

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY, 2 JUNE 2025 AT 4:34 P.M.

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

OFFICIALS: Chamber Secretary
Director of Housing and Social Services
Deputy Finance Director
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Senior Health Officer
Chief Internal Auditor
Roads and Infrastructure Engineer
Public Relations Officer
Acting Chief Security Officer
Assistant Committee Officer (S. Mutero)

154. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 5 May 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Seconded by Councillor T. Masimba*

155. 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 May 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.

The increase in dog bites in the commonage was noted. The need for Meter Readers to record all households with dogs was emphasised.

Minutes: Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee: 2.06.25**B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES**

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of June 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 Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of June 2025 covering number of refuse trucks on the road, refuse removal statistics, garden waste, pest control, Health Clubs activities, waste recycling and collection.

On refuse collection, it was reported that two trucks were operational. The challenges associated with shortage of refuse collection trucks were highlighted. The need for the procurement of two new refuse trucks was highlighted.

D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of June 2025 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.

156. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.**A. APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL RESTAURANT LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ON STAND NUMBER 23 EDSON ZVOBGO STREET, MASVINGO: P. FUNANI.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by P. Funani, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Special Restaurant on Stand Number 23 Edson Zvobgo Street Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by P. Funani, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Special Restaurant on Stand Number 23 Robertson Street Masvingo be granted.

DHSS

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Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services application by Tawanda Nyamarebv, for Change of Bottle Store liquor development permit to a Bar Liquor Development Permit on stand number 28119 Hillside Extension, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Tawanda Nyamarebv, for Change of Bottle store liquor development permit to a Bar Liquor Development Permit on stand number 28119 Hillside Extension, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

C. APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO OPERATE A SPECIAL RESTAURANT ON PLOT NUMBER 5 MORNINGSIDE, MASVINGO: NYASHA BANHIRE .

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Nyasha Banhire, for a Special Restaurant Liquor Development permit to operate a Restaurant on Plot Number 5 Morningside, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Nyasha Banhire, for a Special Restaurant Liquor Development permit to operate a Restaurant on Plot Number 5 Morningside, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

D. INVITATION TO JOIN THE MASVINGO CORPORATE SOCIAL LEAGUE

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the proposal by Masvingo Corporate Social League. It was reported that the Masvingo Corporate league would bring together organizations from different sectors to compete in a friendly and competitive environment, promoting social interaction and physical activities among their employees. The City of Masvingo was being invited to join the league in Masvingo and was required to pay affiliation fees of USD\$50 for the whole year. Council would also be required to pay player registration fees of USD \$3 each. The fees will help in organizing and administering of the league, including prizes, for winners, equipment and appreciation of officiating officials (umpires and referees).

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It was reported that Council would benefit from the following areas:

- Improved employee health and wellness.
- Enhanced team building and social interaction among employees.
- Increased productivity and morale.
- Opportunity for networking and collaboration with others.
- A fun and competitive environment for employees to engage in physical activity.

It was indicated that the initiative would have a positive impact on the health and well-being of Council employees. The proposal was accepted by the Committee. It was agreed that City of Masvingo Councillors be included in the Council staff wellness programme.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the City of Masvingo be a member of the Corporate Social League championing employee's wellness programs. **DHSS**
2. THAT the City of Masvingo Councillors be allowed to participate in staff wellness programmes. **DHSS**

E. HOUSING ISSUES.

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

F. WELFARE SECTION.

The report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the Welfare Section for the month of May 2025 covering revenue raised by the section, pre-schools, libraries, community development and welfare programmes, Alpha Cottages, Mucheke Old People's Home, repairs and maintenance and trainings was considered.

On Community Halls, the Committee raised the need to facelift the buildings and also to procure additional benches.

G. PARKS SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Parks Section for the month of May 2025 covering staff welfare, state of tractors and other equipment, islands, gardens and open spaces, trees and plantations, parks, nursery, cemeteries and revenue collected from burial receipts was considered.

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The Committee raised concern on the poor state of the Civic Centre gardens and Parks. The need to install a Morden perimeter fence around the Civic Centre gardens was highlighted. The need to improve on the state of the parks and gardens was also highlighted. It was explained that the poor stated of the Parks and gardens was largely attributed to lack of water for watering the gardens. On siting a new borehole in the Civic Centre Park, it was advised that the Town Clerk should engage the Office of the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, for use of the District Development Fund (DDF) borehole drilling equipment. It was indicated that Council would only need to equip the borehole and solarise so that there would be reliable source of water for watering the Parks and Gardens.

On the issue of a new and modern perimeter fence around the Civic Centre Complex and gardens, it was highlighted that there was need to upgrade the Civic Centre perimeter fence.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the Town Clerk be instructed to engage the Office of the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for assistance in drilling a borehole in the Civic Centre gardens. **TC**
2. THAT Management be tasked to explore the proposal of upgrading the Civic Centre perimeter fence. **DHSS**

(i). Lawn Cemetery

It was reported that the lawn Cemetery had run out of burial space. It was proposed and agreed that the Cemetery be decommissioned and the Director of Housing and Social Services would put in place all the logistics necessary for opening of Cambria Cemetery and advise the public.

The Committee raised concern on the high number of recorded child burials during the period January to April 2025. It was agreed that the Chief Environmental Health Officer should make research on the causes of high number of child burials from January to April 2025 and report to the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee.

On the issue of burial space in the City, the need for a Private Cemetery in the City was highlighted. It was highlighted that Council should explore the idea of attracting investors in the private Cemetery project in partnership with Council, wherein Council would avail land and the investor would operate the Cemetery. The Director of Housing and Social Services was instructed to develop the project concept for consideration.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the Lawn Cemetery be decommissioned since it had run out of burial space. **DHSS**
2. THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to investigate on the causes of high number of child burials in the City

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during the period January to April 2025, and report to the Health,
Housing and Environmental Services Committee. **CEHO**

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.

157. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE (MAY 2025).**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the activities of the Municipal police covering security of Council establishments, joint operations, vending, Boom gate banking, Cash In Transit, Police Dogs and Garikai Market operations.

B. SECURITY OF COUNCIL ESTABLISHMENTS.

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

1. Chesvingo Administration Office
2. Runyararo West Clinic
3. Mayor's Residence
4. Target Kopje water reservoir
5. Building Brigade
6. Municipal Workshop
7. Municipal Stores
8. Civic Centre
9. Bushmead water purification works
10. Town clerk's Residence
11. Mazorodze Clinic
12. Rujeko Clinic
13. Mucheke Stadium.
14. Runyararo Clinic
15. Sewage Works
16. Landfill Dumping site
17. Runyararo west borehole
18. City of Masvingo Nursery
19. Kennen Park
20. Sisk Safe Market
21. Rujeko Beerhall
22. Chiwororo Beerhall
23. Runyararo West Dumpsite

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It was reported that the Section carried out several joint operations with other stakeholders such as the Zimbabwe Republic Police in the enforcement of traffic, illegal vending, on street services garages and blocking of pavements. The Section conducted blitz on health and environmental issues with personnel from the Health Department. Shop licensing enforcements were also carried out working with the Debt Collection Section. These operations shall continue to be carried out in a bid to bring sanity in the City.

The table below is a summary of statistics of arrests made as well as revenue realized during the joint operations.

OFFENCES /ACTIVITY	ARRESTS	AMOUNT US\$	AMOUNT ZIG
2.3 Traffic			
Failure to purchase parking disc	24	480	
Continuous parking after expiry of disc	254	2540	
Storage fee	3	90	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	50	2000	
Impound fee	62	1240	
Wrong parking	79	2370	
Park outside parking place in any road	19	760	
Improper parking	40	1120	
Wash and repair in any road	10	400	
Clamping fee	1	20	
Obstruction in any road	1	30	
Total	543	11050	
2.4 LICENCING			
Shop licence	260	5200	
Operating without additional licence	41	410	
Push carts NB: 36 Pushcarts are kept at the impound yard as exhibits.	40	400	
Operating without a bin	11	110	
Illegal selling of gas	25	500	
TOTAL	377	6620	
2.5 VENDING			
Perishables (potatoes, vegetables and fruits)	29	450	

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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.			
Non-perishables (bales)	106	1640	
Illegal poster fee	1	30	
TOTAL	136	2120	
2.6 BOOMGATES			
Croco Motors	726	7250	
WID	500	5000	
L.Takawira	300	2985	
TOTAL	1526	15235	
GRAND TOTAL	2582	35 025	

The need to strengthen the Municipal Police by allocating additional vehicles for operations was highlighted.

The need for a blitz against illegal structures in Muccheke Light industrial area and in the commonage was highlighted. It was noted that a joint patrol against illegal structures would be most appropriate with the Housing Department and the Municipal Police.

D. CASH IN TRANSIT (CIT)

It was reported that the section collected and banked cash from Bradburn Street bus terminus, Welby Avenue Bus Terminus, L. Takawira Bus Terminus, Garikai Market, Civic Centre, Chiororo Beerhall, Chidavaenzi Bottle Store, Rujeko Beerhall, Nothwest Medical Centre, Runyararo Clinic, Muccheke Clinic, Rujeko Clinic and City of Masvingo Nursery.

E. DOGS

It was reported that the Section has two trained Dog Handlers and 1 Municipal Police dog. The dog was assisting the Municipal Police 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.

F. GARIKAI MARKET

It was reported that the section provided security to Housing Revenue Collector at Garikai Market and escorted the banking staff.

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G. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

The meeting ended at 6:59 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2025

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK