

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 4:21 P.M.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Miss T. Mahaso: Public Administration Student: GZU

OFFICIALS: Town Clerk
Acting Chamber Secretary
Finance Director
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Senior Health Officer
Seargent W. Munyuki
Assistant Committee Officer

029. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 17 January 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as correct records and signed.

*Proposed by Councillor S. Manyanga
Seconded by Councillor A. Time*

030. MATTERS ARISING

(i). Activities of Ward Health Clubs

It was highlighted that a report would be submitted to the Committee regarding the operations of the Health Clubs in light of the changes in Ward boundaries arising from the delimitation exercise for the 2023 harmonised elections.

(ii). Operation of Push Carts in the Central Business District.

The Committee raised concern that the number of Push Carts operating in the Central Business District had increased so much therefore inconveniencing the motorists. Management noted the concern and assured the Committee that the Municipal Police would attend to the matter.

031. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

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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 January 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 illegal vending of food in the City, the Chief Environmental Health Officer was advised to intensify blitz.

On control measures regarding the keeping of dogs in light of rising dog bites, it was suggested that Meter Readers be tasked to take stock of dogs in the commonage to enable Council to institute control measures on the number of dogs per each household. The Chief Environmental Health Officer was tasked to liaise with the Finance Director on the matter.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to liaise with the Finance Director on the feasibility of engaging Meter Readers to take stock of dogs in the commonage during their meter reading duties with a view of enforcing regulations for dog keeping. **CEHO/FD**

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

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

On the control of cholera pandemic, the Committee raised concern that the City of Masvingo would be more vulnerable to the disease in view of rampant illegal dumping of garbage notably in Victoria Ranch suburbs. The Chief Environmental Health Officer was tasked to write a letter to Masvingo Rural District Council advising on the need to put in place refuse collection and disposal systems in Victoria Ranch to mitigate against cholera outbreak.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to engage Masvingo Rural District Council on the need to put in place refuse collection and disposal strategies in Victoria Ranch. **CEHO**

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

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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 January 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.

032. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.**A. FUNDING FOR TANAIWA HOSTELS WATER AND SANITATION UPGRADING PROJECT.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Community Services additional funding for completion of Tanaiwa Hostels upgrading project. It was reported that Dialogue on Shelter had secured additional funding to the tune of 21 196.00 Euros for completion of Tanaiwa Hostels water and sanitation facilities for blocks 3 and 4, and installation of rainwater harvesting system at Garikai Market Pay Toilet. The Committee appreciated the funding facility secured through Dialogue on Shelter. The report was noted.

B. APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO OPERATE A BAR ON STAND NUMBER 7927 WELBY AVENUE, MASVINGO: TAWANDA M. TANYANYIWA.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the application by Tawanda M. Tanyanyiwa, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bar on Stand Number 7927, Welby Avenue, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Tawanda M. Tanyanyiwa, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bar on Stand Number 7927, Welby Avenue, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

C. APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO OPERATE A BOTTLE STORE, ON STAND NUMBER 26763, ROBERT MUGABE WAY MASVINGO: VONGAI GAVA.

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Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the application by Vongai Gava, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 26763, Robert Mugabe Way, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Vongai Gava, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 26763, Robert Mugabe Way, Masvingo be granted.

DHSS**D. GRADE SEVEN RESULTS FOR YEAR 2023 FOR COUNCIL SCHOOLS.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the 2023 Grade Seven results for Council schools. The analysis report for the 2023 Grade Seven results for all Council schools was highlighted as detailed in the table below:

SCHOOL	TOTAL CANDIDATURE			FEMALE WITH 1-3		MALES WITH 1-3		PERCENTAGE RATING		POSITION
	F	M	TOTAL	NO.	%	NO.	%	TOTAL	%	
SHAKASHE	135	133	268	63	46.7	52	31.9	115	43.7	1
VUROMBO	96	88	184	50	52	28	31.8	78	42.4	2
RUJEKO	114	98	212	38	33.3	33	33.7	71	33.5	3
RUNYARARO	109	112	221	32	29.3	39	34.8	71	32	4
FRANCIS APHIRI	159	128	287	48	30.2	36	28	84	29.3	5
DIKWINDI	112	116	228	29	25.9	27	23.3	56	24.6	6

It was reported that the best performing school for 2023 Grade Seven examinations was Shakashe Primary School, and the first runner-up was Vurombo Primary School. As per Council tradition, Council would reward the best performing school and the first runner up. It was suggested that the best performing school be rewarded with 100 textbooks and 80 textbooks for the first runner up. The schools would be requested to identify their preferred textbooks.

On the status of Rujeko Secondary School, it was reported that the school had been registered with the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

- 1 THAT Council procures 100 textbooks for Shakashe Primary School for being ranked the best Council School in the 2023 Grade seven results.

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2. THAT Council procures 80 textbooks for Vurombo Primary School for being the first Runner Up in the 2023 Grade seven results.

E. APPLICATION FOR FREE USE OF MUCHEKE STADIUM AND CLUB HOUSE FOR TRAINING SESSIONS, AND DURING HOME GAMES: MASVINGO UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services, on the application by Masvingo United Football Club, for free use of Mucheke Stadium and a Club House. It was reported that the Club would need free training sessions in the stadium and accommodation for players. The use of Mucheke Stadium was granted for once per week for training sessions. On the request for a Council house for use as a Club House, it was reported that Council did not have a vacant house in the commonage at the moment. The request would be considered when vacant Council houses become available in the future.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT Masvingo United Football Club be permitted free use of Mucheke Stadium once per week for training sessions during the 2024 Soccer season. **DHSS**
2. THAT the application by Masvingo United Football Club, for a house to accommodate players be turned down at the moment due to shortage of vacant houses, it being noted that the request would be considered when vacant houses become available in future. **DHSS**

F. HOUSING ISSUES

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

On item 5.5 regarding the state of Alpha cottages home, it was reported that the home required some attention especially on the perimeter wall. The need to map the way forward on the structural rehabilitation at Alpha Cottage home was referred to Management for consideration.

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THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to refer the rehabilitation of Alpha Cottages perimeter fence to Management for consideration. **DHSS**

H. PARKS SECTION

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

033. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE (JANUARY 2024)**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the activities of the Municipal Police for the month of January 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 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

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- Sewage Works
- Landfill
- Runyararo west borehole
- Eastvale Mobile Clinic
- City of Masvingo Nursery

B. JOINT OPERATIONS

It was reported the section conducted joint operations with other stakeholders such as Zimbabwe Republic Police, Housing, Health and Debt Collection Unit, in conducting out 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 CBD. A shebeen in Chesvingo was raided and several goods were confiscated.

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	16	320	
Continuous parking after expiry of disc	307	3 070	
Storage fee	3	210	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	34	1360	
Impound fee (other traffic offences)	47	940	
Wrong parking (other traffic offences)	44	1210	
Improper parking	6	180	
Failure to perforate	2	40	
Parking anywhere	4	140	
Wash and repair vehicle in a road	1	40	
Stopping anywhere	12	340	
TOTAL	476	7 850	
LICENCING			
Shop licence	88 +63 NB (63 tickets @ 2 each which amount to \$126	1760 126	
Push carts	32	320	
Selling gas without permit	12	240	
Car wash (compressor)	5	100	
L.Takawira (without licences)	8	160	
TOTAL	208	2706	
VENDING			
Perishables	15	220	
Groceries	13	390	

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Potatoes	11	390	
Non-perishables (bales)	116	2100	
Blocking Pavements	3	90	
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	158	3 190	
BOOMGATE COLLECTIONS			
Croco Motors	605	6050	
WID	470	4695	
L.Takawira	298	2980	
TOTAL	1373	13 725	
Grand Total	2 206	27 471	
Disciplinary cases	3 cases	NIL	NIL
Criminal cases	Assault (1 Guard was assaulted by 2 vendors who were sentenced to 210 hours each of community service)	NIL	NIL
Other offences	Municipal Police, ZRP, S.P.C.A and Health officers impounded 31 dogs from Mapako and the dogs were handed over to Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).	NIL	NIL

(iii). CASH IN TRANSIT-(CIT).

It was reported that the section collected and banked cash from Bradburn Street terminus, Welby Avenue terminus, Garikai Market, Civic Centre, Chiororo Beerhall, Chidavaenzi Bottle Store, Rujeko Beer Hall, Runyararo West Clinic, Runyararo Clinic, Mucheke Clinic, Rujeko Clinic and City of Masvingo Nursery.

On the purchase of the Cash in Transit truck, it was reported that a tender for the supply of the truck had been flighted. The Committee noted that there were illegal operations taking place at Mucheke Bus Terminus. The need to evict the offenders was highlighted.

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(iv). **GARIKAI MARKET**

It was reported that the Municipal Police provided security to Housing Department Revenue Collection staff at Garikai Market and escort for banking. The report was noted.

C. **Adoption of Report**

RESOLVED

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

The meeting ended at 7:06 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2024

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK