

**CITY OF MASVINGO**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1073<sup>rd</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY 26  
JANUARY 2026 AT 4.46 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe (Chairing)  
Councillor S. Chikwangwani  
Councillor B. Hwata  
Councillor R. Musekiwa  
Councillor M. Madhuna  
Councillor A. Time  
Councillor E. Zishiri  
Councillor S.T. Marombedze  
Councillor S. Manyanga  
Councillor B. Muchokwa  
Councillor S. Shonhiwa

**APOLOGY:** His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe  
Town Clerk

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chiwena T: Local Governance Studies Student: GZU  
Vhomo W: Local Governance Studies Student: GZU

**OFFICIALS:**  
Chamber Secretary  
Acting Director of Housing and Social Services  
Acting Finance Director  
Acting Director of Engineering Services  
Environmental Health Services  
Committee Officer  
Committee Officer II

**017. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 12 December 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Councillor S. Manyanga  
Seconded by Councillor S. Chikwangwani*

**018. MATTER ARISING**

**(i). Road maintenance**

The house noted that most of the roads in the commonage have been heavily damaged by the rains and the road maintenance budget for 2026 was no longer adequate for repairs. The members debated the need to treat the state of roads in the city as a disaster and implore Council to source additional funds to attend to the roads.

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It was agreed that the Acting Director of Engineering Services should prepare a detailed report on the cost of repairing major damaged roads in the city for consideration by the Public Works and Planning Committee.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services should prepare a detailed report on the cost of repairing major damaged roads in the city for consideration by the Public Works and Planning Committee. **ADES**

**019. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Deputy Mayor Alderman D. Mberikunashe reported that His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe and the Town Clerk were in Bulawayo on Council business. The report was noted.

**020. HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor M. Madhuna Seconded by Councillor A. Time

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 12 January 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On the procurement of two refuse trucks in the first quarter of 2026, some members were of the view that Council should procure tractors for refuse collection. Debate ensued. It was noted that a Council resolution to procure tractors for refuse collection was already in place.

On lease rentals for Council premises, the need for a downward review of rentals by Council was highlighted to promote small entrepreneurs.

On minute 003(D) regarding the application by Tawanda Nyamarebv, for change of use of Liquor development Permit from Bottle Store to a Bar Liquor Development permit on Stand Number 28119 Hillside Extension Masvingo, debate ensued on the matter. Some members were against the recommendation of the Committee to grant the application, and some were in support of the recommendation of the Committee. Debate ensued. The matter was referred back to the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee for reconsideration.

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 12 January 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

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1. THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 1 December 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the Town Clerk be instructed to procure two refuse collection trucks during the first quarter of 2026.
3. THAT Director of Housing and Social Services and the Director Health Services be instructed to prepare a report on the implementation status of all Council resolutions made in 2025 relating to Housing and Health Departments and submit to a Special meeting of the Health Housing and Environmental Services Committee for consideration.
4. THAT the report of the Director Health Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
5. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be authorized to dispose 25 light industrial stands listed below to the prospective beneficiaries listed on the Councils waiting list on a first come first served basis:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Stand Number</b>	<b>Area (sqm<sup>2</sup>)</b>
1.	25863	36
2.	25864	140
3.	25865	140
4.	25866	140
5.	25867	140
6.	25868	140
7.	25870	181
8.	25871	140
9.	25872	140
10.	25873	140
11.	25874	140
12.	25875	140
13.	25876	140
14.	25877	140
15.	25878	140
16.	25879	140
17.	25919	113
18.	25920	104
19.	25921	133
20.	25934	149
21.	25932	123
22.	25931	123
23.	25930	123
24.	25933	123
25.	25928	142

6. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be authorized to dispose of eight (8) low density residential stands outlined in the table below to

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prospective beneficiaries registered on the Councils waiting list on a first come first served basis.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Stand Number</b>	<b>Area (sqm<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Land category</b>	<b>Location</b>
1.	27333	1927	Low Density Residential	ZIMRE Park
2.	27334	1919	Low Density Residential	ZIMRE Park
3.	27335	1709	Low Density Residential	ZIMRE Park
4.	30598	3660.96	Low Density Residential	Rhodene Lundi Star Drive
5.	30599	4061.87	Low Density Residential	Rhodene Lundi Star Drive
6.	30600	3330.96	Low Density Residential	Rhodene Lundi Star Drive
7.	30601	3282.74	Low Density Residential	Rhodene Lundi Star Drive
8.	30602	3637.49	Low Density Residential	Rhodene Lundi Star Drive

7. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be authorised to dispose of three (3) commercial stands as listed, in Chesvingo high density suburbs to prospective beneficiaries registered on the Councils waiting list on a first come first served basis.

Item	Stand Number	Area (sqm <sup>2</sup> )
1.	30589	148
2.	30220	159
3.	1711	140

8. THAT stands allocated to beneficiaries in 2025 before Council approval be ratified as detailed in the table below:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Stand Number</b>	<b>Area (sqm<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Location</b>
1.	27787	2323	Low Density Residential	ZIMRE Park
2.	27786	1477	Low Density Residential (remainder)	ZIMRE Park
3.	27580	199	High Density Residential	Mucheke
4.	27579	222	High Density Residential	Mucheke
5.	28241	350	High Density Residential	Hillside
6.	28242	350	High Density Residential	Hillside
7.	27646	3110	Church	Mucheke

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9. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be authorised to allocate 24 temporary lots scheduled below to prospective beneficiaries registered on the waiting list:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Stand Number</b>	<b>Area (sqm<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Location</b>
1.	123/25	960	Car Wash	Mucheke
2.	266	212	Brick Molding	Mazorodze
3.	267	162	Brick Molding	Mazorodze
4.	268	258	Brick Molding	Mazorodze
5.	269	415	Brick Molding	Mazorodze
6.	242	219	Tombstones	Mucheke A
7.	243	242	Tombstone	Mucheke A
8.	244	191	Tombstone	Mucheke A
9.	245	191	Carpentry	Mucheke A
10.	246	191	Nursery	Mucheke A
11.	247	191	Carwash	Mucheke A
12.	248	191	Carpentry	Mucheke A
13.	249	191	Carpentry	Mucheke A
14.	234	248	Carpentry	Mucheke A
15.	235	220	Gas	Mucheke A
16.	236	322	Nursery	Mucheke A
17.	226	285	Carpentry	Aphiri
18.	227	285	Carpentry	Aphiri
19.	228	285	Carpentry	Aphiri
20.	229	285	Carpentry	Aphiri
21.	230	285	Tombstone	Aphiri
22.	231	259	Car Wash	Aphiri
23.	232	259	Gas	Aphiri
24.	233	Toilet	Toilet	Aphiri

10. THAT the lots be leased on temporary basis as the spaces could be reclaimed by Council when other permanent uses are planned.
11. THAT Vurombo Primary School be awarded a merit prize of one hundred (100) text books of their choice for achieving the best results in the 2025 grade seven examinations on Council rating.
12. THAT Rujeko Primary School be awarded a merit prize of eighty (80) text books of their choice for being the first runner up in the 2025 Grade seven examinations on Council rating.

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13. THAT the application by Tawanda Nyamarebvu, for change of Bottle Store Liquor Development Permit from a Bottle Store to a Bar Liquor Development Permit on stand number 28119 Hillside Extension, Masvingo be referred back to the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee for further consideration.
14. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
15. THAT the report of the Chamber Secretary be adopted.

**021. 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 15 January 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”

On Public Lighting, concern was raised that some of the Tower Lights in Ward 7 and Target Kopje suburbs were not functional. The Acting Director of Engineering Services was advised to ensure that all Tower Lights in the commonage are functional to enhance public safety. The report was noted.

On the incomplete Treasure Consultants Housing project, the Acting Director of Engineering Services reported that a report would be submitted to Management and to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.

On drainage clearance works, the house was of the idea that Council should engage more contract workers to complete the tasks in light of the extensive damage to the roads which was partly attributed to blocked drains.

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 15 January 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted.

**022. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

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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 20 January 2026 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 20 January 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

- 1 THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 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 charges on stand number 472 Corner Hebert Chitepo Street/Rekayi Tangwena Avenue Masvingo amounting to USD 9,408.21 for the period September 2023 to August 2025 in terms of section 6.1.3 of the City of Masvingo Investment Policy be granted.
3. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to invest estate funds amounting to USD 1,000,000 on a monthly rollover basis with the Commercial Bank of Zimbabwe.
4. THAT Finance Director be instructed to invest USD 200,000 on a monthly rollover basis with Steward Bank.
- 5 THAT Finance Director be instructed to invest USD 200,000 on a monthly rollover basis with National Building Society.
- 6 THAT the Finance Director be instructed to process a donation of USD 500 to the 41 Combat Group, Masvingo for donations towards the hosting of the Handover/Takeover Parade to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
- 7 THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
- 8 THAT Minute 193(F) of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 17 May 2022 which reads “THAT the request by Mr. T. Gozo, former Director of Engineering Services for reduction of the selling price of the conditions of service Mazda Double Cab vehicle registration number ADY 1628 from the revalued price of USD 12 800 to USD 3840 be treated in line with

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existing policy governing disposal of conditions of services” be rescinded.

- 9 THAT Council sells Mazda BT-50 registration number ADY 1628 to the former Director of Engineering Services Engineer T. Gozo at USD 2,188.80 being the Net Book Value (NBV) of the vehicle.
- 10 THAT the application of Petronella S. Chipato (130448) Sewage Works Supervisor Grade 7 for an educational loan amounting to USD 751 (or equivalent at the prevailing bank rate) to pursue a Master of Business Administration Degree with Great Zimbabwe University through a block release programme for a period of two years be granted subject to conditions governing study loans and availability of funds in the revolving educational loan account.
- 11 THAT the application of Mr. Jotham Mazhura (120095) Senior Parks and Amenities Superintendent Grade 11 for an educational loan amounting to USD 550 (or equivalent at the prevailing bank rate) to pursue PHD Degree in Development Studies with Great Zimbabwe University be granted subject to conditions governing study loans and availability of funds in the revolving educational loan account.
- 12 THAT the application of Mr. Tapiwa Donald Chifambi (120210) Administrator Grade 11 For an educational loan amounting to USD 751 (or equivalent at the prevailing bank rate) to pursue Master of Business Administration Degree with Great Zimbabwe University be granted subject to conditions governing study loans and availability of funds in the revolving educational loan account.
- 13 THAT Council enters into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with “*The Mirror*” Newspaper for public relations related activities.
- 14 THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

**023. MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO TURN ITSELF INTO COMMITTEE.**

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor A. Time seconded by Councillor B. Muchokwa

“THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1072<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 12 December 2025, and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 19 January 2026”

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**RESOLVED**

THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1072<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 12 December 2025, and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 19 January 2026.

The meeting ended at 7.36 p.m.

**CONFIRMED THIS**

**DAY OF**

**2026**

**MAYOR**

**TOWN CLERK**