

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY, 5 MAY 2025 AT 4:33 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Madhuna (Chairman)
Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Councillor T. Masimba
Councillor A. Time
Councillor S. Manyanga

ABSENT: Councillor R. Musekiwa
Councillor S. T Marombedze

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. P. Muteshe: Local Governance Student MSU

OFFICIALS: Director of Housing and Social Services
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Finance Director
Chief Internal Auditor
Estates and Valuations Officer
Public Relations Officer
Acting Chief Security Officer
Administration Officer
Committee Officer

126. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Time

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe

127. 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 April 2025, covering premises inspections, licensing, water and food quality control, meat inspection, abattoir inspections, tickets and intimation issued, tuberculosis management, weekly diseases surveillance, inspections at Garikai Market, health and hygiene education, dog bites, SPCA activities and Ward Health Club activities.

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

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The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of April 2025 covering Mother to Child health services, Masvingo Urban Demographic data, revenue collected, medicines availability, out patients, chronic conditions, maternal and child care services, EPI programme, growth monitoring, patients' attendance at Council Clinics, STI Management, partnership projects and mental health report was noted. The Committee noted the need to expedite the provision of a vehicle to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) to enhance their operations in the commonage.

C. CLEANSING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of March 2025 covering number of operational refuse trucks, refuse removal statistics, pest control, waste management and collection, status of public toilets, hygiene monitoring, ward health club supervision and clean up campaigns.

On update regarding landfill management equipment, it was reported that the procurement processes were underway.

D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of April 2025 on the National Aids Council activities was noted.

E. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted.

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

A. APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE OF BOTTLE STORE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO A BAR LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT BY TAWANDA NYAMAREBVU: STAND NUMBER 28119 MUSHANDIKE STREET, HILLSIDE EXTENSION

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the application by Tawanda Nyamarebvu for change of Bottle Store Liquor Development Permit to a Bar Liquor Development on stand number 28119 Mushandike Street, Hillside Extension, Masvingo. Debate ensued. The item was withdrawn.

B. APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SPECIAL RESTAURANT: BY NYASHA BANHIRE: PLOT NUMBER 5, MORNINGSIDE

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application for a Special Restaurant liquor development permit by Nyasha Banhire on Plot number 5, Morningside, Masvingo. The report was withdrawn for further research by

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Management.

C. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CDF PROJECTS

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on Constituency Development Fund (CDF) projects implemented by the Honourable Mureri Martin (Member of Parliament, Masvingo Urban Constituency). The projects included;

- Installation of a 6.5kv solar power at Dikwindi Primary School which shall power the borehole, the administration block and the computer laboratory.
- A borehole was drilled in ward 6 at Mbudzi Business center and borehole capacity is yet to be tested pending installation of storage tanks.
- In Ward 3 it was reported that Chikato Primary School will receive 40 desks and 40 chairs for their new block before the opening of schools.
- Beds for Muccheke Old Peoples Home will be ready for delivery during the first week of May 2025.
- Council to identify a suitable place to install a borehole in ward 9.
- Plumbing equipment for Rujeko Primary School was in the process of being acquired.

The report was noted.

D. REQUEST TO ACQUIRE STAND NUMBER 27030 MUCHEKE MEDIUM DENSITY SUBURB: MINISTRY OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, BETTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME OF ZIMBABWE (BSPZ)

The Committee gave consideration to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, through its District School Inspector (DSI), Mr Chigaba requesting for stand number 27030 Muccheke Medium Density stand for the purpose of a multipurpose conference centre for the Better Schools Programme of Zimbabwe (BSPZ).

It was reported that the stand is zoned residential and the person who was allocated the piece of land had failed to develop it for the past 15 years. The facility will be used mainly for conference facilities and meetings. The request was approved and it was agreed that due process be followed in the changing of use of the stand from residential to institutional.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT Council offers the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, Better Schools Programme of Zimbabwe (BSPZ) stand number 27030 Muccheke Medium Density stand for the purpose of constructing a multi-purpose Conference Centre.
2. THAT the change of use of stand number 27030 Muccheke Medium Density from residential to institutional for the purposes of developing a Conference by the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, Better Schools Programme of Zimbabwe (BSPZ) be approved.

E. CONCERN RAISED BY DAVIES MUGABE FLOOD VICTIMS

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The Committee gave consideration to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the concerns raised by beneficiaries of the Davies Mugabe Street floods whom Council had allocated replacement residential stands to relocate from the existing houses. It was reported that the beneficiaries had raised a number of issues on who would be responsible for the costs of construction of the new superstructures, payment of development costs such as building plan approval fees, water and sewer connection fees, electricity connections and compensation for household goods damaged during the floods. The beneficiaries were of the view that Council should meet all the costs of relocation and compensation for damaged property.

The item was referred back to Management with a view that consideration be given to circumstances leading to the destruction of the properties and the need to engage Masvingo Rural District Council over the matter in light of developments upstream which contributed largely to the flooding problem.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT issues raised by victims of the flooding in Davies Mugabe Street, Runyararo West, Masvingo for Council to meet the development costs of the replacement stands offered to the beneficiaries be referred to Management for further consideration.

F. DONATIONS PROVIDED BY MR. MARISA FOR THE ALPHA COTTAGES CHILDREN'S HOME.

The Committee gave consideration to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on donations made by Mr. Marisa to Alpha Cottages Children's Home were he painted the exterior and interior of the Home, provision of solar panels, Smart Television sets and commitment to pay for DSTV monthly subscriptions, supplied an industrial size gas stove and tank, provided quarry stones and pit sand to facilitate repairs to the perimeter fence and made a cash contribution towards salaries of staff at the Home. The Committee noted with great appreciation the donation by Mr. Marisa to Alpha Cottages Children's Home.

G. LEASED LIQUOR OUTLETS

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the status of leased liquor outlets as follows;

- Sarudzai Beerhall, monthly rentals pegged at USD 500, and currently owing USD 6758.97, leased to Anephen Investments which had vacated the premises on 30 April 2025.
- Manhede Beerhall leased to Asanu Willbroad Investments lease valid until 31 December 2026, letter of termination was served on 17 September 2024 and the tenant owes USD 14,531.20 for a monthly rental of USD 600.00
- Farai Beerhall leased to Anephen Investments for a monthly rental of USD 600, owing USD 2609 and on a payment plan with last payment made on 28 April 2025
- Caravan Park leased to Garikai Garande at monthly rentals of USD 800.00 currently owing USD 4311.42 and last payment made on 14 April 2025.

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- Portion of Chiwororo Beerhall leased to Golden Poultry Association for monthly rentals of USD 150 and currently owing USD 2987.19. It was noted that the tenant was illegally subletting to Grace Life Ministries Church for USD 80 per month and the tenant made the last payment on 3 October 2024.

The Committee approved the continued operations of Anephen Investments at Farai Beerhall and Caravan Park. It was agreed that the premises where lease agreements had been terminated (Manhede, Sarudzai Beerhalls) would be considered for other Council income generation projects. The Committee agreed that in the event that Council was not yet ready to commence income generating projects at the Beerhalls, the current tenants may continue operations subject to payment of lease rentals and clearing outstanding rental arrears.

H. NOTIFICATION OF DIKWINDI PRIMARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

The Committee noted the Dikwindi Primary School Development Committee for the year 2025.

I. HOUSING WAITING LIST AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

The Committee noted the Council waiting list as at 31 March 2025 covering previous registration and new registrations in the high, medium and low-density residential categories. The need to colour code Waiting List cards for the different categories was highlighted. One hundred and thirteen (113) new registrations were recorded for the month of March 2025.

J. HOUSING ISSUES

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Community Services for the month of April 2025, covering housing waiting lists, housing routine business for Mucheke, Chesvingo and Rujeko Administration Offices, Title transfer and income from Vendor Markets.

K. PARKS SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Parks Section for the month of April 2025 covering islands and parks, trees and plantations, state of tractors and other equipment, nurseries, cemeteries and revenue collected from grave payments was considered.

L. ESTATES AND VALUATION SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the activities of the Estates and Valuation section covering status of lease agreements, outstanding rentals and valuations done in the month under review was noted.

M. Adoption of Report

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RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

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

129. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE (APRIL 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 in illegal vending control, traffic control, shop licence inspections and Boom gate Banking for the month of April 2025.

(i). 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. Kenern Park
20. Sisk Safe Market
21. Rujeko Beerhall
22. Chiwororo Beerhall
23. Runyararo West Dumpsite

B. JOINT OPERATIONS

It was reported that the Section carried out several joint operations with other stakeholders such as the ZRP in the enforcement of traffic, illegal vending, on street services garages and blocking of pavements. The summary of statistics of arrests made as well as revenue realized as shown in the table below:

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OFFENCES /ACTIVITY	ARRESTS	AMOUNT US\$	AMOUNT ZIG
2.3 Traffic			
Failure to purchase parking disc	19	380	
Continuous parking after expiry of disc	222	2220	
Storage fee	3	210	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	88	3520	
Impound fee	46	920	
Wrong parking	164	4920	
Obstruction	1	50	
Total	543	12220	
2.4 LICENCING			
Shop licence	240	4800	
Operating without additional license	127	1270	
Push carts	36	360	
Illegal selling of gas	9	180	
TOTAL	412	6610	
2.5 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.	41	600	
Non-perishables (bales)	68	910	
TOTAL	109	1510	
2.6 COMMONAGE			
Total			
2.7 BOOMGATES			
Croco Motors	735	7340	
WID	518	5175	
L.Takawira	313	3120	
TOTAL	1566	15635	
GRAND TOTAL	2630	35975	

C. CASH IN TRANSIT (CIT)

It was reported that the section collected and banked cash from Croco Motors Bus Terminus, Welby Avenue Bus Terminus and L. Takawira terminus. Garikai Market, Civic Centre, Chiororo Beerhall, Chidavaenzi Bottle Store, Rujeko Beer, Runyararo West Clinic, Runyararo Clinic, Mucheke Clinic, Rujeko Clinic and City of Masvingo Nursery.

D. DOGS

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It was reported that the Section had two trained Dog Handlers and 1 Municipal Police Dog.

E. GARIKAI MARKET

It was reported that the section provided security to staff deployed to carry out revenue collection duties.

F. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

The meeting ended at 6.20 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2025

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK