

**CITY OF MASVINGO**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1065<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 27  
MAY 2025 AT 4.55 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor W. Sitemere (Chairing)  
Councillor S. Chikwangwani  
Councillor B. Hwata  
Councillor T. Masimba  
Councillor R. Musekiwa  
Councillor M. Madhuna  
Councillor A. Time  
Councillor E. Zishiri  
Councillor S.T. Marombedze  
Councillor S. Manyanga

**APOLOGY:**

Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe  
Councillor B. Muchokwa

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Muteshe P: Local Governance Studies Student: MSU  
Ndlovu E: Development Studies Student: GZU

**OFFICIALS:**

Chamber Secretary  
Director of Housing and Social Services  
Finance Director  
Acting Director of Engineering Services  
Chief Internal Auditor  
Public Relations Officer  
Human Resources Officer  
Committee Officer  
Assistant Committee Officer

**143. ELECTION OF ACTING MAYOR**

Before the commencement of the meeting, the Chamber Secretary reported that, in the absence of both the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, the Councillors present should choose one amongst themselves for the purposes of chairing the 1065<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Council meeting in terms of Section 104(2) of the Urban Councils Act Chapter 29:15.

Councillor B. Hwata nominated Councillor W. Sitemere to chair the Council meeting.  
The motion was seconded by Councillor A. Time.

Therefore Councillor W. Sitemere was duly appointed to chair the 1065<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Council meeting.

**RESOLVED**

THAT Councillor W. Sitemere be appointed for the purposes of Chairing the 1065<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Council meeting in terms of Section 104(2) of the Urban Councils Act Chapter 29:15.

**144. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.****RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 30 April 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Councillor S. Manyanga  
Seconded by Councillor E. Zishiri*

**145. MATTERS ARISING****(i). Minute 116 (i): Movement of Long-Distance Buses to Mucheke Stadium**

Council sought progress report on the enforcement of long-distance buses to rank at Mucheke Bus Terminus. It was highlighted that the engagement with long distance bus operators on the matter was underway. It was also highlighted that Mucheke Bus Terminus required refurbishment including the ablution facilities if the buses were to rank at the terminus. It was noted that Council should embark on the refurbishment of Mucheke Bus Terminus before the buses could be ordered to rank. It was proposed and agreed that the Finance Director should prepare a report on the sources of revenue for the refurbishment of Mucheke Bus Terminus and submit to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.

**146. COMMUNICATIONS****(i). Apologies.**

It was reported that His Worship the Mayor, Councillor A. Tabe and the Town Clerk were attending Council business outside the Country. It was also reported that the Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunahe and Councillor B. Muchokwa were also not able to attend the meeting due to personal commitments. The report was noted.

**147. HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor M. Madhuna Seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 5 May 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

WHEREUPON the original motion was put as the substantive motion and it was

**RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 5 May 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

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1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted.
3. THAT Council offers the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, Better Schools Programme of Zimbabwe (BSPZ) stand number 27030 Mucheke Medium Density stand for the purpose of constructing a multi-purpose Conference Centre.
4. THAT the change of use of stand number 27030 Mucheke Medium Density from residential to institutional for the purposes of developing a Conference Centre by the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, Better Schools Programme of Zimbabwe (BSPZ) be approved.
5. THAT issues raised by victims of the flooding in Davies Mugabe Street, Runyararo West, Masvingo for Council to meet the development costs of the replacement stands offered to the beneficiaries be referred to Management for further consideration.
6. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
7. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

**148. PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor R. Musekiwa seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 8 May 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”

On minute 131 (G), the Committee raised concern about poor Street lighting along Jairos Jiri Street which resulted in two cases of murder near Ndarama High School. The need to keep street lights functional along Jairos Jiri Street was highlighted.

WHEREUPON the original motion was put as the substantive motion and it was

**RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 8 May 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

**149. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor B. Muchokwa seconded by Councillor M. Madhuna

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 19 May 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On minute 138(E) regarding the intrinsic value of land for Rujeko D High Density residential Stands Housing Scheme, the members sought clarification on how the value of USD5 per square meter had been determined. It was suggested that the intrinsic value of land be pegged at USD4.00 per square meter. It was explained that the value was determined after the valuation exercise by Council Valuation Officer. Debate ensued on the matter. The Committee raised fears that the final cost of stands may not be affordable to most of the intended beneficiaries. It was suggested and agreed that the matter be referred back to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

It was moved by Councillor S.T. Marombedze, seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga.

WHEREUPON the original motion was put as the substantive motion and it was

**RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 19 May 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to virement funds to the tune of USD200 000 from the Capital budget to Runyararo Swimming Pool project in 2025.
2. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
3. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to apply to the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works, for borrowing powers in 2025 for the Water Augmentation Project Phase 1 costing USD5 000 000.00- and 5-Megawatt Solar Plant at Bushmead Water Works at a cost of USD5 500 000.00.
4. THAT the Town Clerk be instructed to procure a new Excavator for USD166 750 using funds from the Pre-paid Parking Account, and a Bulldozer at a market price of USD391 000 using funds from the Estate Account.
5. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to invest USD500 000 with CBZ Bank for a period of 30 days at an interest rate of 9% per annum.

6. THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
7. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to dispose the piece of land measuring 705.8m<sup>2</sup> adjacent Church stand Number 5931, Hillside, Masvingo, to Assemblies Of God Church, at the market value of US\$11 681.00 exclusive of administration fees and VAT.
8. THAT the valuation report for 56 Council rented houses in Mucheke and 13 Council rented houses in Chesvingo be adopted for disposal of the properties to the sitting tenants under the Home Ownership Scheme.
9. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to dispose of Stands 28774 and 28775 Fort Victoria Township to the Public Service Pension Fund at a cost of USD123 625.00 each exclusive of VAT and Administration fees.
10. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to sell the additional piece of land measuring 1914 square meters (1914 m<sup>2</sup>) adjacent to stand 27645, Fort Victoria Township, to the Apostolic Faith Mission of Africa at a cost of USD26 700.00 exclusive of Value Added Tax and administration costs.
11. THAT the intrinsic value of land for Rujeko D Housing Scheme Stands of USD\$5 per square metre be referred back to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.
12. THAT the request by Runyararo Primary School, for permission to dispose of the School Minibus, Registration Number ACQ 3584, by Public Auction be granted.
13. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
14. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted.
15. THAT Saratoga Makausi Legal Practitioners be appointed to represent Council in the matter Exor Enterprises (Pvt) Limited versus City of Masvingo.
16. THAT the report of the Chamber Secretary be adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto.

**150. MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO TURN ITSELF INTO COMMITTEE.**

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor A. Time, seconded by Councillor E. Zishiri

“THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1064th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 30 April 2025, and adopting the Minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 12 May 2025”.

WHEREUPON the original motion was put as the substantive motion and it was

**RESOLVED**

THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1064th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 30 April 2025, and adopting the Minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 12 May 2025.

The meeting ended at 6.59 p.m.

**CONFIRMED THIS**

**DAY OF**

**2025**

**MAYOR**

**TOWN CLERK**