

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2025 AT 4.35 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor R. Musekiwa (Chairman)
Councillor E. Zishiri
Councillor S. Chikwangwani
Councillor B. Hwata
Councillor S. Manyanga

IN ATTENDANCE: Ministry of Local Government and Public Works: Mr L. Magwati

OFFICIALS: Town Clerk
Chamber Secretary
Director of Housing and Social Services
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Housing and Social Services Manager
Senior Health Officer
Internal Audit Manager
Public Relations Officer
Committee Officer II

279. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

Proposed by Councillor E. Zishiri

Seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga

280. MATTERS ARISING

(i). Minute 243(i) Poor water supply to households along Chibi, Moyondizvo and Vambire Streets in Mucheke A.

Regarding the progress in rectifying water supply challenges in the areas mentioned, it was indicated that there were some improvements as water was being supplied to the areas during the night.

(ii). Outstanding Services at Runyararo South West Housing Project by Treasure Consultants.

On the request by some of the members to conduct a tour of the project, it was advised that Management had been tasked to prepare a detailed report on the project status and submit to the Committee for consideration. The Committee was advised to wait for the report.

281. REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

A. WATER SUPPLY

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Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on water supply covering water treatment chemicals stock levels, status of the intake tower, treatment works, pumping mains, water supply situation, cost of water treatment chemicals procured, water quality and activities of the Water Fitting Section for the month of September 2025.

(i). Water Treatment Chemical Stock Levels

It was reported that stocks of Aluminium Sulphate would be adequate for about 48.7 days, hydrated lime was stocked to meet requirements for the next 11.9 days, Chlorine Gas lasting 6.4 days, and adequate stocks of Chlorine HTH and Activated Carbon were available for use when needed. The report was noted.

(ii). Intake Tower

It was reported that Pump number 4 and 6 were operational during the month of September 2025. It was reported that Pump Number 5 broke down and was still to be attended.

(iii). Treatment Works

It was reported that Pump Number 2 and 3 were operational during the month under review, and pump number 1 had been repaired.

(iv). Chemical Dosing Pumps

It was reported that dosing equipment was operating well. The report was noted.

(v). Water Supply situation

It was reported that the water level of Lake Mutirikwi as at 31 September 2025 was 88.26% with capacity of 1 216266 Mega liters.

(vi). Water Quality

It was reported that the treated water met the Standards Association of Zimbabwe (SAZ) standards.

(vii). Water Fitting

It was reported that the Section recorded 73 pipe bursts, 11 water connections, 169 water meter replacements during the month of September 2025. The report was noted.

B. SEWAGE RETICULATION, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL.

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Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on sewage reticulation, treatment and disposal covering the status of the raw pump station and Rujeko Pump Station, Effluent Pump Station, and Biological-Nutrient Removal Plant for the month of September 2025.

(i). Sewage Reticulation

It was reported that eight hundred and eighty four (840) blockages had been recorded and attended to during the month of September 2025, whilst four hundred and three (403) wheelbarrows of grit were removed from the grit channels. Three hundred and twenty (320) bins of waste were removed from the grit screens, and eleven (17) sewer connections were fixed during the same period.

(ii). Raw Pump Station

It was reported that Pump No.2 had been operational during the month of September 2025 and 101460m³ of raw waste water had been pumped to the treatment plant.

(iii). Rujeko Pump Station

It was reported that Pump No. 2 had been operational during the month of September 2025 and 153 391m³ of raw wastewater had been pumped to the Treatment Plant.

(iv). Primary Settling Tanks (PST).

It was reported that all Primary Settling Tanks (PST) were operational during the month of September 2025.

(v). Digesters

It was reported that Digester pump No. 3 was operational during the month of September 2025. The report was noted.

(vi). Effluent Pump Station

It was reported that both Pump No. 1 and 2 were operational during the month of September 2025.

(vii). Trickling filters

It was reported that Trickling filter No. 2 was operational during the month of September 2025. The other two filters, 1 and 3 required attention on the distribution pockets and arms. The report was noted.

(viii). Biological Nutrient Removal Plant (BNRP)

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Anaerobic Zone

It was reported that 2 stirrers, 1 and 4 were operational during the month of September 2025.

Anoxic Zone

It was reported that three (3) stirrers, 1, 2 and 4 were operational during the month of August 2025.

Aeration Zone

It was reported that eight (8) aerators were operational during the month of September 2025 (numbers 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 14).

RAS Pumps

It was reported that two RAS pumps were operational during the month of September 2025.

Clarifiers

It was reported that both clarifiers were operating without the rotating bridge for sludge consolidation.

Cascade

It was reported that the Cascade was operating well with clear effluent being disposed into the river course. The overall EMA band for waste water quality was yellow,.

C. TOWN PLANNING, SURVEY AND TRANSPORT

(i). MASTER PLAN REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT.

It was reported that the revised Master Plan was still under Ministerial review. The report was noted.

(ii). PROPOSED UTILIZATION OF LAND ALONG LUNDI STAR DRIVE RHODENE LOW DENSITY SUBURB, FORT VICTORIA TOWNSHIP, MASVINGO.

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on proposed utilization of the unplanned located beyond institutional Stand Number 30588, along Lundi Star Drive Masvingo. It was reported that the open space could accommodate four (4) low density residential stands. It was reported that the properties would utilise existing services such as road, water, sewer and power available in the area. The proposal would ensure efficient utilisation of Council land. The existing institutional stand was

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included in the planning boundary of the layout plan in terms of the provisions of Section 205 of the Urban Councils Act Chapter 29:15 as well as to have one consolidated layout plan covering the area. The proposal was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to plan a portion of land along Lundi Star Drive (left side) near institutional Stand Number 30588, and create four (4) low density residential stands, one (1) institutional and one (1) open space subject to Ministerial approval in terms of Section 205 of the Urban Councils Act, Chapter 29:15.

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D. BUILDING INSPECTORATE

It was reported that seventeen (22) building Plans were approved for Victoria Ranch in the month of September 2025 and a total amount of USD 9 271.00 was raised in plan fees. For the rest of town, 19 building plans were approved and a total of USD 9 469 was raised in plan fees.

E. WORKSHOP

The report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the state of Council fleet by Department for the month of September 2025 was considered. It was reported that 45 vehicles were operational out of a fleet of 72, which translated to 63% availability for service delivery. The need for the Acting Director of Engineering Services to improve on transport Management was highlighted.

F. ROAD MAINTENANCE

The report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the activities of the Road Maintenance Section for the month of September 2025 covering gravel patching, tar patching, drainage maintenance, catch pit leads fittings, silt hauling, road compaction, Drain Excavation, gravel dumping, parking bays painting, and Culvert construction. The need to focus more on drainage clearance was highlighted in light of the pending rains.

(i) 2025 ZINARA ERRP PROGRESS REPORT.

It was reported that the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development had approved the procurement of a Grader using ZINARA funds. The application was still awaiting approval by the Office of the President and Cabinet.

H. PROJECTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY COUNCIL.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN COUNCIL SCHOOLS

(i) Runyararo Maternity Ward.

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It was reported that brickwork had been completed and roofing was in progress. The project was 80% complete.

(ii). Oliver Street Commercial Stands Servicing

It was reported that Water and Sewer reticulation had been completed and roads construction was 10% complete. The overall project completion status was 70%.

(iv). Mucheke Light Industry Road Construction

It was reported that water and sewer connection had been completed, roads construction was at 100%. The overall project progress was at 60% complete.

(v). Truck Stop

It was reported that superstructure for the ablution facilities had been completed up to wall plate level. The project was 55% complete.

(vi). Runyararo Community Swimming Pool.

It was reported that construction of walls had been completed, and that requests for the building materials for the ablution facilities was underway. The project was 35% complete.

Vii. Tower Lights Maintenance

It was reported that four Tower Lights, namely Mucheke Bus terminus, Makuva Street, Chikato Primary School, Tangwena Street, Target Kopje and Ngongoni Crescent have been attended to during the month of September 2025.

(viii). Tanaiwa Hostel Upgrading

It was reported that upgrading of Tanaiwa Hostels had been completed.

(ix). Garikai Market Fencing

It was reported that installation of thirty meter long (30m) of fence along the Railway line side at Garikai Market was underway. The need to upgrade Garikai Market was highlighted.

I. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

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

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The meeting ended at 5. 22 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2025

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK