



# UMZINYATHI

## DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY / UMASIPALA WESIFUNDA

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N.N. COURIER  
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### MAVUNDLA IS JEALOUS OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

In an article that appeared in the Courier (27 June 2008) titled "Sithi sekwanele ukubulawa kwabantu eDundee" the Chairperson of the ANC in the Mbambatha Region, Mr Philani Mavundla made some very unfounded statement about the Mayoral Imbizo which took place on 21 June 2008 at Emabhanoyini under Umvoti Municipality. The said Imbizo was mooted and agreed upon by councillors of all parties that serve in the Umzinyathi District Council. The action plan for the Imbizo was tabled in the Exco meeting of which the ANC is represented. There were no questions of expenditure in that meeting. It is not true that each VIP was catered for R 300.00 (he must check the facts)

In fact I am not answerable to the ANC or its chairperson but I am answerable to the community which I lead. Therefore I am going to share some light in what the actual cost was. We had budgeted R 180.00 for our VIP's plate of food for 200 people. For any person who lives in South Africa today know the costs of things fuelled by the petrol hikes. So for any other sane person, one cannot cater for the people you have invited from a far distance something not descent.

If that worries Mr Mavundla he must question his own MECs how much are they spending for their Imbizos. I fail to understand why if we do what the legislation requires we are threatened by the likes of Mavundla who are jealous of our achievement. Threatening us about reporting us to the MEC is something we do not bother about. The MEC does not play party politics and we do not we do what the legislation required.

Chapter 6 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act No. 32, 2000, article no.42 talks of Community involvement in the Municipal Affairs;

*"A municipality, through appropriate mechanisms, processes and procedures established in terms of Chapter 4 of this Act, must involve the local community in the development, implementation and the review of the municipality's performance management system and in particular, allow the community to participate in the setting of appropriate key performance indicators and performance targets of the municipality"*

Furthermore, the Municipal finance Management Act No. 56 of 2003 says that 'every municipality and every municipal entity must for each financial year prepare an annual report.'

The purpose of the annual report is;

- To provide a record of activities of the municipality for the that financial year,
- To promote accountability to the local community for the decisions made throughout the year by the municipality and
- To provide a report on the performance against the budget of the municipality for that financial year.

Therefore, the purpose for the imbizo was to create awareness on the municipal performance for the 2006 / 2007 financial year and to present the record of the municipal activities for the year under review to the citizens of the district.

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