

CITY OF MASVINGO

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1067th ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON FRIDAY 1
AUGUST 2025 AT 5.03 P.M.**

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe
Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
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

OFFICIALS:

Town Clerk
Chamber Secretary
Director of Housing and Social Services
Finance Director
Acting Director of Engineering Services (W. Madzivadondo)
Internal Audit Manager
Housing and Social Services Manager
Principal Human Capital Officer
Assistant Committee Officers (2)

199. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED

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

*Proposed by Councillor S. Muchokwa
Seconded by Councillor S. Chikwangwani*

200. MATTERS ARISING

(i). Minute 175 (i): Movement of Long Distance Buses to Mucheke Bus Terminus

On the progress in resuscitating Mucheke Bus Terminus, the Town Clerk explained that a special Management meeting would be held to discuss modalities of mobilizing resources for upgrading the bus terminus and ancillary facilities.

(ii). Rujeko D Housing Residential Stands

Regarding the progress on Rujeko D Housing Scheme, the Town Clerk explained that the project designs have been completed and approved. With regards to servicing of the stands, Council went to tender on expression of interest and only one bidder responded to the tender. Council therefore had written to the Procurement Regulatory Authority of

Zimbabwe (PRAZ) seeking guidance on how Council should proceed with the tender, and the response was still to be received by Council.

201. HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor M. Madhuna Seconded by Councillor A. Time

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 7 July 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On minute 185 (A) (ii) on stray dogs in the Commonage, the members raised the need to engage the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) to intensify dog collection. It was noted that a dog tie up and shoot order had been advertised in the press. Progress would be checked after the closure of the window period.

On refuse collection and disposal, the members raised the need to address the critical shortage of refuse compactors in Council. The need to introduce waste separation exercise at the point of source was raised as a strategy to enhance waste collection and disposal in the city.

On minute 186 (A) regarding the application by Tawanda Nyamarebvu, for a change of Bottle Store Liquor Development permit to a Bar Liquor Development permit on Stand Number 28119, Mushandike Street, Hillside Extension Masvingo, the matter was referred to Council in Committee for deliberations.

The Motion was moved by Councillor M. Madhuna, seconded by Councillor R. Musekiwa.

On the issue of Haulage trucks damaging municipal roads in the commonage, the Town Clerk highlighted that Municipal Police would be tasked to attend to the matter.

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 7 July 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT Council revokes the liquor trading permit for Rockers' Night Club at Mucheke Business Centre with immediate effect, due to illegal activities inconsistent with the permit terms, and notify the Liquor Licensing Board for further action.

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3. THAT the Director of Engineering Services be instructed to refer the upgrading of Mucheke Bus Terminus toilets and ancillary facilities to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.
4. THAT the report of the Director of Health Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
5. 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 to the 1067th Ordinary Council In Committee for deliberations.
6. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to provide for the procurement of furniture for Mucheke Hall in the 2026 Council budget.
7. THAT the cost of upgrading Rujeko Library under the Children's Corner Project, in collaboration with Book Aid International and Edward Ndhlovu Memorial Trust be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.
8. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
9. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

202. PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 10 July 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”

On water reticulation and treatment, the members raised concern that a lot of treated water was being lost through pipe bursts thereby contributing to non revenue water.

On roads maintenance, the house raised the need to attend to most of the roads in the commonage.

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 10 July 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as correct records and signed.

2. THAT the request by Junior High School, for additional land of 1.046 hectares adjacent Stand Number 30588 Lundi Star Rhodene for expansion of the Sports Field and Car Park be granted.
3. THAT the proposal to donate the piece of land measuring 1.046 hectares adjacent Stand Number 30588 Lundi Star Drive, Rhodene Masvingo, to Junior High School for expansion of their sports field and car park be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
4. THAT Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to refer the repair of broken down Biological Nutrient Removal Plant (BNRP) components being Stirrers and Aerators to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for funding.
5. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

203. 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 18 July 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On water treatment and supply costs, concern was raised that cost of electricity was not sustainable, and urged Council to expedite the solar plant project at Bushmead Water Works.

On huge sums of money owed to Council by Government Departments, the house noted that the issue would need to be discussed at policy level. The members raised concern that some revenue lines were not performing as expected. The Finance Director was instructed to prepare a report on revenue collection analysis for each revenue source for a period of three months and submit to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration with a view to identify non performing revenue centers so that appropriate action would be taken.

On economic Development section, clarification was sought on whether it was not possible for Council to set up the Economic Development Committee which would be given the responsibility to oversee economic development issues in the City. The Town Clerk advised that it was possible for Council to form the Committee. The idea was adopted by Council and the Town Clerk was instructed to work on the modalities of appointing the Economic Development Committee which focus on economic development in the City.

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 18 July 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2025 be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the matter regarding the increase in illegal trading activities taking place at residential units/houses be referred to the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee.
3. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to open a bank account with Central African Building Society (CABS) into which transactions from the CABS Point of Sale (POS) machines integrated with the SIMACC billing and receipting system will be deposited.
4. THAT The Finance Director be instructed to prepare a report on revenue collection analysis for all revenue sources over a period of three months and submit to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration, with a view to identify non performing revenue centers so that appropriate action would be taken to improve collections.
5. THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
6. THAT the report on the operations of the Liquor Section be considered at a special meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
7. THAT the Town Clerk be instructed to facilitate the creation of the Economic Development Committee to focus on economic development activities in Council.
8. THAT the special meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to also consider progress on other income generating projects in Council.
9. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto.

204. MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO TURN ITSELF INTO COMMITTEE.

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

“THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1066th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 27 June 2025, and adopting the Minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 18 July 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 1066th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 27 June 2025, and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 18 July 2025.

The meeting ended at 6.17 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2025

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK