

CITY OF MASVINGO

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1060TH ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY 25
NOVEMBER 2024 AT 10.35 A.M.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGY:

His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe
Councillor S.T. Marombedze

IN ATTENDANCE:

Magwati L. District Development Coordinator's office
Muteshe P: Local Governance Studies Student: MSU
Ndlovu E: Development Studies Student: GZU

OFFICIALS:

Town Clerk
Chamber Secretary
Director of Housing and Social Services
Finance Director
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Chief Internal Auditor
Deputy Finance Director
Estates and Valuations Officer
Public Relations Officer
Environmental Health Officer- P. Timothy
Human Resources Officer
Committee Officer
Assistant Committee Officers (2)

328. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 28 October 2024 and 4 November 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as correct records and signed.

Proposed by Councillor R. Musekiwa minutes of 28.10.24
Seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga

Proposed by Councillor S. Manyanga
Seconded by Councillor R. Musekiwa minutes of 4.11.24

329. HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Madhuna seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 4 November 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On minute 309 (A), regarding the application by Jeremiah Moyana, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 28116, Hillside Extension, Masvingo, the house raised concern that the Committee was conflicting itself by recommending granting the application, as well as recommending for a tour of the premises at the same time. The application was referred back to the Committee for deliberation.

On minute 309 (B), regarding application by Francis Aphiri Primary School, for permission to construct a three Storey Classroom Block, the house expressed mixed views on the recommendation of the Committee to turn down the application. The matter was therefore referred back to the Committee for deliberation.

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 4 November 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT Council engages the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority for shooting stray dogs in the commonage.
3. THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted.
4. THAT the application by Jeremiah Moyana, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 28116 Hillside Extension, Masvingo be referred back to the Committee for deliberations.
5. THAT the application by Francis Aphiri Primary School, for permission to construct a three Storey Classroom Block at their current site be referred back to the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee for deliberations.
6. THAT the application by Paradza Makoni, for a Wholesale Liquor Development permit on stand number 40 Mucheke Light Industrial Area, Masvingo be granted.

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7. THAT all non-formal schools without licences and permits operating in the City should be informed to apply to Council and thereafter register with the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education.
8. THAT the members of the Health Housing and Environmental Services Committee conduct an appreciation tour of four non- formal schools operating in the City.
9. THAT the resuscitation of Simon V. Muzenda Village be approved and provided for in the 2025 Council Budget.
10. THAT the Legal Resources Foundation be allocated an institutional Stand at Runyararo South West Business Centre for the construction of offices, to provide free legal services to the vulnerable members of the community.
11. THAT the members of the Health Housing and Environmental Services Committee conducts an appreciation tour of the institutional site at Runyararo South West Business Centre.
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.

330. PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 11 November 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”

On minute 313 (C) (iii), regarding the application by Albert Junior Sibanda and James Mukorera, for change of use of Stand Number 17243 Runyararo South West, Masvingo, from residential to Commercial use, to operate a Guest House, the house raised concern that the recommendation of the Committee to tour the premises was improper in view of the fact that Council policy does not permit lodges and Guest houses in high density areas. Debate ensued. The Committee members insisted that the tour was meant for the Committee to appreciate the site for the proposed development.

On minute 314 (A)(2) regarding a special meeting with Land Developers in Victoria Ranch, it was advised that Council did not have a legal standing to convene a meeting with Land Developers. Debate was centered on the need for the members to highlight their concerns on illegal developments in Victoria Ranch before signing the new Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

The concern of the house was that the developers continued to act in disregard of the provisions of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) such as selling institutional land, and failure to install services satisfactorily, or encroaching onto servitudes, thus renewing the

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Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) without highlighting these issues to Masvingo Rural District Council and developers would result in Council inheriting a defective project.

The Town Clerk advised that Council should engage its partner (MRDC) over their concerns by convening a joint meeting of the two Local Authorities before renewing the Memorandum of Agreement.

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 11 November 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the Town Clerk and His Worship the Mayor be invited to the next meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee meeting to discuss the action plan to reduce Non Revenue Water.
3. THAT the application by Orla Edwards, for a change of use of Stand Number 9543 Lundi Star Drive, from residential to commercial use, to operate an Early Childhood Development Centre (ECD) be granted in terms of Section 26(3) of the Regional, Town and Country Planning Act Chapter 29:12.
4. THAT the application by Mrs E. Busangabanye, for change of use of Stand Number 27192 Summer Street, ZIMRE Park, Masvingo, from single family low density residential to a Creche be granted in terms of Section 26(3) of the Regional, Town and Country Planning Act Chapter 29:12.
5. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to organise a tour of Stand Number 17243, Runyararo South West, Masvingo, by the Public Works and Planning Committee, following the application by Albert Junior Sibanda and James Mukorera for a change of use of the stand from residential stand to a Guest House.
6. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to advise Amanda Paidamoyo Makausi to conduct public consultations through the press, following their application for change of use of Stand Number 6976, Target Kopje, Masvingo from residential stand to Commercial use, to operate a Lodge, in terms of the Regional, Town and Country Planning Act: Chapter 29:12.
7. THAT the City of Masvingo procures a new Grader in the first quarter of the year 2025 using the 2025 ZINARA funds allocation,

and the remainder of the funds be channelled towards road maintenance activities.

8. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to refer to Management, the feasibility of reconnecting water supplies to all properties which had been disconnected due to non payment of service charges, to ensure smooth flow of sewer thereby avoiding sewer pipe blockages and cross contamination.
9. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to prepare a report on the motion submitted by Councillor M. Madhuna regarding Storm Water Drain Clearance in Ward 3 and submit to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.
10. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
11. THAT the renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between City of Masvingo (COM) and Masvingo Rural District Council (MRDC), regarding Remainder of Victoria Ranch and Lot A of Victoria Ranch be put in abeyance pending a joint meeting of the two local authorities and finalization of the sticking issues.
12. THAT the proposal by Prophet W. Magaya representing the Heart Group of Companies to partner the City of Masvingo in the upgrading of Mucheke Stadium be approved.
13. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to organise a tour of the Heart Stadium in Harare before end of year 2024, by the joint Committee of the Public Works and Planning, and Health Housing and Environmental Services Committee, to appreciate the designs for the Heart Stadium.
14. THAT Council enters into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Heart Group of Companies for the upgrading of Mucheke Stadium.
15. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

331. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 18 November 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

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On minute 322 (B) regarding application for donations by Children of Zimbabwe Liberation War Veterans Association, the item was referred to Council In Committee for deliberation.

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 November 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2024 and 4 November 2024 be taken as read and confirmed as correct records and signed.
2. THAT Management be tasked to explore modalities for the extension of operating times and other strategies to facilitate ease of payment of Council bills.
3. THAT Management be tasked to explore the modalities of deploying modern technology to improve revenue collection and curb corrupt activities among staff involved in water disconnections and prepaid parking by using body cameras and on street cameras.
4. THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
5. THAT the sale of stand number 30530,30529 and 3028 Masvingo Township to Exor Enterprises Private Limited and consolidation of same into one stand be put in abeyance pending a tour of the premises by the Finance and General Purposes Committee to appreciate the nature of the developments.
6. THAT the Chamber Secretary be instructed to submit a detailed report to the Finance and General Purposes Committee on the proposed sale of stand number 30530,30529 and 3028 Masvingo Township to Exor Enterprises Private Limited and consolidation of same into one stand.
7. THAT the report of the Chamber Secretary be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
8. THAT Council adopts the report of the Town Clerk on the prioritisation of Income General Projects implementation being Truck Stop, Brick Moulding Project, Manhede Shopping Mall and Food Court and Chicken Egg production project to be operated under a Special Purpose Vehicle.

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9. THAT the Truck Stop and Brick Moulding Projects be implemented in the 2025 financial year.
10. THAT the Town Clerk be instructed to avail a report to the next meeting on the cost of repairing the brick moulding machine to enable the Committee to make a decision on whether to buy a new machine or repair the existing one.
11. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
12. THAT the proposal to auction a residential stand to raise funds towards the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund be referred to Management for consideration.
13. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
14. THAT the application for a donation of USD 2,000 towards the sports tournament to be held in Mucheke Stadium on 27-28 November 2024, by Children of Zimbabwe Liberation War Veterans Association, be referred to Council In Committee for deliberation.

332. MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO TURN ITSELF INTO COMMITTEE.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor A. Time, seconded by Councillor E. Zishiri

“THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1059th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 28 October 2024, and adopting the Minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 14 November 2024, and Audit Committee meeting held on 21 November”.

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 1059th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 28 October 2024, and adopting the Minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 14 November 2024, and Audit Committee meeting held on 21 November 2024.

The meeting ended at 12.29 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2024

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK