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Valentine Chikunda

Harare City council is now owed ZWL\$14 billion by residents, business and Government.

The huge growing debt is affecting service delivery. The debt has almost doubled from the ZWL\$8 billion in July this year.

The city is struggling to provide service delivery due to non-payment for services by stakeholders and this has also negatively affected development plans.

Domestic users remain the highest debtors owing the local authority ZWL\$5 billion dollars while commerce owes the city just under ZWL\$4 billion and industry is on ZWL\$2 billion dollars.

Government owes the city ZWL\$500 million.

The city's Corporate Communications manager Michael Chideme encouraged stakeholders to pay their dues so that the local authority can up the game in service delivery.

"We have always said that we cannot do anything when stakeholders do not pay. The money that we use for service delivery comes from them."

"We are asking ratepayers to honour their obligations to Council so that the city can provide superior services they always ask for.

"Ratepayers fund service delivery and without their support, everything suffers," he said.

Council puts in plans for waste collection

Natasha Mushamba



Eng Keith Mapunzamoyo

Council is procuring more refuse trucks and associated equipment to augment its current fleet.

Acting Amenities Head, Eng Keith Mapunzamoyo said the existing fleet is being repaired.

"We are now at the various stages of procurement. Some tenders have already been awarded for example, refuse compactors where we are at contract negotiation stage with the two suppliers," he said.

"We are at tender evaluation stage for some of the equipment. We should receive some equipment before the year end.

"On the medium to long term, Council is looking on introducing integrated waste management practices urging residents to separate waste at source," he said.

He said his division is embarking on awareness campaigns to educate residents on how to minimize dumping as well as proper waste management systems that reduce the amount of garbage carried by council.

Eng Mapunzamoyo said Council will establish material recovery centres at various centres in the city.

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EMA declares ecological sensitive areas

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The Minister of Environment, Climate, Tourism and Hospitality industry has, in terms of section 113(1) of the Environmental Act (Chapter 20:27) issued a public notice of intention to declare Ecologically Sensitive Areas in the capital.

The declaration by the Minister means that there shall be limitations on developments in and around such areas.

Areas identified in Harare include wetlands in Borrowdale Brooke, Bluffhill, Chisipite, Cleverland Dam, Helensvale, Hatfield, Houghton Park, Glen Lorne,

Northwood, Prospect, Budiro, Rockview, Tynwald, Greystone Park, Malborough, Mt Pleasant, Sunway City, Vainona, Waterfalls, Westlea, Warren Park, Mufakose, Mukuvisi, Monavale, Manyame, National Sports Stadium, Ashbrittle, Braeside, Belvedere, Carrick Creach, Caledonia, Dzivarasekwa, Epworth, Eastlea, Highlands, Glenview, Seke Dam, The Grange, University of Zimbabwe, Midlands, Harare South, Dzivarasekwa, Green Groove, Kutsaga, Mbare, Mabvuku, Tafara, Rugare and Willovale, Milton Park, Rockview.

According to a recent statement by the Environmental Management Agency, any person who has submissions to make on the intended declaration should contact the agency.

Mayor donates to council employee

Yvonne Saniro



Acting Mayor Hands over a walker to Mr Shumbayawonda

Acting Harare Mayor Cllr Musarurwa Mutizwa has donated a walker to a council employee Mr John Shumbayawonda.

The walker is for his mother who is a stroke patient.

Mr Shumbayawonda works in the city's insurance division and his mother (83) resides in Mhondoro. "We have donated this walker in order for our mother to walk around and do errands around the house.

"We understand it is not easy for an elderly person who is a stroke patient and this walker will be a tool for her to help herself when no one is around."

Mr Shumbayawonda thanked the Mayor for the gesture and said he would not have been able to do it by himself.

"I want to thank Cllr Musarurwa Mutizwa who has helped us with a walker so that our mother will be aided as she is in pain from the way she is walking.

"It is not easy as you said before that, as a son I will not be able to assist her in everything she does, but this has greatly helped us and this has shown us immense love.

"We are so grateful to the Mayor and may the Lord fulfill all his wishes and guide him in the work he is doing for the city as a whole," he said.



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PRESS STATEMENT BY HARARE ACTING MAYOR CLLR MUSARURWA MUTIZWA ON THE NEED TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN ACHIEVING A WORLD CLASS CITY STATUS BY 2025 - 21/10/2021.

Council is calling on property owners and business operators in Harare in the city to repaint, renovate their buildings and maintain the frontage of their properties with immediate effect as part of efforts to reclaim the Sunshine status.

Harare has a vision to achieve a world class city status by 2025. That vision can only be achieved with the full participation of residents, business and other stakeholders.

We are currently running with the hashtag **#TheWorldClassCityBeginsWithYou**. This is our rallying point for everyone to participate.

This is as well part of our re-engagement with stakeholders.

There are however provisions in the city bylaws that allow the city to hire contractors on behalf of building owners in the event the owners fail to spruce up their building. The cost of would be borne by the owners. This route is however not in the best interest of our engagement thrust and confidence building.

Council is on the forefront calling people to **#VisitHarare**. Our tourism receipts can only grow when all parties are playing their part. A beautiful and well-manicured Harare will certainly be the destination of choice for both tourism and investment.

We are in the process of compiling abatement orders to all property owners starting with those in the CBD. The abatement orders are instructions to beautify one's building.

This programme will also be decentralised to suburbs so that they can do the same to complement the efforts of the city.

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Vacant wards get representation

Staff reporter

Acting Mayor Cllr Musarurwa Mutizwa has seconded councillors to temporarily oversee affairs of wards without representation in council.

The move is expected to enhance service delivery and give residents a voice in the city.

Cllr Mutizwa made the announcement during a full council meeting held at Town House on Wednesday.

“They are not replacements but they will be taking care since there are vacancies in those wards,” he said.

Ward 2 councillor Eugenia Chipfiwa will superintend Ward 8, Cllr Mutizwa will double as Ward 7 councillor

while Cllr Partson Mangwiro-Chikwaka will cover Wards 10 and 23.

Other councillors were listed as follows.

Cllr Brian Matione Ward 13 and 14

Cllr Tichaona Mhetu Ward 15 and 16

Cllr Steward Wutawunashe Ward 46, 19 and 21

Cllr Mercy Kasvosve Ward 20 and 24

Cllr Tendai Matafi Ward 29, 26, 27 and 28

Cllr Tracy Chagaresango Ward 3 and 30

Cllr Elvis Ruzani Ward 42 and 31

Cllr Joseph Kunashe Ward 33, 32 and 43

Cllr Loveness Gomba Ward 34 and 35

Cllr Clifton Zumba Ward 38, 37 and 45

Cllr Adonia Shoko Ward 44 and 39

Cllr T Mhetu Ward 15 and 40

Cllr Midia Mudariki Ward 5 and 41

City improves water testing laboratories

Bothwell Petro and Nothando Benge



City Acting Chief Chemist Mr Mugove Chabuda

The City of Harare is remodelling its water testing laboratories to meet ISO 17025 standards.

Council has so far been able to improve the laboratory at Cleveland Building with the assistance of Vei, a Dutch company that has interests in water, and is now working on the one at Morton Jaffray’s Waterworks.

City Acting Chief Chemist Mr Mugove Chabuda confirmed the development saying this will help improve stakeholder confidence in the council water.

“The Morton Jaffray onsite laboratory which is responsible for water quality testing one every two hourly basis is currently under renovation so that it comply with ISO 17025 requirements for water quality testing,” he said.

Chabuda said the one at Morton Jaffray is being done using devolution funds availed by Government.

“We are using the devolution funds to improve on our water quality testing and we are also going to equip the lab with the state of the art equipment,” he said.

“After the lab is completed we expect it to meet ISO 17025 requirements which will improve our water quality testing and upgrade our research and development of new treatment technologies in City of Harare,” he said

Chitembwe cries foul as Sunshine Boys live to fight another day

Nothando Benge and Bothwell Petro



Lloyd Chitembwe

Harare City Football Club blew the chance for early qualification into the Chibuku Super Cup quarter finals after they were beaten 3-0 by city rivals Herentals in a match they were widely expected to win.

Coming into the match, the Sunshine Boys were on a good run having beaten Harare giants Caps United and ZPC Kariba.

However, the tournament's most successful team were beaten by the Innocent Benza financed team giving their nearest rivals ZPC Kariba a chance to progress to the next

round if the Sunshine Boys fall to Log Leaders Dynamos while Kauya Katuruturu beat Makepekepe on the last day of the round robin stage.

Speaking to the press soon after the loss to the students, a visibly angry Sunshine Boys gaffer Lloyd Chitembwe blamed the match officials for the loss and said they expected the way the match progressed.

"I am taking consolation from the fact that it was not down to how badly we played, it was down to decisions of the people that are supposed to maintain the laws of the game.

"It is a pity and disappointing that we lost the game. We anticipated this when you play with Herentals it is not really about how you play with but about the man in the centre.

"It is not only us who are crying foul I am sure last week they also got two penalties and this week they also got two penalties and I can assure you that next week they will get another two penalties and if this is the way football is played, then it is so unfortunate and we are not going anywhere," he said.

Chitembwe said coaches are expected to compete on the pitch and the referees are not supposed to take part but are there to superintend over the laws of the game.

"We anticipated that, we knew that we are going to play Dynamos as the last game but it's very disappointing to lose a match but like this."



Harare City FC Developmental side going through their paces at Zimbabwe Grounds in Highfield recently.

SUNSHINE SPORTS



Volleyball team gears for a tough schedule of fixtures

Bothwell Petro and Nothando Benge



Harare City Volleyball Ladies Team

Harare City Volleyball Club is expected to launch their bid to retain the national league title this coming weekend after the sport was given the green light to resume by the Sports and Recreation Commission.

The reigning national champions have been on an almost two-year hiatus following successive coronavirus induced lockdowns that brought all sporting activities to a halt and are now preparing to represent the nation at the Zone Six Club Championships that are slated for Mozambique from the 6th to the 16th of January 2022.

The last time Boys and Girls dzeTonaz represented the country at the club championship was in Malawi in 2018 where they finished second and fourth respectively and are aiming to go a step further if the Mozambique trip is successful.

The club has been having a series of friendly matches with the latest matches played at University of Zimbabwe at the weekend where the boys triumphed over old enemies UZ, Support Unit and Chitungwiza Pythons by 2-0 margins.

The ladies team lost 1-2 to UZ before dismissing Support Unit and Chitungwiza Pythons by an identical 2-0 scoreline.

Men's team coach Willex Chisvo said they are expecting a better outing this year despite challenges caused by inactivity.

“We have not played for a long time but I think we will do well because we have been preparing, currently the team is not that good but we think that once the games kick off everything is going to be in good shape and we will do well,” he said.

The experienced coach said he is happy with the players at his disposal.

“We are happy with all the players that we have, it would have been better if we have everyone in camp but due to some logistics some players have not yet come down for example we have one player who is in Bulawayo but once everything is sorted out he will come down to join us.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In terms of the Harare Dog Licensing and Control By-Laws, no person shall keep any dog on a premise for any portion of a year commencing on the 1st day of January unless he or she has applied for and obtained a permit or licence.

The dog license fees are as follows:

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| • Dog Male | \$1250 |
| • Spayed female | \$940 |
| • Unspayed female | \$1000 |



The law criminalises keeping more than four dogs or allow more than four dogs over the age of 6 months to be kept in or at premises containing one or two dwelling units.

NB: Our law enforcement teams will be checking for compliance with immediate effect. All stray dogs to be impounded and where necessary will be put to rest.

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