

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2023 AT 4:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor R. Musekiwa (Chairing)
Her Worship the Mayor Councillor S.Y. Chiwara
Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Councillor A. Time

OFFICIALS: Town Clerk
Chamber Secretary
Acting Finance Director
Director of Housing and Social Services
Senior Health Officer
Chief Internal Auditor
Public Relations Officer
Sergeant W. Munyuki
Assistant Committee Officer

430. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 6 July 2023 and 25 September 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as correct records and signed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Seconded by Councillor A. Time [6/07/23]

Proposed by Councillor A. Time
Seconded by Councillor D. Mberikunashe [25/09/23]

431. MATTERS ARISING

(i). Drugs and Substance abuse

On the issue of drug and substance abuse by youths in the city, it was reported that the Chief Environmental Health Officer would prepare a comprehensive report and submit to the Committee for consideration.

(ii). Minute 319 (C): Request for Title Deeds for their Stand: Jairos Jiri Association

It was reported that the land with Jairos jiri Association had been surveyed. The Director of Housing and Social Services was instructed to come up with a detailed report on the status of the stand and submit to the next Committee meeting for consideration.

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THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to make a detailed report on the status of Jairos Jiri Association stand and submit to the next Committee meeting for consideration following their request for title deeds for their stand. **DHSS**

432. 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 September 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 illegal vending in the City, it was reported that Council would conduct a joint blitz with Zimbabwe Republic Police to remove the vendors from illegal sites. It was suggested and agreed that the vendors be given advance notice to vacate the illegal sites before the blitz could be undertaken.

On illegal food selling points operating in the City, it was highlighted that three notices to vacate the places would be issued consecutively at seven days interval so that further measures would be enforceable in terms of the Shop Licences Act Chapter 14.17.

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of September 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.

On mental health services, it was suggested that Council should consider converting part of the existing Council buildings into a Rehabilitation Centre to cater for such condition, which was on the increase in the city. The Director of Housing and Social Services was instructed to refer the issue to Management for consideration.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Director of Environmental Health Services be instructed to refer to Management for consideration the idea of converting part of the existing Council buildings into Rehabilitation Centre for mental health care.

C. CLEANSING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

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

D. REQUEST FOR SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: MY VOICE IN ZIMBABWE.

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the request for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Masvingo City Council and My Voice in Zimbabwe, an organization that is focusing on the advocacy for sexual and reproductive health mainly for the vulnerable including young people, People living with HIV, Prisoners among others. The request was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT Council signs a Memorandum of Understanding with My Voice in Zimbabwe, an Organization focusing on the advocacy for sexual and reproductive health mainly for the vulnerable including young people, People living with HIV and Prisoners. **CEHO**

E. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of September 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.

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

A. APPLICATION FOR WHOLESALE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ON STAND NUMBER 3214 GREENFIELD STREET, MASVINGO: CHIFAMBA CASH AND CARRY.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Chifamba Cash and Carry, for a liquor development permit to operate a Liquor Wholesale at Stand Number 3214 Greenfield Street formerly Masvingo Farm Supplies Group Wholesale. The application was granted.

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THAT the application by Chifamba Cash and Carry, for a liquor development permit to operate a Liquor Wholesale on Stand Number 3214 Greenfield Street Masvingo be granted.

B. APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE STORE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ON STAND NUMBER 1693 MAHACHI STREET CHESVINGO BUSINESS CENTRE, MASVINGO: ISHMAEL NYAMADZAWO.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Ishmael Nyamadzawo for a liquor development permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 1693 Mahachi Street, Chesvingo, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO NRECOMMEND

THAT the application by Ishmael Nyamadzawo for a liquor development permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 1693 Mahachi Street, Chesvingo, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

C. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL RESTAURANT LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ON STAND NO. 4290 WESTVIEW INDUSTRIAL AREA: I. MUSARIRI

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Musariri I., for a liquor development permit to operate a Special Restaurant with liquor on Stand Number 4290, Westview Industrial Area, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Musariri I, for a liquor development permit to operate a Special Restaurant with liquor on Stand Number 4290, Westview Industrial area, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

D. APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR DEVELOPED PERMIT TO OPERATE A BAR AND NIGHT CLUB STAND 7928: G. GARANDE.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Garikayi Garande, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bar and Night Club on Stand Number 7928 Welby Avenue, Downtown Masvingo. It was reported that the bar and night club will be operated by Clubcor Africa (Pvt) Limited Trading as Liquor Club. The application was granted.

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THAT the application by Garikayi Garande, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bar and Night Club on Stand Number 7928 Welby Avenue, Downtown Masvingo be granted.

E. APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (RESTAURANT WITH LIQUOR) ON STAND 470 HERBET CHITEPO STREET, MASVINGO: ELIZABETH TANDARE

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Elizabeth Tandare, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Restaurant with Liquor on Stand Number 470 Herbert Chitepo Street, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Elizabeth Tandare, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Restaurant with Liquor on Stand Number 470 Herbert Chitepo Street, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

F. NOTIFICATION OF RETIREMENT IN DECEMBER 2023: MAREGERE H.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the letter received from the School Head for Francis Aphiri Primary School, Mr. H. Maregere to the effect that he will be retiring from Council service with effect from 31 December 2023. The report was noted.

G. DECEASED ESTATE STAND NUMBER 8029, MUCHEKE MASVINGO: SHEPHERD MAFUKIDZE

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the deceased estate stand number 8029 Mucheke, Masvingo. It was reported that the High Court of Zimbabwe Judgement Case NO. CAPP 92/23 held at Masvingo dated 03 July 2023 directed the City of Masvingo to effect cancellation of cession made in favour of late Shepherd Mafukidze over Stand 8029 (Also known as House Number 988, Edward Mundondo Street, Mucheke Suburb, Masvingo).

It was reported that on 3rd July 2023, the High Court of Zimbabwe in the matter between Lydia Munemo Mafukidze, 1st Applicant, and Emmah Fungai Munaki, the 1st Respondent (In her capacity as the executive dative for the Estate Late Shepherd Mafukidze) and the Director of Housing and Social Services as the 2nd Respondent, passed a judgement to the effect that the City of Masvingo was directed to effect cancellation of cession made in favour of late Shepherd Mafukidze over stand 8029 (also known as house number 988 Edward Mundondo Street, Masvingo) within ten (10) day from date of the order.

Background

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It was explained that Stand Number 8029 was allocated to Solomon Mafukidze as a tenant on 11 December 1969 who was married to Emmah Mafukidze ID Number 22-002341-M-77.

(ii) Solomon Mafukidze passed on, on 5th of June 1982.

(iii) Council sold the Stand 8029 (House Number 988) to Emmah Mafukidze (spouse) on 23 August 1990.

(iv) On 29th June 1993 Council effected a Cession over Stand 8029 (House Number 988) from late Solomon Mafukidze to Shepherd Mafukidze (his son). This was despite the fact that the said property was sold to Emmah Mafukidze. This made the cession questionable since Solomon Mafukidze was just a tenant and that Emmah Mafukidze was still alive until 2007.

In May 2021 Lydia Munemo Mafukidze, the surviving daughter of the late Solomon and Emmah Mafukidze, made a High Court application for an order for Placement of a usufruct in her favour over stand 8029 (House Number 988), which order was granted on 24 June 2021.

Way forward

It was reported that since there was a High Court Order directing the Director of Housing and Social Services to cancel cession made by Masvingo City Council in favor of the Late Shepherd Mafukidze over stand 8029 (also known as House number 988) Mucheke Masvingo, (a) Council would cancel the Cession over Stand 8029 (also known as House Number 988) from Late Solomon Mafukidze to now deceased Shepherd Mafukidze. Council would affect a new cession over stand 8029 (also known as House Number 988) from late Emmah Mafukidze (whom we had an agreement of sale) to Lydia Munemo Mafukidze the surviving daughter of Late Solomon and Emmah Mafukidze who also has usufruct rights over the said stand as per the High Court order in Case Number HC122/21. The report was noted.

H. HOUSING ISSUES

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

I. WELFARE SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the Welfare Section for the month of September 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. The report was noted.

J. PARKS SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Parks Section for the month of September 2023 covering staff welfare, state of tractors and other equipment,

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islands, gardens and open spaces, trees and plantations, Parks, nursery, cemeteries and revenue collected from grave payments was considered. The report was noted.

K. 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.

434. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE (SEPTEMBER 2023)

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the activities of the Municipal Police for the month of May 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 1030 violations in the commonage and raised a total of USD12820 during the month under review.

i HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES

It was reported that the Section comprised of Acting Chief Security 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. However, the section is still critically short staffed and is also in adequately materially resourced in terms of mobility. The requested two police dogs are yet to be purchased. The two dog handlers are operating without uniform since the request for their uniforms have not been responded to. The Section has 22 untrained Guards which is a serious security risk.

ii. TRANSPORT.

It was reported that the section had no adequate vehicle for operational duties that is for vending, commonage patrol and traffic.

iii. GRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME.

The section has an intern for one year from Midlands State University studying a Degree in Peace and Security Studies.

iv. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

i. Guarding of premises

It was reported that the Section was responsible for providing security to the following Council premises;

- Chesvingo Administration Office
- Runyararo West Clinic
- Target Kopje
- Building Brigade

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- Workshop
- Municipal Stores
- Civic Centre
- Bushmead
- Rodhene Water Tanks
- Mayor's Residence, Town clerk's residence
- Mazorodze Clinic
- Rujeko Isolation Centre
- Masvingo Mucheke Stadium.
- Runyararo Borehole
- Runyararo Clinic
- Sewage Works
- Landfill
- Runyararo west borehole

v. Joint operations:

It was reported that the section was conducting continuous Joint operations with other stakeholders such as Z.R.P, V.I.D, Housing, Health, Debt Collection Unit and E.M.A. in decongesting the city, shop licensing blitz, traffic enforcement, push carts, illegal garages in town and vending activities. Municipal Police and the Debt Collection Unit arrested eighty-two (82) illegal operators of shops and illegally drawing water.

vi. RANKING 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.

vii. CROCO MOTORS

It was reported that Council was no longer collecting revenue from the buses and Kombis at Croco Motors. An operation was underway whereby buses were being encouraged to go to the Mucheke Bus Terminus. Much of the Section's effort and resources are being committed to this operation which was too involving

It was reported that there was no guardrooms and or residential accommodation for guards at Bushmead Water Works, Sewage Works, Runyararo Borehole as well as Target Kopje Water Tanks.

B. Adoption of Report**RESOLVED**

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2023

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CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK