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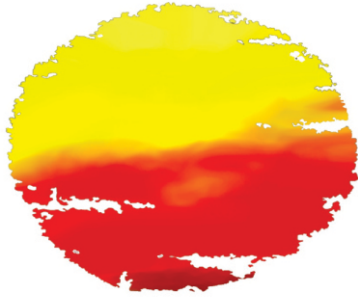
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Solar panels for council buildings



Yvonne Saniro

Council is negotiating a deal with Satewave Technologies to install solar roof tops on the city's main buildings.

Council recently authorized Acting Town Clerk Eng Phakamile Moyo to negotiate with the company.

According to recent council minutes, Acting Works director, Engineer Norman Karidza reported on the proposed partnership between City of Harare and Satewave Technologies to source a grant for installation of rooftop solar infrastructure on council buildings.

This proposal is meant to improve energy use efficiency and reduce the electricity bill for

the city.

“It will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions which are seriously impacting on global warming and climate change resulting from thermal power electricity generation,” he said.

“It was the City's intention to use the UNFCCC platform to negotiate using the Satewave agreement to stand a greater chance of securing a grant for the implementation of rooftop solar lighting on all of City's major buildings like Town House, Rowan Martin building, Cleveland house, Remembrance building, Clinics, District offices etc,” read the minutes.

He said Satewave Technologies has extensive financial and technical knowledge on the

processes and procedures of application for green infrastructure financing and implementation of green infrastructure projects. “The project was also meant to enable the solar potential assessment which would enable to kick start local initiatives for solar developments.

“It was against this background that Satewave Technologies wanted to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the city of Harare in order to jointly apply for a grant and/or for the implementation of Solar Roof Top installation on the main council buildings through grants or funding according to the Article 11 of UNFCCC that approved the governing instrument of the fund,” read the minutes.

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Council working to ease congestion

Bercy Kuyumani

Council has deployed municipal police on major intersections as a temporary measure to ease congestion.

Chief traffic officer Martin Chimombe said the city was working on a raft of measures aimed at decongestant the CBD.

He said Council is already working on adjusting traffic lights to allow for quick passage on certain roads of the CBD.

"Traffic lights have been adjusted to give enough time to vehicles which are moving out town or into town.

"Motorists can actually confirm that they are now waiting at some intersections longer than before. They are likely to cross four or five robots without stopping, that is also a measure to decongest the city," he said.

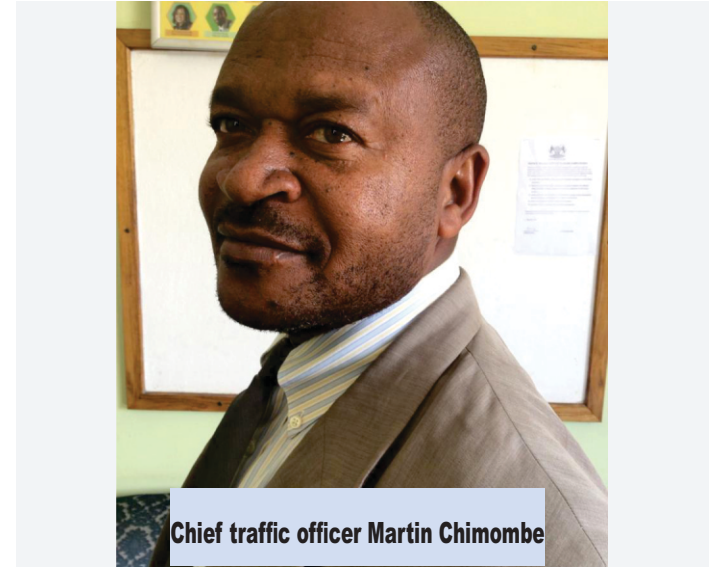
He said the adjustments are work in progress hence the use of traffic police to control some of the intersections.

"For these adjustments and for realignment to take place we need our traffic enforcement to be at

intersections and providing directions while this is taking place,"he said.

He said Council was working with various Government ministries and institutions to ensure that the city is decongested.

"We need to make sure that we have automated infrastructure in the city and we are happy that the Information Communication Technology ministry and Harare Institute of Technology are working with us to make sure thaChief traffic officer Martin Chimombet we come up with solutions, " he said.



Chief traffic officer Martin Chimombe

Waste to energy project on cards

Yvonne Saniro

ADutch Company, Geogenix B.V is keen to invest in a waste to energy project at Pomona dumpsite in partnership with Council.

The company's executives recently met Business Committee chairperson Cllr Tichaona Mhetu, councillors and city officials.

Speaking during the meeting Cllr Mhetu said the conversion of waste to energy will solve refuse management issues.

"The waste to energy project is what

we all need at the moment in our endeavors of becoming a smart city.

This will reduce the electricity bill for the city and add to the country's energy sources," he said.

Geogenix B.V representative Mr Mauro Bianchi spoke highly of the project emphasizing the importance of going green.

"Green is a key word for the future. This is going to be a big impact project whicj we believe will be a triumph on your city," he said

Acting Works director Engineer Norman Karidza said the project is

intended to give a solution in terms of waste management and to create value in electricity generation.

"It is still at proposal stage but in a few months' time we will be looking at feasibility studies at the Pomona dumpsite which will be engineered.

The infrastructure such as roads, drainage systems and landscaping will also be attended to.

"The project is expected to run for five years and beginning of third year or fourth year there will be electricity generation.

"We still have to look at the costs and benefit to the city," he said

Residents urged to report fires early



Edwin Mugabe

Residents are urged to report fires and accidents early so that the emergency services division quickly responds before loss of lives and property.

In an interview, Harare Fire Brigade Chief Fire Officer Mr Lovemore Mafukidze said the division relies on residents and eyewitnesses for information.

“We do not see fires as they start. We rely on people who live close or pass through areas where there are fires or emergencies.

People always want to judge our response by the time the fire

starts not the time the incident is reported.

“As fire fighters we believe any fire is dealt during its infancy.

This the reason we train firefighting teams from various companies because people on the ground are the best people to deal with fire because every fire starts very small,” he said.

Mr Mafukidze said people tend to quickly switch on to social media when an accident occurs and forget to call for help.

He encouraged residents to have emergency services numbers in their phones or alternatively use police or hospital numbers so that

they can relay the message. “When you get to a scene of fire and ask people present if they called the fire brigade they will say no because most people do not have our contacts.

If you call the police or hospitals they have us on speed dial and they can inform us of accidents,” he said.

He said the Ligi Bar in Mabelreign was an example of a case where his division was notified when damage had already been done.

Residents urged to reports fires early “Sometimes we are informed faster in incidents which occur outside Harare than incidents that occur within our vicinity,” he said.

Council to prosecute residents accessing council water illegally

COUNCIL notifies all residents accessing council water illegally and/or have non-functional or stolen water meters to urgently regularise their connections on or before 06 July 2021 at Old Mutual House corner Speke and Sam Nunjoma Streets.

The exercise is part of our thrust to reduce non-revenue water. Failure to regularise before the stipulated date will attract penalties.

Sanctions may include prosecution and/or permanent

removal of their connections. Households and business premises with non-functional water meters can enter into a special arrangement with council for replacement of their water meters.

Report all leaks and burst pipes to the nearest District office, Works yard or call on 0242 700087, 0242 701959, 0242 705654, 0780 630325 and Whatsup 0780 630325

Hillside Park set for rehabilitation

Bercy Kuyumani

Council is set to rehabilitate Hillside Park in a partnership with Hillside Park Association.

Council has since allowed town clerk to negotiate the parameters of the partnership.

According to the recent minutes of Education, Health, Housing and Licensing Committee acting Housing and Community Services director MrsLizzy Muchena told councillors that Hillside Association Park is a non-profit organisation formed by Hillside residents with a view to make their environment user friendly.

"The Association had approached the City of Harare through the department of Housing and Community Services to explore the possibility of entering into a partnership for the purposes of restoring, upgrading and preservation of Hillside Park and its wetlands.

"Hillside Park Association had indicated that it had the capacity to deliver on its commitment," she said. Mrs Muchena explained the importance of preserving wetlands which she said were also a tourist attraction as they are home to bird life, animals, aqua life and a variety of flowers.



She said Hillside Park Association shared a mutual relationship with City of Harare's Parks Section. "The two parties have teamed up in various clean-up initiatives of Hillside.

"Hillside Park Association indicated that its efforts would not be monetary and would benefit communities and council at large', she reported. She said the Association intends to work hand in glove with Council in beautifying the area.

"Hillside Park Association will cover areas like repairing kids play equipment, repair the borehole and water system, repair the toilet, fence the park, introduce various sporting games and introduce revenue generating initiatives to enable the park to be self-sustainable, " she said.



Council in partnership with Nyahokwe Jewellers who are also owners of Nyahokwe Mall have managed to rehabilitate the 1st Street Fountain.Plans are now afoot to put fence off the Fountain to protect it from Vandalism and litter bugs.

Beer levy for Rufaro and Gwanzura renovations



Edwin Mugabe

Council has resolved to use the beer levy funds to refurbish Rufaro and Gwanzura Stadia as well as other social services facilities.

Acting Finance Director Mr Livingstone Churu will now release the funds.

According to the recent council minutes, Acting Director of Housing and Community Services Mr Lizzy Muchena reported that public, the sporting community, media and policy makers were keenly following developments at the two stadia.

“The stadia had been condemned together with many other football facilities across the country and this had prompted a quickening approach in the rehabilitation of the stadia to meet minimum

FIFA/CAF requirements,” she said.

She said an interdepartmental taskforce team had been set up to lead the repair works.

“Progress on the refurbishment of the stadia has been hampered by financial constraints hence the request for the release of Beer Levy funds to be channelled towards a prioritized 100 days programme of rehabilitation focusing on quick wins at Rufaro Stadium,” she said.

Council expressed the need for the department to focus on the two stadia so as to produce tangible results rather than concentrating on several activities which were difficult to accomplish.

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Mr Chibuku happy to quench his thirst



Bothwell Petro

Harare City Football Club forward William Manondo is happy that Government has allowed the Premier Soccer League to resume saying Covid-19 restrictions were affecting careers of soccer players.

A week ago sporting activities in the country were halted as part of measures to stop the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Government, through the Sports and Recreation Commission, has since reversed the decision with football activities allowed to restart with strict adherence to Covid-19 prevention measures.

"I am very happy with the

resumption of football. We are happy as a team, this development is good for our careers," he said.

Football was stopped halfway the Chibuku Super Cup Tournament with the Sunshine Boys sitting third on the six team log and Manondo is hoping the team will work hard to qualify for the next stage.

"We are currently third on the Chibuku Super Cup log and as a team we want to proceed to the next round. It is possible but it demands a lot of hard work," he said.

The tournament's leading all time goal scorer says this team will use the tournament to prepare for the upcoming season.

"This Chibuku tournament is very important for the clubs going into the league. It is a good preparation and it is helping us to adjust especially after a long layoff due to lockdowns," said Manondo. The diminutive forward thanked authorities for heeding the public's call to allow soccer matches to continue.

"We want to thank our leaders for the resumption of football and we are happy," said Manondo. Meanwhile, the Sunshine Boys are expected to resume training next week after undergoing the mandatory Covid-19 testing.