



UMZIMVUBU

LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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MEDIA STATEMENT: POST COUNCIL MEETING - UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL ADOPTS THE 2026/2027 BUDGET

The Umzimvubu Local Municipality Speaker convened the 9th Ordinary Council Meeting on Thursday, 28 May 2026, at the newly renovated Municipal Council Chambers, where the Mayor, Cllr Zukiswa Ndevu tabled the Draft Budget for the 2026/2027 financial year as required in terms of section 24 of the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003.

The Municipality has tabled its 2026/2027 Budget, with the total revenue budget increasing from R512.2 million to R525 million, reflecting a 2% increase. This adjustment is mainly driven by increased transfers and subsidies, including a disaster recovery grant rollover and funding for climate change initiatives.

The Municipality noted a decrease in the Equitable Share allocation from R293 million to R281.1 million, while the overall capital budget decreased from R188.2 million to R131.3 million due to reduced disaster recovery allocations and fewer internally funded projects.

Key infrastructure and development projects funded in the new financial year include electrification projects in Ngojini, Shayamoya, and Sigidini through the R8.4 million INEP Grant, as well as major infrastructure projects funded through the R57.7 million Municipal Infrastructure Grant. These include the Osborn Bridge, Marwaqa Access Road and Bridge, Ngwekazana/Gudlintaba Access Road, and several community halls across different wards.

The Municipality's operational expenditure budget increased to R507.9 million, with allocations supporting security services, repairs and maintenance, electrification, human settlements, Extended Public Works Programmes, public participation, free basic services, youth and elderly support programmes, SMME development, ploughing projects, and school IT development.

The Municipality remains committed to improving service delivery, infrastructure development, community empowerment, and economic growth across all wards.

Members of the media are invited to cover the above-mentioned programmes that are aimed at building a responsive, transparent, and developmental local government.

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