

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2024 AT 4:37 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Madhuna (Chairman)
Councillor R. Musekiwa
Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Councillor A. Time
Councillor T. Masimba

APOLOGY: Councillor S.T. Marombedze

OFFICIALS: Town Clerk
Director of Housing and Social Services
Finance Director
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Senior Health Officer
Assistant Committee Officer

127. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 9 April 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Time

Seconded by Councillor T. Masimba

128. MATTER ARISING

(i). Restructuring of Ward Health Clubs.

The Committee requested the Town Clerk to give update on the proposed restructuring of the Ward Health Clubs which had been necessitated by the new Ward boundaries brought about by the national delimitation exercise for the 2023 General Elections. The Town Clerk advised that Council needed to exercise due diligence in dealing with the matter hence it was taking a bit of some time to be fully implemented. He emphasised that Council would need to engage the existing Ward Health Clubs first before the restructuring exercise since they were properly constituted. The idea was accepted by the Committee.

129. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

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Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the Environmental Health Section activities for the month of April 2024, 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 Rujeko C and Runyararo Clinic boreholes that tested positive for bacteriological tests, it was reported that second samples had been obtained and submitted for retesting. Thereafter the boreholes would either be flushed or treated with HTH.

The Committee highlighted the need for equipping of the new Boreholes drilled in the commonage.

On premises inspections, the Committee noted the state of dilapidation for some trading buildings in the City, and the need to enforce appropriate by laws was emphasised.

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of April 2024 covering Masvingo Urban Demographic data, Mother to Child health services, drug availability, outpatients, chronic infections, Covid19 vaccination, transport services, patients' attendance at Council Clinics and Prevention of mother to Child transmission (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 April 2024 covering number of refuse trucks on the road, refuse removal statistics, garden waste, pest control, Health Clubs activities, waste recycling and collection.

The Committee emphasised that waste separation exercise should be introduced to the residents starting with the education component. The matter was referred to Management for consideration.

It was suggested and agreed that Council should construct garbage holding points where residents would deposit their waste pending collection by the Municipal refuse collection crew. The idea was referred to Management for consideration. On refuse bins the Committee noted that there were no adequate refuse bins in the Central Business District. The Chief Environmental Health Officer was instructed to facilitate the procurement of additional refuse bins for garbage collection in the Central Business District.

Regarding the non availability of a Vegetable Market and a Public Toilet at Chesvingo Business Centre (ZBS), it was agreed that the capital projects be provided for in the 2025 Council budget.

On the same note it was reported that most of the public toilets in the commonage were not functional due to vandalism. The need for the repairs of the toilets was highlighted.

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The Chief Environmental Health Officer was instructed to prepare a report on the status of all public toilets in the City and submit to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to refer the introduction of waste separation exercise in the Commonage to Management for consideration. **CEHO**
2. THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to refer to Management, the construction of garbage holding points in the commonage for consideration. **CEHO**
3. THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to facilitate procurement of additional refuse bins for the Central Business District. **CEHO**
4. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to include the ZBS Business Centre public toilet and Vegetable market into the 2025 Council budget. **DHSS/CEHO**

D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of April 2024 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.

130. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.**A. STANDS ALLOCATED IN THE 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER 2024.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services regarding stands allocated to beneficiaries during the first and second quarter of 2024. The details of each stand are stated in the table below.

Stand Number	Stand size M²	Type of Stand
25793	1798	Residential
27585	350	Residential

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10513	200	Residential
10514	201	Residential
10515	202	Residential
10516	248	Residential
27586	1749	Residential
27595	1751	Residential
27596	1701	Residential
27597	1766	Residential
27598	2599	Residential
27599	1750	Residential
27584	1080	Residential
27582	288	Residential
27583	1165	Residential
9541	1936	Residential
9553	1837	Residential
27588	159	Commercial

The stand allocation was ratified by the Committee.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT 17 residential stands allocated in the first and second quarters of 2024; being stand numbers 25793, 27585, 10513-10516, 27586, 27595-27599, 27584, 27582, 27583, 9541, 9553, and one commercial stand number 27588 be ratified.

B. MUCHEKE STADIUM INSPECTION REPORT: GLADVERN INVESTMENTS AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the inspection report for Mucheke Stadium conducted in April 2024. It was reported that the inspection was meant to determine the improvements required so that it would meet the requirements of Zimbabwe Football Association (ZIFA) to host Premier League matches. The investigation report indicated that Mucheke Stadium required major refurbishment to meet the above standards.

It was reported that Bikita Minerals had shown some interest in partnering with Council in the upgrading of the Stadium. It was proposed and agreed that Council should arrange a visit to Bikita Minerals as a way of strengthening relations.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Chamber Secretary be instructed to organise a visit to Bikita Minerals by Council as a way of strengthening relations. CS

C. APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO OPERATE A BOTTLE STORE ON STAND NUMBER 28119, MUSHANDIKE STREET,

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Consideration was to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Charity Panganayi and Yawanda Nyamarebvu, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 28119 Mushandike Street, Hillside Extension, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Charity Panganayi and Yawanda Nyamarebvu, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 28119 Mushandike Street, Hillside Extension, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

D. APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO OPERATE A BOTTLE STORE ON STAND NUMBER 23, ROBERT MUGABE WAY, MASVINGO: KENNETH JONGA.

Consideration was to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Kenneth Jonga, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 23 Robert Mugabe Way, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED

THAT the application by Kenneth Jonga for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 23, Robert Mugabe way, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

E TEACHER-PUPIL RATIO FOR COUNCIL SCHOOLS

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on Pupil Teacher ratio for Council schools. The current ratios at Council schools was stated in the table below.

Name f school	Student Enrolment	Teachers in Post	Teacher To Pupil ratio
Francis Aphiri Primary	2622	76	1.35
Rujeko Primary	1686	52	1.32
Shakashe	2417	65	1.37
Vurombo Primary	1792	33	1.54
Runyararo Primary	1796	51	1.35
Dikwindi Primary	1500	43	1.35

It was reported that the recommended Teacher Pupil ratio was 1:40. The Committee noted that Council Schools were within the recommended target except Vurombo Primary School. The Committee queried the feasibility of creating a Primary School stand near Ndarama High School along Charumbira Street.

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It was reported that the proposed site may not meet the minimum land requirements stipulated by the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education. The Acting Director of Engineering Services was instructed to assess the feasibility of the piece of land near Ndarama High School for a Primary school site and refer to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.

On Chesvingo Pre- School, it was highlighted that enrolment was in progress by Masvingo Teachers College who would run the school on lease basis. The beneficiaries' for the Safe Market have been trained and drilling of the solar powered borehole would be done soon to supply water at the Safe Market.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to assess the feasibility of creating a Primary School Stand at a site near Ndarama High School and refer to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration. **ADES**

F. HOUSING ISSUES

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Community Services for the month of April 2024, covering housing waiting lists, and housing routine business for Mucheke, Chesvingo and Rujeko Administration Offices.

G. WELFARE SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the Welfare Section for the month of April 2024 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.

H. PARKS SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Parks Section for the month of April 2024 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.

I. 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.

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Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the activities of the Municipal Police for the month of April 2024 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 was providing security services to the following Council premises;

Chesvingo Administration Office
 Runyararo North West Clinic
 Target Kopje water reservoir
 Mayor's residence
 Building Brigade
 Workshop
 Municipal Stores
 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
 Kernen Park
 Sisk Safe Market

B. JOINT OPERATIONS**Joint operations**

It was reported that the section conducted Joint operations with other stakeholders such as Zimbabwe Republic Police, Housing, Health and Debt Collection Unit, in conducting Shop licensing blitz, traffic enforcement, push carts, blocking pavement, illegal on street service garages in town, and illegal vending activities in and around town.

The table below summarizes By-law offences committed, number of arrests made as well as revenue realized during the period under review.

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OFFENCES /ACTIVITY	ARRESTS	AMOUNT US\$	AMOUNT RTGS
Traffic			
Failure to purchase parking disc	12	240	
Continuous parking after expiry of disc	163	1630	
Storage fee	3	450	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	20	800	
Impound fee (other traffic offences)	39	780	
Wrong parking (other traffic offences)	62	1860	
Improper parking	19	570	
Wash and repair	8	320	
Failure to display parking disc	1	20	
Failure to perforate parking disc	3	60	
TOTAL	330	6730	
LICENCING			
Shop licence	126	2520	
Push carts	28	280	
Scales	22	440	
Obstruction and Nuisance	5	120	
Illegal Tyre Pressure inflation	2	40	
Other Offences	4	80	
TOTAL	187	3480	
VENDING			
Perishables	12	280	
Potatoes	2	80	
Non-perishables (bales)	58	910	
Groceries	10	200	
Vendors' fee	1	5	
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	83	1475	
BOOMGATE COLLECTIONS			
Croco Motors	468	4680	
WID	408	4080	
L.Takawira	181	1790	
TOTAL	1057	10550	
COMMONAGE			
Illegal extraction of top soil	1	70	
Total	1	70	
Grand Total	1658	22305	

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Disciplinary cases	1	NIL	
Criminal cases	NIL	NIL	NIL
Other offences	NIL	NIL	NIL

The Committee raised Concern on the increase in illegal structures in the commonage. The need to invoke statutes that prohibit illegal structures in the city was highlighted.

C. CASHIN TRANSIT (CIT).

It was reported that the section collected and banked cash from Bradburn Street Pick and Drop off point,

Welby Avenue pick up and drop off point, Garikai Market, Civic Centre, Chiororo Beerhall, Chidavaenzi Bottle store, Rujeko Beer, Runyararo West Clinic, Runyararo Clinic, Mucheke Clinic, Rujeko Clinic and City of Masvingo Nursery.

D. GARIKAI MARKET

It was reported that the section provided security to facilitate revenue collection at Garikai Market and banking.

E. Adoption of Report**RESOLVED**

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

The meeting ended at 6:29 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2024

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK