

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2024 AT 4:31 P.M.

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

APOLOGY: Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe

OFFICIALS: Director of Housing and Social Services
Chief Environmental Health Officer
Finance Director
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Chief Internal Auditor
Senior Health Officer
Assistant Committee Officer

151. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 16 May 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Time

Seconded by Councillor T. Masimba

152. MATTER ARISING

(i). Minute 128(i): Restructuring of Ward Health Clubs.

It was reported that the matter would be considered by Management.

(ii). Minute 130(B): Mucheke Stadium Inspection Report

It was highlighted that after the Stadium was condemned by the Zimbabwe Football Association (ZIFA) for failing to meet set standards to host Premier League matches, a private consulting company was engaged by ZIFA to undertake the inspections and made some recommendations on the upgrading of the Stadium. It was highlighted that the Committee adopted the recommendations of ZIFA and would conduct the refurbishments on a phased approach.

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1. THAT the report by Zimbabwe Football Association (ZIFA) on the technical inspection of Mucheke Stadium and recommendations to upgrade same to meet ZIFA standards for Premier Soccer League Games be adopted.
2. THAT Council source funds for the upgrading of Mucheke Stadium in phases to meet ZIFA standards. **DHSS**

(iii). Minute 129(C)(2): Establishment of Garbage Holding Points.

The Committee noted that resolution number 129(C)(2), which reads, ***“THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to refer to Management, the construction of garbage holding points in the commonage for consideration”*** was no longer desirable since the idea of garbage holding points was regarded as backward and the places would be a nuisance. It was agreed that the resolution be rescinded.

The motion was moved by Councillor R. Musekiwa seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT resolution number 129(C)(2) of May 2024, which reads, ***“THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to refer to Management, the construction of garbage holding points in the commonage for consideration”*** be rescinded on the basis that the holding points would be a nuisance, and that the concept of garbage holding points was no longer relevant. **CS**

153. 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 May 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 capital projects for the Department, the Chief Environmental Health Officer raised concern on non implementation of capital projects in the budget due to lack of funding. It was advised that the Committee could decide to ring fence 20% of revenue generated from shop licences and channel the funds towards capital projects. The idea was accepted by the Committee in principle, and the Chief Environmental Health Officer was instructed to refer the matter to Management for consideration.

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THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to refer to Management the proposal to ring fence 20% of revenue realised from shop licences and channel the funds towards capital projects for Health Department, for consideration. **CEHO**

On food quality and vending control in the City, the Committee referred to the City of Harare where a special unit in the Municipal Police had been created to deal with illegal vendors and other special areas of interest in the City. It was proposed and agreed that the unit could be established in the City of Masvingo to curb illegal vending and other special control exercises to restore order in the city. The Chief Environmental Health Officer was instructed to refer the matter to Management for consideration.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT Management be tasked to explore the feasibility of establishing a dedicated unit within the Municipal Police to deal with illegal vending.

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of May 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 Sexually Transmission Infections (STI), the Committee raised concern that men were not active health seekers and yet they were more vulnerable to STIs. It was suggested that men should be given preferential treatment at Council Clinics on issues of STI treatment. It was also highlighted that the Public Relations Office should actively cover health issues in the City for the benefit of the residents of Masvingo.

C. CLEANSING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of May 2024 covering number of refuse trucks on the road, refuse removal statistics, garden waste, pest control, Health Clubs activities, waste recycling and collection.

On National Clean Up Campaign events, it was suggested and agreed that Council should source funds and buy a rechargeable speaker for use at the clean-up events. The idea was accepted in principle and the Chief Environmental Health Officer was instructed to refer the matter to Management for consideration.

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THAT and the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to refer the idea of procuring a mobile public address system for use for Council occasions, to Management for consideration. **CEHO**

D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of May 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.

154. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.**A. APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO OPERATE A RESTAURANT SPECIAL, ON STAND NUMBER 27796 TARGET KOPJE, MASVINGO: DR O.D.V. CHINGOMBE.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services Regarding the application by Dr O.D.V. Chingombe, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Restaurant Special on stand Number 27796 Target Kopje, Masvingo. It was highlighted that the application was an appeal to Council after his previous application had been turned down. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Dr O.D.V. Chingombe, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Restaurant Special on Stand Number 27796 Target Kopje, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

B. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE OPEN SPACE ADJACENT STAND NUMBER 21045 RUNYARARO SOUTHWEST (KMP) MASVINGO, AS A SPORTS FIELD: EDENVALE PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services regarding the application by Edenvale Preparatory School, for use of the open space adjacent Stand Number 21045, Runyararo Southwest (KMP) to develop a sports field for the School and the Community. It was agreed that the open space could be leased to the school and the community would also have access to the sports field.

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THAT the application by Edenvale Preparatory School, for use of the open space adjacent Stand Number 21045, Runyararo Southwest (KMP) to develop a sports field for the School and use by the Community be granted on lease basis. **DHSS**

C. HOUSING WAITING LIST AS AT 17 MAY 2024

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on cumulative housing waiting list as at 17 May 2024. It was highlighted that the figures were required in the Master Plan review process to provide indications on the progress made by Council in housing delivery. It was reported that as at 17 May 2024, the number of stand applications on the Council waiting list was 3 355.

It was reported that the Committee conducted a learning visit to the City of Harare to appreciate the housing schemes being funded by FBC Building Society. The Committee appreciated their experiences with FBC Building Society. However, it was suggested and agreed that the Committee should conduct two more learning visits to other private developers who have done housing projects in other smaller cities for comparison purposes.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Chamber Secretary be instructed to organise two more learning visits to smaller cities to appreciate housing projects carried out by private developers or financial institutions to enable the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee to compare the terms and conditions of the partnerships in housing delivery. **CS**

D. DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.**Provision of Institutional stands**

It was highlighted that the demand for church stands in the City was high. The Committee was urged to lobby Council for creation of more church stands for allocation to interested beneficiaries.

Provision of Commercial/Industrial Stands

The Committee was advised that one of its key mandates was to provide land for commercial and industrial development. In light of this mandate, the Committee was urged to engage Council to source funds for the provision of commercial and industrial stands to developers in fulfilment of Vision 2030 and NDS1.

Councillor R. Musekiwa moved out of the meeting at this point.

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The Committee was advised that all Council Schools were congested in terms of learners population, hence the need for Council to establish additional schools to decongest the existing schools.

E. DONATION OF 10 WHEELCHAIRS.

It was reported that Craft Properties Holdings donated 10 Wheelchairs to the needy people in the City of Masvingo. The list of beneficiaries was identified through the Department of Social Welfare and the handover of the Wheelchairs would take place on 7 June 2024 in the Civic Centre Hall at 10:00 a.m. The names of the beneficiaries were: Simbarashe Mashiri, Modester Majedu, Mauka Richard, Chivasa Julius, More Jukwa, Tsitsi Demba, Ishmael Chiwira, Garikai Musekwa, Jessica Gwenhamo, and Mhike Chirinde. The names of beneficiaries were adopted by the Committee.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT Council accepts the donation of ten Wheelchairs by Craft Properties Holdings to beneficiaries identified by the Department of Social Welfare namely, Simbarashe Mashiri, Modester Majedu, Mauka Richard, Chivasa Julius, More Jukwa, Tsitsi Demba, Ishmael Chiwira, Garikai Musekwa, Jessica Gwenhamo, and Mhike Chirinde. **DHSS**

F. HOUSING ISSUES

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

G. WELFARE SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the Welfare Section Activities for the month of May 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.

H. PARKS SECTION

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

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THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

155. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE (MAY 2024)**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the activities of the Municipal Police for the month of May 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 Northwest 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
- Chesvingo Safe Market

B. OPERATIONS**Joint operations**

It was reported that the Section conducted Joint operations with other stakeholders such as Z.R.P, Housing, Health and Debt Collection Unit in conducting Shop licensing blitz,

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traffic enforcement, push carts, blocking pavement, illegal on street car service in town, and illegal vending activities and removal of illegal structures in and around the Central Business District (CBD).

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	172	1720	
Storage fee	8	420	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	17	680	
Impound fee (other traffic offences)	57	1140	
Wrong parking (other traffic offences)	53	1590	
Wash and repair	1	40	
Clamping fees	1	30	
Obstruction	1	50	
TOTAL	320	5870	
LICENCING			
Shop licence	118	2360	
Push carts	4	40	
Scales	26	520	
Drilling Boreholes	1	20	
Obstruction and nuisance	1	20	
TOTAL	150	3140	
VENDING			
Perishables	16	210	
Potatoes	5	100	
Non-perishables (bales)	101	1390	
Groceries	27	600	
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	149	2300	
BOOMGATE COLLECTIONS			
Croco Motors	543	5425	
Downtown	457	4560	
L.Takawira Street	245	2445	
TOTAL	1245	12430	
Grand Total	1864	23 740	
Disciplinary cases	1	NIL	

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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, 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

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

The meeting ended at 7:21 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS DAY OF 2024

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK