

CITY OF MASVINGO

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 107^{1st} ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 4.45
P.M.**

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe
Councillor S. Chikwangwani
Councillor B. Hwata
Councillor R. Musekiwa
Councillor M. Madhuna
Councillor A. Time
Councillor E. Zishiri
Councillor W. Sitemere
Councillor S. Manyanga
Councillor B. Muchokwa
Councillor S. Shonhiwa
Councillor S. Manyanga

APOLOGY:

Councillor S.T. Marombedze
Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr L. Magwati – District Development Coordinator’s Office
Chiwena T: Local Governance Studies Student: GZU
Vhomo W: Local Governance Studies Student: GZU
Piyo G. Politics and Administration Student: GZU

OFFICIALS:

Town Clerk
Chamber Secretary
Director of Housing and Social Services
Finance Director
Director Health Services
Deputy Finance Director
Senior Health Officer
Housing and Social Services Manager
Town Planner – Mrs P. Nyika
Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
Committee Officer
Committee Officers II (2)

324. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

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A correction was made on minute 302 resolution number (10) which fixed monthly rentals for Wezhira Youth Park which was erroneously captured at US\$108 instead of US\$180. The correction was accepted.

RESOLVED

1. THAT lease rentals for a piece of land Lot 124/5 allocated to Wezhira Youth Park and Entertainment Centre be fixed at USD 180.00 per month.
2. THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 27 October 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as correct records and signed.

Proposed by Councillor E. Zishiri

Seconded by Councillor S. Chikwangwani

325. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Town Clerk reported that the Deputy Mayor, Councillor D. Mberikunashe and Councillor S. Marombedze were not able to attend the Council meeting due to circumstances beyond their control. The report was noted.

326. **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 10 November 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto".

On minute 310 (C) which instructed the Director of Health Services to conduct a feasibility study on Council to provide refuse collection services to Victoria Ranch, some members, however, argued that Council should first sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Masvingo Rural District Council. It was clarified that the two local authorities' technical teams had already met and agreed on a draft memorandum of Agreement for adoption by both local authorities. It was reported that Masvingo Rural District Council had indicated that there was no need for another meeting; instead, the two local authorities should organise a signing ceremony for the revised MOU.

On minute 311 (D) concerning the review of lease terms and restructuring of Farai Beerhall, it was noted by some members that, the tenant had violated the initial lease agreement by subdividing and subletting Council property without Council authority.

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Consequently, it was proposed that Council should not renew the lease and instead withdraw the property for use in economic development and income generation. After deliberations, the House resolved to adopt the Committee's recommendations.

On Masvingo being selected to host the 2026 edition of Sanganaai/Hlanganani and the 2026 Inter Municipal Games, His Worship the Mayor emphasised the need for Council to utilise the 7% budget allocation for recreational activities by channelling the funds towards the refurbishment of Mucheke Stadium and the improvement of recreational facilities within the commonage. It was further highlighted that Council should enhance accommodation facilities to enable the hosting of the Inter-Municipal Games and delegates attending the Sanganaai/Hlanganani tourism expo. Members also stressed the need for Council to provide sportswear for the City of Masvingo team players.

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 10 November 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the Director Health Services be instructed to conduct research on the feasibility of Council collecting refuse in Victoria Ranch and submit to the Committee for consideration.
3. THAT Council enters into an agreement with Great Zimbabwe University, Simon Mazorodze School of Medicine, wherein the City of Masvingo would provide attachment places for Clinical and Environmental Health students.
4. THAT the request by Space for Marginalised Group in Diversity Zimbabwe Trust (SGDZT) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with City of Masvingo in providing sexual reproductive health education to the residents be granted.
5. THAT the report of the Director of Health Services be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

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6. THAT the application by Muvevi Clever for a Wholesale liquor development permit on stand number 14201 Jongwe Street, Masvingo be granted.
7. THAT Council leases out the Charles Austin Theatre Bar and Kitchen on profit making basis and the proceeds be channeled towards refurbishment of Charles Austin Theatre.
8. THAT the tenant, Anephen Investments (Pvt) Ltd be granted permission to demolish the front curved perimeter wall at Farai Beerhall and replace it with modern palisade fencing at his own cost. The cost shall be considered a donation to Council.
9. THAT the tenant, Anephen Investments (Pvt) Ltd be granted permission to sublet the 18 additional units within Farai Beerhall and be responsible for the management and performance of tenants under subletting arrangement.
10. THAT Council will charge a percentage of the value of rentals per each unit as pegged by the tenant, and Council will carry out valuation of all the improvements done and determine a percentage to be levied on each individual unit.
11. THAT City of Masvingo accepts the offer to host the 2026 Inter-Municipal Games.
12. THAT Council enters into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Pacific Company (Private) Limited for free installation of specified infrastructure, branding, and aesthetic enhancements at Mucheke Stadium and its surroundings over a period of five years.
13. THAT the request by Vurombo Primary School for permission to purchase a School Bus be granted subject to approval by the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education and proof of a parents' meeting agreeing to the purchase of the bus.
14. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
15. THAT the report of the Chamber Secretary be approved and adopted.

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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 17 November 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”

On minute 315 (J) on the proposed partnership with Black Smile Investment, in the decommissioning and reclamation of the Runyararo Dumpsite, it was emphasised that Council should expedite the decommissioning of the old dumpsite in order to mitigate the problems and nuisances caused by pollution and recurring fires at the site.

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 17 November 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the Public Works and Planning Committee conducts a tour of ongoing Council Projects.
3. THAT Council approves the utilization of Gymkhana Grounds and the Polocrosse Race Course as designated venues for the Sanganayi/Hlanganani 2026 World Tourism Expo, and authorizes the establishment of requisite facilities to host the event.
4. THAT Council adopts a multi-source funding strategy for the development of infrastructure at the Sanganayi/Hlanganani 2026 World Tourism Expo designated venues, including but not limited to internal funding and financial assistance from the Sanganayi/Hlanganani 2026 Organising Committee and other stakeholders.
5. THAT all facilities developed at Gymkhana Grounds and the Polocrosse Race Course be formally handed over to Council within one month after the conclusion of the Sanganayi/Hlanganani 2026 World Tourism Expo, in a condition that meets Council's operational standards.
6. THAT Council approves the proposed subdivision of Standard Farm and the Remainder of Standard Farm, on the land parcel situated to the east of the Masvingo - Great Zimbabwe Road, to create agricultural plots ranging in size from 2 hectares to 5 hectares each.

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7. THAT Council enters into a partnership with Black Smile Investment, in the decommissioning and reclamation of the Runyararo Dumpsite at an estimated cost of USD 1,120,000 covering construction of a cell for waste burial, waste excavation, and other land reclamation works.
8. THAT the partnership between Council and Black Smile Investments be implemented following the commencement of operations at the Cambria Farm Sanitary Landfill, in alignment with the City's waste management transition strategy.
9. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

328. 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 22 October 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto".

On minute 319 (B) on procurement of conditions of service vehicles, it was recommended that Council should also procure off road pool vehicles for use when required.

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 22 October 2025 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2025 be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the application by Muteti Family Trust for waiver of water bill during construction in respect of a property constructed on stand number 472 Corner Hebert Chitepo Street/Rekayi Tangwena Avenue be put in abeyance pending submission of a detailed report to the next meeting.
3. THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

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4. THAT the conditions of service vehicle for a Deputy Director be set to a 4x4 Double Cab Pick-up Standard minimum five passengers seated carrying four doors with electric windows.
5. THAT Council approves the procurement of the condition of service vehicle for the Housing and Social Services Manager.
6. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
7. THAT the monthly lease rentals for Car Sale Lots be reviewed as follows with effect from 1 December 2025;
 - Lot 93 Opposite Tel-One along Cary Street, Northleigh, USD 150
 - Lot 94 Opposite Tel-One along Cary Street, Northleigh USD 150
 - Lot 96 Craft Centre along Beitbridge Highway, USD 300
 - Lot 2024/07/CSY located Along Bulawayo Road USD 350
8. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto

329. 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 1070th Ordinary Council in Committee meeting held on 27 October 2025, and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 17 November 2025 and Special Audit Committee meeting held on 19 November 2025."

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 1070th Ordinary Council in Committee meeting held on 27 October 2025, and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 17 November 2025 and Special Audit Committee meeting held on 19 November 2025."

The meeting ended at 5.39 p.m.

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CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2025

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK