

**CITY OF MASVINGO**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1064<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY 30  
APRIL 2025 AT 4.54 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe  
Councillor S. Chikwangwani  
Councillor W. Sitemere  
Councillor R. Musekiwa  
Councillor M. Madhuna  
Councillor A. Time  
Councillor E. Zishiri  
Councillor B. Hwata  
Councillor S. Manyanga

**APOLOGY:** Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe  
Councillor T. Masimba

**ABSENT:** Councillor B. Muchokwa  
Councillor S.T. Marombedze

**OFFICIALS:** Town Clerk  
Chamber Secretary  
Director of Housing and Social Services  
Chief Environmental Health Officer  
Finance Director  
Acting Director of Engineering Services  
Chief Internal Auditor  
Monitoring and Evaluation Officer  
Human Resources Officer  
Public Relations Officer  
Committee Officer  
Assistant Committee Officer

**115. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 24 March 2025 and 10 April 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Councillor A. Time*  
*Seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga* 24.3.25

*Proposed by Councillor E. Zishiri*  
*Seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga* 10.4.25

**116. MATTERS ARISING****(i). Minute 083(i): Enforcement of long distance buses to rank at Mucheke Bus Terminus**

On the progress regarding the implementation of the resolution on long distance buses to rank at Mucheke Bus Terminus, the Town Clerk highlighted that Management was still seized with the matter., and hoped that progress would be made soon.

**(ii). Minute 085(9): Preparation of designs and Bill of Quantity for Mucheke Stadium Upgrading.**

It was reported that Engineers from the City of Harare had completed assessments on Mucheke Stadium and were still compiling a report for submission to Council. It was added that the Architect for the City of Harare had confirmed that the project document was almost ready for submission to Council.

**117. COMMUNICATIONS****(i). Apologies.**

It was reported that the Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe and Councillor T. Masimba were not able to attend the meeting due to personal commitments. It was explained that Councillor T. Masimba was not feeling well and had travelled to meet his Doctor in Harare.

**118. 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 7 April 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 7 April 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

- 1 THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

- 2 THAT the request to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between City of Masvingo, and Aids Health Care Foundation (AHF) for collaboration in the provision of HIV and Aids prevention, care and treatment services in Masvingo urban community be granted.
- 3 THAT the request to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between City of Masvingo, and the Community Working Group on Health (CWGH) for collaboration in the provision of Health services be granted.
- 4 THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto.
- 5 THAT Council puts a Caveat on the Agreement of sale between City of Masvingo and Davies Mugabe Street residents in Runyararo West, prohibiting the disposal of replacement residential stands allocated to the ten critical flood victims.
- 6 THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to prepare a report on the status of all leased beerhalls and submit to the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee meeting for consideration.
- 7 THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
- 8 THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

**119. PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor R. Musekiwa seconded by Councillor E. Zishiri

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

On minute 099(H)(vi), regarding the funding of Runyararo Swimming Pool Project, the funding gap was queried. The Town Clerk explained that the funding gap was a resulting of underbudgeting for the 2025 financial year capital projects, and that the project was supposed to be implemented in phases, the design stage and the construction stage. The shortfall arose after Council decided to complete the project in 2025 instead of 2026.

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 April 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the application by E. Chiguba, for change of use of Stand number 9566, Rhodene Extension, Masvingo from low density residential to a guest house be granted subject to the following conditions:
  - i. The premises shall be used as a Guest House only.
  - ii. That the Guest House shall not be used as a wedding venue, host parties or host any other activities that generate excessive traffic or noise or whose land requirements exceed the size of the stand. Activities at the Guest House shall not inconvenience the neighborhood.
  - iii. The applicant shall obtain an operating license from Council upon fulfilment of Council Health by-laws, Fire by- laws and requirements by the Minister responsible for Tourism.
  - iv. All Alterations to the existing building plan shall be approved by the Director of Engineering Services before the commencement of any work.
  - v. The applicant shall meet any additional expenditure (costs) associated with the change of use on existing infrastructure whether on or off the site of the Guest House site.
  - vi. The applicant shall install an informative signage within the stand to a standard approved by Council and authority to erect such signage shall be sought from Council.
  - vii. The applicant shall provide onsite parking and shall ensure that visitors to the Guest House will park their vehicles within the premises at all times.
  - viii. No liquor selling shall be permitted within the premises.
  - ix. The applicant shall provide user friendly facilities for the guests living with disabilities.
  - x. The Guest House shall be operated at Council's discretion and Council reserves the right to withdraw this permit should the Guest House become a nuisance in any way. Council will give one month notice should it want the use to cease and Council will not be liable to compensate the applicant in any form.
  - xi. The Guest House shall at all-times conform to the requirements of the Chief Environmental Health Officer, the Director of Engineering Services and Minister responsible for Tourism.
  - xii. The property shall pay commercial rates consistent with the approved new status.
  - xiii. Council through its officers shall have access to the stand to carryout relevant inspections at all reasonable times.
3. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to advise

Albert Junior Sibanda & James Mukorera, to advertise their intention for change of use of Stand number 17243 Runyararo South West, Masvingo from residential to guest house, in terms of Section 26 (3) of the Regional, Town and Country Planning Act Chapter 29:12.

4. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to organize a familiarization tour of Mazorodze and Pangolin Light Industrial stands, the Truck Stop, and the Runyararo Swimming Pool, for the members of the Public Works and Planning Committee.
5. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

## **120. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor S. Manyanga seconded by Councillor A. Time

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 28 April 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 28 April 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows.

- 1 THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2025 be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed.
- 2 THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted.
- 3 THAT subject to Cabinet approval, His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe, Town Clerk, Eng. E. Mukaratirwa and the Director of Museums and Monuments Southern Region, Mr. Lovemore Mandima be authorised to attend the International Alliance of Silk Road Cities to attend the Nihao!, World Heritage Overseas Promotion Season 2025 and the International Festival of the Intangible Cultural Heritage from 23 to 30 May 2025 in Chengdu, People’s Republic of China at a total cost of USD 15,852.
4. THAT subject to Cabinet approval the Finance Director Mr. Danister Jori be authorised to attend the ICAZ Winter School and Investment Conference, University of Kent, United Kingdom for the period 24-30 August 2025 at an estimated cost of USD 8,039.00.

- 5 THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
- 6 THAT Council approves the lease renewal for MC Meats for Standard Farm for a period of 5 years with effect from 1 August 2025.
- 7 THAT Management be tasked to enter into negotiations with MC Meats Private Limited for review of lease rentals for Standard Farm from USD 2,500 up to maximum of USD 3,500 per month.
- 8 THAT Messrs Saratoga Makausi Legal Practitioners be engaged to represent Council in the case Mutsetse Family Trust and Farai Mazange Mutsetse versus the City of Masvingo and Ministry of Local Government in their claim of ownership of Lot 1 of Flesk, Morningside, Masvingo.
- 9 THAT Council sells 30528, 30529, 30530, Masvingo Township to Exor Enterprises Pvt Limited at a rate of USD 35.00/m<sup>2</sup>.
- 10 THAT the report of the Chamber Secretary be approved and adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto.
11. THAT Council rescinds Minute 289(A)(3) of 2021 which reads, *“THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to request the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works for a piece of land to swap with the 5 hectares donated to the Zimbabwe National Army”*.
12. THAT Council gives public notice of its intention to donate 5 hectares of land to the Zimbabwe National Army for a Military Cemetery in terms of section 152 of the Urban Councils Act Chapter 29:15.
13. THAT Management be tasked to identify projects under the Social Services Programme to virement funds amounting to USD 200,000 for the construction of the Runyararo Swimming Pool which had been budgeted for USD 50,000 but the tender was awarded for USD 242,240.32 hence the funding gap.
14. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

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

**Minutes: 1064<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Council: 30/04/2025**

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 1063<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 24 March 2025, and adopting the Minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 28 April 2025, and Audit Committee meeting held on 15 April 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 1063<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 24 March 2025, and adopting the Minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 28 April 2025, and Audit Committee meeting held on 15 April 2025.

The meeting ended at 5.26 p.m.

**CONFIRMED THIS DAY OF 2025**

**MAYOR**

**TOWN CLERK**