

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY, 4 MARCH 2024 AT 4:39 P.M.

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

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

058. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 5 February 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

Proposed by Councillor S. Manyanga

Seconded by Councillor A. Time

059. 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 February 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 Chiwororo Tavern food vendors, it was noted that a report would be submitted to the Committee on the matter.

On rabies statistics in the City, it was reported that a dog with rabies was identified in Rujeko High density suburbs but the owner had not been identified.

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On the dangers of keeping Pit Bull Dogs in commonage, the Committee deliberated at length the dangers associated with keeping the dog. It was suggested that the proposal to ban breeding or keeping of Pitbull dogs should be communicated to the Department of Veterinary Services, with a view for lobbying for legislation banning such activity.

On the composition of Ward Health Clubs, some members were of the view that the Clubs needed to be reconstituted since the Ward boundaries had changed after the delimitation exercise in 2023. Other members were of the view that the delimitation exercise did not change the operations of Ward Health Clubs, hence Council should maintain the status quo. Other members insisted that the activities of Ward Health Clubs were ward based, hence it was prudent to ensure that members were residents of a particular ward.

The Town Clerk sought clarification on whether the Committee was suggesting to dissolve the current Health Clubs. It was explained that the delimitation exercise affected wards 3, 7 and 8. It was therefore prudent that Ward Health Clubs for the affected wards be reconstituted to make it ward based. The idea was agreed.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate to the Department of Veterinary Services dangers of breeding of Pitbull Dogs with a view to lobby for legislation regulating the activity. TC
2. THAT the Town Clerk be instructed to reconstitute Ward Health Clubs for wards 3, 7 and 8 in light of changes of Ward boundaries arising from the 2023 ward delimitation exercise. TC

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of February 2024 covering Masvingo Urban Demographic data, Mother to Child health services, drug availability, out patients, 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 January 2024 covering number of refuse trucks on the road, refuse removal statistics, garden waste, pest control, Health Clubs activities, waste recycling and collection.

D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of February 2024 on the National Aids Council activities was considered. The report was noted.

E. Adoption of Report

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THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

060. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.**A. APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO OPERATE A BAR ON STAND 30165, RUNYARARO SOUTH WEST BUSINESS CENTRE, MASVINGO: SIMBARASHE MANGUNDU.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the application by Simbarashe Mangundu, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bar on Stand Number 30165, Runyararo South West Business Centre, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Simbarashe Mangundu, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Bar on Stand Number 30165, Runyararo South West Business Centre, Masvingo be granted.

B. APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS TO OPERATE A LIQUOR WHOLESALE, BAR AND NIGHT CLUB, ON STAND NUMBERS 1705 AND 1706 CHESVINGO BUSINESS CENTRE: TAKUNDA RASHAI CHAKABUDA.

The Committee noted that the liquor development permits applications required further assessment since there was alleged multiple businesses operating on one premises in high density areas. Therefore three applications for liquor development permits by Rashai Takunda Chakabuda were withdrawn from the agenda for further assessment of the premises by the Environmental Health staff and Housing staff.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT applications for liquor development permits by Rashai Takunda Chakabuda to operate a liquor wholesale, Bar and Night Club on Stand Numbers 1705 and 1706, Chesvingo Business Centre, Masvingo be put in abeyance pending further assessment by the Chief Environmental Health Officer. **CEHO**

C. HOUSING ISSUES

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

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The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Welfare Section for the month of February 2024 covering revenue raised by the section, pre-schools, libraries, community development and welfare programmes, Alpha Cottages, Muccheke Old People's Home, repairs and maintenance and trainings was considered. The report was noted.

The need to ensure maintenance of Muccheke Hall and other similar facilities in the city was highlighted.

On Charles Austin Theatre, the Committee noted that a Management Committee should be put in place to run arts and theatre in the City.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to put in place governance structures at Charles Austin Theatre. **DHSS**

E. PARKS SECTION

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

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.

061. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE (FEBRUARY 2024)**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the activities of the Municipal Police for the month of February 2024 covering guarding duties, joint operations, boom gate collections, Cash In Transit and Garikai Market.

(i). SECURITY OF COUNCIL ESTABLISHMENTS.

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk on the Council premises where the Municipal Police Provided security for the period under review.

B. JOINT OPERATIONS

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It was reported that the section conducted joint operations with other stakeholders such as Zimbabwe Republic Police, Housing, Health and Debt Collection Unit, and conducted various activities which include Shop licensing blitz, traffic enforcement, push carts, blocking pavement, illegal on street service garages in town, and illegal vending activities and removal of illegal structures in and around the Central Business District. A Shebeen in Old Railways was raided, and several goods were confiscated namely, 1 crate black label, 2x750ml black label quarts, 10x 750mls units castle quarts, 3 crates Chibuku Scud, 6x 1.25mls units, Chibuku super, 2 units x 660ml Zambezi quarts, 18 empty 750 mls quarts, 2 empty Scud and 1 plastic dish which were handed over to ZRP Chikato.

The table below summarizes 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	10	200	
Continuous parking after expiry of disc	191	1910	
Storage fee	1	30	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	11	440	
Impound fee (other traffic offences)	18	360	
Wrong parking (other traffic offences)	10	300	
Improper parking	45	1350	
Failure to perforate	4	80	
Parking anywhere	2	60	
Failure to display	1	20	
Stopping anywhere	2	60	
Heavy vehicles clamping fees	1	50	
Park heavy vehicles in any bay marked by white	1	40	
TOTAL	297	4 900	
LICENCING			
Shop licence	119	2380	
Push carts	83	830	
Obstruction and nuisance	1	20	
TOTAL	203	3230	
VENDING			
Perishables	2	50	
Potatoes	8	260	
Non-perishables (bales)	74	1260	
Blocking Pavements	1	30	
NB. Several perishable items such as cabbages, bananas, vegetables, tomatoes, onions and avocados were recovered			

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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	85	1600	
BOOMGATE COLLECTIONS			
Croco Motors	384	3840	
WID	247	2265	
L.Takawira	120	1190	
TOTAL	751	7295	
Grand Total	416	17 025	
Disciplinary cases	1	NIL	
Criminal cases	NIL	NIL	NIL
Other offences	NIL	NIL	NIL

The need to enforce Council By laws prohibiting operation of Push Carts in the Central Business District was highlighted.

C. CASH IN 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.

E. Adoption of Report**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted.

The meeting ended at 6:31 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2024

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK