

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEWCASTLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEWCASTLE ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2024 AT 10:00

PRESENT

Councillor	T	M	Zulu	:	Speaker
Councillor	M	E	Buthelezi		
Councillor	F		Cassim		
Councillor	E	J	Cronje		
Councillor	D	X	Dube	:	Mayor
Councillor	N	C	Dube		
Councillor	F	L	Duma		
Councillor	V	F	Hadebe	:	Left at 10:39
Councillor	P		Hariram	:	Logged in via MS Teams
Councillor	M	E	Hlatshwayo		
Councillor	M	M	E Hlatshwayo		
Councillor	L	M	Khumalo		
Councillor	C	B	Kubeka		
Councillor	M	T	Lethea		
Councillor	C	Y	Liu		
Councillor	B	G	Madi		
Councillor	Z	E	Madi		
Councillor	M	T	D Makhoba		
Councillor	X	S	Makhubo	:	Logged in via MS Teams
Councillor	F	A	Malinga		
Councillor	S	B	Mashazi	:	Left at 10:39
Councillor	N	S	F Masondo		
Councillor	S	P	Masuku		
Councillor	B	D	Mathunjwa		
Councillor	L	P	Mazibuko		
Councillor	M	V	Mbatha		
Councillor	N	I	Mdluli		
Councillor	A	P	Meiring		
Councillor	P	F	Mnisi		
Councillor	S	W	Mngomezulu		
Councillor	M	V	Molefe		
Councillor	T	E	Mthembu		
Councillor	L	P	Ndebele		
Councillor	M	O	Ndlovu		
Councillor	C	S	Ngcobo		
Councillor	R	N	Ngcobo	:	Logged in via MS Teams
Councillor	N		Njoko		
Councillor	A	T	Nkosi	:	Logged in via MS Teams
Councillor	W	P	Nkosi		
Councillor	S		Ntsele		
Councillor	M	E	Radebe		
Councillor	R	B	S Russell		
Councillor	N	P	Shabalala		
Councillor	S	E	Shabangu		
Councillor	V	N	Sibeko		
Councillor	S		Singh		
Councillor	F	N	Sithole		
Councillor	B	R	Thusi		
Councillor	N	P	Thela		
Councillor	L	P	Ximba		
Councillor	V	G	Zondo		
Councillor	S	A	Yende	:	Logged in via MS Teams
Councillor	M	N	Zulu		
Councillor	N	S	Zulu		
Councillor	Z	E	Zwane		

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

Councillor	S	B	Buthelezi	:	Other commitments
Councillor	T	N	Dlamini	:	Other commitments
Councillor	N	P	Maseko	:	Other commitments
Councillor	A	E	Mkhwanazi	:	Other commitments
Councillor	N	P	Mthabela	:	Other commitments
Councillor	S	E	Nkosi	:	Other commitments
Councillor	M	J	Ntshangase	:	Other commitments
Councillor	M	H	Simelane	:	Other commitments
Councillor	L	C	Sithebe	:	Other commitments
Councillor Dr	J	A	Vorster	:	Other commitments

TRADITIONAL LEADERS

iNkosi	C	S	Kubheka	:	Not Present
iNkosi	B	S	Radebe	:	Not Present

ALSO PRESENT

Media Representative	:	Mr	Q	Boucher
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VACANCIES

Ex – ward Councillor	H	N	Khumalo
Ex – war Councillor	S	M	Thwala

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Municipal Manager	:	Mr	Z	W	Mcineka
Strategic Executive Director : BTO	:	Mrs	P	H	Kubheka
Strategic Executive Director : Corporate Services	:	Dr	P	D	Thabethe
Strategic Executive Director : Community Services	:	Mr	G	B	Dlamini
Strategic Executive Director : DP&HS	:	Mrs	N	P	Khathide
Strategic Executive Director : Technical Services	:	Mr	B	P	Mnguni
Director : Administration	:	Mrs	D	R	Molefe
Acting Director : Governance and Support Services	:	Mrs	K	A	Pentz-Coates
Manager : General Administration and Secretariat	:	Mrs	Z		Sibeko
Committee Clerk	:	Mr	K	S	Mbonane
Intern : Administration	:	Mr	A		Kunene

CM 21 : FINAL MEDIUM-TERM BUDGET 2024/2025 (BTO 5/1/1)**RESOLVED**

- (a) That, in terms of section 24 of the *Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003*, the annual budget of the municipality for the financial year 2024/25; and indicative allocations for the two projected outer years 2025/26 and 2026/27; and the multi – year and single year capital appropriations be approved.
- (b) That, the funding sources to fund both operating and capital budgets, be noted and approved.

(iii)

- (c) That, the Municipality's annual allocation of R 170.1 million to uThukela Water for the provision of bulk water be approved.
- (d) That, in terms of section 24(2)(c)(i) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003, and sections 74 and 75A of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000 as amended, the tariffs for the supply of water, electricity, waste services, sanitation services and property rates as set out in the Tariff of Charges that were used to prepare the estimates of revenue by source, be approved with effect from 01 July 2024 for all services, except water and electricity consumption, which will be levied on the new tariff with effect from 01 August 2024.
- (e) That, the Tariff of Charges be approved and be applicable from 01 July 2024.
- (f) That, water, refuse, sewer and sundry tariffs be increased by 6% with effect from 01 July 2024.
- (g) That, rates tariff be set for the new valuation roll which is applicable from 01 July 2024, as calculated and included in the Tarriff of Charges, and that the impermissible rate for all residential properties be capped at R 85 000 with effect from 01 July 2024.
- (h) That the tariffs of property rates categories be adjusted as follows with effect from 01 July 2024 :

Category	2023/24	2024/25	% Change
Business and Commercial	0,03634	0,03970	9,25%
Farms - Agriculture	0,00323	0,00282	-12,69%
Industrial	0,03634	0,02990	-17,72%
Mining and Quarries	0,03634	0,03680	1,27%
Public Benefit Organisation	0,00323	0,00282	-12,69%
Residential	0,01454	0,01197	-17,68%
Public Service Purposes	0,00363	0,00385	6,06%
Vacant Land	0,04362	0,04045	-7,27%

- (i) That, the electricity tariffs be set for the new financial year be increased by 11.23% with effect from 01 July 2024 and it be noted that the municipality is still awaiting approval of the municipal electricity tariff increase from NERSA.
- (j) That, bulk electricity purchases be increased by 12.75% as per NERSA's guideline of the Eskom tariff increase.
- (k) That, in terms of the Indigent Policy, the monthly household earnings of an indigent application be capped at R 5000.00 per month (under 60 years) and R 6000.00 per month (over 60 years).
- (l) That indigent benefit packages be approved as follows :

Electricity consumption : 50 kW/H
Water consumption : 6 KI

(iv)

Electricity availability	: 100%
Water availability	: 100%
Sewer	: 100%
Refuse	: 100%
Property rates	: 100%
Rental on municipal property	: 75%

(m) That, the rate rebates be capped and approved as follows:

Pensioners	: 25%
Flood victims	: 50%
Bread and breakfasts businesses	: 10%
Business development with property greater than R 50 million :	
from 0 – 4 years	: 40%
from 5 – 6 years	: 25%
from 7 – 8 years	: 10%
from 9 years onwards	: 0%

(n) That, the Service Standards be noted and approved.

(o) That, the Retention policy be noted and approved.

(p) That, the Budget Funding Plan be noted and approved.

(q) That, the Budget policy be noted and approved.

(r) That, the Tarriff policy be noted and approved.

(s) That, the Rates policy be noted and approved.

(t) That, the Indigent policy be noted and approved.

(u) That, the Customer Care, Credit Control, and Debt Collection policy be noted and approved.

(v) That, the Provision for Doubtful Debt and Debtors Write-off policy be noted and approved.

(w) That, the Supply Chain Management policy be noted and approved.

(x) That, the Cash and Investment Management policy be noted and approved.

(y) That, the Asset Management policy be noted and approved.

(z) That, The Petty Cash policy be noted and approved.

(aa) That, the Virement Transfer policy be noted and approved.

(bb) That, the funding and Reserves policy be noted and approved.

(cc) That, the Borrowing policy be noted and approved.

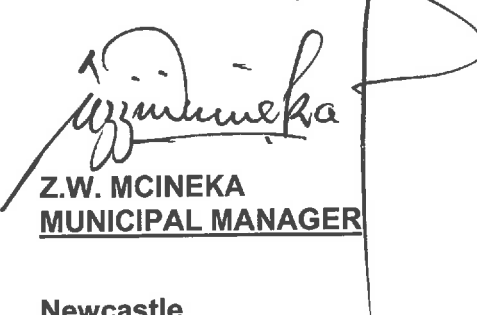
(dd) That, the Loss control policy be noted and approved.

(ee) That, the Short-term insurance policy be noted and approved.

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- (ff) That, the Cost Containment policy be noted and approved.
- (gg) That, the Protective clothing policy be noted and approved.
- (hh) That, the Property Rates by-laws be noted and approved.
- (ii) That, Tarriff by-laws be noted and approved.
- (jj) That, the Credit Control and Debt Collection by-laws be noted and approved.
- (kk) That, the Internship policy be noted and approved.
- (ll) That, the Skills programme policy be noted and approved.
- (mm) That, the Recruitment policy be noted and approved.
- (nn) That, the IT Security policy be noted and approved.
- (oo) That, the Bursary policy be noted and approved.
- (pp) That, it be noted that the ANC does not support the recommendations.
- (qq) That, Council notes that Cllr. V.F. Hadebe and Cllr. S.B. Mashazi of the TSSA walked out at 10:39.

I, the undersigned, **ZAMOKWAKHE WESLEY MCINEKA**, in my capacity as **MUNICIPAL MANAGER** to the Newcastle Municipal Council, hereby certify the above as a true extract from the minutes of the special Council meeting held on 15 May 2024.


Z.W. MCINEKA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

15/05/2024
DATE

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