

**CITY OF MASVINGO**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON THURSDAY, 6 JULY 2023 AT 4:44 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor A. Chiteme (Chairman)  
Alderman S. Maridza  
Councillor B. Beta

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr L. Magwati: District Development Coordinator's office  
Mudzamiri F. : Local Governance Studies Student: GZU

**BY INVITATION:** Kudzaishe Set: Resilient Youth in Sustainable Development.  
Mr Tinashe Musekiwa: Transport Association Of Zimbabwe

**OFFICIALS:** Chamber Secretary  
Acting Director of Housing and Social Services  
Chief Internal Auditor  
Acting Deputy Finance Director  
Senior Health Officer  
Acting Chief Security Officer  
Assistant Administration Officer  
Assistant Committee Officer

**316. PRESENTATIONS BY PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

**(i) TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION OF ZIMBABWE: TINASHE MUSEKIWA.**

It was reported that the Transport Association of Zimbabwe (TAGZIM)'s main objective was to bring sanity in the transport sector to ensure that commuting and motoring public are safe and peaceful. It was reported that all registered buses will be branded for ease of identification.

On the current membership, it was reported that the organisation had registered members but they had not yet opened a branch in Masvingo. They were requesting for Council permission to operate in Masvingo urban.

*Mr Musekiwa was excused from the meeting at this point.*

**(ii) RESILIENT YOUTHS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: KUDZAISHE SET.**

It was reported that their organisation was working to assist communities in; Climate Change and Environmental Protection, adaptation, mitigation and resilient. They will assist the communities in the following areas:

- Waste Management best practices.
- To arrest challenges like substance abuse and unemployment among the youths.
- To put Masvingo on the tourism map towards attaining the upper middle-income economy by year 2030.
- To enable the youth groups in the City to benefit from UNESCO and UNDP

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grants which would be available upon application from time to time.

- The organisation will strive to cover the whole city in Masvingo urban.
- On the issue of contribution to Gross Domestic Product, it was reported that the organisation would engage the youths in entrepreneurial activities.
- The organisation will also engage the communities on waste management activities through communication and education.

With regards to the targeted Youths groups, it was explained that the organisation would engage the youths through the churches in all the 10 wards in the City. The organisation also proposed that funds permitting, they would organise a look and learn tour to Chipinge Rural District Council to appreciate a similar project.

**317. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Alderman S. Maridza*

*Seconded by Councillor B. Beta*

**318. 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 activities for the month of June 2023, covering premises inspections, health inspection statistics, water and food quality control, meat inspection, meat condemned during abattoir inspections, tuberculosis management and weekly diseases surveillance.

On the sale of expired food items in the shops, the Committee agreed that retailers found selling expired products should be fined. The Health Inspectors were urged to enforce the condition forthwith.

**B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES**

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of June 2023 covering Masvingo Urban Demographic data, Mother to Child health services, drug availability, out patients, chronic infections, Covid 19 vaccination, transport services, patients' attendance at Council Clinics and PMTCT services was noted.

**C. CLEANSING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of June 2023 covering number of refuse trucks on the road, refuse removal statistics, garden waste, pest control, Health Clubs activities, waste recycling and collection.

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

**F. 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.

**319. REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.****A. APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENCE FOR A SUPERMARKET ON STAND NO. 6828 RUNYARARO BUSINESS CENTRE, MASVINGO: BEN MUJAJI**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services, on the application by Ben Mujaji of Makaki Supermarket, for a Liquor Development Permit for the existing Supermarket on Stand Number 6828 Runyararo Business Centre, Masvingo.

It was advised that the application may be granted subject to the applicant satisfying all the requirements for a Supermarket Liquor licence.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the application by Ben Mujaji of Makaki Supermarket, for a Liquor Development Permit for the existing Supermarket on Stand Number 6828 Runyararo Business Centre, Masvingo be granted.

**ADHSS**

**B. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO SITE AND CONSTRUCT A 1 X 2 CLASSROOM BLOCK: RUJEKO PRIMARY SCHOOL SDC.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services, on the application by Rujeko Primary School, for permission to site and construct a one by two classroom block. It was advised that authority may be granted on condition that the block is handed over to Council upon completion.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the application by Rujeko Primary School, for permission to site and construct a one by two classroom block be granted on condition that the block will be handed over to Council upon completion.

**Minutes: Health, Housing 06/07/23****C. REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF TITLE DEEDS TO JAIROS JIRI ASSOCIATION: STANDS 160 AND 161, MASVINGO.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services, on the application by Jairos Jiri Association, for the granting of title on its current stand.

It was reported that the Association is in a partnership with the Ministry of Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation and was in need of funds for infrastructural development and institutional grants for the benefit of the people with disabilities in Masvingo Province.

The organisation was therefore requesting Council to donate land to the Association that was originally allocated on lease basis. Jairos Jiri Association is a fully registered and recognised charitable welfare organisation whose registration number is WO 17/67.

The Committee noted that the area in question needed to be surveyed first, thereafter Council would consider donating the land and grant the title. The application was turned down since the land in question needed to be surveyed first.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the application by Jairos Jiri Association, for the granting of title on its current stand and donation of the same Stand be turned down on the basis that the stand was not surveyed. **ADHSS**

**D. REPORT ON A LOOK AND LEARN VISIT TO BULAWAYO: DIALOGUE ON SHELTER**

It was reported that the exchange visit to Bulawayo City was organised by Dialogue on Shelter with the objectives of sharing notes and get some insight on social housing infrastructure upgrading, understand the procedures and technicalities of conversion from leasehold title to freehold title by City of Bulawayo, and to appreciate some of the challenges faced during conversion to freehold title.

**PRECONDITIONS FOR GRANTING OF FREEHOLD TITLE**

For granting of title to households, that is, conversion from leasehold to freehold title in an urban set up the following pre-conditions have to be met:

- The area must have a General Plan approved by the Surveyor General's Office and the Minister of Local Government and Public Works.
- The housing units, that is, the stands should be surveyed for title.
- The stands should be fully serviced with running water, sewerage reticulation, and access roads with storm drains.

After the tour the members made the following recommendations to Council;

- i. That the production of the General Plan for Tanaiwa Block 1 & 2 hostels should be done as soon as possible funds permitting.

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- ii. That title survey for Tanaiwa Block 1 & 2 hostels should be done using either the City of Masvingo financial partner Dialogue on Shelter Trust or own resources on condition of cost recovery from the beneficiaries before granting title.
- iii. Council to conduct tenant database profiling to flush out illegal tenants from Tanaiwa Block 1 & 2 hostels before granting of home ownership.
- iv. Granting of homeownership or conversion of Tanaiwa Block 1 & 2 hostels from leasehold to freehold title to bona fide tenants.
- v. Recommend that either individual or sectional title to be granted for Tanaiwa Block 1 and 2.
- vi. That Council should at least charge for the intrinsic value of land even in circumstances where beneficiaries get 100% discount in lieu of the number of years of tenancy.

The recommendations from the tour were adopted by the Committee.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT recommendations from the tour of City of Bulawayo on granting of title for Tanaiwa Block 1 and 2 single accommodation be adopted as follows:

- i. That the production of the General Plan for Tanaiwa Block 1 and 2 hostels should be done as soon as possible funds permitting.
- ii. That title survey for Tanaiwa Block 1 and 2 hostels should be done using either the City of Masvingo financial partner Dialogue on Shelter Trust or own resources on condition of cost recovery from the beneficiaries before granting title.
- iii. Council to conduct tenant database profiling to flush out illegal tenants from Tanaiwa Block 1 and 2 hostels before granting of home ownership.
- iv. Granting of homeownership or conversion of Tanaiwa Block 1 and 2 hostels from leasehold to freehold title to bona fide tenants.
- v. Recommend that either individual or sectional title to be granted for Tanaiwa Block 1 and 2 .
- vi. That Council should at least charge for the intrinsic value of land even in circumstances where beneficiaries get 100% discount in lieu of the number of years of tenancy.

**C. HOUSING ISSUES**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services for the month of June 2023, covering housing waiting lists, and housing routine business for Mucheke, Chesvingo and Rujeko Administration Offices.

**D. WELFARE SECTION**

The report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the Welfare Section for the month of June 2023 covering revenue raised by the section, pre-schools, libraries, community development and welfare programmes, Alpha Cottages, Mucheke Old People's Home, repairs and maintenance and trainings was considered.

At Alpha Cottages Home, it was reported that Mrs Foroma was the Acting Superintendent on contract basis for a period of six months.

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

**320. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK****A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE: JUNE 2023.****i. HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES**

The Section is comprised of Acting Chief Security Officer, 5 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 53 constables, 13 trained guards and 22 trained Contract guards against its establishment of one hundred and ten (110) police officers. However, the section is in adequately resourced in terms of tools of the trade. The requested two Police dogs have recently been procured but awaiting collection. The procurement of dog food and accessories for the Police dogs is pending. The Municipal Police held its sixth meeting of the year 2023 on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

**ii. TRANSPORT.**

The section has no adequate vehicles for operational duties such as vending, commonage patrol and traffic enforcement.

**iii. GRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME.**

The section has an intern from Midlands State University studying a degree in Peace and Security Studies for a period of 1 year.

**iv. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES.****Guarding of premises**

The section provides security to the following Council premises; Chesvingo Administration Office

- Runyararo West Clinic
- Target Kopje
- Building Brigade
- Workshop
- Municipal Stores
- Civic Centre
- Bushmead
- Rodhene Water Tanks
- Mayor's Residence, Town clerk's residence
- Mazorodze Clinic
- Rujeko Isolation Centre

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- Masvingo Mucheke Stadium.
- Runyararo Borehole
- Runyararo Clinic
- Sewage Works
- Landfill
- Runyararo west borehole
- Eastvale Mobile Clinic

**v. Joint operations:**

The section carried Joint operations with other stakeholders such as Z.R.P, Housing, Health and Debt Collection Unit, in decongesting the city as well as Shop licensing blitz, traffic enforcement, push carts, blocking pavement, illegal on street service garages in town and vending activities.

<b>OFFENCES /ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ARRESTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT US\$</b>	<b>AMOUNT RTGS</b>
<b>Traffic</b>			
Failure to purchase parking disc	17	340	
Continuous parking after expiry of disc	331	3 310	
Failure to display a parking disc	1	20	
Failure to perforate parking disc	5	100	
Storage fee	2	60	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	34	1 380	
Obstruction	1	30	
Impound fee (other traffic offence)	34	680	
Wrong parking	11	330	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>6 250</b>	
<b>LICENCING</b>			
Shop licence	360	7 200	
Blocking Pavements	1	30	
Push carts	21	450	
Selling gas without permit	4	80	
Car wash	5	140	
Operating tyre pressure without a license	2	80	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>7 980</b>	
<b>VENDING</b>			
Perishables	14	190	
Groceries	3	60	
Potatoes	6	120	
Non-perishables (bales)	51	800	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1 170</b>	
<b>COMMONAGE</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>			
Drilling of Borehole	<b>1</b>	<b>200</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

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<b><u>BOOMGATE COLLECTIONS</u></b>			
Croco Motors	522	5 220	
Wid	327	3 270	
Mucheke Bus Terminus	-	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>8 490</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1 753</b>	<b>24 090</b>	
Other offences	NIL	NIL	NIL
Disciplinary cases	NIL	NIL	NIL
Demonstrations	NIL	NIL	NIL
Fire incidents	NIL	NIL	NIL
Stray animals	NIL	NIL	NIL
Criminal cases	NIL	NIL	NIL

It was reported that several perishable items recovered from vendors have been destroyed at the instruction of Health Officers, and non-perishable goods were kept as exhibits and awaiting disposal through public auction.

**B. RANKING OF BUSES AT MUCHEKE BUS TERMINUS**

It was reported that buses were ranking at Mucheke bus terminus in the evening awaiting to compete for customers in the early hours of the next day in town.

**C. ANALYSIS OF REVENUE COLLECTED**

It was reported that a total of twenty-four thousand and ninety united states dollars (**\$24 090**) was collected in the month of June 2023.

**D. CHALLENGES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS IN THE SECTION.**

The challenges facing the Municipal Police and possible solutions have been summarised in the table below:

<b>CHALLENGE</b>	<b>POSSIBLE SOLUTION</b>
Cash in Transit (C.I.T) vehicle is not ideal for such duties	Allocation of a truck with a canopy for C.I.T duties.
Non availability of a Tow Truck	Allocation of a wrecker to the section for towing vehicles of non-compliant motorists.
No radio communication	Procurement of base station and handheld radios.
Limited space for storage of exhibits.	Allocation of a spacious exhibit room.
Non availability of guard rooms at certain points.	Construction of guard rooms at all guarding points.
No Municipal Police Offices	Construction of additional offices for the Municipal Police.

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No strong room at Chesvingo for safe keeping of firearms and ammunition	Construction of a strong room at Chesvingo Offices.
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The need for a tow truck and a dedicated vehicle for CIT activities was highlighted. On CIT activities it was highlighted that Council was risking losing out both the cash and most importantly the lives of Officers using unsuitable truck.

On the guarding point at Target Kopje reservoirs, it was highlighted that Management should prioritise the construction of ablution facilities since the place was operating without any. The idea was agreed by the Committee.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT Management should consider the construction of ablution facilities at Target Kopje Reservoirs as a matter of urgency. TC

**E. 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 6:17 p.m.

**CONFIRMED THIS DAY OF 2023**

**CHAIRMAN**

**TOWN CLERK**