

CITY OF MASVINGO

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1048th ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES, ON MONDAY 30
OCTOBER 2023 AT 4.55 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Councillor S. Chikwangwani
Councillor M. Madhuna
Councillor W. Sitemere
Councillor R. Musekiwa
Councillor B. Muchokwa
Councillor S. Manyanga
Councillor A. Time
Councillor E. Zishiri
Councillor S.T. Marombedze

APOLOGY:

Councillor T. Masimba
Councillor A. Tabe

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr L.Magwati: Ministry of Local Government and Public Works
Ms Magidi T: Ministry of Local Government and Public Works
Miss T. Muzivi: Graduate Trainee in Public Relations

OFFICIALS:

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

457. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 2 October 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Councillor A. Time
Seconded by Councillor E. Zishiri*

458. COMMUNICATIONS

(i). Apologies.

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The Town Clerk reported that Councillor T. Masimba was not able to attend the meeting due to circumstances beyond his control. It was further reported that Councillor A. Tabe would be delayed for the meeting, or may not be able to attend the meeting at all.

(ii). Recall of certain Councillors

The Town Clerk reported that on 18 October 2023 he received a correspondence from the Minister of Local Government and Public Works regarding recall of Councillor Shantiel Yeukai Chiwara. The Town Clerk had accordingly communicated to the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) and to Councillor Chiwara on same. The report was noted.

459. HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor M. Madhuna seconded by Councillor R. Musekiwa

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 4 October 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

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

RESOLVED

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 4 October 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:
2. THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 6 July 2023 and 25 September 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as correct records and signed.
3. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to make a detailed report on the status of Jairos Jiri Association stand and submit to the next Committee meeting for consideration following their request for title deeds for their stand.
4. THAT the Director of Environmental Health Services be instructed to refer to Management for consideration the idea of converting part of the existing Council buildings into Rehabilitation Centre for mental health care.
5. THAT Council signs a Memorandum of Understanding with My Voice in Zimbabwe, an Organization focusing on the advocacy for sexual and reproductive health mainly for the vulnerable including young people, People living with HIV and Prisoners.
6. 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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7. THAT the application by Chifamba Cash and Carry, for a liquor development permit to operate a Liquor Wholesale on Stand Number 3214 Greenfield Street Masvingo be granted.
8. THAT the application by Ishmael Nyamadzawo for a liquor development permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 1693 Mahachi Street, Chesvingo, Masvingo be granted.
9. THAT the application by Musariri I, for a liquor development permit to operate a Special Restaurant with liquor on Stand Number 4290, Westview Industrial area, Masvingo be granted.
10. THAT the application by Garikayi Garande, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bar and Night Club on Stand Number 7928 Welby Avenue, Downtown Masvingo be granted.
11. THAT the application by Elizabeth Tandare, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Restaurant with Liquor on Stand Number 470 Herbert Chitepo Street, Masvingo be granted.
12. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
13. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

460. PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor R. Musekiwa seconded by Councillor E. Zishiri

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 5 October 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”

On the application by Semwayo for Change of use of Stand number 27236, Sunflower Street, ZIMRE Park from single family low density stand to Cluster Housing property was considered. It was reported that a policy was already on place though policy makers seemed not familiar with it. It was highlighted that there was no need for a learning tour of the City of Kwekwe since a technical team conducted the same tour in 2022. Some members insisted that the tour was still relevant on the part of policy makers. Debate ensued. The application was referred back to the Committee for consideration.

On the properties generating nuisance in ZIMRE Park and Rhodene after change of use of the premises, it was highlighted that such noise or nuisance should be reported to Council offices for attention.

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

RESOLVED

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1. THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 5 October 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:
2. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
3. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to refer enlisting of Chilmund Chemicals, for the Supply of water Treatment Chemicals, to the Procurement Management Unit for consideration.
5. THAT the application by Semwayo, for change of use of Stand Number 27236 Zimre Park, from Single family low density residential to cluster housing being referred back to the Committee for consideration.
6. THAT the application by Margret Mapfumo, for change of use of stand Number 27272 Zimre Park from single family low density residential to a lodge be granted subject to the following conditions:
 - i. The premises shall be used as a lodge only.
 - ii. That the lodge shall not be used as a wedding venue, host parties, or host any other activity that generates excessive traffic, or noise or whose land requirements exceed the size of the stand. Activities at the lodge shall not inconvenience the neighbourhood.
 - iii. The applicant shall obtain an operating licence from Council upon fulfilment of Council Health By-Laws, Fire By-Laws and Minister responsible for Tourism.
 - iv. All alterations to existing building plans shall be approved by the Director Engineering Services before commencement of any works.
 - v. The Applicant shall install directional signage to a standard approved by Council. Authority to erect such signage shall be sought from Council.
 - vi. The Applicant shall provide onsite parking and shall ensure that visitors to the lodge park their vehicles within the premises at all times.
 - vii. No liquor selling shall be permitted within the premises.
 - viii. The applicant shall provide user friendly facilities for the guests living with disabilities.
 - ix. The lodge shall be operated at Council's discretion and Council reserves the right to withdraw this permit should the lodge become a nuisance in any way. Council will give one month notice should it want the use to cease and Council will not be liable to compensate the applicant in any form.
 - x. The lodge shall at all times conform to the requirements of the Chief Environmental Health Officer, the Director Engineering Services and Minister responsible for Tourism.
 - xi. The property shall pay commercial rates consistent with the approved new status.

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- xii. Council through its officers shall have access to the stand to carry out relevant inspection at all reasonable times.
- 7. THAT Mr G. Makuku be given the opportunity to advertise his intention to change the use of Stand Number 7191, Dindingwe Drive, Hillside, Masvingo from a Creche to a Private Primary School.
- 8. THAT Mr Tapiwa Chamboko be given the opportunity to advertise his intention to change the use of Stand Number 7049, Shundu Street, Target Kopje, Masvingo from a residential house to a Guest House.
- 9. THAT the Acting Director of engineering Services be instructed to organize a tour of Stand Number 7049 Shundu Street, Target Kopje, Masvingo by the Public Works, and Planning Committee for familiarization following the application by the property owner for change of use from residential to a Guest House.
- 10. THAT the application by Great Zimbabwe Realtors, on behalf of the legal owners of Remainder of Lots 2,3,6,7 and 8 of Flesk, to subdivide the lots into subdivisions of 4000m² or bigger be put in abeyance pending a detailed report on water and waste disposal system.
- 11. THAT the proposed layout plan for Westview Heavy Industry Extension with 19 stands of average stand sizes of 0.8 hectares each be approved.
- 12. THAT the proposed Central Business District extension on the piece of land bordering the Railway line close to the Gallery, Masvingo Information Centre, Hope Tariro Trust Building and Mucheke River be approved.
- 13. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to circulate the vehicle policy to all Councillors for familiarization.
- 14. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

461. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor B. Muchokwa seconded by Councillor R. Musekiwa

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 27 October 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

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 27 October 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

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1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2023 and 22 September 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as correct records and signed.
2. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to procure a Towing Truck for the Prepaid Parking Section.
3. THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto.
4. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted.

462. MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO TURN INTO COMMITTEE.

IT WAS MOVED Councillor R. Musekiwa seconded by Councillor B. Muchokwa

“THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the Minutes of the 1047th Ordinary Council in Committee meeting held on 2 October 2023, and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 9 October 2023, and the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 27 October 2023”.

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

RESOLVED

THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the Minutes of the 1047th Ordinary Council in Committee meeting held on 2 October 2023, and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 9 October 2023, and the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 27 October 2023.

The meeting ended at 7.15 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2023

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK