

## **MAYOR'S PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/2016 TO COUNCIL, ON 20 MARCH 2015, AT UMZUMBE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Deputy Mayor Cllr Nompilo Mweshe  
Speaker of Umzumbe Council- Cllr Sizwe Ngcobo  
Members of the Executive Committee  
Amakhosi  
All councilors  
Municipal Manager Ms Nokuthula Mgijima  
And all officials present here today

I greet you egameni **lokwakha ikusasa elingcono**

We meet during the somber time in our country. We are moaning the untimely passing away of one of our think tanks as the country. He is also Comrade who served the African National Congress with due diligence until his death. The death of Minister Ohm Collins Chabane leaves a vacuum in our government. As we know, he was Minister responsible for the Department of Public Service and Administration. He is one of the people who were the drivers of our strategic documents, the National Development Plan. We wish his family the most sincere condolences.

Our convergence today is the first step into cementing the progress we are making as this council in changing the lives of our communities and ekwakheni ikusasa elingcono. Our progress was not only confirmed by the Auditor General but by the high level of physical infrastructure such as roads, sport fields, community halls etc.

We do all this as a collective in this Council that consists of the ruling party, opposition parties as well as Amakhosi. One can never disregard the vital

presence and participation of Amakhosi in this council. Siyabonga kakhulu kuMakhosi ezizwe.

Our aim is to set the tone and agree on what we want to say during the IDP Roadshow next week Monday to the community we are serving.

Today's presentation is informed by the fact that the MFMA, which amongst other things stipulates that:

- 1) The Council of the municipality must for each financial year approve an annual budget for the municipality before the start of the new financial year
- 2) In order for the municipality to comply with subsection (1), the Mayor of the Municipality must table the draft annual budget at a council meeting at least 90 days before the start of the financial year.

Our income budget projection through government Grants is at

**R 188,693,887.00** This figure includes grants such as:

Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)	R 34,522,000.00
Equitable share	R127,112,000.00
Municipal Systems Improvement Grant (MSIG)	R 930,000.00
Disaster Management Grant	R 11,095,887.00
Local Government Financial Management Grant (FMG)	R 1,800,000.00
Integrated National Electrification Programme	R 12,000,000.00
EPWP	R 1,084,000.00
Infrastructure Sports Facilities	R 150,000.00

In addition we project an income through investments to an amount of **R 4,500,000.00** and a further **R 4,157,557.00** income will be obtained through our rates income, with **R 600,000.00** to be collected through tender sales, hall hire. From our own savings the budget will be topped up with **R5, 032,513.00**, thus totaling our 2015/2016 financial year budget to **R 202,983,957.00**.

Our Capital Budget allocation is budgeted at **R 56,387,000.00** and it is broken down as follows

Roads	18,584,032.32
Ntelezi Msani	2,000,000.00
Construction of Sportfields	19,437,967.68
Sports field upgrade	2,000,000.00
Purchase of plant	2,200,000.00
Municipal Office Buildings	6,850,000.00
Motor Vehicles	2,700,000.00
Furniture and Fittings	925,000.00
Computer and Equipment	1,690,000.00

The remaining **R 162,801,359.02** has been set aside as an operational budget purposes, through this allocation we have a clear programme of action which includes Projects and Programmes such as.

Public/Community Participation	2,500,000.00
Community Initiatives Support	550,000.00
Maintenance - Community Facilities	2,000,000.00
Maintenance - Sports Facilities	2,000,000.00
Maintenance - Plant and equipment	1,000,000.00
Maintenance - Office Buildings	850,000.00
Maintenance - Motor Vehicles	915,029.69
Maintenance - Roads repairs	6,000,000.00
Maintenance - Computer Equipment	105,000.00
Fleet Running Costs	900,000.00
Subscriptions & Publications	456,000.00
Marketing and promotion	430,000.00
Bursaries: External	550,000.00
Free Basic Energy/Grid Electricity/Gel (INEP)	14,200,000.00
Community Gardens	800,000.00
Co-operatives Development and capacity building	1,100,000.00
SMMEs Development	1,200,000.00

Tourism development	5,300,000.00
Arts and Culture	1,000,000.00
Arts and Craft	300,000.00
HIV and AIDS Programmes	450,000.00
Disability programmes	450,000.00
Senior citizens programmes	450,000.00
Vulnerable/Right of a child(ren) programmes	1,750,000.00
Gender programmes	550,000.00
Disaster management	2,205,000.00
Poverty Alleviation programme (Indigent)	300,000.00
NGO's Programme	450,000.00
Youth programmes	2,900,000.00

Last financial year we unwittingly set ourselves a target by achieving a clean audit. We now have to use all we have to ensure that we maintain this clean audit.

As I conclude this report I wish to believe that we all agree that this draft budget harbors the developmental ambitions of our communities and it will help us achieve our vision that says ***Sakha Ikusasa elingcono.***

I therefore, present to this council our draft 2015/16 budget.

I thank you.