



# UMDONI MUNICIPALITY

The Jewel of the South Coast

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## MINUTES:

### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING		TIME	VENUE
WEDNESDAY		10:00	COUNCIL CHAMBERS
04 DECEMBER 2024			
CHAIRPERSON			
CLLR ME MBUTHO : SPEAKER			
COMMITTEE MEMBERS		Present	
		L.O./ Absent / Apology	On Council Business
		Cllr Cele – BA	
		Cllr Cele – Luthuli, MJ [Mayor]	
		Cllr Cutten – A	
		Cllr Daniels – D	
		Cllr Duma – ZZ (EXCO Member)	
		Cllr Dlamini – LR	
		Cllr Dlamini – SG – (EXCO Member)	
		Cllr Jeza – ZKV	
		Cllr Khumalo – PK	
		Cllr Khan – MA	
		Cllr Maharaj – RS (EXCO Member)	
		Cllr Mahomed – S	
		Cllr Madala – MR	
		Cllr Molefe – Z	
		Cllr Mdluli – SD (EXCO Member)	
		Cllr Mynhardt – R	
		Cllr Mgornia – SEH	
		Cllr Mzelenu – S	
		Cllr Mdanjwa – MP	
		Cllr Naidoo – S (EXCO Member)	
		Cllr Nombika – PN	
		Cllr Ngubo – MJ	
		Cllr Nkomo – NL	
		Cllr Nzama – TN	
		Cllr Phungula – GM	
		Cllr Sookhrail – S	
		Cllr Shezi – SN	
		Cllr Tenza – MP	
		Cllr Thabette – PE (Deputy Mayor-EXCO Member)	
		Cllr Zoko – SA	
		Cllr Zulu – S	
AMAKHOSI		Inkosi MR Cele	
		Inkosi SE Mbhele	
OFFICIALS		L.O./ Absent / Apology	On Council Business
		Present	
		Mr NG Kumaio (Acting Municipal Manager)	
		Mr T Mketso (Acting GM Financial Services)	
		Mr SE Nxele (GM Planning & Development)	
		Mr KI Molohanye (Acting GM Corporate Services)	
		Mr MB Shangase (GM Technical Services)	Council Business

	Mr BR Nisebesha (Acting GM Community Services) Mrs L Harisingh (Manager: Aux) Ms S Reddy (Manager: L&E) Mrs NNR Sithole – Committee Section		
COMMITTEE SECTION	Mrs NNR Sithole – Committee Section Ms SJ Radebe – Committee Section		
ICT SUPPORT	NIL		
INVITEES / PRESS / PUBLIC / PRESENTORS AND OFFICIALS	Mr DD Naidoo – Local Government expect		Apology (to join the meeting late)

NOTE : Minutes are done in the order that the items appeared on the agenda and not necessarily as they were discussed at the meeting.

#### S.C. 1/Dec-24

##### NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

At this juncture, Cllr Mduli raised concerns regarding the documents of the Special Council Agenda being circulated very late to Councillors. He confirmed that the Notice of the meeting was received on time. Cllr Mduli mentioned that it was not acceptable to come to the meeting without having an idea of what would be discussed at the meeting.

The concern raised above by Cllr Mduli was noted by the Speaker.

#### S.C. 2/Dec-24

##### PRAYER

A moment of silence was observed.

#### S.C. 3/Dec-24

##### ATTENDANCE AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

It was noted that Councillors CN Gumede, W Mthwane, JM Ndlela had tendered their apologies for this meeting.

The Acting Municipal Manager extended an apology on behalf of the General Manager: Technical Services as he was committed at another Council Business.

The Acting Municipal Manager further reported that Mr DD Naidoo – KZN CoGTA Expert who had indicated that he would join the meeting later.

The Mayor reminded Cllrs that proper processes must be followed in terms of applying for leave of absence and tendering the apologies. The Mayor mentioned that there was Council Whip and the Office of the

Speaker both of whom's offices are vested with the duty to compile the report regarding the attendance of the Cllrs. It was to be noted that urgent verbal apologies would be accepted. The Mayor reported that the Deputy Mayor would join the meeting later.

Thereafter it was,

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

That the leave of absence for Councillors CN Gumede, W Mthwane, JM Ndlela and the General Manager: Technical Services for this meeting be granted and noted.

It was also to be noted that Mr DD Naidoo – Local Government Expert would join the meeting later.

**S.C.4/Dec-24**

**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SPEAKER**

The Speaker officially announced that the Office of the Mayor would convene the Prayer Day on Friday, 06 December 2024. This was due to many challenges that were faced in 2024. Councillors were encouraged to attend this Prayer Day for stability in the Municipality. **NOTED.**

**S.C. 5/Dec-24**

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTERESTS**

None of the members had any interests to declare.

**S.C.6/Dec-24**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The Speaker took the meeting through the confirmation of the agenda.

The Acting Municipal Manager requested that item SC 8.2/Dec – 24 and item SC 8.3/ Dec – 24 be moved to "In – Committee"

On the proposal of Cllr Jeza seconded by Cllr Dlamini, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

That the agenda for the Special Council meeting as scheduled for Wednesday, 04 December 2024 be adopted with the mentioned amendment.

**S.C.7/Dec-24**

**DEPUTATION /PRESENTATION**

Nil.

S.C.8.1/Dec-24

**UMDONI MUNICIPALITY: COUNCILLORS' SALARIES  
ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS OF DIFFERENCE MEMBERS  
OF MUNICIPAL COUNCILS FOR 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR  
(WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JULY 2023)**

The purpose of report was for Council to note the response from MEC CoGTA and for Council to adopt and implement the recommendations of the MEC.

It was to be noted that the correspondence with reference to the Council's application from KZN Provincial – MEC CoGTA was attached to the agenda.

It was to be further noted that the KZN Provincial – MEC CoGTA, Rev TD Buthelezi had approved the level of payment of the Umdoni Municipality's Councillors' remuneration package at 95% of the percentage increase (i.e 2.85% increase) of the 2022/2023 financial year, Notice No 3807 dated 18 August 2023 of a Grade 3 Municipality.

Summary of questions of clarity were raised as follows: -

Cllr Mduli commented on this item and requested that all concerns highlighted by the MEC be noted and looked into by Umdoni Council going forward, especially the issue of rates be with – held and not collected.

Cllr Cutten sought clarity regarding the financial year mentioned from the letter received from the MEC.

Cllr Naidoo commented on this item and advised that the concerns raised by Cllr Mduli was the best however when referring to the issue of collection of rates it be noted that there was a group of residents who had been withholding rates but the question was who had been encouraging them to do so.

Responses on the clarity seeking questions, clarities were provided by the Acting Municipal Manager wherein he believed that CoGTA had applied a particular formula to calculate the increase with 95% of the percentage increase (i.e 2.85% increase) in respect of the 2022/2023 financial year.

Following much discussions and comments, it was,

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

1. That Council notes the report and its content from KZN Province – MEC CoGTA : Rev TD Buthelezi

2. That Council adopt and implement the recommendation of the KZN Province – MEC CoGTA : Rev TD Buthelezi the level of payment of the Umdoni Municipality's Councilors' remuneration package at 95% of the percentage increase (i.e 2.85% increase) of the 2022/2023 financial year, Notice No 3807 dated 18 August 2023 of a Grade 3 Municipality.

[ACTION: CFO]

**S.C.8.2/Dec-24**

**AMENDMENTS TO BE EFFECTED BY COUNCIL ON RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PANEL TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER: COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Please Note:**

This item (SC 8.2/4/Dec – 24) was moved from Out of Committee Portion to "In – Committee Portion"

**S.C.8.3/Dec-24**

**REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS ON THE RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PANEL TO FILL THE POSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

**Please Note:**

This item (SC 8.3/4/Dec – 24) was moved from Out of Committee Portion to "In – Committee Portion"

**SC.9/DEC -24 YELLOW PAGES: IN-COMMITTEE TO COUNCILLORS ONLY**

**PLEASE REFER TO YELLOW PAGES FOR SEPERATE SET OF MINUTES FOR IN – COMMITTEE ITEMS**

**S.C.10/Dec-24**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

22 January 2025

**S.C.11/Dec-24**

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, the Speaker closed the meeting.

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**CONFIRMED THIS      DAY OF      2024**

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**CLLR ME MBUTHO - [SPEAKER]**

**Unconfirmed Minutes verified by AMM: Mr NG Kumalo**

**Signature .....**

**Date: .....**

**Unconfirmed Minutes verified by Speaker: CLLR ME MBUTHO**

**Signature .....**

**Date: .....**