

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON TUESDAY, 9 APRIL 2024 AT 05:01 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor R. Musekiwa (Chairman)
Councillor A. Time
Councillor S. Manyanga
Councillor T. Masimba
Councillor S. Marombedze

APOLOGIES: Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Councillor M. Madhuna

OFFICIALS: Director of Housing and Social Services
Finance Director
Chief Environmental Health Officer
Assistant Committee Officer

095. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

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

096. 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 March 2024, covering licensing, premises inspections, health inspection statistics, water and food quality control, meat inspection, meat condemned during abattoir inspections, tuberculosis management, weekly diseases surveillance, Garikai Market, dog bites and SPCA activities.

On licensing, the Committee highlighted the need for adopting an electronic licensing system with security features to reduce fraudulent activities. Members also proposed the issuing of trading licenses bi-annually instead of annually. The Finance Director reported that the system was in place, but challenges were on issuing of trading licenses monthly. The Chief Environmental Health Officer clarified

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that the Shop Licences Act stipulated the issuing of licenses annually except for other small and medium enterprises traders.

The Committee highlighted the need for conducting a license inspection blitz. The Chief Environmental Health Officer was tasked to compile a report on the total number of licensed premises in the City and submit to the next Health Housing and Environmental Services Committee meeting.

Committee members highlighted concern on the number of residents without bins and proposed that Council should consider providing residents with bin liners for each household which would make refuse collection easier. It was clarified that although it was a noble effort, this was also very costly.

It was highlighted that Council should continue issuing penalty fines to illegal refuse dumping and increase street bins in the Central Business District. The Chief Environmental Health Officer was tasked to conduct a blitz against illegal food vendors.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to compile a report to the next meeting of the next Health Housing and Environmental Services Committee on the cumulative total number of shop licences in the City. **CEHO**
2. THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to conduct a blitz to address sale of cooked food by vendors and put in place strategies to discourage such activities. **CEHO**

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of March 2024 covering Masvingo Urban Demographic data, Mother to Child Health Services, drug availability, out patients, chronic infections, EPI programme, growth monitoring, patients' attendance at Council Clinics, STI Management, Covid 19 Antigen screening, Northwest Medical Clinic and partners (JF Kapneck] and NAC reports was noted.

On growth monitoring, in light of the declaration of a State of National Disaster following the 2024 drought which has resulted in low food production and fears of nutritional challenges in School going Children, the Chief Environmental Health Officer was tasked to seek guidance from the District Development Coordinator on the school feeding program.

It was reported that Northwest Medical Clinic had been reopened hence the need to inform residents accordingly.

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On STI management, the Committee highlighted the need for conducting awareness campaigns on sexually transmitted infections in the commonage to reduce the spread of infections.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be tasked to seek guidance from the District Development Coordinator on the school feeding program in light of anticipated nutritional challenges in schools resulting from the 2024 drought. **CEHO**

C. CLEANSING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of March 2024 covering refuse removal statistics, pest control, waste management and collection, Council public toilets status, waste separation programme, clean up campaigns and community engagements.

On the clean-up campaign held at Mucheke Business Centre, members highlighted the need for observing protocol in future to ensure that dignitaries are acknowledged.

The Committee sought clarity on the status of Council projects under the Health Department. The Chief Environmental Health Officer reported as follows;

Runyararo Southwest Maternity Wing

It was reported that the plan for the structure was completed and now awaiting preparation of Bill of Quantities by the Engineering Services Department.

Infectious Diseases Hospital

It was reported that implementation of the first phase was ongoing.

Sanitary Landfill

It was reported that procurement of equipment for the landfill was ongoing.

Biomethane Project

It was reported that the implementation of the biomethane project at Garikai Market and Mucheke Market was ongoing.

D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.

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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. REQUEST FOR SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF MASVINGO AND ZIMBABWE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH RELATED HOSPITALS (ZACH)

The request by the Chief Environmental Health Officer for signing of Memorandum of Understanding between City of Masvingo and Zimbabwe Association of Church Related Hospitals on provision of health services was granted. The Committee noted the need for monitoring of Non-Governmental Organisations' activities submission of regular reports to Council. The Zimbabwe Association of Church Related Hospitals intended to partner Council in provision of 'Start Awareness and Action and post gender-based violence services under one stop centre' to address gender based violence.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between City of Masvingo and Zimbabwe Association of Church Related Hospitals to cooperate on combating gender-based violence be granted. **CEHO**

F. REQUEST FOR SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF MASVINGO AND ZVANDIRI ORGANISATION

The request by the Chief Environmental Health Officer for signing of Memorandum of Understanding between City of Masvingo and Zvandiri Organisation was granted. Zvandiri Organisation was interested in partnering the City of Masvingo in HIV support services targeting youth.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between City of Masvingo and Zvandiri Organisation be granted. **CEHO**

G. 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.

097. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

A. MASVINGO CITY COUNCIL SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION (MACCSA)

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The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Masvingo City Council Schools Association was considered. The association membership was as presented in the table below;

NAME	DESIGNATION	STATION
1. Mrs Mavhiya Tendai	Chairperson	Dikwindi Primary School
2. Mrs Mazhura Catherine	Vice Chairperson	Shakashe Primary School
3. Mr Mhare	Secretary	Rujeko Primary School
4. Mr Tasarira	Treasurer	Runyararo Primary School
5. Mrs Chidzurira Regina	Committee Member	Rujeko Secondary School
6. Mrs Chuma Vaida	Committee Member	Rujeko Secondary School
7. Mrs Sithole Jolie	Committee Member	Francis Aphiri Primary School

The report was noted.

B. DIKWINDI SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (SDC) 2024

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the School Development Committee for Dikwindi Primary School. The members were presented as indicated in the table below;

NAME	SEX	DESIGNATION
1. Munyenye Richard	M	Chairpeson
2. Tsvangirayi Melody	F	Vice Chairperson
3. Mavesere Takaindisa	M	Secretary
4. Marufu Ruramai	F	Vice Secretary
5. Katini Samson	M	Treasurer

The report was noted.

C. MAKAUSI LAW CHAMBERS SPONSORSHIP

It was reported that the City of Masvingo was currently running an educational grant program, and Saratoga Makausi Law Chambers has generously provided financial assistance to Ruvarashe Mubaiwa. It was reported that Ruvarashe was an

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underprivileged student with exceptional academic abilities. Makausi Law Chambers would provide sponsorship covering her school fees, uniforms, and other related expenses. The Committee commended the assistance by Makausi Law Chambers towards the educational needs of R. Mubaiwa.

B. APPLICATION FOR BOTTLE STORE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: STAND 7426 RUJEKO B

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Enessern Changwereza for a Bottle Store Liquor Development permit on Stand number 7426, Rujeko B, Masvingo. The request was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Enessern Changwereza for a Bottle Store Liquor Development permit on Stand number 7426, Rujeko B, Masvingo, be granted. **DHSS**

C. APPLICATION FOR A WHOLESALE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: STAND 2820 TSUNGAI COMPLEX, MUCHEKE: TINOVIMBA MUNDONDO

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Tinovimba Mundondo for a Wholesale Liquor Development permit on Stand number 2820 Tsungai Complex, Muccheke Masvingo. The request was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Tinovimba Mundondo for a Wholesale Liquor Development permit on Stand number 2820 Tsungai Complex, Muccheke Business Centre Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

D. APPLICATION FOR A WHOLESALE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: STAND NUMBER 1706 CHESVINGO BUSSINESS CENTRE ,MASVINGO

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Takunda Rashai Chakabuda for a Wholesale Liquor Development Permit on Stand Number 1706 Chesvingo Business Centre, Masvingo. The request was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Takunda Rashai Chakabuda for a Wholesale Liquor Development Permit on Stand Number 1706 Chesvingo Business Centre, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

E. APPLICATION FOR A BAR LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT STAND 1705 CHESVINGO

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Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Takunda Rashai Chakabuda for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a bar on Stand Number 1705 Chesvingo Business Centre, Masvingo. The request was granted.

On the operation of bars and nightclubs, the Committee raised concern on the level noise nuisances. The Director of Housing and Social Services and the Chief Environmental Health Officer were tasked to liaise with the Zimbabwe Republic Police and enforce operation of bars and observing operating times.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Takunda Rashai Chakabuda for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a bar on Stand Number 1705 Chesvingo Business Centre, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

C. HOUSING ISSUES

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services for the month of March 2024, 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 Social Services on the Welfare Section for the month of March 2024 covering revenue raised by the section, payment status for leased properties, 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.

With regards to Libraries, it was reported that the Mucheke Library was not yet open to the public, awaiting the official commissioning ceremony.

E. PARKS SECTION

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

The need to maintain order at the new Council cemetery was highlighted. A proposal was made for Council to put in place a tuckshop in the Kernan Park to provide snacks and refreshments to people relaxing in the park.

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Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the lease of Kubatana Pre-School. It was reported that the premise was being leased to a group of women which was initially a co-operative led by the late Mrs M. Chigudu and its thrust was to empower women. However, there was a challenge that had been going on for long where these women were leasing the property to third parties in violation of Council Policy and the lease agreement. It was reported that these breaches of the lease terms outlined in sections 5.1 and 5.2 had raised concerns regarding the lease renewal hence the recommendation to terminate the lease on the basis that the premises are being sublet by the tenant hence the option that Council runs it directly or sublet it. It was noted that Section 5.2 of the lease agreement explicitly prohibited the lessee from subletting or granting possession or occupation of the entire premises or any part of it to anyone else without the prior written consent of the lessor.

The Committee members felt that the Pre- School was meant to empower women and as such the lease should not be withdrawn. Other members felt that since the Cooperative was in breach of its lease agreement, Council should terminate the lease for breach. After some deliberations, the Committee agreed that the matter be put in abeyance. The Director of Housing and Social Services was tasked to submit the Lease Agreement of Kubatana Preschool to the next Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee for further discussions.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the matter regarding the termination of lease agreement of Kubatana Preschool for violating lease agreement be deferred for finalisation in the next meeting.
DHSS
2. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to submit the Lease Agreement for Kubatana Preschool to the next Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee.

G. APPLICATION TO LEASE CHESVINGO PRE-SCHOOL: MASVINGO TEACHERS' COLLEGE

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Masvingo Teachers' College, to lease Chesvingo Pre-School was considered. It was reported that the college was currently running a state-of-the-art Early Childhood Development Centre in Rhodene which has become a model of excellence. The request to lease Chesvingo Preschool was granted.

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THAT the application by Masvingo Teachers College to lease Chesvingo PreSchool be granted. **DHSS**

The Committee sought clarity on the Council projects under the Housing Department. The Director of Housing and Social Services reported as follows;

- Rujeko Secondary School
- Swimming Pool in Runyararo
- Rujeko D Housing project
- Morningside Park
- Upgrading of Chidavaenzi Beerhall
- Construction of additional Market stalls at Garikai, Takawira and markets in residential areas.

H. 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.

098. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE (MARCH 2024)**

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

(i). SECURITY OF COUNCIL ESTABLISHMENTS.

The report of the Town Clerk on the provision of security to Council premises by the Municipal Police was noted.

B. 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, and conducted 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.

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The Committee raised concern on the level of corruption amongst Municipal Police Officers and it was critical that staff in the section be rotated timeously.

Clarity was sought on the status of Bradburn Terminus and it was clarified that it was a designated Pick-Up Point. Members proposed charging a higher fee to encourage buses to rank in Mucheke Terminus.

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, Chiwororo 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 7:38 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2024

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK