

CITY OF MASVINGO

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1066th ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON FRIDAY 27 JUNE
2025 AT 4.44 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe (Chairing)
Councillor S. Chikwangwani
Councillor W. Sitemere
Councillor B. Hwata
Councillor R. Musekiwa
Councillor M. Madhuna
Councillor A. Time
Councillor E. Zishiri
Councillor S.T. Marombedze
Councillor S. Manyanga
Councillor B. Muchokwa

APOLOGY:

His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe
Councillor T. Masimba
Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE:

Magwati L : Min. Of Local Government and Public Works
Muteshe P : Local Governance Studies Student: MSU
Ndlovu E : Development Studies Student: GZU

OFFICIALS:

Chamber Secretary
Director of Housing and Social Services
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Chief Internal Auditor
Senior Health Officer
Human Resources Officer
Committee Officer
Assistant Committee Officers (2)

174. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 27 May 2025 be taken as read,
confirmed as a correct record and signed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Time

Seconded by Councillor M. Madhuna

175. MATTERS ARISING

(i). Minute 145 (i): Movement of Long Distance Buses to Mucheke Stadium

The members highlighted the need to enforce the Council resolution for all long distance buses to rank at Mucheke Bus Terminus. The need for engagement with bus operators and other arms of Government on the modalities of implementing the Council resolution was debated.

176. COMMUNICATIONS**(i). Apologies.**

It was reported that His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe was away on Council business, Councilor T. Masimba was not feeling well and the Town Clerk was attending to a family bereavement hence they were not able to attend the Council meeting. It was also reported that the Director of Health Services and the Finance Director were also away on Council business.

177. 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 2 June 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On minute 156 (B), on the application for a change of a Bottle Store Liquor Development permit to a Bar Liquor Development permit, on Stand Number 28119, Mushandike Street, Hillside Extension, by Tawanda Nyamarebv, some of the members were against the development on the basis that some residents had objected against the development.

Some of members insisted that the development be granted on the basis that the applicant was already operating a Bottle Store, and had complied with all requirements as prescribed by Council. Debate ensued. The house agreed that the matter be referred back to the Committee for further consideration, and all member who wished to make their contributions on the matter would be allowed to attend the meeting.

The motion was moved by Councillor M. Madhuna, seconded by Councillor A. Time

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 2 June 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 5 May 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved.
3. THAT the application by P. Funani, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Special Restaurant on Stand Number 23 Edson Zvobgo Street Masvingo be granted.

4. THAT the application by Tawanda Nyamarebvu, for Change of Bottle store liquor development permit to a Bar Liquor Development Permit on Stand Number 28119 Hillside Extension, Masvingo be referred back to the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee for consideration.
5. THAT the application by Nyasha Banhire, for a Special Restaurant Liquor Development permit to operate a Restaurant on Plot Number 5 Morningside, Masvingo be granted.
6. THAT the City of Masvingo be a member of the Corporate Social League championing employee's wellness programs.
7. THAT the City of Masvingo Councillors be allowed to participate in staff wellness programmes.
8. THAT the Town Clerk be instructed to engage the Office of the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for assistance in drilling a borehole in the Civic Centre gardens.
9. THAT Management be tasked to explore the proposal of upgrading the Civic Centre perimeter fence.
10. THAT the Lawn Cemetery be decommissioned since it had run out of burial space.
11. THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to investigate on the causes of high number of child burials in the city during the period January to April 2025, and report to the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee.
12. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
13. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

178. 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 9 June 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”

On minute 060 (A), regarding establishment of the solar plant at Bushmead Water Works, the members indicated that the project was long overdue. It was reported that the implementation of the project was awaiting approval of Council's application for borrowing powers, thereafter funding modalities would be explored.

On the proposed learning visit to appreciate an existing solar plant as part of due diligence, it was suggested and agreed that all Councilors should participate in the tour. Other members were of the view that the tour be attended by members of the Public Works and Planning Committee and technocrats only.

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 9 June 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2025 and 8 May 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as correct records and signed.
2. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to identify an organization in the Country or in the region running an Industrial Solar plant with a view to conduct a learning visit by the Public Works and Planning Committee as part of due diligence.
3. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to organize a learning tour of an existing Solar plant by the Public Works and Planning Committee as part of due diligence.
4. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to prepare a report on the findings of investigations into illegal mining activities at Target Kopje Hills, and submit it to the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution as a way forward.
5. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to organize a tour of the piece of land adjacent Stand Number 30588 Lundi Star, Masvingo Township, following the application by Junior High School for additional land to establish a sports field and a car park.
6. THAT His Worship the Mayor and the Town Clerk be tasked to engage the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution on direct procurement of a Grader using the 2025 ZINARA funds.
7. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

179. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor B. Muchokwa seconded by Councillor R. Musekiwa

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23 June 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 Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23 June 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2025 be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the intrinsic value of cost of land for Rujeko D Housing Scheme be fixed at USD 5.00/m².
3. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to open a dedicated water account with ZB Bank.
4. THAT Council makes a donation of USD 100 towards the Great Zimbabwe University 2025 Graduation Ceremony, being prize money for the best student in Local Governance Studies.
5. THAT Council charges Leengate Private Limited, the contractor engaged to implement works for the Munhumutapa National Youth Housing Scheme USD 0.95/m³ for gravel exclusive of stockpiling and hauling costs.
6. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to process a donation of USD 165 to Masvingo Wheelchair Tennis Association for the 2025 Danhiko Paralympic Games being registration fees for 6 officials and 14 players.
7. THAT the 2025 Final Supplementary General Valuation Roll be adopted and accordingly signed by the Town Clerk and His Worship the Mayor in terms of section 262(a) of the Urban Councils Act Chapter 29:15.
8. THAT the 2025 Supplementary General Valuation Roll be implemented in terms of section 263(2) of the Urban Councils Act (29:15) with effect from 1 July 2025.
9. THAT the City of Masvingo Budget Performance Report for the First Quarter be adopted.

10. THAT Ward Feedback meetings on the City of Masvingo Budget Performance Report for the First Quarter be conducted in the first week of July 2025.
11. THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
12. THAT the Finance and General Purposes Committee be authorised to carry out a visit to Housing Infinity Development Investments (HIDI) as part of due diligence pending negotiations to enter into a Public Private Partnership between the City of Masvingo and China Railway First Group, it being noted that the organization would be the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contractor on the Water Augmentation Project Phase 2.
13. THAT Tavonga Chapanduka, General Hand Grade 1 be granted an educational loan amounting to USD 345.00 to pursue a National Certificate in Motor Mechanics with Masvingo Urban Vocational Training Centre subject to availability of funds in the educational loan account and conditions governing study loans.
14. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto.

180. MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO TURN ITSELF INTO COMMITTEE.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor A. Time, seconded by Councillor R. Musekiwa

“THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1065th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 27 May 2025, and adopting the Minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 12 June 2025, and Audit Committee meeting held on 16 June 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 1065th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 27 May 2025, and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 12 June 2025, and Audit Committee meeting held on 16 June 2025.

The meeting ended at 8.14 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2025

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK