



MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: NGWELEZANE
2021/22 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

18 APRIL 2021

AT 14:00 NGWELEZANE SPORTS FIELD

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize.

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: Mayor, MG Mhlongo.

Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize requested community to raise questions and issues that needed clarity.

MM, LH Mapholoba responded to these questions.

QUESTIONS OF CLARITY AND COMMENTS

	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	Simphiwe Mthimkhulu - Ward 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If we get 6kl of water free, why do we still pay too much for our bills? Why units of electricity are not the same. Water leaks are not attended on time there is a lot of water waste. Waste department must try to be gentle with our bins, in some cases they are the cause that our bins break most of the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement does not consist of water only; you have other services i.e. property rates, waste removal, sewer charges as well. You only start paying for water the moment you go above 10 000 kilolitres, Follow up will be done in this matter. Message will be conveyed to the relevant officials to be extra careful with the bins,

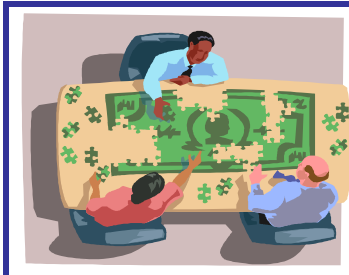
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewer system are not managed properly there are overflow and sewer blockages in most areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 38 Million to fix storm water drains and blockages
2.	Nombuso Phakathi - Ward 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authenticity and accuracy of meter readings the customer is charged on whilst the meter was removed by municipal official. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement of account includes other charges like property rates, sewer and refuse removal besides water.
3.	Musa Mathonsi – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dumisani Makhaye lacks speed humps and pedestrian bridges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certain speed humps have been erected and pedestrian bridges are budget for.
4.	Bongani Mbatha Ward 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bins without wheels are not taken by municipal officials during waste collection. Bins have 5 years guarantee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First bin is free, has a 5 year guarantee and if damaged can be returned to the municipality for another new one.
5.	Thandazile Gumede Ward 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for new and repairing of damaged pedestrian bridges as it poses a safety risk to public. High Mast lights always off and not working. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a budget allocated for Pedestrian bridges, so the pedestrian bridges that are damaged will be fixed also new bridge will be built. Noted since this is continuing every year.
6.	MaGumede - Ward 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water leak reported to both councillor and the municipality in December but nothing has been done yet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted and matter referred to Water department.
7.	Mthembu Nikwe Ward 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new valuation after house extensions increased a monthly bill to R3500 and the person responsible for account lost her job. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An investigation/assessment will be done and the outcome will determine whether they qualify for an indigent programme.
8.	Mkhaphi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2001 rates were R300 and now paying R600 to R700 as a pensioner no one employed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same response as above.
9.	Mdletshe Mhloniswa Ward 29	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Youth is unable to showcase their talents and therefore a studio must be considered as our efforts with relevant officials have not yielded any results yet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This matter will be followed up by Manager Arts and Culture, Minenhle Nzimande.Youth must contact the Youth Office within the municipality for any assistance and support.
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4. CLOSING: SPEAKER: CLLR S.G MKHIZE



MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: AMAKHOSI
2021/22 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
19 APRIL 2021
AT 11:00 R/BAY CIVIC CENTRE (COUNCIL CHAMBER)

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize.

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: CFO, Mr M. Kunene.

Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize requested Amakhosi to raise questions and issues that needed clarity.

Mayor, Cllr: Mr M.G. Mhlongo responded to these questions.

QUESTIONS OF CLARITY AND COMMENTS

	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	<u>Cebekhulu - Ward 32</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complained about the lack of an efficient water supply in rural areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reservoir has been constructed and outstanding is the reticulation project.
2.	<u>Hlekwayo</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported increase in criminal activity in Nseleni and followed up on safety patrol programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminals are always coming up with new tricks, but to solve the issue of crime we all need to work together. Follow up will be done on safety patrol programme.

3.	<p><u>Mkhize</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complained about lack of an efficient water supply, distribution of water through water tanks. Also questioned the quality of provided through water tankers as there have been cases of water contamination. Asked about upcoming rural road projects and reported damaged bridge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Municipality's responsibility is to provide resources but it is the community's duty to take care of the resources, e.g. people throwing dirt inside water tanks. So individuals themselves need to change their behaviour. Regarding rural roads, there is a program that will be piloted soon.
4.	<p><u>Bheki Mthethwa - Ward 32</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested for budget public participation process to include updates on progress of projects from previous year. Mentioned that there is inequality in the services provided by Municipality and rural areas are not a priority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explained that majority of the Municipality's revenue is generated from rate-paying households and industrial businesses. Of which is used to provide services in rural areas since rural households contribute the least towards revenue. Highlighted that low income households (mostly in rural areas) will have much lower tariff increases compared to middle and high income households.
5.	<p><u>Prisa - Ward 32</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked if each household is eligible for 10kl free water. Commended Municipality for high mast light project and stadium. Asked if high mast light project will take place in other areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every household is eligible for 10kl free water. High mast light project is an ongoing project and will reach all areas of need.
6.	<p><u>Vusi Mthethwa - Ward 32</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complained about the quality of water provided through water tankers. Made a follow up on previously raised issues in meeting with Municipal officials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Municipality aims to provide good quality water and is working hard towards this.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported that boreholes were not operating since June. 	
7.	<p><u>Ward 32</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made follow up on water reticulation project. Mentioned that community leaders are not sure which channels they should use when reporting damaged infrastructure. Complained about fee charge in public ablution facilities (Empangeni town). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water reticulation project is upcoming.
8.	<p><u>Rejoice Dube</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested for previously rejected projects to be included in budget. Water is available but not of good quality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IDP is a 5-year plan/program so projects rejected for this current budget doesn't necessarily mean they are rejected altogether, but it simply means funds are not available at that certain point in time.
9.	<p><u>Mthembu</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pointed out that engagement is a statutory requirement and therefore mandatory. Reported that water engines were taken long ago. Commended high mast light project and suggested that the operating hours should be monitored as they are sometimes on during the day. He suggested the use of a solar system. No security at sport ground during the day. Complained about Wi-Fi coverage at Library (Ntambanana) being inefficient. Highlighted that no agriculture projects are included in budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked if Water Services had taken water engines and official confirmed that department did not take water engines. Municipal Manager together with the Mayor agreed that investigation on matter will be probed. Municipality will communicate with Eskom regarding operating hours of the light and that solar system will be considered. Criminal activity and damage causes setbacks and delays development as funds have to be allocated for rehabilitation of damaged/vandalized infrastructure. Indicated that the Wi-Fi networks were switched off during the lockdown.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmed that there is a reservoir and stressed about the borehole that is not operating.• Requested gravel sand for gravel roads.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mentioned that there are agriculture projects in progress including the goat farming training currently taking place.• Department of Agriculture does provide support to those in need.• Added to say that it's more beneficial for Municipality to assist a group than individuals.• Truck to transport roller has been procured and project will continue.
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4.	CLOSING: SPEAKER: CLLR S.G MKHIZE
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**MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: RICHARDS BAY, ENSELENI,
EMPANGENI, NGWELEZANE, NTAMBANANA CLUSTER**

WARD COMMITTEES

2021/22 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

21 APRIL 2021

AT 9:00 KWAHLANGANANI HALL AND

17:00 EMPANGENI TOWN HALL

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize.

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: Mayor, MG Mhlongo.

Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize requested community to raise questions and issues that needed clarity.

Mayor, MG Mhlongo responded to these questions.

QUESTIONS OF CLARITY AND COMMENTS

	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	<p>Mhlongo Dumisani - Ward 27:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our people in the community lack knowledge about water meter. Lot of water meters are installed but they don't have owners registered to them. Incorrect information disseminated by certain people to public that they must not pay for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers will be deployed to teach people. Household with water meter and running water should pay for services

	water and will be told when to do so.	
2.	Sabelo Mqayi – Ward 22: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget shows R5million of High Mast Lighting and would like to know how much each light cost. Why is there a halt about toilets roll-outs and not everyone has it? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CFO cannot estimate the price of each light but Mast lighting is an on-going project. Challenges with the contractor and the court is dealing with that matter; once the issue is resolved the project will resume.
3.	Lindani Gumede Ward 29: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget is well received. Request for VD (Umhlanga), no hall, crèche, sport ground. In 2011 we requested for these things but nothing has come of our request. A site was awarded to build a hall but until today we don't have a hall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Mathebula will attend to the matter regarding the hall and sports ground.
4.	Gumede Nomthandazo - Ward 27: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road not in good state there are pot holes (Mangosuthu high way) the reason to that road are not properly patched they just put the filling instead of cutting it properly. We need speed humps there is a tavern next to the road and there are speedy cars. Chakide Road there is a property or site that has turned to a dumping zone the owner of the house is deceased and no one living there. Ward committees don't get sanitizers we buy our own when we issue proof of residence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The issues we had is that during lockdown the material was not delivered properly but now things will go back to normal. Noted on the speed humps. Noted that site will be checked, Zilindile Masango will check the site and get it cleaned, also skips will be placed in the area so can be used as bins. Syabonga Mdluli will attend to this matter.

5.	Thulani - Ward 27: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road campaign from last year Newtown - follow up of this issues: When will the debt be written off? Site numbering? There are no water meters? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debt are written off at the end of the financial period for qualifying individuals. Follow up with Bab Gumede. Installation of water meter is an ongoing project.
6.	Biyela - Ward 33: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water provided by water tankers are not enough to provide for the whole communities. Mast Light are installed but they are not switched on. No bus shelters at bus stops. We don't have sport ground. Pedestrian bridges were washed away by water. When is the process of allocating houses will state at Empangeni Mega Housing The rank in Bokanana is closed never been opened since it was built. Roads leading to the rural area are bad. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipality is in the process to procure more water tankers to supply water to areas that don't have proper running water systems, that why money has been allocated in the budget for it. The challenge we have in most of the Amakhosi areas is that after we have installed the lights we have to wait for Eskom install light, but there is a system we are trying to use, which is to use Solar system in the Amakhosi rather than to wait for Eskom. Noted on sport ground, and Bokanana Rank. There is a budget for bridges and bus shelters. Currently we are busy installing the services before construction can begin
7.	Dolly Khumalo Ward 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no parking for Dondolo taxi rank next to KFC Loftime. In uMhlathuze village there is no water and electricity because they are owed high rates, but the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parking for Dondolo will be looked at. We will look into the matter.

	<p>Mayor had send pervious meeting that he was going to wipe our debts away since DMV is a place for people with no money.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also request for High Mast lights and streetlights on the main road its dark. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Mast light is the ongoing project.
8.	<p>Nkosinathi Mdluli:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked for a SMME park at eNseleni Airport clarity on what's happening to it. R3 000 000 on renovation on beaches last year but now R1 500 000 is being allocated in the budget. How far with the ICC construction? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMME Park will be looked at in IDP. Airport is still in process, still in the stage of business case looking at it as there are still planes using the Richards Bay airport. Money for the renovation of beaches, Mayor said he has no RESPONSE now because has not be inform on the situation, but he will look into the matter. The proposal was unsuccessful so it was cancelled due to the fact that they were was no responsive feedback and the municipality was not going to fund the project but was looking for potential investors.
9.	<p>Vincent Khoza:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streetlights are not on in the streets, they have handed in a complain at the municipality about all the wards having the same problem. Expressed that not enough money has been allocated for the High Mast lights in the budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every year there is money allocated to street lights in the different wards. High Mast light it is an ongoing project
10.	<p>Wandile Mdlalose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water project progress is commended by public. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted



MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: KWA-DLANGEZWA
2021/22 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

24 APRIL 2021

AT 14:00 KWADLANGEZWA SPORTS FIELD

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize.

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: Mayor, MG Mhlongo.

Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize requested community to raise questions and issues that needed clarity.

CFO, Mxolisi Kunene responded to these questions.

QUESTIONS OF CLARITY AND COMMENTS

	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	<u>Sbongiseni Shabango – Ward 11:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hall in ward 11 is not in a good state and no electricity installed yet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted
2.	Lamuli Mkhwanazi – Ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked if the opposition parties were they invited to attend this meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker – responded and said that this meeting was organised by the municipality it was for the community not for political parties. <p>CFO responded:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked about job creation whether temporary / permanent. • Budget allocation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No funds allocated to damages on property during protests. - Not enough budget for bus shelters. - Budget for buying lawnmowers be used to outsource the service to empower local entrepreneurs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipality unfortunately cannot hire everyone to work there, selective jobs are opened from time to time, and rather companies are encouraged to hire people within the community. • Noted
3.	Slindile Mhinyane – Ward 10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it possible that the municipality have arts & culture programme to guide the youth? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The programme idea is good they would take it and look into what they can do to make it happen.
4	Wandile Mkwana – Ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support with jobs, getting no help with being hired. • Asked about the reconstruction of damaged property and infrastructure. • Asked where they could submit proposal for road names. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CFO responded to the reconstruction of damaged property and infrastructure is that the municipality cannot be rebuilding what has already been built because of strikes. As this will not assist in improving the infrastructure. Rather they make temporary fixes to rectify and re-build when the money becomes available. • The response for road names was that people can submit application through their councillors and they will then submit on their behalf or they could take it directly to the municipality themselves.
5	Phumzile Nene – Ward 11: Asked for a bus shelter and High Mast light by the bus stop at Kwa – Green. Also for a RDP house.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CFO will take the point and be added on IDP.

4. CLOSING: SPEAKER: CLLR S.G MKHIZE



MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: ESIKHALENI CLUSTER
2021/22 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
25 APRIL 2021
AT 14:00 ESIKHALENI TVET (COLLEGE)

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize.

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: CFO, M Kunene.

Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize requested community to raise questions and issues that needed clarity.

CFO, Mxolisi Kunene responded to these questions.

QUESTIONS OF CLARITY AND COMMENTS

	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	<u>Zitha Mthembu - Ward 22</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commends Municipality for water supply, bus shelter in the area and budget presentation. Requested excavator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are programmes in place to clean streams and Municipality does intend to procure excavator.
2.	<u>Sibongiseni Mhlongo - Ward 22</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked for Municipality to avail job opportunities for youth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipalities were given the duty by national government to produce a conducive environment for businesses to thrive in order for them (businesses) to create employment opportunities.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipality does employ youth when vacancies arise and has +/- 2500 employees.
3.	<p><u>Vusi Ngubane - Ward 21 & 15</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enquired on the Municipality's HR hiring/recruitment process since there is high number of unemployment in the area. Asked what programmes are in place to assist youth. Reported water supply inefficiency. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipality follows a fair recruitment process according to policy. There is a Youth Council in place to assist the youth. Municipality does offer registration grant to assist further. Municipality will look into reservoir issues that are a major cause of water supply inefficiencies.
4	<p><u>Bab' Xulu - Ward 21</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked if he will be charged for water collected from water tankers. Asked how the electricity prices for profit making businesses are regulated. Questioned the quality of the bus shelter as they are in bad condition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explained that running water is monitored by water meter and charging is according to recorded consumption. Water collected from water tankers is not monitored therefore not charged directly to user. Municipality has an agreement with businesses that allows regulation of prices. Added that Electricity costs the same amount whether at Municipality or private business and explained the electricity sliding scale tariffs.
5	<p><u>Musa Xulu - Ward 21</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioned the quality of water meters as there are leakages that occur often. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All water meters are outside of property to allow easy access for meter readers. The issue of leaking water meters will be looked at.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also asked for clarity regarding Municipal portion of water meter connection. Requested for no electricity and water cut on 7 May 2021 as it is his birthday. 	
6	<p><u>Duma Mthombeni - Ward 15</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on the food parcel programme and reported inconsistency in distribution. Highlighted the high unemployment and how costly it is to even send out applications and get qualifications. Reported increase in drug abuse in the community and asked for assistance from the Municipality. Emphasised that Municipality must act on requests and issues raised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All issues will be considered and submitted to relevant Departments.
7	<p><u>Sicelo Mthimkhulu - Ward 21</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested for youth to be trained for CV writing and interviews to make them employable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request will be considered as capacitation of youth is necessary.

4. CLOSING: SPEAKER: CLLR S.G MKHIZE



MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: MANDLANKALA CLUSTER

2021/22 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

29 APRIL 2021

AT 13:00 MPEMBENI SPORTS FIELD

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize.

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: Mayor, MG Mhlongo.

Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize requested community to raise questions and issues that needed clarity.

CFO, Mxolisi Kunene responded to these questions.

QUESTIONS OF CLARITY AND COMMENTS

	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	<p><u>Nkosinathi Dlamini - Ward 13:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commended Municipality for bulk water and reticulation project. Requested for hall and sports ground. Also requested a place where they can help youth with arts & culture. Reported his damaged home last year people from disaster came to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Social Development will be contacted and committed to availing himself in future (provided his contact details).

	<p>see but nothing happened afterwards and now he is still asking for assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported Mayor's unavailability. 	
2.	<p><u>BS Biyela:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported high mast light that are not working. Bridge request not realised and has made efforts to construct it himself. Requested for shelters on sidewalks and reported potholes on road to Cubhu. Cllr Hadebe requests/submissions are not realised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High mast light operation is Eskom's responsibility and solar system will be considered. Some bridge projects have been included in budget. Requests will be considered for IDP.
3.	<p><u>Nosipho Makhanya - Ward 13:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for the library. Asked if there are any planned youth programmes and which office to report youth related issues. Mentioned that she has been applying for bursaries and jobs offered by Municipality several times with no luck. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipality does have youth office and a youth council where the youth can go to for assists. Registration grants are offered to those who meet stipulated requirements. NYDA and one stop shop are initiatives meant to assist those in need especially youth. Encouraged youth to study for in demand skills for employment and entrepreneurship.
4.	<p><u>Mngobi Mzobe- Ward 13</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated that community is not pleased as there have been many requests with no action or feedback. Library previously included in budget has been constructed but high mast lights still outstanding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can't put streetlights that's why they installing High Mast lights. Municipality only fixes access roads not big roads going into the villages. Mayor said that it would be wrong of him to talk about a timeframe because they could be challenges beyond his control could occur.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked where streetlights will be installed as there are proper roads. • Requested for road and to fix gravel road they have because it rains they can't use it and timeframe for projects. • Requested for ICT infrastructure and network towers so can enhance academic access. 	
5.	<p><u>Philile Hlongwane - Ward 14:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked whose responsibility it is to clean up torn apart waste packages. • Requested Municipality to assist in creating awareness to the community on clean environment. • Has reported matter to Mkhwanazi Council and was referred to the Mayor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested Municipal officials to assist in the matter will consult with Mr Masango.
6.	<p><u>Nkosinathi Zulu - Ward 12:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested main road. • Asked if Mpembeni issues will be attended to since most of Municipal budget is focused at Ntambanana. • Asked which arears will be allowed for renaming (rural or towns). • Asked if water supply issue will be resolved in coming year. • Reported Mayor's unavailability as he has tried to set appointments with him. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assured community that Mpembeni issues will still be attended. • Mr Ndimande responded to that renaming policy is applicable in all arears.

7.	<p><u>Bongani Ndlovu- Ward 13</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked if the NPO grant application process will be affected by ongoing budget process and which department to report issues to. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant application process will not be affected by the budget process. • Asked Municipal officials to assist on issues.
8.	<p><u>Wiseman Nyawo- Ward 13</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested Municipality to no longer use contractors in distributing water as water is often contaminated. • Requested training and upskilling of community. • Requested that people in the area to work in the library and future projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explained that Municipality has its own trucks and that's why also allocated the 5 million to be new water trucks but is supplemented by contractors due to high demand. • Mentioned that use of contractors is temporary. • Ongoing investigation on diesel water contamination case, those with information asked to come forward. • Asked that people should apply and that process will be followed and not guarantee that only people in Mandlankala will be hired.
9.	<p><u>Ntombifuthi Nzuza - Ward 13:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted that since there many upcoming projects many job opportunities will arise. • Reported that job opportunities in Mkhwanazi area not available to Dube residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that job opportunities will arise and hiring process will be according to policy. • Explained that vacancies where listed by the University of Zululand and trusts that they will adhere to their fair hiring process, according to pre-requisites stated publicly.

10.	<p><u>Bhuyeni</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commended Municipality for bulk water supply and reticulation project. Requested for bridge in Cubu river. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridge issue will be taken into the following IDP.
11.	<p><u>Thandiwe Mathe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applauds Municipality for library and water projects. Requested for a house as her home is damaged and has many leakages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sukuma Sakhe Projects will attend this matter

4. CLOSING: SPEAKER: CLLR S.G MKHIZE



MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: EMPANGENI CLUSTER
2021/22 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

30 APRIL 2021
AT 14:00 MACEKANE SPORTS FIELD

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize.

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: Mayor, MG Mhlongo.

Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize requested community to raise questions and issues that needed clarity.

Mayor, MG Mhlongo responded to these questions.

QUESTIONS OF CLARITY AND COMMENTS

	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	<p><u>Sipho Mthembu - Ward 32</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commended the Municipality for water supply and tar road. Asked the Municipality to relay their issues regarding speed humps to DOT (Department of Transport). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The issue of speed humps falls under IDP but it is something that will be looked at.
2.	<p><u>Sfundo Frank Mkhwanazi - Ward 32</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested for a time frame regarding the reservoir project. Requested for wards 31, 32 and 33 to have their own grader as 90 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is money budgeted to address the maintenance of rural roads.

	<p>% of the road in these areas is gravel. They need it more often than other areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Then requested Municipality to provide gravel sand of a better quality that is also sufficient to cover all of them. Requested speed bumps and toilets. Reported inefficient water supply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck to transport roller for gravel roads has been procured and project will commence. There is a program that will be piloted soon that is much cheaper than tar.
3.	<p><u>Vusi Ntuli - Ward 32</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enquired on whether high income households are charged more in rural areas. Followed up on the process of Municipality becoming a Metro Municipality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Households are charged according to consumption (water). Those plans are on hold for now due to certain requirements that have to be met first.
4.	<p><u>Bongani Mthethwa - Ward 32</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested that the Municipality do away with outsourcing of service providers considering high unemployment rate. Asked about the ramifications for existing employees when two municipalities merge into one municipality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted
5.	<p><u>Ntokozo Masinga- Ward 32</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enquired about issues relating to the youth such as bursaries, business funding and employment opportunities within the municipality. Requested for larger clinic to cater for increased demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraged the youth to get education to empower themselves. There is a programme that assists those in need with registration fees. Municipality does have a youth office where issues relating to youth can be brought forward to. Clinic request will be submitted to the Department of Health.

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6.	<u>Khanyisani Mthembu - Ward 31</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complained about the poor condition of the municipality's water tankers, and asked what the Municipality is doing to address that. Suggested the grouping of voting districts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Municipality does procure additional water tankers to assist when needed. Explained the importance of voting districts and their geographical demarcation.
7.	<u>Sipho Mbanjwa</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complained about ward councillors being unavailable when needed and urged the Mayor to keep them in check. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted
8.	<u>Wonder Mdlalose</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complained about inadequate water supply and reported that water is being sold by water tanker drivers. Commended the Mayor for doing a good job with regards to service delivery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steps will be taken to deal with the selling of water.

4. CLOSING: SPEAKER: CLLR S.G MKHIZE



MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: ENSELENI

2021/22 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

02 MAY 2021

AT 14:00 ENSELENI SPORTS FIELD

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize.

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: CFO, M Kunene.

Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize requested community to raise questions and issues that needed clarity.

MM, LH Mapholoba responded to these questions.

QUESTIONS OF CLARITY AND COMMENTS

	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	Zwelihle Ntuli <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request about indoor gym to accommodate Karate and boxing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DMM – Community Services, Mrs Mathebula has taken note of the request and will investigate.
2.	Majola <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water problem, reservoir has a problem because we are not getting water, only receive it for two days in a week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are trying very hard but what is affecting us is the increase of people stealing water and electricity therefore our infrastructure can no longer sustain all households.

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3.	Duduzile Sibiya – Ezikhaleni <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water not coming out of our taps anymore (Water problem) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same response as per above.
4.	Mafonono Mhlongo – Ward 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for more work opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted.
5.	Nkosi – Ward 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water and Electricity problems, water leaks are not fixed. There is a delay in turnaround time to attending queries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have been having problems with the call centre because of the system but it is being addressed, we also had Covid-19 victims.
6.	Bhekithemba Mthethwa - Esikhaleni <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spaces for Agricultural farming practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted

4.	CLOSING: SPEAKER: CLLR S.G MKHIZE
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MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: STAKEHOLDERS
2021/22 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
05 MAY 2021
AT 17:00 R/BAY CIVIC CENTRE (COUNCIL CHAMBER)

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize.

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: CFO, Mr M. Kunene.

Speaker, Cllr SG Mkhize requested Amakhosi to raise questions and issues that needed clarity.

CFO, M Kunene responded to these questions.

QUESTIONS OF CLARITY AND COMMENTS

	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	<p><u>Seau</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complained that the municipality is not consulting them enough as stakeholders nor do they give them any feedback. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That point was reproved as being false because there are stakeholder meetings that take place but the attendance is usually poor.
2.	<p><u>Natasha - Ward 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complained that some of the expenditure is unnecessary. Raised a concern that the stadium is becoming more of a music venue than a sport venue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provisions have been made on the budget for the refurbishment and maintenance of the stadium. Stadium is divided into different sections to accommodate both music events and sporting events.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also complained that the municipality's infrastructure is collapsing, electricity is always going off, there's a lot of traffic because some of the roads are too small. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The issue of expanding some of the roads is on the table.
3.	<p><u>Van Zyl - Ward 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thankful to Richards Bay residents for always paying their municipal bills. Complained about the power outages that have been occurring a lot more often lately. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be planned power outages and water outages due to maintenance and residents will be notified on time about that.
4.	<p><u>Stace - Ward 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised a concern that some of the big companies around Richards Bay are sitting on huge unpaid municipal bills yet they are allowed to operate, whereas if residents don't pay their bills on time they get cut off. Complained that the stadium is being used more for music events than for school sport activities. Complained about service delivery. Suggested that sorting out infrastructure should be prioritised over swimming pools. Increase of employee salaries should be relooked. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who have challenges paying for their municipal services are encouraged to come forward to the municipality so that a settlement agreement can be reached. Schools who want to use the stadium facilities for their sport activities should make bookings and they will be allowed to use the facilities.

4. CLOSING: SPEAKER: CLLR S.G MKHIZE