

MAYOR'S PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/2016 FOR ADOPTION BY COUNCIL, ON 27 MAY 2015, AT UMZUMBE COUNCIL CHAMBER

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Somlomo Cllr Sizwe Ngcobo
Members of the Executive Committee
Amakhosi
All councilors
Municipal Manager Mama Nokuthula Mgijima
And all officials present here today

I greet you egameni **lokwakha ikusasa elingcono**

It is my singular honour today to table this budget for the financial year 2015/2016. This is our 5th and last budget as this current term of administration. As a Mayor I am proud to say that we have done a lot of things **ekwakheni ikusasa elingcono** in the lives of the people of Umzume Local Municipality.

As instructed by the structures act, we just came back from the Budget and IDP Roadshows where we crisscrossed the length and breadth of this municipality giving an opportunity to ordinary citizens to tell us what they want to see us do as their government. Our IDP and our budget is shaped and molded by ordinary citizens of our local municipality. It carries and captured the wishes of the vulnerable and the most powerful.

Please allow me to share some good news. As the Municipality we received extra MIG funding. The money that we received is R15 million MIG funding. This money will go a long way in ensuring that we implement even more infrastructure projects. It is worth mentioning that this is a milestone for Umzumbe Municipality as it is the first time that we received extra funding in the same financial year. This extra MIG funding will go to the roads we felt are very important but we could not fit them in the original MIG funding. We need to pat ourselves at the back because we received this money because we utilize all our MIG funding very well. And we can account for every cent of it and the clean audit we received speaks volume to that effect.

Above the MIG funding the municipality also received R30 million rands funding to deal with disaster damaged roads. The R30 million will be received in 3 phases in the next 3 financial years.

This financial year 2014/2015 we received R10 million, 2015/2016 we will receive R11 095 887 and 2016/2017 we will receive R10 million.

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 188,543,887.00**. This figure includes grants such as:

Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)	-	R 34,522,000.00
Equitable share	-	R 127,112,000.00
Municipal Systems Improvement Grant (MSIG)	-	R 930,000.00
Local Government Financial Management Grant(FMG)	-	R 1,800,000.00
Integrated National Electrification Programme	-	R 12,000,000.00
Infrastructure Sports Facilities	-	R 150,000.00
Scheme Support programs	-	R 000,000.00
Tourism grant	-	R 000,000.00
EPWP	-	R 1,084,000.00
Municipal Emancipation	-	R 8,000,000.00
Disaster Management Grant	-	R 11,095,887.00

In addition we project an income through investments to an amount of **R 4,500,000.00** and a further **R4,157,557.00** 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 **R6,082,513.00** Our **Total Budget** for the financial year 2015/16 is **R 212,033,957.00**.

Our Capital Budget allocation is **R 57,137,000.00**. Somlomo, this budget will be utilized for Infrastructure services such as construction of new roads, upgrading of sports fields such as Esibanini Sports field, purchasing of new plant for maintenance of existing roads infrastructure. This budget has also included the purchasing of motor vehicles of this municipality.

The remaining **R 154,896,956.77** 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 (Gender, HIV/AIDS, and Elderly), Youth Programmes, Ward Committee Programmes, Waste Management Programme, the registration fee assistance programme as

well as other operational activities such as payment of salaries and maintenance of existing assets. I must mention specifically that in our draft budget we had put aside R550 000 for registration fee assistance programme. However we felt that this was too little. We have now increased it now to R700000. We hope to register even more children who qualify and do well in matric. We will also be buying another TLB. Another important thing we need to look at is to budget for the Lowbed truck that will carry our excavator and graders instead of driving them on the road.

I think it is also important that I do mention ukuthi umkhandlu uthathe isinquma sokuthi ufake amakhosi aseNdlunkulu kumakomiti omkhandlu. Loko kuzokwenza ukuthi amakhosi abe ingxenye yezinquma zisuka phansi amadaka. Njengoba sazi ukuthi amakhosi esinawo ayisithupha, Inkosi ngayinye kunekomiti ezohlala kuyona. Sethemba ukuthi amakhosi will get an opportunity to participate fully on the decision making processes and in the shaping of the way forward of this municipality.

As I conclude this report I wish to say that I have not said anything which is my wishes but the wishes of the people of Umzumbe Municipality. The people of Umzumbe said when we do as they asked us their lives will be better. If we can achieve all this our communities will agree with us when we say ***Sakha Ikusasa Elingcono.***

I therefore, present to this council the final 2015/16 budget for adoption. This budget also is coupled with the IDP that we propose they get adopted.

I thank you.