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LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

ATTENTION: ALL EDITORS / REPORTERS

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MEDIA STATEMENT: UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL TO TABLE 2026/2027 DRAFT BUDGET AND ENGAGE COMMUNITIES THROUGH IMBIZO PROGRAMME

The Umzimvubu Local Municipality Speaker will convene the 9th Ordinary Council Meeting on Thursday, 28 May 2026, at the newly renovated Municipal Council Chambers, where the Mayor, Cllr Zukiswa Ndevu is expected to table 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 tabling of the draft budget follows extensive community consultations conducted through the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Budget Outreaches held across the municipality from the beginning of May 2026, as well as the Municipality's Strategic Planning processes concluded last week. These engagements formed part of the municipality's ongoing commitment to participatory governance and ensuring that community priorities inform planning and budgeting processes.

The municipality views the presentation of the draft budget as a critical milestone in advancing service delivery, infrastructure development, local economic growth, and improving the lives of residents throughout Umzimvubu.

In continuing with efforts to strengthen public participation and accountability, the Speaker of Council will lead a Community Imbizo known as the Umzimvubu Service Delivery Imbizo in Ward 26 on Friday, 29 May 2026. The Imbizo aims to create a platform for direct interaction between the municipal leadership and members of the community. During the programme, the Mayor is expected to deliver the State of the Municipality Address (SoMA), outlining the municipality's progress, challenges, and future developmental priorities.

As part of the build-up activities to the Imbizo, the Mayor together with Members of the Executive Committee officially handed over the newly completed Sidakeni Community Hall in Ward 02. The municipality invested approximately R3 Million towards the construction of the facility, which also created employment opportunities for 14 local residents during the construction period.

The completion of the community hall reflects the municipality's commitment to investing in community infrastructure while simultaneously promoting local economic participation and job creation.

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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