

**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 APRIL 2025 AT 4:33 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M. Madhuna (Chairman)  
Councillor R. Musekiwa  
Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe  
Councillor T. Masimba  
Councillor A. Time

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Councillor S.T. Marombedze

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Miss T.Madzowere: Development Planning & Management: MSU  
Miss E. Ndlovu: Development Studies Student: GZU

**OFFICIALS:** Chamber Secretary  
Director of Housing and Social Services  
Finance Director  
Chief Internal Auditor  
Public Relations Officer  
Environmental Health Officer  
Acting Chief Security Officer  
Assistant Committee Officer

**NB:** Before the meeting in the Committee Room, the Committee conducted a tour of Rujeko and Mucheke Clinics at 3.00 pm. The members agreed that a report on the findings would be produced at the next meeting for consideration.

**092. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

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

**093. 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 March 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.

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**B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES**

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of March 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.

**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, and clean up campaigns.

On illegal vending in the city, the need to carry out an awareness campaign against illegal vending was highlighted. The Committee also highlighted the need for Council to provide vending places and levy affordable licence fees. Management was tasked to explore the modalities of conducting awareness campaigns against illegal vending with a view for vendors to operate from designated places.

On refuse collection trucks, the need to expedite the procurement of two additional refuse trucks in 2025 was highlighted.

**D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.**

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of March 2025 on the National Aids Council activities was considered. The Chairman highlighted that there was a gap in Council since the Committee was not represented in the National Aids Council Board. It was explained the current Council representative to the National Aids Council Board was not a member of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee. The report was noted.

**E. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF MASVINGO AND AIDS HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION (AHF).**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the request to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) between City of Masvingo and Aids Health Care Foundation for collaboration in the provision of HIV and Aids prevention, care and treatment services in Masvingo urban community. The request was granted.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the request to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between City of Masvingo, and Aids Health Care Foundation (AHF) for collaboration in the provision of HIV and Aids prevention, care and treatment services in Masvingo urban community be granted.

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Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the request to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between City of Masvingo and The Community Working Group on Health (CWGH) for collaboration in the provision of health services in Masvingo. The request was granted.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the request to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between City of Masvingo, and the Community Working Group on Health (CWGH) for collaboration in the provision of Health services be granted.

**G. Adoption of Report****RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto.

**094. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.****A. ALLOCATION OF TEN (10) RESIDENTIAL STANDS TO DAVIES MUGABE STREET, RUNYARARO WEST FLOOD VICTIMS.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the allocation of residential stands to the ten Davies Mugabe Street Flood victims. It was reported that following the Council Resolution in January 2025, ten (10) residential stands have been allocated to Davies Mugabe Street, Runyararo West, flood victims as replacement stands which are in Runyararo North West as detailed in the table below.

STAND NUMBER	REPLACEMENT	SIZE
15354	24650	200m <sup>2</sup>
15375	24647	209m <sup>2</sup>
15386	24651	200m <sup>2</sup>
15289	24655	188m <sup>2</sup>
15290	24648	251m <sup>2</sup>
15385	24649	192m <sup>2</sup>
15376	24657	200m <sup>2</sup>
15312	24656	200m <sup>2</sup>
15313	24653	200m <sup>2</sup>
15384	24652	200m <sup>2</sup>

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**The allocation Criteria**

It was reported that the stands had been allocated in phases. The flood victims have been grouped into three (3) categories, critical/severe 10 properties, moderate, 15 properties and low risk 14 properties. So far Council had allocated the first category of ten (10) critical flood victims.

**Status of allocated stands.**

It was reported that the allocated stands were serviced with water. However, sewer will only be connected when the main trunk sewer line had been completed. The Victims had been allocated stands of equivalent or even bigger sizes compared to their original stands in Runyararo North West.

Some of the members were against the idea of availing offer letters for the replacement stands to the ten critical flood victims on the perception that the victims would abuse the offer and resell the stands before the original properties could be demolished so that the victims would not end up having two properties. Debate ensued. It was proposed and agreed that Council should put a Caveat on the offer letters prohibiting resell of the replacement stands.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT Council puts a Caveat on the Agreement of sale between City of Masvingo and Davies Mugabe Street residents in Runyararo West, prohibiting the disposal of replacement residential stands allocated to the ten critical flood victims. **DHSS**

**B. MUCHEKE STADIUM FACELIFTING AND REPAIRS.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the renovations of Mucheke Stadium by Pacific Storm Company. The donation was made as part of the product marketing strategy. The company managed to attend to the Perimeter fence, Entrance Wall Gate, Dressing rooms, Tuck-shop and entry gates, Goal posts, new scoreboard and three more billboards had been installed in the Stadium. This had significantly enhanced the general out look of the stadium.

The field has also been marked properly, completing the transformation of the stadium. It was reported that in return, Council may grant Pacific Storm advertising rights.

**C. MUCHEKE STADIUM UPGRADING – PREPARATION OF DESIGNS AND BILL OF QUANTITY (BOQ) BY CITY OF HARARE ENGINEERS.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the proposed upgrading of Mucheke Stadium. It was reported that following Council resolution in March 2025, City of Harare Engineers conducted an inspections and assessment of the Mucheke Stadium and they were in the process of coming up with the designs and Bill of Quantity (BOQ) for upgrading the Stadium. It was highlighted that Council would wait for a feedback from the Engineers. The report was noted.

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

**E. WELFARE SECTION**

The report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the Welfare Section for the month of March 2025 covering revenue raised by the section, leased properties payment status, preschools, libraries, revenue collected, workshops and trainings, economic empowerment programmes, Mucheke Old People's Home, Charles Austin Theatre, recreation activities, was considered.

On recreational facilities, the need to provide additional benches at Community Halls was highlighted. On Building Brigade Hall, the need to design a proper car park for the patrons was highlighted.

On the status of leased Council beerhalls, the Director of Housing and Social Services was instructed to prepare a report on the status of all leased beerhalls and submit to the next Committee meeting for consideration.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to prepare a report on the status of all leased beerhalls and submit to the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee meeting for consideration. **DHSS**

**F. PARKS SECTION**

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

**G. 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.

**H. Adoption of Report****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**

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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 March 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 Section conducted blitz on health and environmental issues with personnel from the Health Department. Shop licensing enforcements were also carried out with the Debt Collection Section. These operations would continue to be carried out to promote order and sanity in the City.

The summary of statistics of arrests made as well as revenue realized was shown in the table below:

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OFFENCES /ACTIVITY	ARRESTS	AMOUNT US\$	AMOUNT ZIG
<b>3.2 Traffic</b>			
Failure to purchase parking disc	13	260	
Continuous parking after expiry of disc	295	2950	
Storage fee	5	360	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	86	3440	
Impound fee	58	1160	
Wrong parking	68	2040	
Towing fees	3	300	
Obstruction	3	150	
<b>Total</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>10660</b>	
<b>3.3 LICENCING</b>			
Shop licence	359	7180	
Operating without additional licence	86	860	
Push carts	58	580	
Illegal selling of gas	25	500	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>9120</b>	
<b>3.4 VENDING</b>			
Perishables (potatoes, vegetables and fruits)	97	1320	
Blocking pavement	2	60	
Non-perishables (bales)	149	2440	
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.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Illegal structures were also removed and material such as wooden poles and planks were stored at Building Brigade.</li> <li>● Cardboard boxes and plastics were ferried by waste management team.</li> </ul>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>3820</b>	
<b>3.5 COMMONAGE</b>			
<b>Total</b>			
<b>3.6 BOOMGATES</b>			
Croco Motors terminus	816	8145	
Welby Avenue terminus	540	5400	
L.Takawira Terminus	313	3110	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>16655</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2976</b>	<b>40 255</b>	
<b>3.7 DISCIPLINARY CASES</b>			
<b>3.8 CRIMINAL CASES</b>			

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**C. CASH IN TRANSIT (CIT)**

It was reported that the section collected and banked cash from Croco motors 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. These duties were carried out incident-free.

**D. DOGS**

It was reported that the Section has 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 at Garikai Market. Two more officers were seconded to this Section.

**E. GARIKAI MARKET**

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

**F. Adoption of Report**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

The meeting ended at 7:44 p.m.

**CONFIRMED THIS**

**DAY OF**

**2025**

**CHAIRMAN**

**TOWN CLERK**