

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 5:15 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Maxwell Madhuna (Chairman)
Her worship the Mayor Councillor S.Y Chiwara
Councillor R. Musekiwa- Vice Chairman
Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Councillor A. Time

IN ATTENDANCE: Magwati L.: Ministry of Local Government and Public Works.

OFFICIALS: Town Clerk
Chamber Secretary
Chief Environmental Health Officer
Finance Director
Acting Director of Housing and Social Services
Chief Internal Auditor
Acting Chief Security Officer
Public Relations Officer
Assistant Committee Officer

374. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

Councillor A. Time moved a motion to nominate Councillor Maxwell Madhuna for the position of Chairman. The motion was seconded by Councillor D. Mberikunashe. There being no other nominations, Councillor Maxwell Madhuna was duly appointed Chairman of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT Councillor Maxwell Madhuna be appointed Chairperson of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee.

375. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe moved a motion to nominate Council R. Musekiwa to the position of Vice Chairman of the Committee. The motion was seconded by Councillor M. Madhuna. There being no other nominations, Councillor R. Musekiwa was dully appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT Councillor Richard Musekiwa be appointed Vice Chairperson of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee.

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[Her Worship the Mayor handed over the chairmanship of the proceedings to the Chairman elect, Councillor M. Madhuna].

376. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

Consideration was given to the introductory report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer to the Chairman and members of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee. The purpose of the report was to familiarise the members terms of reference of the Committee, the scope and nature of the monthly reports to the Committee, the statutory functions of the Committee and the some of the legislation guiding the operations of the Committee.

A. FUNCTIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

The Department is responsible for

- Provision of High quality Primary Health Care Services.
- Provision of quality Nursing Services and many other.
- Prevention of communicable and non-communicable diseases
- Improved integrated solid waste management systems
- Promotion of availing safe water, sanitation, safe food and good nutrition
- Community and stakeholder engagement on public health issues
- Monitoring activities of formal and non-formal traders
- Enforcement of compliance to public health legislation
- Provision of essential drugs
- Reproductive, Maternal, neonatal, and family health care services
- Immunization of populations at risk
- Ambulance services
- Community health care
- Mental health services

i. POLICIES

It was highlighted that the Department is guided by the following statutes and policies in all its operations:

- National Development strategy 1
- Public Health Act Chapter 15:17,
- Food and Food Standards Act Chapter15:04,
- Public health (abattoir and birds slaughter and meat hygiene regulation
- Factories and Works Regulations,
- Midwives Regulations S.I 114: 20
- The Patients charter
- Dangerous Drug Act Chapter 15:02
- General Nurses regulations S.I 245
- Pneumoconiasis Act,
- Health professions Act chapter 27:19
- Mental health Act Chapter15:12

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- Environmental Management (effluent and solid waste disposal regulations 2007) (SI 6 of 2007)
- Environmental Management Act Chapter 20:37,
- Shop licenses Act14:1

ii. **BY LAWS**

The Department also apply the following by laws in its activities in the City's area of jurisdiction:

- City of Masvingo Licensed Premises By Laws 2023
- City of Masvingo prohibition of use of commercial back rooms for human habitation2023
- City of Masvingo regulations of funeral parlors and mortuaries 2023
- City of Masvingo boarding houses 2023
- City of Masvingo sale of meat products 2023
- City of Masvingo inspection by law 2023
- City of Masvingo management of infectious diseases 2023
- City of Masvingo air pollution 2023
- City of Masvingo Food hygiene by law 2022
- City of Masvingo Hairdressers and barbers shop by law 2022
- City of Masvingo Anti Littering By law2022
- City of Masvingo Public Health By law 2022
- City of Masvingo Solid Waste Management By law 2022

iii. **OPERATIONS**

It was highlighted that the department has 4 clinics, 1 maternity home namely

- Rujeko clinic (infectious disease isolation center)
- Runyararo clinic
- Mucheke clinic
- Runyararo west clinic
- Mazorodze maternity home

Environmental health

- Solid waste management
- The department is responsible for the collection, transportation and disposal of refuse, 3 refuse compactors are currently in use for the collection of refuse.

Public conveniences

- 3CBD
- 2 Garikayi market
- 1 rank
- 1 Rujeko A
- 1pangolin
- 1 Majange

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- 1 Yeukai

Premises inspections

- Premises are inspected under the following reasons
- Routinely for standards improvement
- New application and renewal for licensing
- Public outcry

Disease prevention

- line listing of patients, disease investigations, quadrant
- ining and isolation, prophylaxis, contact tracing

Health clubs

- All 10 wards have community health clubs that have the mandate to clean their surrounding environs
- Communicate on refuse collection schedule in their wards
- Health Education is used as a strategy that can help in the behavior transformation for improved health

iv. GENDER

- Gender issues are crosscut in the services we provide however there are more specific programmes that are operational in the department these include
- Adolescents and sexual reproductive health
- Economic empowerment targeting the youth and woman using reclaimed materials from disposed waste
- Key population programme
- This is a programme that works with key clients who were identified to be the groups that can assist in the reduction of the spread of HIV and STIs e.g Sex workers
- Male involvement programmes.

v. CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Runyararo west clinic expansion of Maternity services
- Refuse compactors (1 has been tendered for)
- Sanitary landfill Equipment
- Construction of the 1st phase of the infectious disease Hospital

vi. ACHIEVEMENTS

- introduced licensing, refuse bins, sadza blitz which have assisted in the increase of licensed premises from 58% to 79%
- water sampling increased for internal and external sampling; Council water standards were always with WHO standards. Boreholes mainly in Rhodene were found

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unsatisfactory and these were recommended for decommissioning those in some locations were treated and retested and found satisfactory

- uninspected meat is no longer visible due to some meat blitz that were done
- generally the general standards in shops in the locations are poor however a positive result was noted in the CBD with a good number of shops that were successfully renovated
- CBD refuse tasks are now being completed in 1 day instead of 2 to 3 days
- TB programme has been successfully reactivated
- commissioning of the sanitary landfill was done
- Conducted the Waste characterization survey

vii. CHALLENGES

- lack of adequate equipment eg autoclaves
- lack of essential medicines
- unavailability of adequate motor vehicles
- unavailability of landfill equipment
- Lack of consumable for water quality consumables

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be adopted.

377. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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A MISSION STATEMENT

To provide affordable shelter and social services in an environmentally friendly Manner. The Department is comprised of the following Sections:

- i. Housing Administration.
- ii. Social Services & Welfare
- iii. Parks & Amenities
- iv. Liquor
- v. Education

B TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee of Council is constituted in terms of Section 96 of the Urban Councils Act (Chapter 29:15), Section 96 (4) provides as follows:

“Every council shall appoint an environmental management committee

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which shall be responsible for environmental matters relating to the council”

The Department, in terms of Section 301 is mandated to establish a Housing Account. Regrettably the Account was still outstanding. Arrangements would be made with the Finance Director in the ensuing year to open one.

C. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

- Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment (No. 20) Act, 2013
- Urban Councils Act [Chapter 29:15]
- Education Act [Chapter 25:04]
- National Libraries and Documentation Services Act [Chapter 15:17]
- Children Act [Chapter 5:06]
- Disabled Persons Act [Chapter 17:01]
- Old Persons Act [Chapter 17:11]
- Social Workers Act [Chapter 27:21]
- Public Health Act [Chapter 15:17], 2018
- Liquor Act [Chapter 14:12]
- Regional, Town and Country Planning Act [Chapter 29:12]
- Cemeteries Act [Chapter 5:04]

D. BY-LAWS AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

- Urban Councils (Model) (Occupation of Council Property) By-Laws, 1985
- Masvingo Council (Vendors) By-Laws, 2015 Education (School Development Committees) (Non-Government Schools), Regulations, 1992 Education (Early Childhood Development Centres), Regulations, 2005.

E. POLICY MANUALS

- Manual for Management of Urban Land: Local Government
- City of Masvingo Housing Policy
- City of Masvingo Education Policy (draft)
- City of Masvingo Systems and Procedure Manual for Housing
- City of Masvingo Urban Agriculture Policy
- City of Masvingo Social Services and Recreation Policy

F. GOVERNMENT CIRCULARS

Allocation of State and Municipal Residential Stands (Circular No.120 Of 1993).
Councillors Allowances and Perks (Circular 12 of 2020).

G. STRUCTURE AND CONTENT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Director of Housing and Social Services captures the following:

1. Housing Issues
2. Social Services and Welfare Issues

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3. Parks and Amenities
4. General Applications

H. FUNCTIONS OF SECTIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

Housing

- i. Waiting list maintenance
- ii. Allocation of residential stands
- iii. Provision of social housing
- iv. Maintenance of housing stock
- v. Allocation of suburban commercial stands
- vi. Promotion of social economic development through provision of council rented workshops and kiosks, vending stalls and neighbourhood markets.
- vii. Provision education for learners for both primary and secondary
- viii. Establishment of education infrastructure
- ix. Resourcing council schools through purchasing of books

Social Services and Welfare

- i. To promote welfare assistance to the community
- ii. Enhancing livelihoods projects and programs to the urbanites
- iii. to provide high quality sporting, recreation and leisure facilities
- iv. promoting non-formal education programs targeting adults
- v. provision and administration centres, stadia facilities, swimming bath, pre-schools and children's play centres

Parks and Amenities

- Establishment and maintenance of parks and gardens
- Provision of nursery plants to urbanites
- Creating the aesthetic beauty of the city and its environment
- Cemeteries- provision of graves for burials
- Greening of the urban environment through planting of trees
- To generate funds to support the city's social activities
- Provision of leisure to the community

I. CURRENT PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION

Tanaiwa Hostels Upgrading where in partnership with Dialogue on Shelter Trust we are upgrading the toilets and sanitation to ensure every household has its own toilet and portable water. Prior to the intervention program 56 households were sharing two (2) toilets. Water points were also on those two toilets.

Social Economic Development

As part of our Social Economic Empowerment mandate, working in partnership with International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Ministry of Women Affairs, Small and Medium Enterprise Development we are constructing a Safe Market at Sisk Shopping

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Centre. The Safe Market when complete will have a Police Post, Creche with playground for children, Market/vending sheds, GBV victims counselling room.

Social Services Provision

Cambria Cemetery establishment where land clearance is in progress

J. FUTURE PLANS

1. Resuscitation of parks to promote green spaces and our target is Exor Park
2. Phased upgrading of Mucheke Stadium
3. Modernisation of the libraries through internet connectivity

K. CHALLENGES AND OUTSTANDING ISSUES

The challenges of the Committee were stated as follows:

Failure to maintain the current housing stock

Rujeko Secondary is still under construction and needs a lot of financial commitments for it to be a standard secondary school.

There is need to establish another primary school in Rujeko and Runyararo west due to the ballooning enrolment figures. Our schools are mega-schools which have very high enrolment numbers.

Water supply for Kernen Park is inadequate

Lack of funding for the servicing of stands for the following projects:

1. Rujeko D
2. Morningside Medium density
3. Mangwandi (Rhodene Extension)

L. PROFERRED SOLUTIONS

As a way forward the following possible solutions were proposed to the above outlined challenges:

- i. Adopt the PPPs where council partner the other players for funding like with Dialogue on Shelter Trust and Zimbabwe Homeless People's Federation in the upgrading of Mucheke Mambo Hostels and now Tanaiwa hostels.
- ii. Disposal of some old council rented houses to sitting tenants under Homeownership scheme.
- iii. Construction of low-cost flats under partnership scheme for instance we have partnered Ministry of National Housing and Social Amenities.
- iv. We have budgeted for the drilling of a borehole to supply water at Kernen Park.
- v. Since our schools are mega-schools, we need to construct more schools especially in Runyararo and Rujeko suburbs.
- vi. We struck a deal with SDCs so that they provide funding for the construction of classroom blocks while council provide labour and technical services
- vii. For an infant school like Rujeko Secondary school, we commit to construct at least two (2) classroom blocks per year.
- viii. Provide land to other players for the construction of schools to ease pressure on

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school enrolment, for example we have allocated to ZAOGA and Junior High School.

- ix. Since land is a finite resource, we are encouraging maximum use of land through vertical utilization of space by constructing multi-storey classroom blocks at schools.
- x. Land can also be availed to private players to establish private cemeteries within our jurisdiction in the model of Glen Forest in Harare.

O. ORGANOGRAM

The Departmental organogram was considered for familiarisation.

P. ADOPTION OF REPORT

RESOLVED

THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be adopted.

378. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

A. MUNICIPAL POLICE SECTION

i. Human Resources

It was reported that the Section comprises of Chief Security Officer, Operations Officer, 5 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 53 constables, 13 trained guards and 21 Contract guards.

ii. Municipal Police Organogram

The organogram for the Municipal Police section was noted.

B. PROVISION OF SECURITY OF COUNCIL ESTABLISHMENTS.

It was reported that the section provides security to the following Council premises;

- Chesvingo Administration Office
- Runyararo West Clinic
- Target Kopje water reservoir
- Building Brigade
- Workshop
- Municipal Stores
- Civic Centre
- Bushmead Water works
- Mayor's Residence
- Town clerk's residence
- Mazorodze Clinic
- Rujeko Isolation Centre

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

C. OFFENCES AND REVENUE GENERATION

Joint operations:

It was reported that the section carries out Joint operations with other stakeholders such as Z.R.P, Department of Housing, Health and Debt Collection Unit, in the enforcement of Council By-Laws.

D. CASH IN TRANSIT SERVICES

It was reported that the section provides cash in transit services for Council outlets i.e. Croco Motors terminus, WID terminus, Garikai Market, Civic Centre, Chiwororo Beerhall, Chidavaenzi Bottle store, Rujeko Beer, Runyararo West Clinic, Runyararo Clinic, Mucheke Clinic, Rujeko Clinic and City of Masvingo Nursery.

E. DOGS

It was reported that Council has 2 Municipal Police dogs which are still under training.

F. BUS TERMINUS FEES

It was reported that Bus terminus fees are collected from Croco Motors and Wid.

G. 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

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK