

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2024 AT 4:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Madhuna (Chairman)
Councillor R. Musekiwa
Councillor A. Time
Councillor S. Manyanya

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor B. Hwata

APOLOGY: Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe

OFFICIALS: Acting Chamber Secretary
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Senior Health Officer
Acting Chief Security Officer
Assistant Committee Officer

001. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

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

*Proposed by Councillor R. Musekiwa
Seconded by Councillor A. Time*

002. MATTERS ARISING

(i). Activities of Ward Health Clubs

It was reported that there was need for Council to review the activities of Ward Health Clubs and also to determine if there would be need for additional Health Clubs in view of the changed ward boundaries arising from the 2023 harmonised elections. The Chief Health Officer was tasked to prepare a report and submit to the Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED VTO RECOMMEND

THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to prepare a report on the Activities and adequacy of Ward Health Clubs and submit to the Committee for consideration, in light of the new Ward Boundaries arising from the 2023 harmonised elections.

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Minutes: Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee: 10.01.24**003. 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 December 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 Cholera cases, it was highlighted that the Schools Health Programme would commence from the second week of opening of schools starting 14 January 2024, to educate the learners on how to prevent the spread of cholera. The Committee raised concern that there were no adequate ablution facilities at Garikai Market cognisant of the large number of people operating at the market. The Chief Environmental Health Officer was instructed to explore the modalities of providing additional ablution facilities at Garikai market to mitigate the spread of cholera.

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of December 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 Prevention of mother to Child transmission (PMTCT) services was noted.

On the increase in Mental Health challenges, it was agreed that the Chief Environmental Health Officer should explore the possibility of supplying Mental Health drugs to Council clinics to mitigate against the effects of substance abuse and other mental health challenges.

On the increase in cases of Sexually Transmitted Infections being recorded at health institutions in the City, the Chief Environmental Health Officer acknowledged the report and highlighted that she was attending to the matter in liaison with the Ministry of Health and Child Care, and a report would be submitted to the Committee on same.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to explore the possibility of procuring Mental Health drugs for Council clinics to mitigate against the effects of substance abuse and other mental health challenges.

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

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

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On operational trucks, the Committee raised concern that Refuse Trucks were having frequent breakdowns and service delivery was being affected. The Chief Environmental Health Officer reported that the issue of truck breakdown was being attended to.

D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of December 2023 on the National Aids Council activities was considered. The report 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 resolutions passed in relation thereto.

004. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.**A. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING HEAD: FRANCIS APHIRI PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the appointment of Mrs Sithole J.A. EC No. 0863302W as Acting Head of Francis Aphiri Primary School with effect from 01 January 2024. The Acting Deputy Head will be Mr Shumba D EC No. 0922298X. This was necessitated by the retirement of the former School Head, Mr Maregere on 31 December 2023. The report was noted.

B. APPLICATION FOR LAND TO BUY A RESIDENTIAL STAND IN RHODENE: CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MASVINGO

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services On the application by Catholic Diocese of Masvingo, for 1 or 2 acres of land to build a new Bishop's residence. It was highlighted that the current Bishop's house would serve as the administration offices. It was highlighted that their preferred area would be Rhodene or Zimre Park. The application was accepted subject to availability of suitable stands in Rhodene or ZIMRE Park. It was highlighted that the applicant would be allocated the stand within the existing stands in the area, and not creating a special stand to suit their requirements.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Catholic Diocese of Masvingo, for a residential stand in Rhodene or ZIMRE Park for the construction of the Bishop's House be granted subject to availability of suitable stands in the preferred areas.

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Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Community Services for the month of December 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 December 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.

E. PARKS SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Parks Section for the month of December 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 considered. The report was noted.

F. 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.

005. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE (DECEMBER 2023)**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the activities of the Municipal Police for the month of December 2023 covering guarding duties, joint operations, boom gate collections, Cash In Transit and Garikai Market.

(i). SECURITY OF COUNCIL ESTABLISHMENTS.

It was reported that the section provided security to the following Council premises during the month of December 2023:

- Chesvingo Administration Office
- Runyararo West Clinic
- Target Kopje water reservoir
- Mayor's residence
- Building Brigade
- Workshop
- Municipal Stores

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- Civic Centre
- Bushmead water purification works
- Town Clerk's residence
- Mazorodze Clinic
- Rujeko Isolation Centre
- Mucheke Stadium.
- Runyararo Borehole
- Runyararo Clinic
- Sewage Works
- Landfill
- Runyararo west borehole
- Eastvale Mobile Clinic
- City of Masvingo Nursery

ii. JOINT OPERATIONS.

It was reported that the section conducted joint operations with other stakeholders such as the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP), Housing, Health and Debt Collection Unit, in conducting various operations to enforce City of Masvingo by laws including Shop licensing blitz, traffic enforcement, and illegal vending activities and removal of illegal structures in and around the CBD. The table below summarized By-law offences committed, number of arrests made as well as revenue realized during the period under review.

OFFENCES /ACTIVITY	ARRESTS	AMOUNT US\$	AMOUNT RTGS
Traffic			
Failure to purchase parking disc	39	780	
Continuous parking after expiry of disc	335	3350	
Storage fee	10	120	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	40	1600	
Impound fee (other traffic offences)	36	560	
Wrong parking (other traffic offences)	41	1230	
8-ton vehicle in residential area	2	200	
Failure to perforate	5	100	
TOTAL	508	7940	
LICENCING			
Shop licence	81	1620	
Push carts	24	240	
Selling gas without permit	38	760	
Car wash	18	540	
TOTAL	161	3160	
VENDING			
Perishables	28	440	
Groceries	10	290	
Potatoes	30	1150	
Non-perishables (bales)	59	920	

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Blocking Pavements			
NB. Several perishable items such as cabbages, bananas, vegetables, tomatoes, onions and avocados were recovered from vendors and destroyed at the instance of Health Officers' recommendations whereas non-perishable goods were kept as exhibits and awaiting disposal through public auction.			
TOTAL	127	2800	
BOOMGATE COLLECTIONS			
Croco Motors	477	4770	
WID	374	3740	
L.Takawira	224	2240	
TOTAL	1075	10 750	
GRAND TOTAL	1871	24650	

On towing away fees, the Committee raised concern that Council was losing revenue by outsourcing towing services. The Committee also raised the issue that Thunder Run was benefitting more from towing services by charging exorbitant fees while Council was charging minimal fees on offenders. It was suggested and agreed that the Town Clerk should explore the possibility of reviewing the service agreement between Thunder Run and the City of Masvingo, in respect of provision of tow away services.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Town Clerk be tasked to explore reviewing the service agreement between Thunder Run and the City of Masvingo in respect of provision of vehicle towing away services. **TC**

(iii). CASH IN TRANSIT (CIT).

It was reported that the section collected and banked cash from Croco motors bus terminus, WID bus terminus, Garikai Civic Centre, Chiororo Beerhall, Chidavaenzi Bottle Store, Rujeko Beer, Runyararo West Clinic, Runyararo Clinic, Muccheke Clinic, Rujeko Clinic and City of Masvingo Nursery. The report was noted.

(iv). GARIKAI MARKET

It was reported that the section provided security to Housing Revenue Collector at Garikai Market and escorted her for banking.

B. Adoption of Report**RESOLVED**

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

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The meeting ended at 7:06 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2024

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK