

CITY OF MASVINGO

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1041st ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY 27
FEBRUARY 2023 AT 5.22 P.M.**

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor Councillor C. Maboke
Deputy Mayor Councillor W, Mawende
Alderman S. Maridza
Councillor R. Kamuzonda
Councillor A. Tabe
Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Councillor R. Musekiwa
Councillor B. Beta
Councillor S. Manyanga

IN ATTENDANCE:

Magwati L. District Development Coordinator's Office
Sorofa W. District Development Coordinator's Office
Mapamba R: Graduate Trainee-Public Administration
Madubeko V. Local Governance Studies Student: GZU
Mudzamiri F : Local Governance Studies Student) GZU
Mabarani M: Local Governance Studies Student) GZU
Mizivi T. : Public Relations Student GZU

OFFICIALS:

Town Clerk
Chamber Secretary
Chief Environmental Health Officer
Acting Director of Housing and Social Services
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Chief Internal Auditor
Assistant Human Resources Officer
Assistant Committee Officers (2)

095. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 30 January 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Councillor R. Musekiwa
Seconded by Councillor D. Mberikunashe*

096. MATTER ARISING

(i). Minute 041(iii): Revival of Mucheke Bus Terminus

Clarification was sought by Council on the progress made in the enforcement of the Council resolution for all buses to rank at Mucheke Bus Terminus. The Town Clerk reported that the operation was still underway and Management was in the process of preparing the cost benefit analysis for enforcement of buses to move to the Mucheke Bus Terminus to avoid wastage of resources. The Town Clerk advised that in light of the Council resolution to remove all buses illegally picking up and dropping off passengers at corner Sheba Tavarwisa

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Street and Josiah Tongogara Street, it was ideal for Council to immediately establish a bus drop off and pick up point in the Central Business District for the convenience of passengers.

The Town Clerk further highlighted that the viability of Mucheke Bus Terminus was likely to be enhanced after the completion of road dualization developments of the Masvingo Beitbridge highway which would result in the construction of 2 bridges across Mucheke River (Chimusana) and construction of a traffic circle along Charumbira road.

Council noted with concern the low revenue raised from the enforcement exercise to remove buses illegally picking up and dropping passengers at Sheba Tavarwisa Street and Josiah Tongogara Street. Council further noted the need to review schedule of fines for traffic offenses to make them more punitive. The Chamber Secretary was instructed to convene a special Public Works and Planning Committee meeting for Council to deliberate on a lasting solution for ranking pick up and drop of passengers for long distance buses.

RESOLVED

THAT the Chamber Secretary be instructed to convene a Special Public Works and Planning Committee meeting to deliberate on a solution to the ranking facilities for long distance buses in the Central Business District and Mucheke Bus Terminus. CS

(ii). Minute 041(iv): Upgrading of Mamutse Stadium

The Town Clerk reported that a technical team had been appointed to work on the designs and other proposals and report to Management. The report was noted.

097. COMMUNICATIONS.

The Town Clerk reported that Councillor A. Chiteme would join the meeting at a later on stage.

098. HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor R. Musekiwa seconded by Alderman S. Maridza

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 6 February 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On the allocation of a vehicle to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), the Town Clerk reported that Management was attending to the matter.

On minute 049(B), regarding official opening of Runyararo Northwest Medical Clinic, it was reported that the event had been postponed to the 3rd of March 2023. The report was noted.

On minute 050 (B), the recommendation of the Committee for the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services to engage the School Head for Dikwindi Primary School on

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the poor performance in the 2022 Grade Seven examinations was withdrawn since it was part of routine duties of the Director of Housing and Social Services. Instead, Council instructed the Town Clerk to set up a taskforce to investigate poor performance at Dikwindi Primary School in the 2022 Grade Seven examinations.

On sporting facilities, members queried the feasibility of Council maintaining Chesvingo Playground in view of the residential developments taking place on the adjacent piece of land. The general view of Council was that the place was no longer proper to be used as a playground, thus Council should identify an alternative piece of land in the area for the establishment of a playground. The matter was referred to the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee for consideration.

On the Mayor's Junior Soccer Tournament, it was agreed that the participating teams would be drawn from Primary and Secondary Schools in Masvingo Urban.

WHEREUPON the original motion was put as the substantive motion and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 6 February 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed;

1. The Town Clerk being instructed to set up a taskforce to investigate poor performance at Dikwindi Primary School in the 2022 Grade Seven examinations. **TC**
2. The Director of Housing and Social Services being instructed to refer the establishment of a new playground in Chesvingo suburbs, to the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee for consideration. **ADHSS**
3. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
4. THAT Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to refer the request for the establishment of an Infectious Diseases Hospital, to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration. **CEHO**
5. THAT the Acting Town Clerk be instructed to engage a gunner for the dog shooting exercise in the commonage. **CS/CSO**
6. THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to refer to Management, the procurement of essential drugs for Council Clinics. **CEHO**
7. THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

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8. THAT the construction of a new house at Nyangombe Children's Home in Nyanga, under the Angel of Hope Foundation Programme be approved. **ADHSS**
9. THAT the Draft Education Policy for the City of Masvingo be adopted. **ADHSS**
10. THAT Acting Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to engage the School Head for Dikwindi Primary School and find out the causes of poor performance in the 2022 grade seven examinations and submit a report to the Committee. **ADHSS**
11. THAT the best performing Council school in the 2022 grade seven public examinations, Shakashe Primary School, be given a token of appreciation as per Council tradition. **ADHSS**
12. THAT the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services be authorised to dispose of the four (4) commercial stands in Eastvale and Mucheke as follows:
 - i. Stand 27572 measuring 1126m²
 - ii. Stand 27574 measuring 159m²
 - iii. Stand 27573 measuring 159m²
 - iv. Stand 30001 Mucheke measuring 180m² **ADHSS**
13. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be authorised to dispose three low density residential stands numbers 30541, 30542 and 30543 in Northleigh Masvingo, created after a change of reservation. **ADHSS**
14. THAT Mr Hakistone Chimwani be allocated one of the three low density residential stands created in Northleigh, Masvingo. **TC**
15. THAT the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services was instructed to do due diligence and repossess all the residential in the commonage which were due for repossession and reallocate same to home seekers on the Council's waiting list. **ADHSS**
16. THAT the request by Tendai Magadza for reservation of five graves at the Lawn Cemetery for her family members be turned down on the basis that grave reservation was allowed for the spouse only and not for other family members. **ADHSS**
17. THAT the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to handover the Scout Hall to the Provincial Scouts Association for administration purposes. **ADHSS**

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18. THAT Masvingo United Football Club be authorised to conduct two hour training sessions in Mucheke Stadium for two days a week during the current 2023 season. **ADHSS**
19. THAT Acting Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to refer to Management for further deliberation, the application for Title Transfer, by Jairos Jiri Association, for the land they are currently leasing from Council. **ADHSS**
20. THAT the request by Francis Aphiri Primary School, for the construction of 1x3 Classroom block be granted with Council providing labour for the project. **ADHSS**
21. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to revive the Mayor's Junior Soccer Tournament under the theme, "Campaign Against Drug Abuse". **ADHSS**
22. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
23. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

099. PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor S. Manyanga seconded by Councillor R. Kamuzonda

"THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 23 February 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto"

On the operational issues for the Committees, the Town Clerk advised Council that Councillors should submit their agenda items through use of a Motion Form to the relevant Committee and not to introduce fresh items in a Council meeting.

WHEREUPON the original motion was put as the substantive motion and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 23 February 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed;

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the Finance Director being instructed to send out communication to residents to urge them to replace nonfunctional water meters, and water disconnection for debtors. **FD**

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3. THAT the application by P. Shumba of stand number 6840 Industrial site, Masvingo, requesting for additional land measuring 536 m2 on the same stand's access road be turned down on the basis that the requested land encroached into a power line servitude. **ADES**
4. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
5. THAT the proposal for Council to assist flood victims in Runyararo West be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

100. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor B. Beta seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23 February 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On minute 063H, regarding a permanent solution to the problem of flooding in Runyararo West Suburb, the Town Clerk reported that he was preparing a report on the matter.

On sewer blockage along Davies Mugabe in Runyararo West Suburb, the matter was referred to Management for consideration.

WHEREUPON the original motion was put as the substantive motion and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23 February 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed ;

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 31 August 2022 and 23 January 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as correct records and signed.
2. THAT the request to open a Nostro Account linked to the CBZ Touch biller code with Commercial Bank of Zimbabwe (CBZ) be granted. **FD**
3. THAT the request to open a nostro account dedicated for Pre-Paid Parking operations at the National Building Society (NBS) Bank be granted. **FD**
4. THAT Council donates US\$200,00 payable at the prevailing bank rate, towards the 2023 District Independence celebrations.

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5. THAT Council donates US\$300,00 payable at the prevailing bank rate, towards the 2023 Provincial Independence celebrations. **FD**
6. THAT Council nominates the following for appointment to the City of Masvingo Valuation Board;
 - (i) Mr Takachida Mudekunya as a member of the City of Masvingo Valuation Board.
 - (ii) Mr J. Mutimba as the alternate Board Member to the City of Masvingo Valuation Board.
 - (iii) If any of the two above is not available for nomination, Mr Luke Matimba be nominated as an alternate member of the City of Masvingo Valuation Board. **TC**
7. THAT Council waives water charges for the District Development Fund Training Centre as part of its assistance to the six families affected by floods, for the duration of their stay. **FD**
8. THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
9. THAT Council pays USD 400,00 or equivalent being affiliation fees for Shine Shine Queens Football Club for the 2023 Zimbabwe Women Super League Season.
10. THAT Council waives the payment of lease rentals for Mucheke Stadium during the team's home matches for the 2023 Zimbabwe Women Super League Season. **FD**
11. THAT Council transfers land on stand 10533 Vambire Street, which houses Alfred Walter Hostels, to the Roman Catholic Church's SJI Sisters as a donation towards the housing of mentally handicapped children. **ADHSS**
12. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to confirm the actual stand number and size, to enable processing of the land transfer. **ADES**
13. THAT the cost of servicing (water, road, sewer) of three commercial stands as stated below, be pegged at US \$27.74 per square metre.

Stand No	Land use	Area (m ²)
Eastvale		
27573	Commercial	160
27574	Commercial	160
Chesvingo		
30001	Commercial	180

14. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto.
15. THAT the application by I. Kurunda (120175) Accounts Clerk Salaries Grade 11, for an educational loan amounting to ZWL 411 488.00 for a Masters' Degree in Forensic Auditing and Accounting with Midlands State University be approved subject to conditions governing study loans and availability of funds in the revolving educational loan account. **FD**
16. THAT the application of application for an education loan by L. Matanda (130379) Municipal Constable Grade 5, for an educational loan amounting to 640.00 payable at the prevailing interbank rate for an Advanced Diploma in Security and Risk Management with Global Institute of Security and Management be approved subject to conditions governing study loans and availability of funds in the revolving educational loan account. **FD**
17. THAT the application for an education loan by Samuel Marindire (130118) Parks Supervisor, amounting to ZWL325 124,00 for a Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Agriculture Management with the Zimbabwe Open University be approved subject to conditions governing study loans and availability of funds in the revolving educational loan account. **FD**
18. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
19. THAT authority to submit 12 Council By-Laws as stated below, to the Minister of Local Government and Public Works for approval be granted.
 1. City of Masvingo Food Hygiene by laws 2023
 2. City of Masvingo Hair Dressers and Barbers Shop By laws 2023
 3. City of Masvingo Anti-litter By-Laws 2023
 4. City of Masvingo Mining By-Laws 2023
 5. City of Masvingo Public Amenities By-laws 2023
 6. City of Masvingo City of Masvingo Solid Waste Management By-Laws 2023
 7. City of Masvingo Human Excretia By-laws, 2023
 8. City of Masvingo Public Health By-Laws 2023
 9. City of Masvingo Building by laws 2023
 10. City of Masvingo Cemeteries By-Laws 2023
 11. City of Masvingo Electronic Communication Facilities By-Laws, 2023
 12. City of Masvingo Urban Agriculture By-Laws,2023 **CS**

20. THAT authority to formulate 24 additional By-laws as stated below, be granted;

1. City of Masvingo Development Control By-Laws 2023
2. City of Masvingo Taxi and Cab By-Laws 2023
3. City of Masvingo Occupation of Council Properties By-Laws 2023
4. City of Masvingo Air Pollution By-Laws
5. City of Masvingo Informal Trading By-Laws
6. City of Masvingo Proceedings of Meetings By-Laws
7. City of Masvingo Regulation of derelict, unoccupied and dangerous Buildings
8. City of Masvingo Roads By-Laws
9. City of Masvingo Encroachment -Projections on Property by Laws 2023
10. City of Masvingo Disclosure of Documents and Publication of Proceedings By-Laws
11. City of Masvingo Land Management By-Laws
12. City of Masvingo Burning of vegetation and prevention of fires by-laws
13. City of Masvingo Boreholes and Wells Management By-Laws
14. City of Masvingo Wildlife Management By-Laws
15. City of Masvingo (Prohibition of Use of Commercial Shops Backroom and Outbuildings For Human Habitation) By-laws, 2023
16. City of Masvingo Specified Business By-Laws 2023
17. City of Masvingo Forestry Produce By Laws 2023
18. City of Masvingo Regulation Funeral Parlors and mortuaries By-Laws 2023
19. City of Masvingo Boarding House Regulations By-Laws
20. City of Masvingo Naming of Buildings and Streets By-Laws 2023
21. City of Masvingo Sale of Meat products By-Laws 2023
22. City of Masvingo Protection of Water Sources By-laws
23. City of Masvingo Inspections By-laws 2023
24. City of Masvingo Management of Infectious Diseases By-Laws 2023.

CS

22. THAT the report of the Chamber Secretary be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

101. MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO TURN ITSELF INTO COMMITTEE.

IT WAS MOVED BY Alderman S. Maridza, seconded by Councillor A. Tabe

“THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1040th Ordinary Council in Committee meeting held on 30 January 2023, and adopting the Minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 9 February 2023, and the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 23 February 2023”.

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WHEREUPON the original motion was put as the substantive motion and it was

RESOLVED

THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1040th Ordinary Council in Committee meeting held on 30 January 2023 and adopting the Minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 9 February 2023, and the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 23 February 2023.

The meeting ended at 8.08 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2023

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK