker reads the reports and is aware of the grievances.
19.	Unknown #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminding Mayor about reservoir 6, since 2021 but nothing has been done • Meters are leaking in Ngwelezana, reported but no assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reservoir issue will be discussed privately, will first speak to council. • There are meters sitting at SCM stores, should be getting installed in homes
20.	Unknown #4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for grass cutting at Bajabulile Primary School. There was a snake spotted at the school. • Transformer burned, went with Cllr Donda to ESKOM, till date no assistance • Request for quarry & speed humps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenbelt referred to DCM Mhlongo • Everything gravel related, there is a new tender appointed, roads should start getting fixed.

4.	CLOSING: WHIP OF COUNCIL: DR CLLR N.G DONDA
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**MINUTES FOR ALL CLUSTERS: ESIKHALENI TVET COLLEGE
JOINT MEETING WITH KCDM FOR 2024/25 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

23 APRIL 2024

AT 10:00 ESIKHALENI TVET COLLEGE SPORTS GROUND

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker, Cllr TS Gumede.

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: Mayor, X Ngwezi.

Speaker, Cllr TS Gumede requested community to raise questions and issues that needed clarity.

Mayor, X Ngwezi responded to these questions.

3. QUESTIONS OF CLARITY AND COMMENTS

	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	Unknown #1 - Ward 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no electricity in their ward, as a woman living alone, there is fear of life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mayor stated that ESKOM would be notified of the issue.
2.	Unknown #2 - Ward 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for a sports ground & gym, for the elderly to exercise. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The gym has just been completed near iNduna uKhoza.

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3.	Unknown #3 - Ward 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for agricultural assists, so fruits & vegetables can be grown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mayor stated that the relevant department would assist.
4.	Unknown #4 - Ward 4 Mandlazini <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request at Mandlazini for our rights for the Land. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The airport is the only land that the Municipality has the title deed to, as the community, trust has allowed us to use it for the duration of 10 years.
5.	Mam'Dlamini - Ward 27 Ngwelezana <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for employment of unemployed graduates. E.g. There are 3500 unemployed social workers Request for permanent jobs not internships for unemployed 35 year olds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor stated his office is aware of the high unemployment rate.
6.	Mthembu - Ward 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personally requesting a house. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted
7.	Miss Nyende <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks to Mayor Ntuli, the Grade R teachers will get better pay. Requesting apollo lights, there are thieves around the area that mug residents. Request for new underground pipe, the sewer burst. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mayor stated that the relevant departments would assist.
8.	Nontando Biyela - Obuka kwesakaBiyela <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requesting for RDP houses Requesting for R5000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted.

4. **CLOSING & VOTE OF THANKS: NDABEZITHA MM DUBE**



MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: STAKEHOLDERS
2024/25 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 09 MAY 2024
 AT 13:00 RICHARDS BAY COUNCIL CHAMBERS (CIVIC CENTRE)

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker, Cllr TS Gumede.

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3. QUESTIONS OF CLARITY AND COMMENTS

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1.	Mr Peterson - ZCBF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked about the causes of water losses that be they related to Leakage, or people not paying. Road damaged by Transnet Poor and Eroded conditions at Alkantstrand beach. Crime in the city affecting Businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Losses: The municipality supplies this water in the rural areas, because they do not have meters therefore that water is considered as water loss. Road damaged: Transnet is failing to comply with the regulations in relation to John Ross highway damage. Alkantstrand: It is a threat to the lives of our people and the city at large. Department of Tourism and Transnet to be on-board to try to address the issue. Crime: The city to be a contributing party to SAPS in relation to crime in the city.

2.	Nkanyiso Mahlaba (Virtual) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciated the Budget presented by the Mayor. How do we make sure that Small businesses become involved in the local economy and take advantage of such opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Development to assist Mr Mahlaba.
3.	Cynthia Mtshali- Lethukuthula Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had previously contacted COU and sent through proposals but there was no response, the foundation has many ideas that they would like to share with the municipality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mayor requested Miss Mtshali to submit one of her proposals to him.
4.	Njabulo Zuma - LA Fusion Chefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciated the Budget presented by the Mayor. Requests for space/shops at the malls and requests for assistance from the municipality on how to go about applying, especially since there is a new mall to be built. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mayor suggested that City Development officials secure and assist emerging businesses in the upcoming investments.
5.	Nkululeko Molefe - Transnet (Virtual) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged the Budget presented. Issues related to Transnet are noted. There is a project underway to resolve issues at Alkantstrand and progress will be reported to the municipality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted with appreciation that there will be solutions.

4.	CLOSING: WHIP OF COUNCIL: DR CLLR N.G DONDA
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