

## CITY OF MASVINGO

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 4:36 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Councillor M. Madhuna (Chairman)  
Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe  
Councillor A. Time  
Councillor. S. Manyanga  
Councillor R. Musekiwa

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Madziva T: Assistant District Development Co-ordinator  
Mr. W. Vhomo- Local Governance Student  
Mr. T. Chiwena- Local Governance Student

**OFFICIALS:** Town Clerk  
Director of Housing and Social Services  
Acting Director of Engineering Services  
Finance Director  
Senior Health Officer  
Internal Audit Manager  
Acting Chief Security Officer  
Public Relations Officer  
Committee Officer

#### 247. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- Before the confirmation of minutes, it was corrected that the Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe had communicated his apology but had been recorded as absent.

#### RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 20 August 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Councillor A. Time*

*Seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga*

#### 248. MATTERS ARISING

- i) Minute 225(C): application to lease the open space adjacent stand number 27943 Rujeko C, Masvingo: Rehoboth Lighthouse Full Gospel Church

It was reported that two members of the Committee visited the premises following the application by Rehoboth Lighthouse Full Gospel Church to lease a piece of land adjacent stand number 27943 Rujeko C to establish a Greenhouse project. The application was approved and the Director of Housing and Social Services was tasked to refer the fixing of the lease rentals to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the application by Rehoboth Lighthouse Full Gospel Church to lease a piece of land adjacent stand number 27943 Rujeko C to establish a greenhouse project be approved and the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to refer the fixing of the lease rentals to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. **DHSS**

**ii) Minute 226(B): Activities of the Municipal Police**

The Committee highlighted the need to expedite the licensing of pushcart operators in the City.

**249. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES**

**A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Health Services on the Environmental Health Section activities for the month of August 2025, covering premises inspections, health inspection statistics, water and food quality control, meat inspection, meat condemned during abattoir inspections, tuberculosis management and weekly diseases surveillance.

**ii) Stray Dogs**

On stray dogs menace it was explained that Council was in the process of securing a Gunner thus a Dog Tie Up Order would be issued within the next two weeks and shooting of stray dogs commence thereafter. The report was noted.

**B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES**

The report of the Director of Health Services on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of August 2025 covering Masvingo Urban Demographic data, Mother to Child health services, drug availability, out patients, chronic infections, Covid19 vaccination, transport services, patients' attendance at Council Clinics and Prevention of mother to Child transmission (PMTCT) services was noted.

**C. CLEANSING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Health Services for the month of August 2025 covering number of refuse trucks on the road, refuse removal statistics, garden waste, pest control, Health Clubs activities, waste recycling and collection.

The Committee noted the report of the Director of Health Services on the Fully Integrated Solid Waste Management which prioritises waste prevention and reduction, source separation, material recovery, improved disposal practices to align with Zimbabwe's national policy and Sustainable Goals SDG 11,12 and 13. The short term, medium- and long-term implementation strategies were noted. It was agreed that Council should transition from Linear Waste Management to Integrated Solid Waste Management and circular economy and also develop an Integrated Sustainable Waste Management Policy.

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**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

1. THAT Council adopts the transition from Linear Waste Management to Integrated Solid Waste Management and circular economy.
2. THAT Council drafts an Integrated Solid Waste Management Policy.

**D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.**

The report of the Director of Health Services for the month of August 2025 on the National Aids Council activities was noted.

**E. MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETING OVER HIRE OF EQUIPMENT**

The report of the Director of Health Services on a meeting held with the parent ministry regarding the setting up of a Local Authority Technical Support Unit was noted. It was reported that the unit will be hiring out equipment to local authorities to enhance service delivery in areas such as road maintenance, waste collection and construction. The report was noted.

**F. Adoption of Report**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the report of the Director of Health Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

**250. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.**

**A. REQUEST FOR LAND TO BUILD A SECONDARY SCHOOL: REFORMED CHURCH IN ZIMBABWE (RCZ)**

The Committee gave consideration to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by the Reformed Church in Zimbabwe (RCZ) for a piece of land to construct a Secondary School. Debate ensued with some members holding the view that land identified for a School should be advertised to enable all interested players to participate in the disposal whilst other members were of the view that subjecting the disposal of the land to players who had not shown initial interest was tantamount to taking the idea of the applicant for the benefit of others. The Committee further noted that the RCZ being a religious institution with a verified track record, had the capacity to carry out the project and they would also compliment Council efforts to provide affordable educational facilities as compared to private players.

The Committee highlighted the need to incorporate development conditions that encourage vertical development and effective utilisation of land, being a finite resource. The request was approved and the Acting Director of Engineering Services was instructed to identify a suitable piece of land.

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**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the application by the Reformed Church in Zimbabwe for land to construct a Secondary School be approved and the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to identify a suitable site.

**B. HOUSING ISSUES.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Community Services for the month of August 2025, covering housing waiting lists, and housing routine business for Mucheke, Chesvingo and Rujeko Administration Offices.

**i) APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE STORE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: BY TALALLIE ENTERPRISES, MASVINGO**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Allied Mapfumo on behalf of Talallie Enterprises for a Bottle Store liquor development permit on stand 469 Hebert Chitepo Street, Masvingo. The application was granted.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the application by Allied Mapfumo of Talallie Enterprises for a Bottle Store liquor development permit on stand 469 Hebert Chitepo Street, Masvingo be granted.

**ii) APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE STORE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: PATIENCE MAHWENDE, MASVINGO**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Patience Mahwende for a Bottle Store liquor development permit on stand 323 Simon Muzenda Street, Masvingo. The application was granted.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the application by Patience Mahwende for a Bottle Store liquor development permit on stand 323 Simon Muzenda Street, Masvingo be granted.

**iii) APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE STORE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: BY LOICY MUZANGWA, MASVINGO**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Loicy Muzangwa for a Bottle Store liquor development permit on stand number 2 Shuvai Mahofa Street, Masvingo. The application was granted.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the application by Loicy Muzangwa for a Bottle Store liquor development permit on stand number 2 Shuvai Mahofa Street, Masvingo be granted.

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**C. NOTIFICATION OF THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF A TEACHER: CHIMUTUMBA ROSARIA**

The Committee noted the notification received from Maviya T. (Head) Dikwindi Primary School notifying Council on the death of a Teacher R. Chimutamba on 31 July 2025. The Committee expressed its condolences.

**D. NOTIFICATION OF DEATH OF A LEARNER**

The Committee noted the notification received from Julis L. (Head) Shakashe Primary School notifying Council on the death of a learner, Alliah Mungwari Grade 5 on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2025. The Committee expressed its condolences.

**E. PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANNUAL MASVINGO SPORTS AND ARTS FESTIVAL**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the proposal to introduce the Masvingo Sports and Arts Festival which would be a community-wide festival that harnesses the transformative power of sports and arts in order to achieve social benefits such as social cohesion, crime prevention including substance abuse, promote good mental health and promote economic activities arising from spending by visitors.

**Core Components**

- Multi-discipline sporting tournaments (football, netball, basketball, athletics, traditional games)
- Cultural performances showcasing diverse artistic expressions (music, dance, drama, poetry)
- Exhibition spaces for local artisans and craftspeople
- Heritage activities highlighting Masvingo's historical significance
- Interactive workshops and skills development sessions
- Community recognition awards celebrating local achievements

**Festival Budget Components**

- Venue preparation and management
- Equipment and technical support
- Trophies and certificates
- Prize money for winning teams/performers
- Promotional materials and publicity
- Transportation and logistics
- Security and emergency services
- Documentation and evaluation

The Committee approved the established of the annual Masvingo Sports and Arts Festival commencing in 2026 and a learning exchange of the City of Kwekwe to appreciate their arts and cultural festival.

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**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

1. THAT Council approves the establishment and funding of the Annual Masvingo Sports and Arts Festival commencing in 2026.
2. THAT Council conducts a learning visit of City of Kwekwe to appreciate their annual arts and cultural festival.

**F. REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL STANDS MORNINGSIDE EXTENSION, MASVINGO: PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION FUND**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services regarding a request submitted by the Public Service Commission Pension Fund for allocation of additional stands Morningside extension, Masvingo. It was reported that the Public Service Pension Fund was requesting Council to allocate them an additional stand 28773, 28776, 28777 and 28778 for construction of a modern student housing complex for students from local Universities and Colleges such as Great Zimbabwe University and Morgenster Teachers' College. Facilities will include development of amenities to support students as well as give a well-integrated development that will support the Public Service Pension Fund's investment. The Committee approved the request and also agreed to tour the mixed housing development carried out by the Public Service Pension Fund in Zvishavane which was recently commissioned by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe Dr. E. D. Mnangagwa.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

1. THAT Council approves the allocation of additional land to the Public Service Pension Fund being stand number 28773 measuring 9347m<sup>2</sup>; 28776 measuring 9123m<sup>2</sup>; 28777 measuring 2056m<sup>2</sup> and stand number 28778 measuring 3599m<sup>2</sup>.
2. THAT Council conducts a tour of the Public Service Pension Fund projects in Zvishavane for an appreciation since the same model will be replicated in Masvingo

**G. HOUSING WAITING LIST AND DEVELOPMENT BY AREA**

The Committee noted the report of the Director of Housing Services on housing wait list for the month of August covering waiting list registrations, development progress by site, urban renewal social housing upgrades, social services, sporting and recreation activities, libraries outreach program, parks and recreation was noted.

**H. Adoption of Report**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

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

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**251. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE (AUGUST 2025).**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the activities of the Municipal Police for the month of August 2025 covering security of Council establishments, joint operations, vending, Boom gate Banking, Cash In Transit, Police Dog and Garikai Market.

**B. SECURITY OF COUNCIL ESTABLISHMENTS.**

It was reported that the section provided security to the following Council premises;

- Chesvingo Administration Office
- Runyararo West Clinic
- Mayor's Residence
- Target Kopje Water Reservoirs
- Building Brigade
- Municipal Workshop
- Municipal Stores
- Civic Centre Offices
- Bushmead Water Works
- Town Clerk's Residence
- Mazorodze Clinic
- Rujeko Clinic
- Mucheke Stadium.
- Runyararo Clinic
- Sewage Works
- Landfill Dumping site
- Runyararo West borehole
- City of Masvingo Nursery
- Kennen Park
- Sisk Safe Market
- Rujeko Beerhall
- Chiwororo Beerhall
- Runyararo West Dumpsite

**C. JOINT OPERATIONS**

It was reported that the Section carried out joint operations with other departments and law enforcement agencies to enforce Council by laws. The joint operations will be carried out continuously.

The table summarises of statistics of arrests made as well as revenue realized.

<b>OFFENCES /ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ARRESTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT US\$</b>	<b>AMOUNT ZIG</b>
<b>2.3 Traffic</b>			
Failure to purchase parking disc	43	860	

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Continuous parking after expiry of disc	301	3110	
Storage fee	2	60	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	51	2040	
Impound fee	52	1040	
Wrong parking	24	720	
8 ton vehicle using residential road	2	200	
Improper parking	18	540	
Wash and repair in any road	3	120	
Towing fees	8	800	
Park vehicle in unloading zone	1	40	
Dangerous parking	63	1890	
Remaining stationery	2	80	
Obstruction	1	50	
Park outside parking place in any road	9	360	
<b>Total</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>11 910</b>	
<b>2.4 LICENCING</b>			
Shop licence	362	7240	
Operating without additional licence (class)	14	140	
Push carts 58 Pushcarts are held at the impound yard as exhibits and 58 paid penalty fees.	116	580	
Illegal selling of gas	4	80	
Illegal carwash and garages	2	80	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>8120</b>	
<b>2.5 Environmental Health</b>			
Operating without a bin	16	160	
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>160</b>	
<b>COMMONAGE</b>			
Illegal drilling of boreholes	2	150	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>150</b>	
<b>2.6 VENDING</b>			
Perishables (potatoes, vegetables and fruits) <b>NB.</b> 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.	23	410	

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Non-perishables (bales)	16	210	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>620</b>	
<b>2.7 BOOMGATES</b>			
Croco Motors	937	9365	
WID	726	7230	
L.Takawira	429	4285	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2092</b>	<b>20 880</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>3227</b>	<b>41840</b>	

**D. CASH IN TRANSIT (CIT)**

It was reported that the Section collected and banked cash from Croco Motors Bus Terminus, Welby Avenue Bus Terminus, L. Takawira 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.

**E. MUNICIPAL POLICE DOG SECTION**

It was reported that the Section had two trained Dog Handlers and 1 Municipal Police dog. The dog was assisting the Section in guarding Municipal Workshop, patrolling the streets and commonage area as well as in crowd control in the Central Business District and Garikai Market. Two more officers were seconded to this Section. The report was noted.

**F. GARIKAI MARKET**

It was reported that the Section provided security for Revenue Collection at Garikai Market and banking.

**G. Adoption of Report**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

The meeting ended at 4.30p.m.

**CONFIRMED THIS**

**DAY OF**

**2025**

**CHAIRMAN**

**TOWN CLERK**