

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 OCTOBER 2025 AT 4:38 P.M.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Magwati L. : District Development Co-ordinator 's Office
Mr. W. Vhomo- Local Governance Student

OFFICIALS: Town Clerk
Chamber Secretary
Director of Housing and Social Services
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Finance Director
Senior Health Officer
Social Services Manager
Internal Audit Manager
Acting Chief Security Officer
Public Relations Officer
Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
Parks Superintendent
Committee Officer II

275. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 22 September 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga*

276. 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 September 2025, covering premises inspections, health inspection statistics, water and food quality control, meat inspection, meat condemned during abattoir inspections, tickets and intimation notices

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issued, tuberculosis management, weekly diseases surveillance, Garikai market, health and hygiene education, dog bites, SPCA Activities and Ward Health clubs activities.

The Committee emphasized the need for strict monitoring of cooked food vendors to ensure adherence to health and safety standards.

It was reported that an advertisement had been flighted to raise public awareness regarding stray dog control. Vaccination of dogs was in progress, to be followed by the issuance of a Dog Tie-Up Order. Thereafter, the controlled shooting of stray dogs would commence. The report was duly noted.

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The report of the Director of Health Services on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of September 2025 covering Masvingo Urban Demographic data, Mother and Child health services, medicines availability, out patients, chronic infections, EPI programme, patients' attendance at Council Clinics and partners' report was noted.

The Committee expressed concern over the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases and the absence of clinics in Victoria Range, noting that the lack of accessible healthcare services could exacerbate the situation and potentially lead to outbreaks.

C. CLEANSING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Health Services for the month of September 2025 covering number of refuse trucks on the road, recycling activities, pest control, waste management, public ablution status, group work, environmental protection monitoring and national clean up campaigns.

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. PROPOSED RENOVATIONS AND EXTENSION OF MUCHEKE CLINIC OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS (OI) UNIT BY AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION (AHF- ZIMBABWE)

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Health Services regarding the proposed renovations and extension of the Mucheke Opportunistic Infections Unit by Aids Healthcare Foundation Zimbabwe. It was reported that the organisation had expressed interest in constructing additional rooms to expand working space and enhance service delivery. It was reported that Council had an existing Memorandum of Understanding with the organisation, which has been actively supporting the provision of health services.

A request was made for Council to waive the plan approval fees for the proposed works and to provide manpower for construction and plumbing as part of its contribution to the partnership. The Committee approved the requests.

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RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT Council grants permission for the renovations and extension of the Mucheke Opportunistic Infections Unit by Aids Healthcare Foundation Zimbabwe.
2. THAT Council waives plan approval fees for the proposed renovations and extension of the Mucheke Opportunistic Infections Unit by Aids Healthcare Foundation Zimbabwe.
3. THAT Council provides manpower for construction, plumbing and other works to be carried out in the renovations and extension of the Mucheke Opportunistic Infections Unit by Aids Healthcare Foundation Zimbabwe, as part of its contribution to the partnership.

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F. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

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

277. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

A. APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE STORE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: BY DIVINE TAKAEDZA MUNYANYI: STAND NUMBER 528 (56) GREENFIELD STREET, MASVINGO

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Divine Takaedza Munyanyi for a Bottle Store liquor development permit on stand number 528 (56) Greenfield Street, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Divine Takaedza Munyanyi for a Bottle Store liquor development permit on stand number 528 (56) Greenfield Street, Masvingo be granted.

DHSS

B. APPLICATION FOR A WHOLESALE AND RESTAURANT SPECIAL LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: BY LIFE MOYO: STAND NUMBER 4321 GERALD HEASMAN STREET, MASVINGO

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Life Moyo for a Wholesale and Restaurant Special liquor Development Permit on stand number 4321 Gerald Heasman Westview Industrial Area, Masvingo.

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The Committee noted that the applicant's request for a Restaurant Special was not permissible, citing the high concentration of operating restaurants in the area. Consequently, the Committee resolved to authorize the Wholesale Liquor Development permit only.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the application by Life Moyo for a Wholesale liquor development permit on stand number 4321 Gerald Heasman Westview Industrial Area, Masvingo be granted.

2. THAT the application by Life Moyo for a Restaurant Special permit on stand number 4321 Gerald Heasman Westview Industrial Area, Masvingo be turned down. **DHSS**

C. APPLICATION TO OPERATE IN MASVINGO CITY AND SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: ROCK AND ROLL GENERATION

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application submitted by Beauty Kujinga, on behalf of Rock and Roll Generation, to implement community empowerment and soft intervention projects in Masvingo.

The Committee granted permission for the applicant to operate, subject to clearance from the office of the District Development Coordinator. The Committee further resolved to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the organisation.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the application by Rock and Roll Generation to implement community empowerment and soft intervention projects in Masvingo be granted subject to clearance from the office of the District Development Coordinator.

2. THAT Councils enters into a partnership and signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Rock and Roll Generation. **DHSS**

D. PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR SCHOOLS

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the proposed capital projects for Council schools. It was reported that the completion of Rujeko Secondary School was a great achievement, and there was now need for both a primary and secondary school in Runyararo North West to decongest Francis Aphiri Primary School, which has an enrolment of around 3,000 pupils. A secondary school in the area was also deemed crucial to decongest Masvingo Christian Secondary School, which is now over-enrolled. Several proposals were posed to either construct a 1x2 classroom block for a primary school or a secondary school in Runyararo North West under the 2026 Council budget. Another proposal was that, since there were two sites available for the construction of schools, Council could focus on constructing a secondary

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school if no other partners were available to build one. It was reported that the Reformed Church of Zimbabwe had indicated willingness to build a secondary school, provided Council avails land. Preliminary engagements had been held, but no conclusive position has been reached.

Another option was for Council to build a primary school, which is its core mandate, and also to decongest Francis Aphiri Primary School and Runyararo Primary School at a site along SR Pailey Street, opposite North West Medical Centre.

The Committee felt that Council could include both a primary and secondary school in the 2026 Council budget and then employ a phased approach, constructing one first and the other thereafter. Clarity was sought on the school stand allocated to ZAOGA. The Director of Housing and Social Services clarified that the institution had indicated it would consider construction in the year 2026.

Other members felt that Council may grant authority to the Reformed Church of Zimbabwe and ZAOGA to build the primary schools, a move which, according to others, would result in Council having no control over the school fees or being able to take credit. The general sentiment of the house was that Council should prioritize the construction of a Secondary School. The Town Clerk advised that the Committee could consider the site near the swimming pool in Runyararo for the secondary school, as it would serve both the Runyararo and KMP areas.

After the deliberations, the Committee unanimously agreed that Council includes the construction of a Secondary School in the 2026 Budget.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT Council prioritizes the construction of a Secondary school, in the 2026 Budget. **DHSS**

E. APPRECIATION FOR DONATIONS TOWARDS MASVINGO WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the appreciation for donations by Masvingo Wheelchair Tennis. It was reported that the Masvingo Wheelchair tennis who participated at the 2025 Danhiko National Annual Paralympic Games where excelled in different categories as follows,

- i. Juniors First Position (Gold)
- ii. Seniors: Second Position (Silver)
- iii. Outstanding Player Prize (Gold)
- iv. Mollen Mamvura (Junior)

The report was noted.

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F. NOTIFICATION OF THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF A LEARNER: BURUNGUDZI MACDONALD

The Committee noted the notification received from Mr. E. Tasarira (Head) Runyararo Primary School notifying Council on the death of a Grade 7 pupil, Burungudzi Macdonald on 22 September 2025. It was reported that the learner was set to sit for his exams but succumbed to complications arising from a hernia. The Committee expressed its condolences.

G. NOTIFICATION OF THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF AN ECD B PUPIL FORTUNATE MASUNDA

The Committee noted the notification received from Mrs T. Maviya (Head) Dikwindi Primary School notifying Council on the death of an ECDB female student, Fortunate Masunda on 12 September 2025. The Committee expressed its condolences.

H. HOUSING ISSUES.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Community Services for the month of September 2025, covering housing waiting lists, commercial and church stands waiting lists, housing routine business for Mucheke, Chesvingo and Rujeko Administration Offices, home ownership disposal, urban renewal social housing upgrades and inspections of Council rented Houses.

I. SOCIAL SERVICES

The Committee noted the report of the Director of Housing Services on the social services for the month of September 2025 covering revenue raised, social amenities uptake, education, capacity building initiatives, sporting and recreation activities, swimming and libraries outreach program.

The Committee highlighted the need for the section to improve its preparedness for the swimming season. His Worship the Mayor urged the Director of Housing and Social Services to increase public amenities and enhance existing structures. It was noted that these improvements would be funded through the 7% Budget Allocation reserved for Social Amenities development.

The Committee raised concern over the low enrolment in Council crèches. It was explained that the Council crèches were not run directly by Council, but rather by community clubs. The Committee urged improvements to Council infrastructure. A proposal was made for Council to also construct crèches in Rhodene and Clovelly suburbs. The proposal was noted.

His Worship the Mayor highlighted the need for Council to expedite the renovations of Mucheke Stadium, noting that local teams in Division One may progress to the Premier League. The Acting Director of Engineering Services was requested to remove the old stage arena at Mucheke Stadium, as it was posing a safety risk to supporters.

The Committee noted with concern the donation of two boreholes at Mucheke Stadium made by a local businessman, Mr. Allen Sibanda, which Council had not been appraised

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of. It was reported that a detailed report on the matter would be submitted to the Committee.

J. PARKS AND AMENITIES

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing Services on the parks and amenities for the month of September 2025 covering staffing, tree planting, availability of equipment and machinery, Environmental Management Plan, nursery and cemeteries.

Committee members sought clarity on the irrigation of Council parks using borehole water. A member proposed utilising the Borehole Scheme offered by the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, under which the recipient would provide fuel. The Director of Housing and Social Services noted that he would look into the matter.

K. ESTATES AND VALUATION

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing Services on the parks and amenities for the month of September 2025 covering staffing, tree planting, availability of equipment and machinery, Environmental Management Plan, nursery and cemeteries.

i. ADOPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the adoption of Environmental Management Plan. It was reported that the draft environmental management plans would address the following issues:

- a) Wetland Management Plan – would address environmental protection, conservation, enhancement and restoration of the city’s urban wetlands for biodiversity, water purification and climate regulations.
- b) Land Reclamation Management Plan - restore degraded land into productive or natural ecosystems.
- c) Fire Management Plan - prevent, detect and control wild fires to protect life, ecosystems and property.
- d) Land Afforestation Management Plan - to radically and urgently expand the national forest estate on both public and private areas.
- e) Urban Greenery and Beautification Management Plan - to promote planting of trees and flowers in order to help beautify the city environment while creating livable spaces.

It was agreed that a sensitization workshop for Councillors would be conducted in due course. The Environmental Management Plan was adopted for implementation.

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RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT Council adopts and approves the implementation of Environmental Management plans including,
 - i) Wetland Management plan
 - ii) Land reclamation management plan
 - iii) Fire management plan
 - iv) Land afforestation management plan
 - v) Urban greenery and beautification management plan

2. THAT the Chamber Secretary be instructed to convene a sensitisation workshop to familiarise Council with the Environmental Management Plan.

L. 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.

278. REPORT OF THE CHAMBER SECRETARY

A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE (SEPTEMBER 2025).

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the activities of the Municipal Police for the month of September 2025 covering security of Council establishments, joint operations, revenue raised by the section, 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

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- 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.

OFFENCES /ACTIVITY	ARRESTS	AMOUNT US\$	AMOUNT ZIG
2.3. Traffic			
Failure to purchase parking disc	40	800	
Continuous parking after expiry of disc	360	3600	
Storage fee	3	90	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	23	920	
Impound fee	51	1020	
Wrong parking	8	240	
8 ton vehicle using residential road	2	130	
Improper parking	26	780	
Wash and repair in any road	6	240	
Towing fees	6	580	
Dangerous parking	157	4710	
Remaining stationery	1	40	
Park outside parking place in any road	6	240	
Total	689	13 390	
2.4 LICENCING			
Shop licence	385	7700	
Operating without additional licence (class)	9	90	
Push carts	32	320	
Illegal selling of gas	21	690	
Public health nuisance	1	40	
TOTAL	448	8840	
2.5 Environmental Health			
Operating without a bin	128	1280	

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Total	128	1280	
COMMONAGE			
2.6 VENDING			
Perishables (potatoes, vegetables and fruits) 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.	37	660	
Non-perishables (bales)	64	980	
TOTAL	101	1640	
2.7 BOOMGATES			
Croco Motors	957	9555	
WID	614	6130	
L.Takawira	395	3945	
TOTAL	1966	19630	
GRAND TOTAL	3332	44780	

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 Chamber Secretary be approved and adopted.

The meeting ended at 6.43 p.m.

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CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2025

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK