



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 Tuesday, 21 April 2026, at
18:00 at the Thusong Hall, Hermanus**

(Wards 8)

PRESENT

Ald A Klaas : Executive Mayor
Ald E Gillion : Deputy Executive Mayor
Ald F Africa : Ward 8 Councillor
Cllr R Nutt : Mayco Member Community Services
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 8 Members:

attendance registers available

Officials:

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

Public in attendance:102

attendance registers available

1.	OPENING AND WELCOME
	Ward 8 Councillor, Ald Africa opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.
	Noted

2.	PRESENTATION - DRAFT IDP REVIEW & DRAFT BUDGET 2026/2027
	<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"> 1. IDP REVIEW STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD 3. 2026/2027DRAFT BUDGET SUMMARY 4. 2026/2027 Draft Capital Budget (Amounts) 5. 2026/2027 Draft Capital Budget (Pie Chart Diagram) 6. 2026/2027 Draft Capital Budget (Ward Specific Projects Breakdown) 7. 2026/2027 Draft Operational Budget (Item share of total budget) 8. 2026/2027 Draft Operational Budget (Pie Chart Diagram of expenditure and Revenue) 9. Proposed Tariffs 2026/2027 10. Proposed Tarriff Basket of Water, Sewerage and Refuge for 2026/2027 11. Proposed basket of Electricity Tariff 2026/2027 12. Public comment submission deadline and methods <p>Refer to the PowerPoint presentation available.</p> <p>Noted</p>
3.	QUESTIONS & ANSWER SESSION – Mayor
	<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>Noted</p>
3.1	Questions Raised by the Public:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Question was raised whether the Ward councillor personally thanked the employees at the sewerage plant for their hard work. 2. Concern was raised that certain items on IDP list were not completed, yet the next cycle would commence. 3. Auxiliary concerns regarding the amount of electricity units received were raised. 4. Questions were raised regarding the project at the Hawston sportsgrounds that was still in progress yet sportsgrounds in neighbouring communities were now being tended to. It was suggested that one town be finished before continuing to another. 5. Concerns that staff expenditure for overtime and salaries was not on the presented slides. 6. Some complaints were raised that service delivery was poor and did not warrant increases in tariffs. It was mentioned that service delivery was evident in other communities such as Mbeki Street but not in Hawston.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. The slides only indicated prepaid electricity and it was asked whether this also pertained to conventional meters. 8. Recommendation that the Municipal account pay date be moved to month end was made. 9. Referral was made to the development of the area called 'the Pleintjie" in Hawston. 10. Storm water problems in Chester Road, Hawston was raised as a concern. 11. Complaints of the unavailability of business property in Hawston for business entrepreneurs. 12. Statements were made that crime was high and economic development slow. <p>Noted</p>
3.2	Response/Answers to Questions Raised:
	<p>The following responses were made with regard to the concerns and questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economic development: LED implementations were currently being reviewed; taking into consideration that the population growth is more than economic growth. 2. This fact impacted unemployment and would be addressed through the strategic planning in progress of the municipal Local Economic Development Department. In addition, Municipal tenders were awarded taken into account local applicants. 3. Salary costs were already considered with the calculation of the draft tariffs. Details of the rest of the budgetary information were available on the municipal website and in the local libraries. Only summaries were presented on the slides. 4. Electricity consumption questions regarding the upgrade of supply from 30 Amp to 60 Amp could be arranged per individual homeowner request at the municipal offices. 5. Ald Africa explained tender processes and specifically funding made available for cleaning projects in the Overstrand with the available budget. 6. He further informed that the utilisation of "The Pleintjie" was discussed and decided in ward committee meetings and was transferred to Provincial Government for other purposes as business. 7. Mr Davy Louw informed that the increase in electricity was applicable on both conventional and prepaid meters. <p>Noted</p>
4.	CLOSURE
	<p>The Executive Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 20h10.</p> <p>Noted</p>