

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY, 6 JANUARY 2025 AT 4:33 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor M. Madhuna (Chairman)
His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe
Councillor S. Manyanga
Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Councillor S.T. Marombedze
Councillor T. Masimba
Councillor A. Time
Councillor R. Musekiwa

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr L. Magwati: Ministry of Local Government & Public Works
Muteshe P. Local Governance Studies Student: GZU
Baricholo T: Governance & Public Management: UZ

OFFICIALS:

Town Clerk
Director of Housing and Social Services
Chief Environmental Health Officer
Deputy Finance Director
Senior Health Officer
Operations Officer
Estates and Valuations Officer
Assistant Committee Officer

001. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

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

Proposed by Councillor D. Mberikunashe

Seconded by Councillor T. Masimba

002. MATTER ARISING

(i). Minute 309(A): Application for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 28116 Hillside Extension: Jeremiah Movana.

Reference was made to the Full Council meeting held on 25 November 2024, where the application was referred to Management for further consideration. The Committee highlighted that there was no need for referring the matter back to Management, and the application should have been considered in terms of the existing Council policy. Debate ensued on whether the application should be referred to Management or the Committee could make a final position. It was eventually agreed that the Committee should decide on the matter.

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The Chief Environmental Health Officer explained that the applicant could not get a trading licence due to the fact that the building did not have a liquor Store Room, and that the premises had inadequate space for a Bottle Store as stipulated in the Liquor Act Chapter 14.12. In addition, Council had already issued a Butchery licence to the applicant on the same building hence it was illegal to operate a Bottle Store and a Butchery under the same roof. It was also noted that the 40% threshold for Bottle Stores allowable for liquor outlets at a Business Centre had been reached. The Committee agreed that the application for a Liquor Development Permit by Jeremiah Moyana to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 28116 Hillside Extension, Masvingo be turned down in view of the technical advice given by Management.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application for a Liquor Development permit by Jeremiah Moyana to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 28116 Hillside Extension, Masvingo be turned down on the basis that the 40% threshold for Bottle Stores allowable at a Business Centre had been reached. **DHSS**

(ii). Minute 309(B): Application for Permission to Construct a 3 Storey Classroom Block: Francis Aphiri Primary School.

It was highlighted that after the Committee meeting held on 4 November 2024, a site visit to the School was conducted by the Director of Housing and Social Services, Ward Councillor, Acting Director of Engineering Services and the School Development Committee members, where it was agreed that the three- storey building could be constructed at the School.

The Committee expressed mixed views on the matter. Some members were of the view that the problem of hot sitting at Francis Aphiri Primary School could not be resolved by constructing additional classroom blocks. It was reported that additional classroom blocks would result in increased enrolment, high teacher-pupil ratio, and resulting in low quality of education.

Some of the members were of the view that the three- storey classroom block be constructed at the current site to provide learning accommodation to the existing learners, whilst a new site for the establishment of a satellite primary school would be identified. Debate ensued on the best way forward.

The Town Clerk advised that the primary idea was to decongest the school since the number of learners had increased into a Mega School with two Deputy Head Posts. The main argument was that the current number of learners at the school was high and should be reduced to manageable levels. The need for Council to establish a satellite school in Runyararo North West to decongest with Francis Aphiri Primary School was highlighted.

The Town Clerk further advised that the construction of Council schools was the responsibility of Council, hence Francis Aphiri Primary School should be advised to establish a Satellite School as a long-term solution to the problem of congestion at Council schools.

The proposal to construct a three-storey classroom block at Francis Aphiri Primary School was referred to Management for further consideration.

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RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to refer the application by Francis Aphiri Primary School, to construct a three- storey classroom block at the school, to Management for further consideration.

003. 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 December 2024, covering premises inspections, licensing, water and food quality control, meat inspection, meat condemned during abattoir inspections, tickets and intimation issued, tuberculosis management, weekly diseases surveillance, inspections at Garikai Market, health and hygiene education, dog bites, SPCA activities and Ward Health Club activities.

On premises inspections, the Committee highlighted the need for strict shop inspection before renewal of trading licences. All shops not in compliance with the requirements of the Shop Licensing Act should be closed and traders should be requested to comply.

On illegal food vending in the City, the Committee raised concern that order should be restored in the City to avoid outbreak of communicable diseases. It was reported that plans were underway to establish designated food vending sites in the City.

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of December 2024 covering Mother to Child health services, Masvingo Urban Demographic data, revenue collected, medicines availability, out patients, chronic conditions, maternal and child care services, EPI programme, growth monitoring, patients' attendance at Council Clinics, STI Management, partnership projects and mental health report was noted.

On maternity services, it was reported that the Maternity wing at Runyararo North Medical Clinic would be open to the public with effect from Thursday 9 January 2025. The Official opening ceremony would be organised at a later date.

C. CLEANSING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of December 2024 covering number of operational refuse trucks, refuse removal statistics, pest control, waste management and collection, status of public toilets, hygiene monitoring, and clean up campaigns.

(i). Request for Procurement of two (2) Twelve Cubic Metre Refuse Trucks.

It was reported that refuse trucks were continuously on break down due to over use. It was requested that Council should procure two new refuse trucks with a capacity of twelve cubic

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metres each at a cost of about USD180 000.00. This would avoid over usage of one truck thereby prolonging the vehicle life span.

The Town Clerk expressed concern that the trucks on breakdown were not old but the Municipal Workshop was failing to maintain the trucks. It was highlighted that Vehicle number AAE 6679 (Quester), and AAE 7631 (Croner) were not old. It was suggested and agreed that the matter be put in abeyance and the Town Clerk would engage the Acting Director of Engineering Services and the Workshop staff on the maintenance and repair of the existing fleet and prepare a report to the Committee.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the request for procurement of two new refuse trucks be put in abeyance pending the Town Clerk engaging the Acting Director of Engineering Services and the Workshop staff on the maintenance and repair of the existing fleet and prepare a report to the Committee for consideration.

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D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of December 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 resolution passed in relation thereto.

004. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2024.

A. APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO OPERATE A RESTAURANT SPECIAL ON STAND NUMBER 7702 BAUHUNIA STREET, NORTHLEIGH, MASVINGO: I. MAZAMBANI.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by I. Mazambani, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Restaurant Special on Stand Number 7702, Bauhinia Street, Northleigh, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT application by I. Mazambani, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Restaurant Special on Stand Number 7702, Bauhinia Street, Northleigh, Masvingo be granted.

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B. APPLICATION FOR A WHOLESALE LIQOUR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ON PLOT NO. 54 CHARUMBIRA STREET, MUCHEKE A, MASVINGO: ALBERTINA MUZEMBI.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Albertina Muzembi, for a Wholesale Liquor Development Permit to operate a Liquor Wholesale Trading at Plot No. 54 Charumbira Street Mucheke A, Business Centre, Masvingo. The Committee noted that the applicant did not provide the details about the premises referred to in the application. The application was referred to Management for further assessment.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Albertina Muzembi, for or a Wholesale Liquor Development Permit to operate a Liquor wholesale Trading at Plot No. 54 Charumbira Street Mucheke A Business Centre, Masvingo be referred to Managenent for further assessment. **DHSS**

C. APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO OPERATE A RESTAURANT SPECIAL ON STAND NUMBER 18120 UNITY ROAD, WEST VIEW, INDUSTRIAL AREA MASVINGO: PAIDAMOYO MAJAYA.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Paidamoyo Majaya, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Restaurant Special, on Stand Number 18120 Unity Road, Westview Industrial Area Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT application by Paidamoyo Majaya, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Restaurant Special, on Stand Number 18120 Unity Road, Westview Industrial Area, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

D. APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO OPERATE A RESTAURANT SPECIAL ON STAND NUMBER 14209 MUCHEKE BUSINESS CENTRE, MASVINGO: REJOICE GUNDURA.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by R. Gundura, to operate a Restaurant Special on Stand Number 14209 Mucheke Business Centre, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by R. Gundura, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Restaurant Special on Stand Number 14209 Mucheke Business Centre, Masvingo be granted.

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E. APPLICATION TO PURCHASE A SCHOOL BUS: RUJEKO PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Rujeko Primary School, for permission to purchase a School Bus. The request was granted subject to the school handing over the Bus to Council and registering it with white number plates for Councils.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Rujeko Primary School, for permission to purchase a School bus be granted subject to the school handing over the Bus to Council and its registration in the name of City of Masvingo. **DHSS**

F. NOTICE OF RETIREMENT: CHIDZURIRA R (MRS) HEAD VUROMBO PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the retirement from service by the School Head for Vurombo Primary School, with effect from 31 December 2024. She joined Council on 1 May 2014. The report was noted.

G. SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the School Development Plans submitted to Council by all Council Primary Schools. The development plans outlined all the future development projects for each school for planning purposes. The report was noted.

H. MASVINGO CITY COUNCIL SCHOOLS 2024 GRADE 7 RESULTS COUNCIL RATING

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Council rating for the 2024 grade seven results. Analysis of results was detailed on the table below:

	CANDIDATURE									
School	Total Females	Females 1-3	%	Total Male	Males 1-3	%	Total	Total 1-3	Pass	Rank
Shakashe Primary	127	65	51.2	138	69	50	270	134	49.6	1
Runyararo Primary	121	59	48.8	104	37	35.6	225	96	42.7	2
Rujeko Primary	129	60	46.5	80	25	31.2	209	85	40.7	3
Vurombo Primary	92	40	43.5	95	26	27.4	187	66	35.3	4
Francis Aphiri Primary	164	60	36.6	167	47	28.1	331	107	32.3	5

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Dikwindi Primary	102	33	32.4	108	34	31.5	210	67	31.9	6
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It was reported that Shakashe Primary School was the best performing school and it was agreed that the School be awarded a merit prize of one hundred (100) text books of their choice. It was also highlighted that Runyararo Primary School was the first runner up, and it was recommended that the School be given a merit prize of eighty (80) text books of their choice.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

- 1 THAT Shakashe Primary School be awarded a merit prize of one hundred (100) text books of their choice for being the highest in the 2024 Grade seven results. **DHSS**
- 2 THAT Runyararo Primary School awarded a merit prize of eighty (80) text books of their choice for being the first runner up in the 2024 Grade Seven results. **DHSS**

I. MASVINGO CITY COUNCIL SCHOOLS GRADE 7 RESULTS 2024
GOVERNMENT RATING

School	Percentage %	Ranking	Candidates With 6 Units
Runyararo Primary	96	1	10
Vurombo Primary	95.72	2	1
Rujeko Primary	95.69	3	4
Shakashe Primary	94.07	4	10
Francis Aphiri Primary	91.54	5	4
Dikwindi Primary	86.7	6	1

It was reported that as per national rating standards, Runyararo Primary School was the best performing school amongst Council Schools. The focus was on the minimum pass rate of 6 units which was considered a pass. The report was noted.

J. HOUSING ISSUES

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Community Services for the months of October and November 2024, covering housing waiting lists, housing routine business for Mucheke, Chesvingo and Rujeko Administration Offices, Title transfer and income from Vendor Markets.

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On title transfer, the Committee was of the view that policy governing title transfer should be relaxed to allow for early title applications. On the other hand, the Committee suggested that Council lawyers be engaged to reduce the cost of conveyancing.

K. WELFARE SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the Welfare Section for the month of October and November 2024 covering revenue raised by the section, leased properties payment status, Preschools, libraries, revenue collected, workshops and trainings, economic empowerment programmes, Muccheke Old People's Home, Charles Austin Theatre, recreation activities, was considered.

L. PARKS SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Parks Section for the month of October and November 2024 covering islands and parks, trees and plantations, state of tractors and other equipment, nurseries, cemeteries and revenue collected from grave payments was considered. The need to improve on Parks and Recreation facilities was highlighted.

M. ESTATES AND VALUATION SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the activities of the Estate and Valuation section covering status of lease agreements, outstanding rentals and valuations done in the month under review was noted.

N. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

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

005. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE: DECEMBER 2024.

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the activities of the Municipal Police for the month of December 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 North West Clinic
- Target Kopje water reservoir
- Mayor's residence

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- Building Brigade
- Workshop
- Municipal Stores
- Civic Centre
- Bushmead water treatment 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
- Chiwororo Beerhall
- Runyararo West Dumpsite.

B. JOINT OPERATIONS

It was reported that the Section conducted Joint operations with other stakeholders such as the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) in the enforcement of traffic by laws, illegal vending, on street services garages and blocking of pavements. The Section further conducted blitz on health and environmental issues with personnel from the Health Department and the Housing Department on illegal structures and vendors were clamped down. Shop licensing enforcements were also carried with the Debt Collection Section. One operation was done with ZRP Central whilst 16 joint operations were done with the Health and loss control personnel. The Municipal Police were urged to strengthen patrols in the commonage.

The statistics of arrests made as well as revenue realized were summarised as follows;

OFFENCES /ACTIVITY	ARRESTS	AMOUNT US\$	AMOUNT ZIG
2.3 Traffic			
Failure to purchase parking disc	23	460	
Continuous parking after expiry of disc	233	2330	
Storage fee	2	60	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	31	1240	
Impound fee	21	420	
Parking anywhere	11	330	
Total	321	4840	
2.4 LICENCING			
Shop licence	152	3080	

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Push carts	20	200	
Illegal Selling of gas	12	240	
TOTAL	182	3520	
2.5 VENDING			
Perishables (potatoes, vegetables and fruits)	42	630	
Non-perishables (bales)	106	1330	
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 are awaiting disposal through public auction.			
Blocking pavement	1	30	
TOTAL	149	1990	
2.6 COMMONAGE			
Illegal ploughing by tractors in the commonage	3	150	
NB: Commonage patrols were done at Steel Makers and Mangwandi areas.			
TOTAL	2	20	
2.7 BOOMGATES			
Croco Motors	618	6165	
WID	492	4910	
L.Takawira	266	2650	
TOTAL	1376	13 725	
GRAND TOTAL	2 204	29 020	

On the guarding point at the Old Dumpsite, the Committee raised concern that there was no shelter to protect the guards from the rains. The concern was noted by Management. It was also highlighted that the Municipal Police should facilitate the removal of old vehicles abandoned on the streets in the City and around the commonage.

The Committee raised concern that Council should establish a pick up and drop off points at Corner Bradburn Street and Industria Road, and Welby Avenue Bus Termini to enhance revenue collection. It was agreed that the Acting Director of Engineering Services was tasked to work on the designs for the Boom Gates.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to install Boom Gates at the Pick-up and drop off point at the Corner of Bradburn Street and Industria Road, and Welby Avenue Bus Termini to enhance revenue collection.

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It was reported that the Section collected and banked cash from Croco motors terminus, WID terminus, L. Takawira Bus Terminus, 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. These duties were carried out incident-free.

D. DOGS

It was reported that the Section has two trained Dog Handlers and 1 Municipal Police Dog. The dog was assisting in guarding Municipal Workshop, patrolling the Streets and Commonage as well as crowd controlling in the Central Business District and Garikai Market. It was highlighted that two more officers were seconded to this Section.

E. GARIKAI MARKET

It was reported that the Municipal Police provided security to Housing Department Revenue Collection at Garikai Market.

F. Adoption of Report**RESOLVED**

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

The meeting ended at 7:44 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2025

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK