

CITY OF MASVINGO

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1075th ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY 30
MARCH 2026 AT 5.08 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 S. Manyanga
Councillor B. Muchokwa
Councillor S. Shonhiwa

APOLOGY: Deputy Mayor Alderman D. Mberikunashe
Councillor S.T. Marombedze
Town Clerk

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

OFFICIALS: Chamber Secretary
Director of Housing and Social Services
Finance Director
Director Health Services
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Housing and Social Services Manager
Assistant Director Planning
Internal Audit Manager
Senior Health Officer
Principal Human Capital Officer
Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
Content Creator: Public Relations
Committee Officer II

077. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 2 March 2026 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Councillor B. Muchokwa
Seconded by Alderman R. Musekiwa*

078. MATTER ARISING

(i). Minute 050: Street lighting in Rhodene Low Density suburb.

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Progress was sought in resuscitating street lights in Rhodene Low Density suburbs in view of the fact that the project had been budgeted for in the current year. It was added that Council should consider installing solar powered street lights to cut costs.

It was reported that the procurement of materials for resuscitating street lights was underway under the Sanganai/Hlanganani Project covering streets in Rhodene, ZIMRE Park and Streets leading to Gymkhana Centre. The proposal to install solar powered street lights would be considered by Council in the next financial year.

(ii). Minute 052(4): Incomplete Services at Treasure Consultants Housing Project.

On the progress regarding engagements with the developer to complete outstanding services, it was reported that the Acting Director of Engineering Services would prepare a report and submit to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.

(iii). Minute 052: Direct water connection by institutions without water

Progress was sought in disconnecting supplies to those institutions in the city which had directly connected themselves to the water mains without a water meter. It was reported that engagements were in progress and the Acting Director of Engineering Services would prepare a report and submit to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.

079. COMMUNICATIONS**Apologies**

It was reported that the Deputy Mayor, Alderman D. Mberikunashe, Councillor S.T. Marombedze and the Town Clerk were not able to attend the meeting due to other pressing commitments. The report was noted.

080. 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 March 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On minute 063(C) regarding public health issues in the city, concern was raised that there was shortage of public toilets in the Central Business District. It was suggested that Council should engage private players in the provision of adequate sanitary facilities in light of the upcoming Sanganani /Hlanganani Expo.

The issue of disposing 1/3 of Rujeko D residential stands to Council employees was discussed. It was explained that the housing scheme was jointly initiated by Council and the employees in 2017 with the primary objective of providing accommodation to the Council employees. It was added that all employees who joined the housing scheme had been making some contributions through the payroll towards the project costs. It was

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reported that the remaining two thirds of the project stands would be allocated to non-Council employees.

On the renewal of Caravan Park Lease agreement with CFX Travel and Tours, some members were of the view that the lease be renewed for one year while other members supported the recommendation of the Committee to offer the tenant a three-year lease subject to clearing of outstanding rentals. The recommendation of the Committee to renew the lease agreement for a period of three years subject to clearing of arrears was adopted by Council.

On the state of Downtown Park, members appreciated the efforts being done to maintain the park. Some members were of the idea that in order to reduce the size of the area to be maintained, Council should explore the feasibility of creating a filling station stand in the park just after the Railway Line. The matter was referred to the Department of Planning and land Management consideration.

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 2 February 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:
- 2 THAT the report of the Director Health Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
- 3 THAT the application by Tanyanyiwa Omega, for a Restaurant Liquor Development Permit to operate a Restaurant with Liquor on Stand Number 13 Simon Muzenda Street, Masvingo be granted.
4. THAT Council conduct a presale of all residential, commercial, and institutional stands in Rujeko D Housing Project subject to the following conditions:
 - i. Council to ring-fence all pre-sale proceeds exclusively for the servicing of Rujeko D Housing project with no diversion to recurrent expenditure.
 - ii. The City of Masvingo submits bi-annual progress reports to the Ministry of Local government and Public Works detailing infrastructure delivery milestones.
 - iii. Produce an independent post-completion evaluation report, whose findings would be used to guide future exemptions, policy refinement, and best-practice standards for low-cost housing delivery.
5. THAT Council employees be allocated 1/3 of residential stands in Rujeko D Housing Project and the remaining 2/3 be allocated to the general public to enable the project to raise adequate funds for servicing.

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6. THAT all the stands (residential, commercial and institutional be disposed of to raise adequate funds for servicing.
7. THAT the request by John Muringani, Acting National Director, Special Olympics Zimbabwe, for free use of Mucheke Stadium for special Olympics Zimbabwe National Games to be held from 13th to 16th April 2026 be granted.
8. THAT the request by Government for free use of Mucheke Stadium for the 2026 National Disability expo, to be held in June 2026 be granted.
9. THAT Council expedite the refurbishment of Mucheke Stadium to comply with universal design standards before June 2026.
10. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to prepare a report on the cost of equipping, solarising and procurement of lawn irrigation equipment for Mucheke Stadium and submit to the Committee for consideration.
11. THAT Council equip and solarise the two boreholes that were drilled in Mucheke Stadium 2025 and procure irrigation equipment to improve the turf.
12. THAT Lease agreement between City of Masvingo and CFX Travel and Tours for the Caravan Park Bar be renewed for a period of three (3) years with effect from 1 January 2026, subject to clearing of the outstanding rentals, it being noted that the lease would be terminated once Council's Business Unit become operational.
13. THAT the establishment of institutional library membership across Council libraries be approved subject to members paying annual membership fee of USD50.00 and borrowing fee of USD5.00 for a batch of up to one hundred books.
14. THAT the request by Angeline Zimbwani Mikiri, Director of Shekinah Media, Publishers of Great Zimbabwe Times Magazine, for permission to brand and advertise at Mucheke Stadium be granted.
15. That Council enters into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Shekinah Media Publishers to outline the terms and conditions of the branding and advertising collaboration at Mucheke Stadium.
16. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

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17. THAT the Chamber Secretary be instructed to prepare a comprehensive report on the proposed measures to strengthen and improve the functions of the Municipal Police and submit to the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee for consideration.
18. THAT the report of the Chamber Secretary be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

081. PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 9 March 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”

On road maintenance the members were of the view that Council should employ more staff to speed up road maintenance programmes.

On additional road maintenance programme, it was agreed to remove Makuwerere and Chaminuka Streets in Ward 3, and replace by two streets around Old Railways in Mucheke suburbs.

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RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 9 March 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2026 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the additional road maintenance programme as indicated below be approved and referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for funding.

Ward	Road	Nature of works	Length (m)	Cost (usd)
1	Chiwororo Bikita Masvingo	Re-gravelling	310m 430m 220m	\$10 329
2	Hokonya Kanyemba	Re-gravelling	380m 900m	\$11 648
3	2 Streets in Old Railway.s Monomotapa	Re-gravelling	400m 440m 410m	\$11 375
4	Rusununguko Munyori	Re-gravelling	390m 400m	\$13 696

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	Mugagau Rufaro		395m 320m	
5	6 th Zcc road Rutendo	Pothole patching Re-gravelling	650m 450m 520m	\$14 742
6	Tunhukwe Mushayamom be Kopje street	Re-gravelling reseal	490m 640m 600m	\$58 283
7	Musaneta Mupfuti Muroro Rukweza beza	Re-gravelling	450m 180m 210m 220m 360m	\$12 922
8	Opal Amethyst Connemara	Re-gravelling	1400m 3300 1800m	\$59 150
10	4.1 camp Zimuto camp	Re-graveling	1.2 km	\$10 920
9	Bahunia Baobab Paterson Macghee Bangala Baden Mineral Ivory café Moringa Ice land street Glynton street Lundi star Ebony	Pothole patching	1300m 340m 450m 380m 420m 390m 3600m 600m 510m 460m 490m 1900m 600m	\$102 960
Total				\$309 303

3. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted.

082. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Before moving for the adoption of the minutes, the following items were withdrawn from the minutes: items 072 (I, J and L).

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

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“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23 March 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 held on 23 March 2026, be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT Council approves the borrowing of USD 1,900,000 to finance alternative power supply for Bushmead Waterworks and procurement of three refuse compactor trucks during the 2026 financial year.
2. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to apply to the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works borrowing powers amounting to USD 1,900,000 for alternative power supply (USD 1,600,000) and procurement of 3 Refuse Compactor Trucks for USD 300,000.
3. THAT Council approves the virement of USD 40,000 from the Council Chamber Furniture Refurbishment vote for procurement of 13 Motorcycles for Councillors.
4. THAT Council approves the procurement of 13 Motor cycles for Councillors under the Motorbike Loan Facility.
5. THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
6. THAT, subject to availability of funds in the educational loan account and conditions governing study loans, the application for study loan amounting to USD 581 (or equivalent at prevailing bank rate) by Munyaradzi Mutambasere (120033) Municipal Constable Grade 4 to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Accounting with Great Zimbabwe University be granted.
7. THAT, subject to availability of funds in the educational loan account and conditions governing study loans, the application for study loan amounting to USD\$625.00 (or equivalent at prevailing bank rate) by Kudakwashe Manyuchi (120283), Environmental Health Technician Grade 9 to pursue a Bachelor of Technology in Environmental Health with Bulawayo Polytechnic College be granted.
8. THAT, the application for study loan amounting to USD\$1230.00 (or equivalent at prevailing bank rate) by Ms Vimbai Huruva

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(120266), Senior Waste Management Officer Grade 11 to pursue a Master of Science Degree in Climate Change and Sustainable Development at National University of Science and Technology (NUST) be granted subject to availability of funds in the educational loan account and conditions governing study loans.

9. THAT His Worship the Mayor, Town Clerk and Director of Housing and Social Services be authorised to attend the 13th session of the urban world forum to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan from 17 to 20 May 2026 at a total cost of US\$27 131.00
10. THAT Council provides Starlink Internet services at Councillors' residences to enhance communication
11. THAT Council approves a budget of USD 8,000 to host a celebration party in recognition of the First Runner Up Award for the City of Masvingo in the Mayor/Council Chairpersons for Urban Local Authorities category awarded at the President's Awards for Performance Excellence in Service delivery ceremony for the year 2025.
12. THAT Council sells condition of service vehicle Toyota Landcruiser Prado registration number AFS 5080 to the Town Clerk Eng Edward Mukaratirwa as per contract of employment of the Town at a cost of US\$4 400.
13. THAT Council purchases a Toyota Landcruiser Prado, Luxury 2025 model for use by the Town Clerk as a condition of service vehicle at an estimated cost of US\$130 000 subject to approval by the Minister of Local Government and Public Works.
14. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
15. THAT the lease agreement between City of Masvingo and Anephe Investments (Pvt) Ltd be renewed for a period of three (3) years to enable tenant to recoup investment on the eighteen (18) additional units at Farai Beerhall subject to payment of all outstanding arrears.
16. THAT Council approves the rental sharing ratio of 30:70 between City of Masvingo and Anephe Investments (Pvt) Ltd for the three (3) year lease period.
17. THAT in the event of termination of the tenancy for any reason, the Lessee shall not be entitled to any compensation for the 18 additional units.

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- 18 THAT upon the expiry of the initial lease period of three years, Council may review the rental sharing ratio subject to lease renewal.
- 19 THAT Council waives stadium hire charges for three (3) home matches at Mucheke Stadium for Masvingo United Football Club and four (4) matches for Wangu Mazodze Football Club being part of Council assistance for their participation in the 2025 Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund.
- 20 THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

083. AUDIT COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor W. Sitemere seconded by Councillor S. Chikwangwani

“THAT the minutes of the Special meeting of the Audit Committee held on 26 March 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 Special meeting held on 26 March 2026, be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the draft management letter for the audit of financial statements for the City of Masvingo for the year ending 31 December 2024 be adopted.
2. The report of External Auditors on the audit of financial statements for the City of Masvingo for the year ending 31 December 2024 be adopted.
3. The report of Internal Audit Manager be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

084. MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO TURN ITSELF INTO COMMITTEE.

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

“THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1074th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 2 March 2026, and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 16 March 2026”

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

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RESOLVED

THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1074th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 2 March 2026, and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 16 March 2026.

The meeting ended at 7.36 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2026

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK