



# **PUBLIC WARD COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **DRAFT BUDGET 2026/27 & DRAFT IDP REVIEW AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2026/27**

**Minutes of a Public Ward Committee meeting held on Monday, 13 April 2026, at  
18:00 at the Zwelihle Community Hall, Zwelihle**

**(Wards 5,12)**

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### **PRESENT**

Ald A Klaas	:	Executive Mayor
CIlr B Nombula	:	Ward 5 Councillor
CIlr M Sihlahla	:	Ward 12 Councillor
Ald L Ntsabo	:	Proportional Councillor
CIlr C Tafu-Nwonkwo	:	Proportional Councillor
CIlr R Nutt	:	Mayco Member Ward 4
CIlr A Komani	:	Mayco Member Safety and Security
Dr D O'Neill	:	Municipal Manager
Mr B King	:	Manager: Budget Office
Ms D Arrison	:	Director: Corporate Services
Ms N Mtholo	:	Manager: Community Liaison-Hermanus
Mr A Ford	:	Manager: Community Liaison-Kleinmond
Mr A Gcotyelwa	:	Manager: Integrated Human Settlements & Development Acting Director Community Services
Ms B Plaatjies	:	Divisional Manager: Facilities and Buildings
Mr D Hendricks	:	Infrastructure Services

### **Ward 5&12 Members:**

attendance registers available

### **Officials:**

Mr C Solomons	:	Assisting with sound
Ms S Lukas	:	Chief Clerk

### **Public in attendance:102**

attendance registers available

<b>1.</b>	<b>OPENING AND WELCOME</b>
	Executive Mayor, Ald A Klaas, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. <b>Noted</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>PRESENTATION - DRAFT IDP REVIEW &amp; DRAFT BUDGET 2026/2027</b>
	<p>The draft IDP Review and budget of the Overstrand Municipality for 2026/2027 were presented with the following slide topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IDP REVIEW STRATEGIC DIRECTION</li> <li>2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</li> <li>3. 2026/2027 DRAFT BUDGET SUMMARY</li> <li>4. 2026/2027 Draft Capital Budget (Amounts)</li> <li>5. 2026/2027 Draft Capital Budget (Pie Chart Diagram)</li> <li>6. 2026/2027 Draft Capital Budget (Ward Specific Projects Breakdown)</li> <li>7. 2026/2027 Draft Operational Budget (Item share of total budget)</li> <li>8. 2026/2027 Draft Operational Budget (Pie Chart Diagram of expenditure and Revenue)</li> <li>9. Proposed Tariffs 2026/2027</li> <li>10. Proposed Tarriff Basket of Water, Sewerage and Refuge for 2026/2027</li> <li>11. Proposed basket of Electricity Tariff 2026/2027</li> <li>12. Public comment submission deadline and methods</li> </ol> <p>Refer to the PowerPoint presentation available.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>QUESTIONS &amp; ANSWER SESSION – Mayor</b>
	<p>The Executive Mayor informed the meeting that time would be allowed for questions on the presented draft budget and IDP. He thanked the administration and council members present and further expressed gratitude towards ward committee members for their hard work.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Questions Raised by the Public:</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community members expressed concern about the qualifying criteria of the Indigent grants.</li> <li>2. They were unsatisfied with the effect of their lack of qualifying for indigent grant caused on the amount of units of electricity received, referring to the auxiliary deduction. Suggestions to have auxiliary calculated at 50% towards units and 50% towards the municipal account.</li> <li>3. The payment date for municipal accounts was discussed and requested that the date be changed to month end and not the 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>4. Further concern was raised at the cost of availability fees for serviced plots in Zwelihle.</li> <li>5. Residents of Transfer Camp complained about a constant bad smell in the area.</li> </ol>

	<p>6. Concerns were raised that development was only observed in Mount Pleasant and Hawston communities and none in Zwelihle.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
3.2	<p><b>Response/Answers to Questions Raised:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Municipal Manager requested community members to visit the Municipal offices for individual account and indigent grant related concerns.</li> <li>2. He further indicated that a community public meeting could be scheduled to explain financial policies and discuss community concerns about their municipal accounts.</li> <li>3. The Municipal Manager urged community members to make arrangements on their municipal accounts in advance and to avoid waiting for accounts arrears to cause auxiliary.</li> <li>4. He informed that the criteria for indigent grant prevented homeowners owning more than one property to qualify, hence people with a houses and an additional plot did not qualify.</li> <li>5. The municipality was aware of requests for the transfer station to be moved but for budgetary reasons it was not listed currently. As remedial refuse removal was done regularly to decrease congestion of refuse and in an attempt to lessen refuse odour.</li> <li>6. Referrals to the draft budget and IDP slides were made and it was shown on screen that projects for development in Zwelihle were scheduled.</li> </ol> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>CLOSURE</b></p> <p>The Executive Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He encouraged the community to submit comments on the draft budget /IDP and to participate and engage during ward committee public IDP meetings.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21h05.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>