

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY, 11 JANUARY 2023 AT 4.35 P.M

PRESENT: Councillor R. Musekiwa (Chairperson)
Councillor A. Chiteme
Alderman S. Maridza
Councillor B. Beta

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr L. Magwati (Ministry of Local Government and Public Works)
Ms M. Jamanda (Student- Ministry of Local Government and Public Works)

OFFICIALS: Acting Town Clerk
Chief Environmental Health Officer
Acting Finance Director
Acting Director of Housing and Social Services
Town Planner
Sergeant - Mr W. Munyuki
Assistant Human Resources Officer
Assistant Committee Officer

004. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2022 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

Proposed by Councillor B. Beta

Secoded by Councillor R. Musekiwa

005. MATTERS ARISING

On item 563(c) on cleansing and refuse collection, the Acting Finance Director reported that there was a provision for procurement of one refuse compactor in the 2023 Council budget.

006. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the Environmental Health Section for the month of November and December 2022, covering premises inspections, health inspection statistics, water quality control, notices, water and food quality control, meat inspections, tuberculosis management and diseases surveillance.

With regards to premise inspections, members urged the Chief Environmental Health Officer to strengthen shop licence inspections.

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

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The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services for the month of November and December 2022 covering Demographic data, Mother to Child health care services, maternity, patients' attendance at Council Clinics, revenue collected, drug availability, and opportunistic infections, chronic conditions, covid 19 statistics, transport services, PMTCT services and Rujeko Isolation statistics was noted.

C. CLEANSING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of November and December 2022 covering number of operational refuse trucks, refuse removal statistics, refuse bins, pest control, activities of the Health Clubs, waste recycling and collection was noted.

D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of November and December 2022 on the National Aids Council DAAC programme was noted.

E. REQUEST FOR MANPOWER FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the request for manpower for solid waste management in the commonage. It was reported that the waste generation rate had increased and a proposal was made for the department to engage Health Clubs to boost the current staff compliment and the club will be paid over time for 1 employee. The request was noted and the matter was referred to the Human Resources and Gender Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the request by the Chief Environmental Health Officer, for manpower for solid waste management be referred to the Human Resources and Gender Committee for consideration. **CEHO**

F. DEPARTMENTAL STAFFING ISSUES

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the Health Department's staff issues. It was reported that the department received 7 resignations, 1 retirement and 1 death in the year 2022. It was reported that the department was currently impacted negatively by lack of adequate staffing. In order to address the issue of inadequate staffing, the following were proposed,

- That 4 retired nurses be engaged on locum
- That 4 nurses posts be advertised for recruitment.
- That Mr I. Zvinorova (Environmental Health Technician), be contracted annually as an extension of employment
- That the 2 posts of Environmental Health Technician and 1 Waste Management Officer be advertised.

It was reported that a request was also received from Environmental Health Technician, Mr Z. Zvinorova requesting for an extension of employment. The request was noted and the matter was referred to the Human Resources and Gender Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the request by the Chief Environmental Health Officer, for manpower in the Health Department be referred to the Human Resources and Gender Committee for consideration. **CEHO**

G. OFFICIAL OPENING OF NORTH WEST MEDICAL CLINIC AND THE SANITARY LANDFILL

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the official opening of the North West Medical Clinic and the Sanitary Landfill. It was proposed that the official opening of the Clinic and sanitary landfill be held on the 23rd of February 2023. The proposal was adopted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the official opening of North West Medical Clinic and the Sanitary Landfill be held on the 23rd of February 2023. **CEHO**

H. EXPANSION OF NORTHWEST MEDICAL CLINIC USING THE BEER LEVY FUNDS

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the request for expansion of North West Medical Clinic for accommodation of maternity services using the Beer levy. The request was granted and the matter was referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the expansion of North West Medical Clinic for maternity services using funds from the Beer Levy be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration. **CEHO**

I. LICENSE FEES FOR VENDORS AND FLEA MARKETS

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the licensing of vendors and Flea market traders. It was reported as per 2023 Council budget, all vendors will be expected to pay license fees and issued with licenses, to assist in the proper administration and controlling of vending activities. In this regard it was noted that flea markets such as Tsungai Complex were being classified as shops instead of flea market tables. It was proposed that vendors meeting minimum requirements be issued with Licences and will pay \$10 USD per month whilst flea market owners meeting minimum standards be issued with Licences and pay a monthly license fee of 15 USD.

The Committee adopted the proposal to license traders operating in the Tsungai Complex and be issued trading licenses at a monthly fee of 15 USD. With regards to licensing of vendors and Flea market traders, the matter was referred to Management for further deliberations.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT licensing of traders operating at the Tsungai Complex, be adopted in principle and referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for fixing of the levy fees.
2. THAT the licensing of vendors and Flea Market traders be referred to Management for further deliberations. **CEHO**

J. REQUEST FOR SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COUNCIL AND FRIENDSHIP BENCH TRUST

Consideration was given to the report of Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the request for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Council and Friendship Bench Trust. It was reported that Friendship Bench Trust is an organisation which provides mental health response and interventions in the community. The request was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the request for Memorandum of Understanding between Council and Friendship Bench Trust for the provision of mental health response and interventions in the City, be granted. **ADHSS**

K. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

007. REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES

A. REQUEST TO USE MUCHEKE STADIUM FOR TRAINING SESSIONS 2 DAYS PER WEEK: WANGU MAZODZE F.C.

Consideration was given to the report of Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the request by Wangu Mazodze Football Club to use Mucheke Stadium for training. It was reported that the training sessions would be held twice a week, for two hours, for a period of one year. The request was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the request by Wangu Mazodze Football Club to utilise Mucheke Stadium for two (2) hours training sessions twice a week, for a period of one year, be granted. **ADHSS**

B. FUNDING FOR CONTINUATION OF TANAIWA PROJECT FOR THE YEAR 2023: DIALOGUE ON SHELTER TRUST

Consideration was given to the report of Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the funding of Tanaiwa Project. It was reported that Dialogue on Shelter Trust had secured funding for Tanaiwa Project.

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It was reported that the main activities include construction of 16 new toilets at Tanaiwa hostels, replacing of the main sewer drainage system at Tanaiwa hostels and conducting a Slum upgrading exchange visit to Bulawayo. The report was noted.

C. OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF BOREHOLE AND WATER AND SANITATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN MUCHEKE AND RUNYARARO WEST: ALLIANCE OF DIALOGUE ON SHELTER AND ZIMBABWE HOMELESS PEOPLE'S FEDERATION

Consideration was given to the report of Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the notification of official handover of Borehole and water and sanitation infrastructure in Mucheke and Runyararo West. It was reported that the Alliance of Dialogue on Shelter and Zimbabwe Homeless People's Federation were ready to officially handover one borehole in Runyararo West and the refurbished water and sanitation systems at Mambo Hostels in Mucheke. The report was noted.

D. HOUSING ISSUES

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on housing issues for the month of November 2022 covering progress on site for each area, registration of applicants on the waiting lists for industrial commercial and residential applications. The report was noted.

E. WELFARE SECTION

The report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the Welfare Section for the month of November 2022 covering revenue raised by the section, leased property payment status, pre-schools, libraries, workshops and trainings, clubs, youth development activities, Alpha Cottages, Mucheke Old People's Home, sports and recreation activities, and recreation facilities maintenance for the month under review, was considered. The report was noted.

On maintenance of recreation facilities, members highlighted the need for construction of community grounds for Rujeko suburbs. The Acting Director of Housing and Social Services advised that members from the community can utilise the Rujeko Secondary School grounds after making bookings with the school at no charge.

F. PARKS AND AMENITIES SECTION

The report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the Parks and Amenities Section for the month of November 2022 covering state of islands, gardens, open spaces, nurseries, trees and plantations, state of tractors and other equipment, nursery and cemeteries was noted.

G. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

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008 REPORT OF THE ACTING TOWN CLERK

A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE: NOVEMBER 2022

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk for the month of November 2022 covering human and material resources, transport, operational activities including commonage patrols, vending, traffic control, enforcement on markets, Shop licence inspections, revenue raised for various offenses, and constraints experienced in the section.

It was reported that the section made 1925 arrests for the month under review and raised an amount of USD\$19 950 and RTGS 28 974.48 The report was noted.

The Municipal police were urged to train and capacitate Municipal Guards to increase efficiency. Members also highlighted the need to compliment staff in the Municipal Police section. Members also highlighted the need to look for a suitable vehicle to replace the one used for Cash in Transit. Another proposal was made for Council to procure a Tow Truck. The proposals were noted and referred to Management for further deliberation.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT Management looks into the following issues in the Municipal Police Section;

- i. Complementing of staff
- ii. Training of Municipal Guards
- iii. Procurement of a Tow Truck
- iv. Replacement of the Cash in transit vehicle

B. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto.

The meeting ended at 5.22 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2023

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK