

**MAYOR'S PRESENTATION OF A FINAL BUDGET AND IDP FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/2014 TO COUNCIL, ON 21 MAY 2013, AT UMZUMBE COUNCIL CHAMBER.**

Honourable Speaker of Umzumbe Council

Members of the Executive Committee

Members of MPAC

All Councilors

Municipal Manager and Officials

Traditional Leadership in our midst

Members of the media

Citizens of uMzumbe present here today

I greet you all

It gives me great pleasure to officially table before this council, our final budget and final Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the financial year 2013/2014. This is indeed a culmination of many months of hard work.

Honourable Speaker, as I table this budget, I invite you all, to frequently remind yourselves, that budget is not just about numbers. However, it also expresses our values and aspirations, goals and objectives, towards creation of sustainable development and a better life for all.

The draft budget and draft IDP was presented to our community through public participation processes, thus giving them an opportunity to engage and provide inputs, therefore Honourable Speaker, allow me to say this is indeed Umzumbe peoples' budget.

For such reasons, Honourable Speaker, I would like to offer my gratitude to the community of uMzumbe for the meaningful contributions made towards this final budget and final IDP to be tabled before council for adoption today. This paints a clear picture that the

municipality does indeed live up to its vision and mission of promoting people-centred development, in accelerating service delivery and sustaining local economic development.

In preparing this budget, Hounorable Speaker, we have taken into account the legal requirements of the Municipal Finance Management Act no 56 of 2003 section 16 , which amongst other things states 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 annual budget at a council meeting at least 30 days before the start of the financial year.

The final IDP for the financial year 2013/14 was also prepared in terms of section 5 of the Municipal Systems Act. As Umzumbe municipality we have aligned our priorities to the national and the provincial priorities to ensure that our programmes are in line with our government's strategic framework on service delivery. This, we are doing to achieve the idea of a 'seamless' government.

Hounorable Speaker, the final budget and IDP that I am tabling before council today, is by far, the true reflection of the national priorities, as presented by President Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Mhlanganyelwa Zuma, in the State of the Nation Address on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Moreover, the Budget Speech, presented to the Nation by the Minister of Finance, Mr Pravin Gordhan, has flagged a foundation through which our projections are based. In addition, the Premier of KwaZulu Natal, Dr Zweli Mkhize, in his State of the Province Address, has clearly articulated our provincial governments priorities for the coming year, and these have been further emphasized in the provincial budget speech, presented by, the MEC for finance in KwaZulu Natal, Ms Ina Cronje.

Now Hounorable Speaker, allow me to table before council our final budget and IDP for the financial year 2013/2014, which is subdivided as follows:

Through government grants, the municipality has managed to secure an income budget of **R137,274,000.00** This total budget includes grants such as:

Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)	-	<b>R 31,189,000</b>
Equitable share	-	<b>R 94,545,000</b>
Municipal Systems Improvement Grant (MSIG)	-	<b>R 890,000</b>
Local Government Financial Management Grant (FMG)	-	<b>R 1,650,000</b>
As well as the Rural Household Grant	-	<b>R 4,000,000</b>
Integrated National Electrification Programme	-	<b>R 5,000,000</b>

Tallying to this total budget, we project an income of **R 1,600,000.00** through interests from investments, **R 4,157,557.00** to be obtained through our rate income, and further **R 130,000,00.00** to be collected through municipal tender sales. Thus our total income for the financial year 2013/2014 is **R 143,161,557.00**

Honourable Speaker, Our capital budget allocation from the total income is **R 44,269,000.00** a budget which will be utilized for infrastructure services such as: construction of new roads, housing projects, upgrading of sports fields, purchasing of new plant for maintenance of existing roads infrastructure, just to name a few. Also included in this budget is an allocation for Ntelezi Msani Project, which is one of our key tourism projects.

The remaining **R 98,892,557.00** has been set aside as an operational budget. Through this allocation we have a clear programme of action which includes poverty alleviation projects, special programmes such as HIV and AIDS, youth programmes, ward committee programmes, waste management programme, as well as other operational activities such as payment of salaries and maintenance of existing assets. We have set aside a portion in this budget to cater for maintenance of roads as we know how badly damaged our roads are at the moment.

Honourable Speaker, steadily our municipality is continually growing from strength to strength. This year, we take pride in the way we have interacted with our community and spent on service delivery programmes for the previous financial year. As the results, the

municipality has received an unqualified audit report from the Auditor General, for the financial year 2011/2012. We are working on the minor matters noted by the Auditor General, hoping the institution will soon receive a clean audit. Our IDP for the previous financial year was also done exceptionally well, scoring 67% from the provincial evaluation done by Cogta. I am very happy, Hounorable Speaker, to inform this house that the municipality has also managed to reclaim back unspent MIG fund of R 10,000,00.00 from the Treasurer. All these reflect the success of the municipality in the planning and implementation of service delivery.

In conclusion, Honourable Speaker, I am certain that 2013/2014 financial year will elevate our service delivery plans to the next level higher than what has been achieved in the 2012/2013 financial year. I therefore present to this council our final 2013/2014 budget as well as our final Integrated Development Plan, for adoption.

I thank you.