

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON THURSDAY, 04 MAY 2023 AT 4:52 P.M.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: District Development Coordinator: Mr L. Magwati
Local Governance Studies Student: M. Mabarani

OFFICIALS: Town Clerk
Chamber Secretary
Acting Chief Environmental Officer
Acting Director Housing and Social Services Officer
Operations Officer
Assistant Committee Officer

223. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Before the confirmation of minutes, on the proposed City of Masvingo Educational Scholarship Programme minute 147(A)(d), it was reported that the scholarship would cover up to Grade 7, therefore the minutes were amended to read, *“School fees, uniforms and related items such as their stationery will be paid for by Council up to Grade 7. For Secondary education, the scholarship will cater for a full package e.g., related expenses and boarding fees.”*

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT minute 147(A)(d) on the proposed City of Masvingo Educational Programme be amended as follows:

“School fees, uniforms, and related items such as their stationery will be paid for by Council up to Grade 7. For Secondary education, the scholarship will cater for a full package e.g. related expenses and boarding fees.”
2. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed.

*Proposed by Councillor R. Musekiwa
Seconded by Councillor B. Beta*

224. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the Environmental Health Section activities for the month of April 2023, covering premises inspections, health inspection statistics, issued notices, water quality control, food quality monitoring,

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meat inspection, meat condemned during abattoir inspections, tuberculosis management, diseases surveillance, Covid 19 statistics, dog bites, housing plans and Dog Tie up enforcement was considered.

The Committee highlighted the need to reinforce the dog tie up order to reduce stray dogs in the commonage.

On notices issued, clarity was sought on further restrictive action taken against rearing of pigs within the City and it was clarified that after issuing the perpetrator with a notice, they were issued a ticket. Clarification was sought on the existence of the Council By- law governing rearing of animals within the City and it was clarified that the draft By- law was crafted.

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services for the month of April 2023 covering Demographic data, Mother and Child health care services, maternity, patients' attendance at Council Clinics, revenue collected, medicine availability, and opportunistic infections, chronic conditions, maternal and childcare, EPI programme, covid 19 vaccination statistics, growth monitoring, transport services, PMTCT services and mental health report was noted.

With regards to the Mental Health report, clarity was sought on further action taken against drug abuse and rehabilitation of drug addicts. The Acting Chief Environmental Health Officer reported that there was a high uptake of the Mental Health services evidenced by the increase in the client register, and referrals made to Ngomahuru and Ingutsheni hospitals for rehabilitation. It was reported that drug abuse campaigns were being conducted regularly.

Concern was raised on the illegal Car wash operating at the Council toilet at the Downtown area of the Central Business District. It was noted that the activities were damaging the road surface and it was recommended that the operator be evicted.

The need to emphasise on hygiene standards at fast food outlets in the City was also highlighted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the illegal Car wash operating at the Council toilet at the Downtown area of the Central Business District be removed. **CEHO**

C. CLEANSING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of April 2023 covering number of refuse trucks on the road, refuse removal statistics, garden waste, pest control, disposal site, waste recycling, and collection and toilet cleaning was noted

D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.

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The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of April 2023 on the National Aids Council activities was noted.

E. Adoption of Report**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

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

225. REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.**A. PROPOSED NAMES FOR HOUSING PROJECT BEHIND EXOR FILLING STATION**

The report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the proposed names for the housing project behind Exor Filling Station was considered. It was reported that the Housing Project behind Flamboyant Hotel and Exor Filling Station had 123 medium density stands and 4 lots for construction of high-rise flats. The housing project had no name and was loosely called either Flamboyant or Exor Medium density project.

The following proposals were made;

- (1) That the housing project be officially named Morningside Medium Density Housing Project. The Project is close Morningside Agro residential plots and hence can be seen as an extension of Morningside. The name also resonates well with a certain class of the community which has high disposable income.
- (2) The project be named Flamboyant or Exor Medium which names are associated with private institutions who have no bearing to the project.
- (3) That the project be named Rujeko Medium since the project is adjacent to Rujeko high density, it can be given the name as an extension of the existing suburb.

After consideration of the above stated proposals, the Committee agreed that the housing project behind Exor Filling Station be named Morningside Medium Density suburb.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the housing project behind Exor Filling Station be named Morningside Medium Density suburb. **ADHSS**

Minutes: Health, Housing 04/05/2023**B. SPECIAL LEVY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SCHOOL BUS AT SHAKASHE PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the introduction of a special levy for the purchase of a school bus at Shakashe Primary School.

It was reported that the parents community of Shakashe Primary School resolved to purchase a seventy- four-seater school bus and the decision was made at a meeting held on 22 April 2023. The request was granted subject to the School Development Committee for Shakashe Primary School handing over the bus to Council after purchase.

A proposal was made for Council to put in place a policy governing Council schools, which stipulates each school to purchase a truck and a school bus. Management was tasked to investigate the matter.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the request by Shakashe Primary School, to introduce a special levy for the purchase of a school bus, be granted subject to the School Development Committee handing over the bus to Council after purchase. **ADHSS**
2. THAT Management be instructed to research on the drafting of a policy governing Council schools, which stipulates that each school should purchase and own a truck and school bus.

C. CHARLES AUSTIN THEATRE

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the operations of the Charles Austin Theatre. It was reported that there was no activity going on at the Charles Austin Theatre ever since the new Committee was elected to office. It was noted that most of the office bearers seem to have had an interest in launching their political carriers than theatre issues. Some of the members have already been chosen to contest as Councilors while some have already resigned citing lack of activity. The Ministry of Youth, Arts, Sports and Culture together with National Arts Council also expressed concern over lack of activities.

The Acting Director of Housing and Social Services had written a letter to the Charles Austin Management Committee expressing displeasure, but they did not respond and in light of the above, proposed the following;

- i. The Committee be dissolved at the expiry of their term of office end of May 2023 and an interim Committee be appointed.
- ii. The Committee will be made up of people with arts and culture background and are active participants in the industry.
- iii. The appointment will be done in consultation with key stakeholders such as Ministry of Arts and the National Arts Council.

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The Committee adopted the proposals.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT permission to dissolve the Charles Austin Theatre Management committee, at the end of their term of office, be granted. **ADHSS**
2. THAT the request to appoint an interim Management Committee for the Charles Austin Theatre, made up of active participants in the industry, with arts and culture background be granted. **ADHSS**
3. THAT the appointment of the Charles Austin Theatre Management committee be done in consultation with key stakeholders such as Ministry of Arts and the National Arts Council. **ADHSS**

D. HOUSING ISSUES

The report of the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services for the month of March 2023, covering housing waiting lists, and housing routine business for Mucheke, Chesvingo and Rujeko Administration Offices was noted.

The Committee members noted concern on Mucheke light industrial stands and other commercial stands which were sold but not yet serviced. The matter was referred to the Public Works and Planning Committee for deliberation.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the matter regarding the servicing of Mucheke Light industrial stands and other commercial stands which were paid for, be referred to the Public Works and Planning Committee for deliberation. **ADHSS**

E. WELFARE SECTION

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services on the Welfare Section for the month of April 2023 covering revenue raised by the section, leased property payment status, pre-schools, libraries, community development and Welfare trainings, Alpha Cottages, Mucheke Old People's Home, Charles Austin Theatre, sports and recreation welfare programmes, and recreational facilities repairs, and maintenance. The report was noted.

F. PARKS SECTION

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The report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the Parks Section for the month of April 2023 covering state of tractors and other equipment, islands, gardens and open spaces, trees and plantations, Parks, nursery, cemeteries, and revenue collected from grave fees was noted.

G. Adoption of Report**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

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

226. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE: APRIL 2023.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the activities of the Municipal Police for the month of April 2023, covering Human and Material Resources, operational activities, Traffic Offences, commonage patrols, vending, boom gate activities and status of ranking of buses at Mucheke Bus Terminus. It was reported that the Section attended to 1327 violations in the commonage and raised a total of USD17 200 during the month under review.

(i) Human and Material Resources

It was reported that the section comprised of Chief Security Officer, Operations Officer, 5 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 53 Constables, 16 trained Guards and 22 Contract Guards against its establishment of one hundred and ten (110) Police Officers. The section was still awaiting procurement of Police dogs, uniforms for Dog Handlers and transport for operations and training of 22 Guards. The Committee emphasised the need to train Guards. It was reported that the 5 newly recruited Municipal Constables and 22 Contract Guards commenced an inhouse training on 24 April 2023 at Runyararo Primary School ending on 8 May 2023, where a pass out parade would be conducted. The report was noted.

On the proposal for Council to procure a new vehicle for the Municipal Police for operations, the Town Clerk reported that Council was in the process of procurement of new vehicles and one would be allocated to the Municipal Police section.

(ii) Joint Operations

The Section conducted operations with other stakeholders like Environmental Health Agency, Zimbabwe Republic Police and Vehicle Inspection Department, Housing, Health and Debt Collection Unit in decongesting the City and other illegal operations.

(iii) Ranking at Mucheke Bus Terminus

It was reported that buses were ranking at Mucheke Bus Terminus in the evening.

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B. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED

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

The meeting ended at 5:45 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2023

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK