



CITY OF HARARE

MINUTES OF THE 1935th ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 6th MAY 2025 AT 12:01 PM

PRESENT: His Worship, the Mayor, Councillor J. Mafume
Deputy Mayor, Councillor R. Muronda

COUNCILLORS

K. Bote	H. Gotoru	C. Mashozhera	A. Nyakudya
F. Chabuda	R.M. Jakopo	R.D. Matsika	D. Nyikadzino
C. Chidagu	E. Kamusikiri	G. Mujajati	W. Nzou
C. R. Chimbiri	M. Kasvosve	C.S. Mukarati	R. Pamire
M. Chinyerere	B.K. Maburutse	A. Munamba	J. Pedzisai
M. Chirimuta	T. Machirori	B. Muroyiwa	E. Ruzani
S. Dhliwayo	L.A. Madede	K. Mutapaire	H. Ruzani
A. Dube	C. Mande	P. Mutebuka	A.Shoko
M. Dutuma	S. M. Manyenga	W. C. Muzuva	J. C. Shoko
E. Dzinomurumbi	S. Mapanzure	C. Mpofu	C. B. Suka
T. Dzumbunu	G. Marera	D. Ngadziore	T.T. Tomasi
			T. Utete (47)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE : (5)

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE : (7)

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Eng M.P. Moyo	: Acting Town Clerk
W. S. Chiwawa	: Acting Chamber Secretary
A. Nhekairo	: Director of Housing and Community Services
Dr. P. Chonzi	: Director of Health Services
G. Kusangaya	: Acting Finance Director
Eng. T.R. Kunyadini	: Acting Director of Harare Water
J. Duve	: Acting Human Capital Director
S. Nyabezi	: Acting Director of Urban Planning
T. Chombe	: Acting Director of Works
D. Njanina	: Head – Committees Division
D.S. Mavalwane	: Monitoring and Evaluation Manager
A. Nyamurova	: Audit Manager
S. Gama	: Head – Corporate Communications Division
E. Mushava	: Acting Legal Manager
Dr. A. Muguti	: Monitoring and Evaluation Division
N. Garikai	: Procurement Management Unit
M. Dzangare	: ICT Division
B. Mtonzi	: Corporate Communications Division
C. Chisunga	: Corporate Communications Division
S. Marodzo	: Corporate Communications Division
L. Chitakatira	: Corporate Communications Division
J. Manyara	: City Health Services Department

T. Togo	: ICT Division (Intern)
V. Kasiyandima	: ICT Division (Intern)
R. Maumburudze	: Chamber Secretary's Dept. (Intern)
L.C Nduna	: Chamber Secretary's Dept. (Intern)
L. Masuka	: Committees Division
C. Banga	: Committees Division
H. Mufema	: Committees Division
S.K. Chimbetete	: Committees Division
L. Chikadza	: Committees Division
G. Katsande	: Committees Division
T.P. Muchena	: Committees Division
G. Mutenure	: Committees Division
P. Chihururu	: Committees Division
L. Chinoputsa	: Chamber Secretary's Department
J. Mazvimba	: Department of Urban Planning
C. Matumbike	: Procurement Management Unit
C. Murodza	: Corporate Communications Division
T. Bamusi	: Corporate Communications Division (Intern)
P.T. Bvunzawabaya	: Committees Division (Intern)
F. Chitekero	: Corporate Communications Division
R. Masango	: Corporate Communications Division
R. Maumburudze	: Committees Division (Intern)
A.M. Mubaiwa	: Corporate Communications Division
B. Kawodza	: Committee Division (Intern)

1. PRAYERS (1)

The Opening prayer was led by Councillor C. R. Chimbiri.

NOTED

2. NOTICE (2)

The notice convening the Meeting was read by the Acting Chamber Secretary.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (3)

RESOLVED

That the applications for leave of absence by the Councillors named below, be approved:

Councillor	Date
J. Bhingari	6 th May 2025
S. Chanachimwe	6 th May 2025
S. Chuma	6 th May 2025
Z. Duri	6 th May 2025
L. Makuwerere	6 th May 2025 (5)

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (4)

The Minutes of the 1934th Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26th March 2025 had been circulated with the Agenda.

On a proposal by Councillor T.T. Tomasi, seconded by Councillor G. Mujajati, Council –

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the 1934th Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26th March 2025 be taken as read and confirmed.

ACTION: ACS: 07/05/2025

(Whereupon, the Minutes were signed by His Worship, the Mayor, Councillor J. Mafume).

5. **COMMUNICATIONS ADDRESSED TO HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR** [5 (a)]

(i) **Meeting of Worship, the Mayor with the Chief Executive Officer of Haka Camp (Pvt) Ltd on 3rd April 2025**

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had met with the Chief Executive Officer of Haka Camp (Pvt) Ltd on 3rd April 2025. The meeting sought to find a solution to the long standing lease dispute between the City of Harare and Haka Camp (Pvt) Ltd.

NOTED

(ii) **Meeting of His Worship, the Mayor with Mr Sam Parirenyatwa of Bubble Tech (Pvt) Ltd on Occupation of Shop No. 5 Julius Nyerere Parkade**

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had held a meeting with Mr. Sam Parirenyatwa of Bubble Tech (Pvt) Ltd. in respect of the case of Bubble Tech versus City of Harare as detailed in this Meeting. The Meeting sought to find a solution in the matter involving occupation of the above shop by Bubble Tech (Pvt) Ltd.

NOTED

(iii) **Attendance by His Worship, the Mayor at the Signing Ceremony for Performance Contracts for Mayors/Town Clerks with the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Public Works at Makombe Building: 7th April 2025**

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had attended the Signing Ceremony for Performance Contracts for Mayors/Town Clerks with the Honourable Minister of Local Government Public Works. The event was held on 7th April 2025 at Makombe Building.

NOTED

(iv) **Attendance by His Worship, the Mayor at the Official Opening of the New Mbare Musika Market: 11th April 2025**

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had attended the official opening of the new Mbare Musika Market on 11th April 2025.

His Worship, the Mayor reported that construction of the new Mbare Musika Market was a significant milestone for the City of Harare since 1972. He stated that the market was Phase One (1) of the programme to refurbish markets in the City and that Phase 2 (two) Market would be constructed at Tsiga in Mbare. He also promised modern infrastructure in Mbare.

NOTED

(v) Attendance by His Worship, the Mayor at the City of Bulawayo's Development Conference 2025 (BED CON 25) Held at the Large City Hall in Bulawayo from 9th to 10th April 2025

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had attended the City of Bulawayo's Economic Development Conference 2025 (BED CON 25) held at the Large City Hall in Bulawayo from 9 to 10 April 2025.

He tasked the City's Business Committee to host an Investment Symposium for the City to showcase the investment opportunities in the City of Harare.

RESOLVED

That the Business Committee organises and hosts an Investment Symposium in Harare to showcase investment opportunities in the City of Harare.

ACTION: A/TC (BDU): 07/05/2025

(vi) Attendance by His Worship, the Mayor at the Harare City Football Club's Annual General Meeting Held on 12th April 2025

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had attended the Harare City Football Club's Annual General Meeting held on 12th April 2025 where a new executive committee was appointed.

He expected the football club to return to the Premier Soccer League (PSL) the following year.

NOTED

(vii) Attendance by His Worship, the Mayor at the City Parking (Pvt) Ltd's Business Operations Workshop Held at the Bushman Rock Safaris in Ruwa on 16th April 2025

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had attended City Parking (Pvt) Ltd's Business Operations Workshop held at the Bushman Rock Safaris in Ruwa on 16th April 2025.

NOTED

(viii) Attendance by His Worship, the Mayor at the Official Handover Ceremony of the Chitubu Rehabilitation Centre to the Glen Norah Community

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had attended the official handover ceremony of the Chitubu Rehabilitation Centre to the Glen Norah Community.

His Worship, the Mayor reported that the City of Harare had entered into a lease agreement with a certain organisation in respect of the ZIMCADA section at Wilkins Infectious Diseases Hospital. The organisation was going to rehabilitate the Opportunistic Infections Section at Wilkins Infectious Diseases Hospital and Chitubu Clinic in Glen Norah in lieu of lease rentals for the lease of the ZIMCADA Section at Wilkins Infectious Diseases Hospital.

He reported that Chitubu Clinic was going to be used for drugs rehabilitation and other clinical services.

NOTED

(ix) Authority to Set Up a Negotiating Committee to Negotiate Mutual Separation Between the Town Clerk and the City of Harare

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had received a letter dated 16th April 2025 from lawyers representing the Harare City Council's Town Clerk, Engineer Hosiah Abraham Chisango following commencement of disciplinary proceedings by Council advising that their client had considered mutual separation.

His Worship, the Mayor then sought the authority of Council to set up a negotiating committee to negotiate with the Town Clerk the proposed mutual separation.

Councillor C. Mande then MOVED as a MOTION, seconded by Councillor T.T. Tomasi –

That a negotiating Committee be set up to negotiate the proposal for mutual separation between the Town Clerk, Eng. H.A. Chisango and Harare City Council as submitted by the Town Clerk's lawyers.

The MOTION was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED – accordingly.

(x) Attendance by His Worship, the Mayor at the Official Celebration Ceremony for the 45th Anniversary of the Republic of Zimbabwe Independence Held at Nembudziya, Gokwe on 18th April 2025

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had attended the 45th Anniversary of the Republic of Zimbabwe Independence Celebration Ceremony held at Nembudziya, Gokwe on 18th April 2025

He underscored the need for the City to attend such events to commemorate the sacrifices made for the independence being enjoyed by all Zimbabweans.

NOTED

(xi) Attendance by His Worship, the Mayor at the 2025th Edition of the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) Held in Bulawayo from 21st to 26th April 2025

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had attended the 2025th Edition of the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) held in Bulawayo from 21st to 26th April 2025.

He appreciated the standard of display at the City of Harare's stand. The Mayor also commended the aesthetic view of the Pavilion or stand which he deemed had markedly improved.

He then pointed the need to improve on presentations at the Exhibition stand.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Council notes the improvement in the standard of its display at the City of Harare's Exhibition Pavilion during the 2025th Edition of the ZITF held in Bulawayo from 21st to 26th April 2025.
- (2) That the Acting Town Clerk (Corporate Communications Division) improves on future presentations at the ZITF stand.

ACTION: A/TC (CCM): 07/05/25

(xii) Attendance by His Worship, the Mayor at the National Day of the Republic of Namibia Held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Harare on 29th April 2025

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had attended the National Day of the Republic of Namibia which was held in Harare on 29th April 2025.

NOTED

(xiii) Attendance by His Worship, the Mayor at the Netherlands King's Day Celebrations on 30th April 2025

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had attended the Netherlands King's Day Celebrations that was held on 30th April 2025.

NOTED

(xiv) Meeting of His Worship, the Mayor with Makomo Engineering Executive Team Held on 29th April 2025 on Kunzvi Dam Project

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had met with Makomo Executive Team on Kunzvi Dam Project.

He further reported that the Kunzvi Dam project was expected to start accumulating on impounding water with effect from October 2025. He stressed the need for the City to plan for conveying the water from the dam, to the water treatment plant and distribution of treated water to consumers.

He reported that he had met with the Zimbabwe National Water Authority (ZINWA) on the land on which the water treatment plant would be built.

He stated that the project was going to be funded by Government as its contribution to the water situation in Harare. He expressed the need to accelerate construction of the water treatment plant and the pipelines for distributing the water. He further reported that Musami Dam and the Muchekeranwa Canal would be attended to soon after completion of Kunzvi Dam.

He then tasked the Acting Town Clerk and Acting Director of Harare Water to submit reports to the Environmental Management (WASH) Committee on the status of the construction of Kunzvi and Musami dams, Muchekeranwa Canal and the proposed Water Treatment

Plant in the Eastern side of the City and distribution water-pipes network for the treated water.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Council notes the status of construction of Kunzvi Dam as detailed in the preamble above.
- (2) That the Acting Town Clerk and Acting Director of Harare Water submit reports to the Environmental Management (WASH) Committee on the status of the Kunzvi Dam water supply project and plans for distributing treated water to residents.

ACTION: A/TC & A/DHW: 07/05/25

- (xv) **Attendance by His Worship, the Mayor at the Double Burial of Two (2) National Heroes (Cde Walter Basopo and Retired Brigadier – General Victor Rungani) on 30th April 2025 and the Burial of the Late Air Vice Marshal (Retired) Winnie Mandeya on 2nd May 2025 at the National Heroes Acre**

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had attended the double burial of two (2) National Heroes (Cde Walter Basopo and Retired Brigadier – General Victor Rungani) on 30th April 2025 and the burial of the late Air Vice Marshal (Retired) Winnie Mandeya on 2nd May 2025 at the National Heroes Acre.

NOTED

- (xvi) **Communication from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade on Behalf of the Iranian Embassy Regarding the Proposal for Twinning Arrangement Between the City of Tehran and City of Harare**

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had received communication from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade on behalf of the Iranian Embassy regarding the proposal for a Twinning Arrangement between the Cities of Tehran and Harare. The areas of co-operation included urban waste recycling, training and exchange programmes and mass public transportation.

He further reported that the City would proceed to sign a Twinning Arrangement with the City of Tehran, Iran.

Following discussion, Council –

RESOLVED

- (1) That Council notes and approves the proposal for a Twinning Arrangement between the City of Tehran and the City of Harare on areas of co-operation which include urban Waste Recycling, training and exchange programmes and mass public transportation system.
- (2) That the matter be referred to the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee for oversight of necessary action.

ACTION: A/TC & A/CS: 07/05/25

(xvii) Receipt of a Circular from the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Public Works on the Extension of Pensionable Age, Early Retirement and Mandatory Retirement Ages in Local Authorities

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had received a Circular addressed to all Mayors and Chairpersons of Councils to the effect that the mandatory retirement age had been extended to seventy (70) years in Local Authorities as detailed in the Circular dated 7th April 2025 referenced LAP/4.

His Worship, the Mayor reported that employees were free to inform Council that they were willing to continue in Council service before attaining the age of 65 years.

The details of the circular dated 7th April 2025 from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works were as outlined below:

Pursuant to the issuance of Statutory Instrument 197 of 2024 on 1st January 2025, on the retirement age of members of the Public Service, Heads of Public Entities including Local Authorities were directed to adhere to the following key provisions and implementation guidelines:-

- 1.1 *“The mandatory retirement age in Local Authorities is now seventy (70) years. However, members appointed before 1st January 2025 are permitted to retire at the age stipulated in their contracts of employment. Members who do not wish to continue serving beyond the age stipulated in their original contracts of employment shall notify the Town Clerk, Town Secretary, Chief Executive Officer in writing, six (6) months before the effective date of retirement, for processing.*
- 1.2 *The stipulated age for early retirement for members appointed into the service of local authorities had been increased from*

fifty-five (55) years to sixty (60) years. However, for those members appointed before 1 January 2025, it shall remain at fifty-five (55) years.

- 1.3 *Early retirement for members appointed on and after 1 January 2025 shall be sixty (60) years. The mandatory retirement age for such members is seventy (70) years.*
- 1.4 *No person can be appointed on pensionable conditions of service at or beyond the age of fifty-five (55) years. However, such a person may be engaged on annually renewable contracts. Those wishing to renew their contracts of employment shall notify the Town Clerk, Town Secretary, Chief Executive Officer will then seek authority from the Minister responsible for Local Government for the renewal of the contracts, thereafter, normal recruitment processes will apply.*
- 1.5 *Members who retired on or before 31 December 2024 shall not be affected by the provisions of this Circular.”*

The Honourable Minister had also requested, through the Circular, that Councils should ensure that all relevant personnel in their respective Local Authorities were advised of the above directive.

The Honourable Minister further advised that interpretation of the Circular rested with the Honourable Minister responsible for Local Government.

Council briefly discussed the matter and while noting the Directive, a member expressed the view that the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee could also consider the Directive as detailed in this Meeting.

His Worship, the Mayor responded by stating that the Directive was communicated in the form of a Statutory Instrument which was valid until its author or a Court of Law overturned it.

Following discussion, Council –

RESOLVED

That Council notes the Circular dated 7th April 2025 referenced LAP/4 on the Ministerial Directive on Extension of Pensionable, Early Retirement and Mandatory Retirement Ages in Local

Authorities as outlined in the preamble above.

ACTION: A/TC, A/HCD & ACS: 07/05/25

(xviii) Proposed Partnership Between the City of Harare and Herentals Football Club for the Refurbishment of Dzivaresekwa Stadium

His Worship, the Mayor reported that Herentals Football Club had submitted an Expression of Interest letter to Council for purposes of partnering the City of Harare in renovating Dzivaresekwa Stadium which was in a state of disrepair.

He emphasized that Council was not giving away the stadium but that this was a case of a partner with capacity who had offered to develop Council infrastructure for own use including other users.

He urged the relevant Committees to quickly consider the Expression of Interest by Herentals Football Club as it was a fitting partner for the refurbishment project while also making sure the rights of other users to access and use the stadium were protected.

During discussion, His Worship, the Mayor urged relevant Committees to expedite consideration of such partnerships with willing developers and or companies for the good of the development of the City of Harare's sporting infrastructure as this was the practice the world over.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the relevant Committees consider the Expression of Interest by Herentals Football Club to partner City of Harare in the refurbishment of Dzivaresekwa Stadium.
- (2) That the Director of Housing and Community Services submits a report to the relevant Committees on the Expression of Interest by Herentals Football Club referred to in resolution (1) above.

ACTION: DHCS & ATC (BDU): 07/05/2025

(xix) Proposed Visit by Chimoio Municipality, Mozambique Delegation to the City of Harare

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had received communication from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade on an impending visit by Chimoio Municipality's delegation for a cultural exchange and look and learn engagement with the City of Harare with a view for the City of Harare to assist the Chimoio Municipality in building their municipality.

His Worship, the Mayor stated that the intended visit was historical to Zimbabwe's freedom. He underscored the need to welcome the entourage. He was grateful that Chimoio City was going to visit Harare to appreciate what they suffered for and that their sacrifice was not in vain.

The entourage would be hosted at the Harare Mayor's Mansion.

RESOLVED

That the City of Harare receives the delegation from the Chimoio Municipality, Mozambique for a cultural exchange and look and learn engagement and to host the entourage at the Harare Mayor's Mansion as detailed in the preamble above at a total cost to Council payable in terms of Council policy subject to variation.

ACTION: AFD, DHCS, ACS & ATC: 07/05/25

(xx) Request for Authority to Utilise Legal Services of the Law Firm Named in this Meeting and to Recruit Legal Officers

His Worship, the Mayor reported that he had received a Memorandum dated 2nd May 2025 from the Acting Chamber Secretary requesting authority to utilise legal services of the Law Firm named in the Acting Chamber Secretary's Memorandum dated 2nd May 2025 and in this Meeting.

His Worship, the Mayor read the contents of the Memorandum to Council. The Acting Chamber Secretary had indicated in the Memorandum that some partners of the Law Firm named in paragraph 2 of his Memorandum who handled Council's legal work had parted ways and formed a new Law Firm also named in the Memorandum.

The Acting Chamber Secretary had reported in his Memorandum that the partners who constituted the new Law Firm had traditionally handled Council matters satisfactorily and understood the background to the cases they handled. The partners also appreciated Council's financial position. The Acting Chamber Secretary had indicated complaints by law firms regarding delay by Council in payments for legal services rendered to Council.

The Acting Chamber Secretary had recommended urgent authorisation of the new Law Firm to continue handling legal work with the view to protect Council interests as indicated in the memorandum. He had also recommended being granted authority to recruit Legal Officers in his department as indicated elsewhere in these Minutes.

Council discussed the matter with the Acting Supply Chain Manager advising that fifty-one (51) days was the cycle time for hiring Law Firms.

Councillor D. Ngadziore then MOVED as MOTIONS seconded by Councillor J.C. Shoko -

- (1) That Council authorises the hire of Law Firms and recruitment of Legal Officers in Council service following the necessary procedures within the timeframes stated in the preamble.
- (2) That the Acting Finance Director expedites payments for invoices from Council's Law Firms.
- (3) That the new law firm be authorised to continue handling City of Harare cases they were dealing with while at the old law firm up to 31st December 2025.

The MOTIONS were PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED – accordingly.

6. NEED TO RECRUIT ADDITIONAL LEGAL OFFICERS TO FILL EXISTING VACANCIES IN THE LEGAL DIVISION OF THE CHAMBER SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT [5. (b)]

Arising from the communication addressed to His Worship, the Mayor regarding a request to utilise legal services of a certain legal firm, His Worship, the Mayor highlighted the need to expedite the filling of vacant positions of Legal Officer (Grade 8/7/6) in the Legal Division of the Chamber Secretary's Department.

The Acting Human Capital Director advised that the process of recruiting personnel externally would require sixty (60) days.

Councillor D. Ngadziore then MOVED as a MOTION, seconded by Councillor M.S. Manyenga –

That vacant positions of Legal Officer (Grade 8/7/6) in the Legal Division of the Chamber Secretary's Department be filled within sixty (60) days from the date of this resolution.

The MOTION was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED – accordingly.

7. ADVERTISEMENT OF THE POSITION OF HUMAN CAPITAL DIRECTOR FOR CITY OF HARARE [5. (b)]

Arising from communications addressed to His Worship, the Mayor, His Worship, the Mayor highlighted the need to expedite advertisement of the position of Human Capital Director in City of Harare.

The Acting Human Capital Director advised that Council had written to the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works seeking authority to recruit the Human Capital Director and to fill other vacant positions.

During further discussion, His Worship, the Mayor underscored the need to have a substantive Human Capital Director in order for the incumbent to develop a human resources strategy for Council.

RESOLVED

That the Acting Human Capital Director in liaison with the Acting Town Clerk expedites the recruitment of a Human Capital Director in the Harare City Council.

ACTION: ATC & AHCD: 07/05/25

8. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (WASH) COMMITTEE MINUTES: 10th APRIL 2025 [6.B]

N.B. Before the Chairperson, Councillor T. Utete REPORTED and MOVED the recommendations in Items 7 to 9 inclusive, he withdrew Item 9 from consideration and took it back to the Committee for further consideration.

(A) RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor T. Utete then reported on the decisions recorded in Items 7 and 8 of the Minutes of the Environmental Management (WASH) Committee dated 10th April 2025 which involved recommendations to Council and he MOVED the ADOPTION of the recommendations.

The RECOMMENDATIONS in Items 7 and 8 were PUT and ADOPTED unanimously.

(B) RESOLUTIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor T. Utete reported on the decisions recorded in Items 1 to 6 inclusive of the Minutes of the Environmental Management (WASH) Committee dated 10th April 2025 which did not involve recommendations to Council.

9. EDUCATION, HEALTH, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MINUTES: 9th APRIL 2025 [6. C (i)]

(A) RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor B. Muroyiwa reported on the decisions recorded in Items 9 to 17 inclusive of the Minutes of the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee dated 9th April 2025 which involved recommendations to Council and he MOVED the ADOPTION of the recommendations.

ITEM 9: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PARTNER CITY OF HARARE IN SERVICING AN UNSERVICED LAND AT INGWE FARM IN GLEN VIEW

On 9th April 2025, the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee (Item 9) had recommended to Council inter alia –

“That Council notes the presentation on the Expression of Interest in partnering with the City of Harare in servicing land in Ingwe Farm, Glen View for a gated community for residential, commercial, industrial and institutional purposes on a 60:40 share of developed residential stands as indicated in the preamble.”

Councillor D. Ngadziore now MOVED as an AMENDMENT seconded by Councillor B. Muroyiwa -

That Item 9 (1) be amended in order to clearly indicate that –

- (i) the prospective partner will get 60% share of the serviced residential stands while the City of Harare will get 40%, and*
- (ii) all the serviced industrial, commercial and institutional stands will be owned by the City of Harare.*

The AMENDMENT was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED – accordingly.

The RECOMMENDATIONS in Item 9 as AMENDED were then PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

The RECOMMENDATIONS in Items 10 to 17 inclusive were PUT and ADOPTED unanimously.

(B) RESOLUTIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor B. Muroyiwa reported on the decisions recorded in Items 1 to 8 inclusive of the Minutes of the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee

dated 9th April 2025 which did not involve recommendations to Council.

10. CONSTRUCTION OF COUNCIL-OWNED RENTED ACCOMMODATION IN REPLACEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL HOUSING SOLD TO SITTING TENANTS [6.C (ii)]

On 9th April 2025, the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee (Item 8) had resolved –

“That the Committee notes progress made so far on the disposal of Council’s rented houses.”

Council now discussed Item 8 of the Minutes of the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee dated 9th April 2025 regarding Update on the Disposal of Council’s Rented Accommodation. It asserted the need to reinvest the proceeds from sale of rented accommodation in developing new rented institutional housing.

Councillor D. Ngadziore then MOVED as a MOTION seconded by His Worship, the Mayor –

That the Director of Housing and Community Services, Director of Works and Acting Finance Director submit reports to the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee on a model to use funds raised from sale of rented accommodation in constructing new rented accommodation.

The MOTION was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED – accordingly.

11. PROGRESS ON PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL STANDS TO COUNCILLORS [6. C (iii)]

Arising from consideration of the Minutes of the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee dated 9th April 2025, Council discussed the accommodation for Councillors and agreed that the Acting Town Clerk and Director of Housing and Community Services expedite provision residential stands to City of Harare Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Acting Town Clerk and Director of Housing and Community Services ensure that Councillors have decent accommodation by expediting provision of residential stands in terms of Council Policy applicable guidelines.

ACTION: ATC, DHCS, ACS, DOW & ADUP: 07/05/25

12. PREVALENCE OF STRAY DOGS AND KEEPING OF DANGEROUS SPECIES OF DOGS IN HOMES [6. C(iv)]

Arising from consideration of the Minutes of the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee dated 9th April 2025, His Worship, the Mayor drew the attention of Council to the prevalence of stray dogs in the City of Harare as well as the trend in keeping dangerous pets such as Pitbull Tarriers which were a danger to children and adults. He reported that there had been complaints on the matter and the need to keep minimum number of pets. He stated that stray dogs would be handled in terms of the by-law.

His Worship, the Mayor also suggested that Pitbull Tarriers should be kept under a license as they were a dangerous species.

The Acting Director of Urban Planning advised that his department administered the Dog Licensing and Control By-Laws which stipulated who could breed dogs.

He stated that in the event of complaints, his department together with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) impounded the animals. He undertook to communicate with the Harare Metropolitan Police for enforcement of the By-laws.

Council then tasked the Acting Director of Urban Planning and Acting Town Clerk (CCM) to inform the public about the number of dogs they could keep and that stray dogs would be dealt with in terms of the by-laws.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Acting Director of Urban Planning relooks into the Dog Licensing and Control By-Laws on the provisions for keeping dangerous species of dogs such as the Pitbull Tarrier and number of pets that may be kept in homes and report to the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee.
- (2) That subject to outcome of resolution (1) above, the Acting Director of Urban Planning reports to the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee recommending whether a license is required or not for keeping dangerous pets such as Pitbull Tarriers in homes in the City of Harare.
- (3) That the Acting Director of Urban Planning and Acting Town Clerk (CCM) inform the public about the provisions of the By-laws regarding the number of dogs that may be kept in a home, species which can be kept etc. and that stray dogs will be dealt with on sight in terms of the By-laws.

- (4) That the Acting Director of Urban Planning requests the Acting Town Clerk (HMP) to enforce the Dog Licensing and Control By-laws as detailed in the preamble above.

ACTION: A/TC(HMP) & A/DUP: 07/05/25

13. COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT OF SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE PROVISION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

During discussion of the oversight responsibility for sporting infrastructural provision, repair and maintenance in the City of Harare following the Expression of Interest by Herentals Football Club to partner Council in renovating Dzivaresekwa Stadium, a member clarified that the terms of reference for the Sports and Arts Committee Sporting infrastructure now fell under the purview of this Committee.

Councillor D. Ngadziore then MOVED as a MOTION, seconded by Councillor S.M. Manyenga –

That Council notes that sporting infrastructure provision, repair and maintenance now fell under the purview of the Sports and Arts Committee.

The MOTION was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED – accordingly.

14. HUMAN RESOURCES AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES: 2nd APRIL 2025 [6. D (i)]

(A) RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor G. Mujajati reported on the decisions recorded in Items 44 to 61 inclusive of the Minutes of the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee dated 2nd April 2025 which involved recommendations to Council and he MOVED the ADOPTION of the recommendations.

The RECOMMENDATIONS in Items 44 to 61 inclusive were PUT and ADOPTED unanimously.

(B) RESOLUTIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor G. Mujajati reported on the decisions recorded in Items 1 to 43 inclusive of the Minutes of the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee dated 2nd April 2025 which did not involve recommendations to Council.

15. NEED TO INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LEGAL DIVISION ON COUNCIL'S NEGOTIATING COMMITTEES WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF COUNCIL

Arising from the discussion on Item 51 of the Minutes of the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee dated 2nd April 2025 regarding the need to look into the contracts of employment for Senior Executives in grades 3 to 1, His Worship, the Mayor stressed the need for the Acting Chamber Secretary or lawyers from the Chamber Secretary's Department to be a member of Negotiating Committees set up to negotiate contractual issues with senior executives of Council. He stated that all human resources issues had legal implications.

During further discussion, His Worship, the Mayor suggested that qualifications of managers be meticulously verified starting with those of senior managers. He also suggested undertaking a skills audit in Council service.

Following discussion, Council –

RESOLVED

- (1) That Council notes the need to carry out a qualifications audit for all managers starting with those at the top and that the proposal be referred for consideration at the following meeting of the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee.
- (2) That the Acting Chamber Secretary or a lawyer from his department be part of Negotiating Committees on contractual issues of senior executives of Council.

ACTION: ATC, ACS & AHCD: 07/05/25

16. NEED TO EXPEDITE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL FOR DIVISIONS THAT USED TO REPORT TO THE CHAMBER SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT TO REVERT BACK TO REPORTING TO THE SAME DEPARTMENT [6. K (ii)]

On 2nd April 2025, the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee (Item 40) had resolved –

“That the Acting Human Capital Director submits a report on the proposal for Divisions which hitherto used to report to the Chamber Secretary's Department to revert back to reporting to the same Department.”

Arising from the discussion on the Minutes of the Disaster Risk Management and Public Safety Committee dated 16th April 2025, His Worship, the Mayor reiterated the proposal for divisions that used to report to the Chamber Secretary's Department to revert back.

He also reported that divisions which hitherto reported to the Finance Department should also revert to the Finance Department.

RESOLVED

That the proposal for Divisions that used to report to the Chamber Secretary's and Finance Departments revert back to these departments respectively and that the matter be expeditiously attended to by the Acting Human Capital Director through the relevant Committee as outlined in the preamble above.

ACTION: AHCD, ACS & AFD: 07/05/25

17. HUMAN RESOURCES AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MINUTES: 15th APRIL 2025 [6. D (ii) (a)]

(A) RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor G. Mujajati reported on the decisions recorded in Items 15 to 21 inclusive of the Minutes of the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee dated 15th April 2025 which involved recommendations to Council and he MOVED the ADOPTION of the recommendations.

The RECOMMENDATIONS in Items 15 to 17 inclusive were PUT and ADOPTED unanimously.

ITEM 18: REVISED CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR WAR VETERANS IN COUNCIL SERVICE

The Chairperson, Councillor G. Mujajati MOVED as a MOTION, seconded by Councillor T. T. Tomasi –

That Item 18 of the Minutes of the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee dated 15th April 2025 be referred back to the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee for further consideration.

The MOTION to REFER BACK Item 18 to the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED – accordingly.

The RECOMMENDATIONS in Items 19 to 21 inclusive were PUT and ADOPTED unanimously.

(B) RESOLUTIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor G. Mujajati reported on the decisions recorded in Items 1 to 14 inclusive of the Minutes of the Human

Resources and General Purposes Committee dated 15th April 2025 which did not involve recommendations to Council.

18. HARARE MUNICIPAL MEDICAL AID SOCIETY (HMMAS) INVESTIGATION COMMISSION REPORT [6. D (ii)(b)]

On 18th December 2024, Council [Item 5 (iv)] had resolved –

- (1) *“That Council notes the completion of investigations into the affairs of the Harare Municipal Medical Aid Society (HMMAS) by the Special Committee which comprised the following members:*

Councillors: A. Shoko – Chairperson
 J.C. Shoko
 S.M. Manyenga
 K. Kadzombe
 D. Nyikadzino
 E. Ruzani
 R.D. Matsika

Outside Members: Dr. K.P. Masunda
 R. Zinhema – Secretary

Council Official: A. Zeure – Secretariat

- (2) *That the Chairperson of the Special Committee circulates the report to all Councillors.*
- (3) *That the report be presented at the next full Council Meeting to be held in February 2025.”*

Arising from consideration of Item 20 of the Minutes of the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee dated 15th April 2025, regarding Extension of Technical Support Services to HMMAS on Undertaking of a Work Study, a member enquired the status of the report referred to above.

The Chairperson of the Investigation Commission advised that he reported on the matter.

NOTED

19. INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE [6. E]

The Information and Publicity Committee did not meet during the month of April 2025.

20. WORKS AND TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES:
3rd APRIL 2025 [6. F]

His Worship, the Mayor reported that the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Public Works, Honourable D. Garwe (MP) had issued a Circular referenced 1st May 2025 and dated 2nd May 2025 addressed to all Mayors and Chairpersons of local authorities across the Republic of Zimbabwe issuing a conditional moratorium running for a period of (90) ninety days from the date of issue of the circular on processing of applications for change of reservations and of land uses by all local authorities in Zimbabwe.

The Honourable Minister had however given conditions which had to be met by respective local authorities for lifting the moratorium.

His Worship, the Mayor tasked the Works and Planning Committee to get a report on the moratorium with the view of coming up with an action plan to expedite compliance with requirements stated in the circular to enable lifting of the moratorium by the Honourable Minister earlier than the ninety (90) days' timeframe.

During further discussion, His Worship, the Mayor reported that the Works' element of the Works and Town Planning Committee could be considered and adopted to the extent that the Items would not infringe on the Circular except Town Planning issues. Council also noted the need for a public statement on the Circular and duration thereof.

Following further discussion, Councillor C. Mande MOVED as MOTIONS seconded by His Worship, the Mayor –

- (1) That Council notes the Circular by the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Public Works reference 1/5/2025 dated 2nd May 2025 addressed to all local authorities in Zimbabwe on a Directive for a Conditional Moratorium on processing of applications for change of use and reservation of land for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of its issue.
- (2) That the Works and Town Planning Committee meets the following week for the purpose of coming up with an Action Plan for prompt meeting or complying with the conditions contained in the Circular referred to in (1) above, as detailed in the preamble to enable early lifting of the moratorium.
- (3) That the Acting Director of Urban Planning and Acting Town Clerk (CCM) publicise receipt of the Ministerial Circular referred to in (1) above, and its 90 days' timeframe.
- (4) That only "Works matters" of the Works and Town Planning Committee will be considered to the extent that they do not contravene the Directive or Circular.

The MOTIONS were PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED – accordingly.

(A) RECOMMENDATIONS

The RECOMMENDATIONS in Items 71 to 76 inclusive of the Minutes of the Works and Town Planning Committee dated 3rd April 2025 were not considered as they involved Town Planning matters.

(B) RESOLUTIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor P. Mutebuka reported on the decisions recorded in Items 1, 2 and 68 to 70 inclusive of the Minutes of the Works and Town Planning Committee dated 3rd April 2025 which did not involve either Town Planning matters or recommendations to Council.

21. AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES: 10th APRIL 2025 (6.G (i))

(A) RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor J.C. Shoko reported on the decisions recorded in Items 14 to 17 inclusive of the Minutes of the Audit Committee dated 10th April 2025 which involved recommendations to Council and he MOVED the ADOPTION of the recommendations.

The RECOMMENDATIONS in Items 14 to 17 inclusive were PUT and ADOPTED unanimously.

(B) RESOLUTIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor J.C. Shoko reported on the decisions recorded in Items 1 to 13 inclusive of the Minutes of the Audit Committee dated 10th April 2025 which did not involve recommendations to Council.

22. PROGRESS ON AUDIT OF COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

[6. G (ii)]

On 10th April 2025, the Audit Committee (Item 14) had recommended to Council –

“That Council notes the comments made by the outgoing external Auditors, HLB and incoming external Auditors, AMG Global Chartered Accountants which are detailed in the preamble above.”

Arising from consideration of Item 14 of the Minutes of the Audit Committee dated 10th April 2025, the Chairperson of the Audit Committee, Councillor J.C. Shoko reported that his Committee was going to meet on the following day to consider the 2021 Audit report from the outgoing auditor. He further reported that the incoming auditor was going to undertake the 2022 and 2023 audits concurrently and that they had requested to also do the 2024 audit.

His Worship, the Mayor pointed the need to be up to date with audits and tasked the Finance and Development Committee to come up with clear deadlines for the outstanding audits. He commended the Chairperson of the Audit Committee as Council could now follow the implementation of the Audit Annual Plan and updating of the audits.

Council's attention was also drawn to some operational issues in the Finance Department which were attributed to delays in audit of financial statements such as trial balances and reconciliations as outlined in this Meeting. Council agreed that such issues and others which were raised during previous informal meetings of this Committee with both outgoing and incoming auditors be addressed without delay.

Following discussion, Council –

RESOLVED

- (1) That Council notes, with appreciation, that it is now possible to track implementation of the Audit Plan and updating the outstanding audited financial statements.
- (2) That the Acting Finance Director addresses operational issues which are attributed to delays in undertaking audit of financial statements by external auditors as outlined in the preamble above.
- (3) That the proposal for coming up with clear deadlines for completion of outstanding audited financial statements be referred to the Finance and Development Committee.

ACTION: A/FD & A/TC (Audit): 07/05/25

23. FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES: 15th APRIL 2025[6. H]

(A) RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor C. Mande reported on the decisions recorded in Items 20 to 65 inclusive of the Minutes of the Finance and Development Committee dated 15th April 2025 which involved recommendations to Council and he MOVED the ADOPTION of the recommendations.

The RECOMMENDATIONS in Items 20 to 65 inclusive were PUT and ADOPTED unanimously.

(B) RESOLUTIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor C. Mande reported on the decisions recorded in Items 1 to 19 inclusive of the Minutes of the Finance and Development Committee dated 15th April 2025 which did not involve recommendations to Council.

Note: *The Chief Committee Officer for the Finance and Development Committee recused himself and left the Council Chamber during consideration of these Minutes.*

24. BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES: 8th APRIL 2025 [6. I]

RESOLUTIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor R.D. Matsika reported on the decisions recorded in Items 1 and 2 of the Minutes of the Business Committee dated 8th April 2025 which did not involve recommendations to Council.

25. SMALL TO MEDIUM ENTERPRISES COMMITTEE MINUTES: 16th APRIL 2025 [6.J]

(A) RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor D. Ngadziore reported on the decisions recorded in Items 12 and 13 of the Minutes of the Small to Medium Enterprises Committee dated 16th April 2025 which involved recommendations to Council and he MOVED the ADOPTION of the recommendations.

The RECOMMENDATIONS in Items 12 and 13 were PUT and ADOPTED unanimously.

(B) RESOLUTIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor, D. Ngadziore reported on the decisions recorded in Items 1 to 11 inclusive of the Minutes of the Small to Medium Enterprises Committee dated 16th April 2025 which did not involve recommendations to Council.

26. DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES: 16th APRIL 2025 [6.K (i)]

(A) RECOMMENDATIONS

Councillor K. Mutapaire reported on the decisions recorded in Item 17 of the Minutes of the Disaster Risk Management and Public Safety Committee dated 16th April 2025 which involved recommendations to Council and he MOVED the ADOPTION of the recommendations.

The RECOMMENDATIONS in Item 17 were PUT and ADOPTED unanimously.

(B) RESOLUTIONS

Councillor, K. Mutapaire reported on the decisions recorded in Items 1 to 16 inclusive of the Minutes of the Disaster Risk Management and Public Safety Committee dated 16th April 2025 which did not involve recommendations to Council.

27. SPORTS AND ARTS COMMITTEE [6.L]

The Sports and Arts Committee did not meet during the month of April 2025.

28. STRENGTHENING THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL UNIT,
DEPARTMENT OF URBAN PLANNING TO DEAL WITH NOISE
POLLUTION

Arising from consideration of the Circular dated 2nd May 2025 received from the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Public Works on the Conditional Moratorium on Change of Reservation and Use of Land addressed to all local authorities, a member drew the attention of Council to noise nuisance from clubs established on sites whose uses had been changed. The member suggested strengthening the Development Control Unit of the Department of Urban Planning to enable it to effectively enforce relevant Council by-laws which prohibited noise pollution.

His Worship, the Mayor reiterated Council resolution which proposed considering designating certain streets in the Avenues and elsewhere for bars. Noise from churches also needed to be controlled.

He also proposed that Council could invest in refurbishing the City Sports Centre or other areas or that Council stadia could be used for events which were associated with noise.

Following discussion, Council –

RESOLVED

That the Acting Director of Urban Planning and Acting Human Capital Director recommend strategies to strengthen the Development Control Unit to enable it to effectively deal with noise pollution in the City.

ACTION: ADUP & AHCD: 07/05/25

29. NEED TO EXPEDITE IMPLEMENTATION OF MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY AS WELL AS UPDATE ON THE WATER, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC LIGHTING LEVIES [6. K (ii)]

Arising from the discussion on the Minutes of the Disaster Risk Management and Public Safety Committee dated 16th April 2025 referred to elsewhere in these Minutes, a member suggested with the unanimous consent of Council that the relevant Statutory Instrument that referred to Ambulance Levy be corrected to read, “Emergency Services Levy”.

During further discussion, the member also made reference to a draft report that had been compiled by the Executive Head – Public Safety regarding plans for the utilization of proceeds from the Emergency Services Levy upon its approval by Government.

Council also enquired the performance of the Emergency Services Levy to date and the pending issue of partnering Discovery Ambulances. It further enquired the Committee which was dealing with the issue of Discovery Ambulances/City of Harare proposed partnership.

His Worship, the Mayor emphasized the need to conclude the partnership proposal between the City of Harare and Discovery Ambulances in order to provide the much needed Ambulance service to the residents and rate payers of the City of Harare.

Following further discussion, the Acting Finance Director undertook to submit a report which was already being compiled, on the performance of the Emergency Services Levy.

He further highlighted that separate accounts had been opened for the following special levies:

- (i) Water Levy,
- (ii) Ambulance (Emergency Services) Levy, and
- (iii) Public Lighting levy.

He also indicated that reports were due to be submitted to the Finance and Development Committee on the performance of the above-mentioned levies.

Following further debate, Council –

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Ambulance Levy be renamed Emergency Services Levy in the relevant legal instruments in terms of which approval of the levy was granted by Government and that the Acting Town Clerk be authorised to engage the relevant authorities regarding the matter.
- (2) That the draft report compiled by the Executive Head – Public Safety regarding plans to be implemented following approval of the Emergency Services (Ambulance) Levy be considered by the relevant Committee.
- (3) That Council notes that separate bank accounts were opened for the Water Levy, the Emergency Services Levy and the Public Lighting Levy.
- (4) That the Business Committee attends to the proposal for City of Harare to partner Discovery Ambulances.
- (5) That Council notes that the reports on the performance of the Water Emergency Services, and Public Lighting Levies will be submitted to the Finance and Development Committee.

ACTION: ATC, AFD, EHead-PSD: 07/05/25

30. PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER COMBINING HEALTH AND DISASTER ISSUES UNDER ONE COMMITTEE

Under matters for which his consent had been obtained, His Worship, the Mayor highlighted the need to consider whether Health and Disaster issues could not come under one committee. He stated that in his opinion, health issues had synergies with disaster issues.

NOTED

31. CALL TO DRESS FORMALLY WHEN IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER (5. D)

Arising from Communications addressed to His Worship, the Mayor, the Mayor reported that the Dress Code will be strictly enforced from now onward.

RESOLVED

That Council notes that Council Chamber Dress Code will be strictly enforced going forward.

ACTION: ACS & His Worship, the Mayor: 07/05/25

**32. JOINT FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT, WORKS AND TOWN PLANNING
AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES: 8th APRIL 2025 [6. M]**

(A) RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor D. Ngadziore reported on the decisions recorded in Item 4 of the Minutes of the Joint Finance and Development, Works and Town Planning and the Business Committee dated 8th April 2025 which involved recommendations to Council and he MOVED the ADOPTION of the recommendations.

**ITEM 4: STATUS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF HARARE
AND IMPALA TECHNOLOGIES AND N.C. BANAT FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CITY OF HARARE
SIGNAGE SYSTEM**

On 8th April 2025, the Joint Finance and Development, Works and Town Planning of the Business Committee (Item 4) had recommended to Council –

- (1) *“That Council notes the observations and comments of this Committee on the confidential report (26th February 2025) by the Acting Town Clerk on the status of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Harare and Impala Technologies and N.C. Banat for the development of a City Signage System.*
- (2) *That Council defers decision on the report referred to in recommendation (1) above, pending submission of another report by the Acting Town Clerk providing the documents and explanations on the comments outlined in the preamble above and also below-*
 - (i) *The Agreement that was entered into between the City of Harare and Local Authorities Digital System (LADS) for the development of seventeen (17) modules for the City and the current status thereof.*
 - (ii) *Details of the three (3) modules that were developed by Local Authorities Digital System (LADS) and the operational status thereof.*
 - (iii) *The projected cash flow from Impala Technologies on the proposed Billboard Management System.*
 - (iv) *Breakdown and justification of the proposed revenue contribution by Impala Technologies amounting to four*

hundred and fifty thousand United States of America dollars (US\$450 000.00).

- (v) The link of the proposed Billboard Management System to Harare Master Plan.*
- (vi) The link of the proposed Billboard Management System to the City's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System.*
- (vii) Status report on revenue that is being collected by the City utilising the current billboard management system.*
- (viii) The ultimate benefits that would accrue to Council from implementing the proposed billboard Management System.*
- (ix) Proposals on the best way forward."*

Council now discussed the matter with His Worship, the Mayor stating that when Committees met, they should make progressive decisions rather than not deciding on issues.

The Chairperson of the Joint Finance and Development, Works and Town Planning and Business Committee advised that the Joint Committee had deferred decision on the matter pending submission of another report providing explanations and documents on information it had requested as outlined above. A member who had attended the joint meeting also advised that they were supposed to be provided with the information that had been requested by the joint committee as part of its due diligence exercise.

His Worship, the Mayor underscored the need for independent entities with software systems to assist in identifying or counting the number of billboards in City of Harare for billing and revenue collection purposes.

He stated that the issue of billboards had been spoken about at most Council Meetings and that there had not been different responses to the matter by relevant officials. He also stated that residents expected Council to collect billboard rentals and that the longer it took to finalise such matters the more the loss of revenue.

A member also drew the attention of Council to the request for information by the Joint Committee and that the Joint Committee could meet the following week to consider the requisite information.

Councillor S. Mapanzure then MOVED as MOTIONS seconded by Councillor H. Gotora –

- (1) That the recommendations recorded under Item 4 of the Minutes of the Joint Finance and Development, Works and

Town Planning and Business Committee which are outlined above be REFERRED BACK to the Joint Committee for further consideration.

- (2) That a Meeting of the Joint Finance and Development, Works and Town Planning and Business Committee be scheduled the following week to consider the requisite information on the status of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Harare and Impala Technologies and N.C. Banat for the Development of a City of Harare Signage System.

The MOTIONS were PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED – accordingly.

(B) RESOLUTIONS

The Chairperson, Councillor D. Ngadziore reported on the decisions recorded in Items 1 to 3 inclusive of the Minutes of the Joint Finance and Development, Works and Town Planning and Business Committee dated 8th April 2025 which did not involve recommendations to Council.

33. JOINT EDUCATION, HEALTH, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING AND SMALL TO MEDIUM ENTERPRISES COMMITTEE MINUTES: 9th APRIL 2025 (6. N)

On 9th April 2025, the Joint Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing and Small to Medium Enterprises Committee had resolved -

“That the meeting of the Joint Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing and Small to Medium Enterprises Committee be called off pending resolution of the status of membership of the other Councillor by Council.”

Council now discussed the matter asserting the need to respect proceedings of the Council and dangers of disrupting Meetings.

The Acting Chamber Secretary also enquired clarification on whether the Councillor in question was a member of the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee.

His Worship, the Mayor advised that he was going to address the matter together with the reconstitution of Council’s Outside bodies. He stated that a Special Meeting of Council would be convened to deal with membership of Committees and Outside Bodies.

NOTED

34. CLOSING PRAYER

The closing prayer was led by Councillor H. Gotora.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 14:23 PM

CB/spm