

**CITY OF MASVINGO**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY, 20 AUGUST 2025 AT 11:09 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M. Madhuna (Chairman)  
Councillor R. Musemkiwa  
Councillor A. Time  
Councillor S. Manyanga

**ABSENT:** Councillor S. T Marombedze  
Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr W. Vhomo: Local Governance Studies Student: GZU

**OFFICIALS:** Acting Town Clerk  
Director of Housing and Social Services  
Housing and Social Services Manager  
Internal Audit Manager  
Acting Chief Security Officer  
Environmental Health Officer  
Monitoring and Evaluation Officer  
Committee Officer II

**223. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

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

*Proposed by Councillor R. Musekiwa  
Seconded by Councillor A. Time*

**224. REPORT OF THE DIRETOR OF HEALTH SERVICES**

**A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Health Services on the Environmental Health Section activities for the month of July 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.

On premises licensing, the Committee was of the view that all illegal Push Carts operating in the city should be registered and licensed as a source of revenue. Debate ensued. Members agreed that the movement of Push Carts in the City should be controlled. For Pepsi and Ice

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Cream vending Push Carts, the Committee agreed that the Acting Director of Engineering Services should identify more vending sites in the City with a view to issue vending permits.

On the proposed Special Vending Unit, the Director of Housing and Social Services reported that Management had some reservations. The Committee insisted that the idea of introducing the special Vending unit within the Municipal Police should be reconsidered in light of the need to maintain law and order in the city.

On stray dogs in the commonage, the Committee raised concern that the SPCA was not able to address the issue stray dogs in the commonage. It was also highlighted that Council should conduct a dog census in the City as a way of determining stray dogs and unlicensed dogs.

On the proposal to engage the Parks and Wildlife Management Authority for a gunner to shoot dogs, the Committee was of the view that Council should outsource or hire a shooter from Private Security organisations as a way forward.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

1. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to identify vending sites in the City with a view to issue vending permits to Push Cart vendors. **ADES**
2. THAT the Town Clerk be instructed to conduct a Dog Census in the City with a view to determine stray, unvaccinated and unlicensed dogs. **TC**
3. THAT the Town Clerk be instructed to procure the services of a Shooter from other security organisations to implement the dog tie up order in the City. **TC**

**B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES**

The report of the Director of Health Services on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of July 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 Director of Health Services for the month of July 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 state of refuse trucks, the Committee expressed concern on continuous breakdowns resulting in refuse collection backlogs in the City. The Committee noted that the current model of refuse trucks was expensive to maintain. It was suggested that Council should consider procuring tractors with appropriate trailers which were perceived to last longer with minimal maintenance costs. The idea was referred to management for consideration.

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**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the Director Health Services be instructed to refer the proposal to procure tractors with trailers for refuse collection to Management for consideration. **DHS**

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

The report of the Director of Health Services for the month of July 2025 on the National Aids Council activities was noted.

The Committee raised concern that the District Aids Action Committee (DAAC) officials were no longer attending Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee meetings, hence Council was not being updated on current trends in the fight against HIV and Aids. It was agreed that DAAC Officials at District level should be engaged to attend Committee meetings as usual.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the Director Health Services be instructed to remind DAAC office to be represented at the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee meetings. **DHS**

**E. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MCKINGTORCH ZIMBABWE AND THE CITY OF MASVINGO FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A WASTE COLLECTION HUB.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director Health Services on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be entered into between Mckingtorch Zimbabwe, a duly registered company under the laws of Zimbabwe, with its principal office located in Gweru, Zimbabwe, and the City of Masvingo. It was highlighted that the objectives of the MOU was to promote waste management in the City. The request was granted.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the City of Masvingo enters into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mckingtorch Zimbabwe, for the purpose of establishing and operating a Waste Management Hub. **DHS**

**F. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS LIMITED AND CITY OF MASVINGO.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director Health Services on the request to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Masvingo City Council and Beautiful Designs Limited for medical waste disposal. The request was granted.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

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THAT a Memorandum of Understanding between Masvingo City Council and Beautiful Designs Limited for medical waste disposal be signed.

**G. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MY AGE ZIMBABWE AND CITY OF MASVINGO.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director Health Services on the request to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Masvingo City Council and My Age Zimbabwe for gender equality, youth empowerment and gender and sexual based activities in the City. The request was granted.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT a Memorandum of Understanding between Masvingo City Council and My Age Zimbabwe to champion gender equality, sexual and gender based violence and youth empowerment in the City be signed.

**H. Adoption of Report**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the report of the Director of Health Services be approved and adopted.

**225. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.**

**A. APPLICATION FOR A WHOLESALE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ON STAND NUMBER 470 HERBERT CHITEPO STREET, MASVINGO: DOLLEN MUPUWI.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director Housing and Social Services on the application for a Liquor Development Permit by Dollen Mupuwi, on Stand Number 470 Herbert Chitepo Street, Masvingo. The application was granted.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the application for a Liquor Development Permit by Dollen Mupuwi, on Stand Number 470 Herbert Chitepo Street, Masvingo be granted.

**B. PROPOSED SITES FOR WEZHIRA YOUTH PARK IN RUJEKO.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director Housing and Social Services on proposed sites for Wezhira Youth Park project in Rujeko. The proposed sites were considered and the Committee settled for a piece of land near Bandwe Street Rujeko C.

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**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to allocate the open space near Bandwe Street, Rujeko C, Masvingo to Wezhira Youth Park project on lease basis. **DHSS**

**C. APPLICATION TO LEASE THE OPEN SPACE ADJACENT STAND NUMBER 27943 RUJEKO C, MASVINGO: REHOBOTH LIGHTHOUSE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director Housing and Social Services on the request by Rehoboth Lighthouse Full Gospel Church, to lease the open space adjacent Stand Number 27943 Rujeko C, Masvingo for the purposes of establishing the greenhouse project. The request was put in abeyance and the Director of Housing and Social Services was instructed to organise a tour of the piece of land by the Health Housing and Environmental services Committee at the next meeting to appreciate the place.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

1. THAT the request by Rehoboth Lighthouse Full Gospel Church, to lease the open space adjacent Stand Number 27943 Rujeko C, Masvingo for the purposes of establishing the greenhouse project be put in abeyance pending a site visit by the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee to appreciate the area. **DHSS**
2. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to organise a tour of the open space adjacent Stand Number 27943, by the Health Housing and Environmental Services Committee at the next meeting to appreciate the place. **DHSS**

**D. HOUSING ISSUES**

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

**E. PARKS SECTION**

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

**F. 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.

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**G. 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**

**226. REPORT OF THE ACTING TOWN CLERK**

**A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE (JULY 2025).**

**(i). SECURITY OF COUNCIL ESTABLISHMENTS.**

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

**B. JOINT OPERATIONS**

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 working with the Debt Collection Section. It was indicated that the operations would continue to be carried out in a bid to bring sanity in the City.

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The table below is a summary of statistics of arrests made as well as revenue realized.

<b>OFFENCES /ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ARRESTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT US\$</b>
<b>2.3 Traffic</b>		
Failure to purchase parking disc	39	780
Continuous parking after expiry of disc	327	3270
Storage fee	4	120
Pick and drop at undesignated points	51	2040
Impound fee	44	880
Wrong parking	88	2640
8 ton vehicle using residential road	1	60
Improper parking	41	1230
Wash and repair in any road	9	360
Towing fees	5	480
Illegal removal of a clamp	1	180
Dangerous parking	68	2040
Park any heavy vehicle in unmarked parking	1	40
Obstruction	1	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>14 170</b>
<b>2.4 LICENCING</b>		
Shop licence	449	8980
Operating without additional licence (class)	6	60
Push carts <b>NB: 75 Pushcarts are held at the impound yard as exhibits and 82 paid penalty fees.</b>	157	820
Illegal selling of gas	17	340
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>10 200</b>
<b>2.5 Environmental Health</b>		
Operating without a bin	58	580
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>580</b>
<b>COMMONAGE</b>		
Illegal drilling of boreholes	1	100
Failure to obtain rank disk	2	40
Illegal extraction of sand	3	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>290</b>
<b>2.6 VENDING</b>		
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'	69	900

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recommendations whereas non-perishable goods were kept as exhibits and are awaiting disposal through public auction.		
Non-perishables (bales)	43	560
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1460</b>
<b>2.7 BOOMGATES</b>		
Croco Motors	1046	10 435
WID	626	6285
L.Takawira	461	4635
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2133</b>	<b>21 355</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>3543</b>	<b>48 055</b>
<b>2.8 DISCIPLINARY CASES</b>	Nil	NIL
<b>2.9 CRIMINAL CASES</b>	Nil	NIL

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

The section collected and banked cash from Croco motors terminus, WID terminus, 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 had two trained Dog Handlers and 1 Municipal Police dog. The dog was assisting the Section in guarding Municipal Workshop, patrolling the streets and our commonage area as well as in crowd control in the CBD and 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 2.20 p.m.

**CONFIRMED THIS**

**DAY OF**

**2025**

**CHAIRMAN**

**TOWN CLERK**