

**CITY OF MASVINGO**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1076<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY, 27  
APRIL 2026 AT 10.55 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe  
Deputy Mayor Alderman D. Mberikunashe  
Alderman R. Musekiwa  
Councillor S. Chikwangwani  
Councillor B. Hwata  
Councillor M. Madhuna  
Councillor A. Time  
Councillor E. Zishiri  
Councillor S. Manyanga  
Councillor B. Muchokwa  
Councillor S. Shonhiwa

**APOLOGY:** Councillor S.T. Marombedze

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chiwena T: Local Governance Studies Student: GZU  
Tapesana T: Public Management and Governance Student: MSU

**OFFICIALS:** Town Clerk  
Chamber Secretary  
Director of Housing and Social Services  
Finance Director  
Director Health Services  
Acting Director of Engineering Services  
Deputy Finance Director  
Housing and Social Services Manager  
Internal Audit Manager  
Senior Health Officer  
Gender Focal Person  
Committee Officer II (2)

**112. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

A correction was made on minute 080 (19), regarding the waiver of stadium hire charges. It was clarified that Council would waive stadium hire charges for four (4) home matches at Mucheke Stadium for Masvingo United Football Club and three (3) home matches for Wangu Mazodze Football Club as part of Council's assistance towards their participation in the 2025 Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund.

**RESOLVED**

1. THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 30 March 2026 and 14 April 2026 be taken as read, confirmed as correct records and signed.
2. THAT Council waives stadium hire charges for four (4) home matches at Mucheke Stadium for Masvingo United Football Club and three (3) matches for Wangu Mazodze Football Club being part

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of Council assistance for their participation in the 2025 Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund.

*Proposed by Alderman R. Musekiwa  
Seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga*

**113. MATTERS ARISING****(i). Minute 080 (4): Presale of stands in Rujeko D Housing Project**

Progress was sought regarding the presale of stands in Rujeko D. The Town Clerk clarified that the contract for servicing the stands had been awarded following authorization by the Procurement Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (PRAZ). The contracts were also signed, and an inception meeting for the handover of the site was scheduled for 27 April 2026. It was noted that an advertisement for the stands would be flighted during the week. A report on the pricing model for the stands would be submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration.

**114. COMMUNICATIONS****Apologies**

It was reported that Councillor S.T. Marombedze was not able to attend the meeting due to other pressing commitments. The report was noted.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY Alderman R. Musekiwa Seconded by Councillor A. Time

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 09 April 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On minute 089 (1) it was corrected that the responsible officer was no longer the Acting Director of Engineering Services since he was no longer superintending the Town Planning Department. The matter was therefore tasked to the Assistant Director of Town Planning and Land Management and the recommendation was amended.

On minute 090 (E), clarification was sought regarding the leasing of base stations to mobile cellular network providers who owed Council substantial arrears in lease rentals. Council emphasized that the outstanding amounts should be pursued and that strategies such as payment plans be implemented to recover the debts. His Worship the Mayor further emphasised the importance of establishing a comprehensive lease management system to improve the administration and monitoring of leases.

On minute 090 (G) (1), the request by Dialogue on Shelter to utilize the Building Brigade brick-moulding facility was queried since the facility falls under a Special Purpose Vehicle and has not yet been commissioned. The Town Clerk advised that Council could instead

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donate bricks for the project and he proposed that the recommendation be amended. Council adopted the recommendation. Further clarity was sought on whether the project by Dialogue on Shelter and the Homeless People's Federation would extend benefits to other Wards. It was clarified that the model houses were being constructed under the slum-upgrading project specifically targeted for Mucheke Ward 1.

On minute 090 (I) under the welfare section where it was recommended that Management consider offering employment opportunities to former inmates of Alpha Cottages Children's Home, concern was raised regarding the extension of such a favour to only one institution when Council has several institutions under its purview and a proposal was made to withdraw the recommendation. Clarification was provided that youth from Alpha Cottages may still benefit from employment under the existing Council frameworks such as the Youth Policy. It was agreed that the recommendation be withdrawn.

Concern was raised under minute 091 (E) regarding the Committee's recommendation that the issue of watermelon vendors operating along Mhizha Street and the Bulawayo Road Turn-off be referred to Management for consideration. It was noted that Municipal Police were already implementing appropriate illegal vending operations. His Worship the Mayor clarified that whilst the matter was under consideration, Council had the mandate to restore order within the city since the activities of the vendors contravened health regulations and vending by-laws thereby necessitating enforcement action.

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 09 April 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 12 March 2026 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the Assistant Director Town Planning and Land Management be instructed to identify new sites for establishment of additional public toilets in the City, and refer the report to the Public Works and Planning Committee for approval.
3. THAT the Director Health Services be instructed to refer to Management the feasibility of introducing full time Toilets Attendants at all public toilets in the Central Business District as a way of maintaining the toilets in good condition.
4. THAT the Director Health Services be instructed to refer to Management the idea of converting Takawira public toilet into a pay Toilet.
5. THAT the Director Health Services be instructed to prepare a report on the status of all public toilets in the Central Business District and submit to the

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next meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee for consideration.

6. THAT City of Masvingo and Island Hospice enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the implementation of Palliative Care Integration project in the City.
7. THAT the report of the Director Health Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
8. THAT the request by NetOne Cellular (Pvt) Limited for permission to Lease Ground Space at Vurombo Primary School site to develop a Base Station in Masvingo urban be granted for a period of ten years.
9. THAT the application by NetOne Cellular (Private Limited) for permission to lease ground space at ZIMRE Park site be put in abeyance pending approval from the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development it being noted that the ground in question is part of the road servitude.
10. THAT Council approves the lease of two (2) tower lights and ground spaces at Runyararo Primary School and Francis Aphiri Primary School for Netone Private Limited to develop base stations for a period of ten years.
11. THAT Council donates bricks to be used in the construction of ten model houses under the slum upgrading project in Masvingo as part of its contribution in the partnership with Dialogue on Shelter and Homeless People's Federation.
12. THAT Council provides labour and bricks for the construction of ten (10) model houses at Tanaiwa Hostel under the Slum upgrading project funded by Dialogue on Shelter.
13. THAT beneficiaries for the ten (10) demo houses be selected basing on the following criteria:
  - i. Households currently living in overcrowded and structurally unsafe hostels.
  - ii. Vulnerable households (ie) female headed families.
  - iii. Elderly-headed families or Persons with Disabilities & Child-headed families.
  - iv. Preference would also be given to beneficiaries who are active participants in Community development activities (eg) Council Health Clubs and other collective initiatives.
  - v. The prospective beneficiary should be eligible under the Council home-ownership scheme.

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14. THAT Management be instructed to explore other funding options for renovation of Charles Austin Theatre, it being noted that rentals from prospective tenants would take long to complete the works.
15. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
16. THAT the idea to create temporary vending lots at Masvingo Polytechnic College along Mhizha Street, and at Harare-Bulawayo Road Turn Off for Watermelon Vendors be referred to Management for consideration.
17. THAT the report of the Chamber Secretary be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

**116. 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 16 April 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”

On minute 095, a proposal was made for Councillor B. Hwata to be appointed Vice Chairperson of the Public Works and Planning Committee. The Town Clerk advised that Council had no mandate to appoint Councillors to such positions and the authority rests with the relevant Committee. A concern was raised regarding membership to Council Committees, noting that members of the Audit Committee were disadvantaged as they could not assume Chairmanship in other Council Committees. His Worship the Mayor acknowledged the concern and advised that the matter would be discussed at the appropriate meeting.

On minute 097 (A), Council appreciated the Committee on the good works undertaken in water supply and sewage reticulation.

On minute 097 (H), the Town Clerk raised concern over the initial reason given for rejecting Mr. L. Chengeta’s request, noting that Council does provide water outside its jurisdiction. He clarified that the proper basis for refusal should have been the applicant’s illegal reconnection of Municipal water. It was established that Mr. Chengeta had previously been connected to Municipal water but was disconnected approximately twenty years ago due to non-payment of bills and around the same time he illegally reconnected water meaning the current request was not for a new connection but rather a reconnection. On the matter of the accrued debt of USD 46,000, Council resolved that the figure would be determined after investigations are done by Management. The recommendations were therefore amended as clarified.

On minute 097 (I), on the request for water connection at Glyntor Farm where the Committee recommended that a tour of the School be conducted before the application could be considered. Some members expressed the view that the tour was unnecessary

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since the institution was a school. It was however, clarified that the tour was necessary as part of due diligence and was within the mandate of the Committee.

On minute 097 (J), regarding the sourcing of funds for paving the Truck Stop, the Chairperson of the Finance and General Purposes Committee emphasized the importance of proper and inclusive budgeting at the inception of projects in order to avoid haphazard requests for additional funding. Council urged for expediting the setting up of the Special Purpose Vehicle and the submission was duly noted.

On minute 098 (B), clarity was sought on the recipient of the stand if it was Angel of Hope or the First Lady. It was clarified that the stand was being offered to the Office of the First Lady, which is an official office managed by the Government.

***On Minute 098 (C), the Town Clerk declared an interest on the matter and the Chamber Secretary assumed responsibility for presenting the recommendations. After Council concluded its consideration of the issue, the Town Clerk was invited back to the meeting.***

On minute 098 (E), a proposal was made for Council to urgently develop and implement a land use plan since illegal mining activities had not ceased. It was clarified that Council could only plan for the land after a mining survey had been conducted to determine the extent of underground activity, which would then inform the appropriate land use. The Town Clerk reported that Council had engaged the Ministry of Local Government to convene a joint meeting with the Joint Operating Committee to discuss the matter, and communication had already been sent.

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 16 April 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2026 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT Council approaches Doczine Investments for repair of the stretch of road from First Street via Chesvingo Business Centre to Mazorodze Street as part of their corporate social responsibility.
3. THAT Council approaches the Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services (ZPCS) for free labour for road maintenance.
4. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to organize a tour of the Treasure Consultants Runyararo South West Housing project by the Public Works and Planning Committee

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5. THAT the application by Mr L. Chengeta for water reconnection from the mains at his Bushmead Farm be turned down on the basis that the applicant had illegally reconnected water to his property.
6. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to refer to Management the matter regarding the illegal water reconnection by Mr L. Chengeta of Bushmead Farm and the accrued debt inclusive of cost of water, and any applicable penalties over a period of twenty (20) years.
7. THAT the application by Gerald Marumbwa for water connection at Glyntor Farm be put in abeyance pending a tour of the school by the Public Works and Planning Committee.
8. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to organize a tour of Glyntor Farm near ZIMRE Park suburbs following the application by Gerald Marumbwa for water connection at the school.
9. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to source funds for paving the Truck inn parking ground to avoid dust pollution.
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 Council Survey Section staff be allowed to undertake peg / beacon identification only.
12. THAT Council engage a registered Land Surveyor or Technician for peg or beacon installation or re-erection in terms of the Land Surveyors Act Chapter 20:12.
13. THAT the Assistant Director Planning and Land Management be instructed to refer to Management the request for employment of a registered Surveyor by Council,
14. THAT Council Resolution Number 303C(xi) dated 12 November 2020 which permitted the subdivision of stand 21642 Chesvingo be rescinded.
15. THAT institutional Stand Number 21642 Chesvingo be offered to the Office of the First Lady, Mrs Auxillia Mnangagwa for the establishment of a Community Rehabilitation Centre in the City which will be donated to the City of Masvingo upon completion.
16. THAT the application by Edward Mukaratirwa, for consolidation of stands 28015 and 28016 of Fort Victoria Township Lands (Rhodene Extension) to create a stand measuring 4 269,8m<sup>2</sup> and the subsequent change of use from residential to a lodge be processed in terms of Section 40 of the Regional Town and Country Planning Act Chapter 29:12.

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17. THAT Council and Ministry of Local Government and Public Works, with the guidance from the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, and Ministry of Mines and Mining Development conduct a mining survey to establish the extent of underground mining works at Target Kopje Hills.
18. THAT the report of the Assistant Director Town Planning and Land Management be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

**117. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

*Before moving for the adoption of the minutes, item 107 (K) was withdrawn for consideration when Council turns into Committee.*

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor B. Muchokwa seconded by Councillor M. Madhuna

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 20 April 2026 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On Minute 109 (C) and (D), concerning the request for sponsorship by Miss Tourism participants, an appeal was made by some members of Council to grant the request. His Worship the Mayor urged Council to carry the recommendation as presented and advised that Council should await the adoption of the Policy governing such requests, to ensure uniformity and proper regulation. Therefore, the Committee’s recommendations were carried.

On Minute 109 (E), clarity was sought regarding progress on the establishment of Council’s second Secondary School. The Town Clerk reported that the Town Planning and Land Management Department had completed the plans and shared them with the Director of Housing and Social Services. It was further noted that the Housing Department had made an application to the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, informing them of Council’s intention to establish another Secondary School prior to construction, to enable registration. The tender for procurement of materials had been flighted with the target set to commence physical works in June 2026. It was also noted that the Department of Housing should begin clearing the area and issue notices to residents who were temporarily utilising the site for various uses.

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

**RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2026, be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 26 March 2026, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed.

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2. THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
3. THAT the Monitoring and Evaluation Manager, Mr. Tinashe Charles Kambarami be authorised to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Africa Regional Forum for Sustainable Development in Ethiopia from 26 April to 01 May 2026 at a total cost of USD 4 096.20 detailed below:

| <b>ITEM</b>            | <b>COST (US\$)</b> |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Airfares               | 1,020.20           |
| Visa Application       | 52.00              |
| Accommodation          | 840.00             |
| Travel and Subsistence | 2,184.00           |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>4,096.20</b>    |

4. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
5. THAT Council approve the budget of USD 18,031.90 for procurement of uniforms, kits, breakfast, lunch and refreshments for the City of Masvingo participation in the Inter Municipal Games to be held in Masvingo for the period 21-22 August 2026.
6. THAT the application for sponsorship amounting to USD 500 by Beautify Siziba, a finalist for Miss Tourism Zimbabwe 2026 be turned down in line with the Council current position on similar requests for sponsorship which have been put in abeyance pending formulation of a policy governing such requests.
7. THAT the application for sponsorship amounting to USD 1370 by Ropafadzo Manyanga, a finalist for Miss Tourism Zimbabwe 2026 be turned down in line with the Council current position on similar requests for sponsorship which have been put in abeyance pending formulation of a policy governing such requests.
8. THAT Rujeko Secondary School be awarded 100 text books of their choice for achieving an 80% pass rate in the first sitting of the 2025 Ordinary level.
9. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor B. Muchokwa seconded by Councillor E. Zishiri

“THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1075<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 30 March 2026, adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 16 April 2026 and adopting minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 20 April 2026”

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**RESOLVED**

THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1075<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 30 March 2026, adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 16 April 2026 and adopting minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 20 April 2026.

The meeting ended at 12.51 p.m.

**CONFIRMED THIS**

**DAY OF**

**2026**

**MAYOR**

**TOWN CLERK**