

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY, 7 JULY 2025 AT 4:36 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

APOLOGY: Councillor S.T. Marombedze
Councillor T. Masimba

IN ATTENDANCE: Magwati L: District Economist.

OFFICIALS: Chamber Secretary
Director of Housing and Social Services
Water and Waste Water Engineer
Senior Health Officer
Chief Internal Auditor
Housing and Social Services Manager
Acting Chief Security Officer
Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
Public Relations Officer
Assistant Committee Officer

184. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 2 June 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Seconded by Councillor A. Time*

185. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES.

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 June 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.

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Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Health Services on the revocation of the liquor trading licence for Rockers Night Club at Mucheke Business Centre. It was reported that it had been confirmed that the licensee was operating a brothel behind the bar in the store rooms. The practice constituted a gross misuse of the permitted premises, and was in violation of the conditions under which the Council permit was granted. Additionally, this activity has been deemed a public health nuisance in terms of the Public Health Act [Chapter 15:17], and also contravened provisions of the Liquor Act [Chapter 15:09].

It was highlighted that while the Liquor Licensing Board was responsible for the liquor license, the Council was mandated to regulate land use and enforce permit conditions. Therefore, it was suggested and agreed that the trading permit for Rockers Night Club at Mucheke Business Centre be revoked with immediate effect.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT Council revokes the liquor trading permit for Rockers' Night Club at Mucheke Business Centre with immediate effect, due to illegal activities inconsistent with the permit terms, and notify the Liquor Licensing Board for further action. **DHS**

ii) Stray Dogs

On stray dogs menace it was explained that Council was in the process of securing a Gunner for shooting down the stray dogs. Once a Gunner was identified, a proper dog shooting and tie up order would be issued in the press.

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The report of the Director of Health Services 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 Director of Health Services 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 the need for incinerator at Council Clinics, it was reported that Runyararo North West Medical Centre would have both an incinerator and a bio digester.

On refuse bins, it was highlighted that some of the Ward Health Clubs were operating without wheelie bins thereby making it difficult to collect and dispose of the waste.

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On the allegation by Masvingo United Residents Alliance (MURA) that City of Masvingo had lost the High Court case on the Old Dump site, the Chamber Secretary explained that MURA and Council agreed that the matter be reviewed after 31 December 2025 to determine whether Council would have acquired all the equipment to run a landfill.

On the proposed upgrading of Mucheke Bus Terminus Toilets and ancillary facilities, it was suggested and agreed that the matter be referred to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Director of Engineering Services be instructed to refer the upgrading of Mucheke Bus Terminus toilets and ancillary facilities to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration. **ADES**

D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.

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

186. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.**A. APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF BOTTLE STORE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO A BAR LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ON STAND NUMBER 28119 MUSHANDIKE STREET, HILLSIDE EXTENSION: TAWANDA NYAMAREBVU.**

It was reported that the application by Tawanda Nyamarebv, for a change of Bottle Store Development Permit to a Bar had been referred back to the Committee after members of the 1066 Ordinary Council meeting minute 177(4) failed to agree on the issues raised in the meeting.

Members noted that the objections allegedly raised by the residents were not related to the application by Tawanda Nyamarebv.

The Director of Housing and Social Services explained that Council does not issue the Liquor Licence but it was the mandate of the Liquor Licensing Board after advertising in the press. All objections would be considered by the Liquor Licensing Board following a public proclamation in the press. It was noted that there were no objections lodged against the application by Tawanda Nyamarebv at this stage.

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His Worship the Mayor raised concern that Council had failed to deal with the matter properly and that it had unnecessarily attracted a lot of attention. He highlighted that there was need for further capacitation of Councillors on the mandate of Council on liquor development permit applications.

It was highlighted that in view of the fact that the applicant had satisfied all the requirements for a Bar Liquor Development Permit as prescribed by the law, the Committee agreed that the application be granted. The other objections that may arise in future would be dealt with by the Liquor Licensing Board. The Motion was moved by Councillor A. Time, seconded by Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Tawanda Nyamarebvu, for change of Bottle Store Liquor Development Permit to a Bar Liquor Development Permit on Stand number 28119 Hillside Extension, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

B. HOUSING ISSUES.

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

C. WELFARE SECTION.

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Welfare Section for the month of June 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 the need for additional benches at Mucheke Hall, His Worship the Mayor advised that Council should source modern chairs or upgrade the benches. The Director of Housing and Social Services was instructed to make provision for the procurement of furniture for Mucheke Hall would be made in the 2026 Council budget.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to provide for the procurement of furniture for Mucheke Hall in the 2026 Council budget. **DHSS**

D. SOCIAL SERVICES SECTION

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the activities of the Social Services section for the month of June 2025. It was reported that the Social Services and Recreation Section was renting out community facilities like halls, libraries, and stadiums for recreation and events.

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Additionally, income was being generated from the city's Council-operated Libraries. The report was noted.

E. RUJEKO LIBRARY CHILDREN'S CORNER PROJECT

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the establishment of Children's Corner project at Rujeko Library. It was reported that the Children's Corner Project was in collaboration with Book Aid International and the Edward Ndlovu Memorial Trust to enhance literacy and foster a safe learning environment for children in Masvingo. Its primary goals included establishing a dedicated Children's Section, providing access to 3,000 quality books, training librarians, and initiating interactive reading activities.

It was reported that the project was funded by the People's Postcode Lottery wherein a grant of USD 14,093.10 had been released to the City of Masvingo. It was highlighted that Council would need to renovate the floors at Rujeko Library at a cost of USD2 000.00. It was indicated that the request for tiling and labour at Rujeko Library would be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the cost of upgrading Rujeko Library under the Children's Corner Project, in collaboration with Book Aid International and Edward Ndhlovu Memorial Trust be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration. **DHSS**

F. PARKS SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Parks Section for the month of June 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.

On the need for a borehole in the Civic Centre gardens for watering the gardens, it was highlighted that Council had already engaged with the Office of the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for assistance in drilling a borehole using District Development Fund equipment.

G. ESTATES AND VALUATION SECTION

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the activities of the Estates and Valuation Section for the month of June 2025. It was reported that the section conducted property valuations for accounting reporting purposes as well as for disposal under the home ownership scheme. It was also reported that the Supplementary General Valuation Roll had been put on public display in terms of Section 254 (a)(b) paragraph (i)(ii) of the Urban Councils Act [Chapter 29:15], the first issue on 9th May 2025 and the second issue on 14th May 2025. The report was noted.

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

187. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE (JUNE 2025).**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerks on the activities of the Municipal Police for the month of June 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

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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 working with the Debt Collection Section. The operations will 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.

OFFENCES /ACTIVITY	ARRESTS	AMOUNT US\$	AMOUNT ZIG
2.3 Traffic			
Failure to purchase parking disc	28	560	
Continuous parking after expiry of disc	289	2890	
Storage fee	3	90	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	42	1680	
Impound fee	60	1200	
Wrong parking	70	2100	
8 ton vehicle using residential road	2	160	
Improper parking	63	1890	
Wash and repair in any road	11	440	
Towing fees	13	1220	
Illegal removal of a clamp	1	100	
Dangerous parking	20	600	
Parking outside parking place in any road	6	240	
Parking in front of any garage or public hall	1	30	
Total	609	13 200	
2.4 LICENCING			
Shop licence	350	7000	
Operating without additional licence (class)	2	20	
Push carts	26	260	
Food truck delivery in residential areas	1	60	
Advertising fee	1	30	
Illegal selling of gas	24	560	
TOTAL	404	7930	
2.5 Environmental Health			
Operating without a bin	94	940	
Total	94	940	

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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.	64	940	
Non-perishables (bales)	100	1370	
Blocking pavement	1	30	
TOTAL	165	2340	
2.7 BOOMGATES			
Croco Motors	838	8375	
WID	574	5730	
L.Takawira	348	3465	
TOTAL	1760	17570	
GRAND TOTAL	3032	41 980	

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. These duties were carried out incident-free.

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 to Revenue Collection at Garikai Market and escorted her for banking.

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G. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

The meeting ended at 6:35 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2025

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK