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## City receives body temperature detection booth



### Staff Writer

The City's fight against the novel Coronavirus recently received a boost when globally acclaimed Afro-Asia International Import and Export (Pvt) Ltd donated a human temperature body detection booth for use at Town House.

The donation was received by Mayor Cllr Jacob Mafume.

Speaking at the event Mayor Mafume said the donation dovetails with the concept of a smart city which he has promised to champion.

"Can I take this opportunity to call upon other corporates and individuals to emulate what Afro-Asia International Import and Export Company has done. We are still in the middle of this pandemic and as it stands we are not sure what the future holds. We still need to keep holding our hands together so that we do not all drown," he said.

"On behalf of the City of Harare management, staff and residents I would like to thank Afro-Asia International Import and Export Company for this generous donation and encourage you to stretch your hands even further, not just to us but other Zimbabweans as well."

Town House was recently affected when some employees at the City's Headquarters tested positive for coronavirus.

Afro-Asia International Import and Export Marketing Executive Aisha Magwengwe said the booth will be useful both in the Covid and post-Covid period.

"The Walk in Human body Temperature Detection Gate will be used

to check body temperature for staff members and visitors as they walk in and out of the office buildings, this will help to screen people at the point of Entry, as those with high fever will be immediately detected and possibly taken to Hospital or Clinic for proper further medical testing of the Covid Virus.

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### **NOTICE: ACTING APPOINTMENT**



His Worship the Mayor Cllr Jacob Mafume has appointed Dr. Prosper Chonzi to act in the position of Town Clerk with effect from today Monday 14 September to 30 September 2020.

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# Council introduces virtual budget consultations

#### Staff Writer

Council has introduced virtual pre-budget consultations for residents to contribute towards formulating the city's 2021 budget.

The consultations are currently ongoing through WhatsApp platforms as public gatherings are yet to be permitted under current government's Covid-19 regulations.

Council live streamed its mid-year 2020 budget performance on its Facebook Page and also pioneered the virtual 2021 budget consultations.

The city's Corporate Communications Manager Mr Michael Chideme said Ward groups have already been created with residents already providing their input.

"Virtual interactions with our stakeholders are ongoing. We have structured virtual timetables for each ward. Councilors and officials are part of the groups. The timetable mainstreams various interest groups," he said.

He said as an inclusive city the local authority did not want to leave anyone behind in its programs.

"Our budget has set timelines to be submitted to Government for approval, so everything we do must be guided by that.

"We thought it better to have these virtual consultations so that residents can have their views captured. We did not want a situation where we have a budget without residents' buy in," he said.

He said each group has council officials from various departments who will capture input as well as respond to some questions.

"We have made sure that all relevant departments are represented in these groups so that they can get information for issues under their purview as well as respond to issues that may need clarity," he said.

Harare residents have been urging Council to make use of technology in tandem with growing trends in the world.

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"As a company with its roots in China, We have seen how the use of advanced technologies like this device has helped the country in fighting and controlling the pandemic in the most effective way possible especially in places with mass movement of people like most City Council facilities where the use of small Infrared thermometer is not the safest way because it requires constant Human interaction," she said.

She said our country is lagging behind technological in the fight against the virus.

Accepting the donation, the Mayor said the donation will go a long way in controlling the virus.

"This device will go a long way in controlling the virus situation especially on screening staff and visitors at the point of Entry.

"I am also told that the machine is very important during and post-Covid era as many people might still be carriers of this



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS: 2021 PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING FOR CITY OF HARARE BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

PS: NOTE THAT PS: NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, THE MEETINGS WILL BE ON WARD WHATSAPP GROUP CHATS AND YOU CAN JOIN VIA THE WHATSAPP LINKS PROVIDED

Date	Ward	Councillor	Area	Time	Whatsapp Link
12 September	1	Katsaria T	Harare South	10:00am	htt s://chat.whatsapp.com/GtkzJHjvsaJHa4t6KSnN6s
2020 14 September	2	Chipfiwa E	Arcadia, Breaside, Eastlea, Craneborne, St Martins	10:00am	htt s://chat.whatsapp.com/DAhsZIdW9FVC5v6CYIboGr
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	5	Mudariki M	Belvedere	10:00am	htt s://chat.whatsapp.com/DaJuKqYcBU81N2I8zOYaO7
	6	Nyatsuro CJ	Harare CBD	10:00am	htt s://chat.whatsapp.com/BwXNEE2u906vzOZmiw51j
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		15555			htt s://chat.whatsapp.com/FbWdmZdHjvSAy6GbkEizDU
	8	Charumbira K	Highlands	10:00am	htt s://chat.whatsapp.com/KfyJHvsEZ0rDgt1zaDoDXK
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virus which might lead to a big resurgence of the virus," he said.

The machine will see staff members and visitors to Town House being able to be checked their temperature and sanitize their hands without human interface.

# Put residents first, Mafume rallies Council

Staff Writer

Newly elected Harare Mayor Councillor Jacob Mafume has challenged Council to unite and put residents first in the exercise of its duties.

Speaking during his maiden interview with Sunshine News Mayor Mafume said politics and other differences within or outside council do not serve the residents.

"We have to place our residents at the core of our activities. We have to realize that politics and other differences either within or outside council do not serve the residents. What we need is to place residents at the core and know that each and every one of us was brought here to assist residents live well in Harare. That is our key objective.

"We all need to focus on that and look at our differences as diversity. Sometimes we rush to see differences as points of conflict but we should turn diversity into an advantage. Other countries have been able to live even with divided councils.

"If there are allegations levelled against any member of staff, yes, they have to be looked at times proportionally. We do not have to create an Armageddon scenario at every allegation that comes. Sometimes there are explanations to those allegations but sometimes there are none," he said.

Mayor Mafume said Council has to push forward and also look at the welfare of employees thanking them for carrying the city under difficult circumstances.

On service delivery Mayor Mafume said refuse collection should be a priority.

"We are going to instruct the departments responsible



to step up their efforts and look at the resources they require. I know we have had challenges with fuel in the past because it is being sold in foreign currency.

"We are going to look at how we can solve that particular issue. Once it is solved, we are going to have our trucks back on the road picking up garbage where it has been accumulating. It is not necessary for garbage to be in those places. We are going to sit down with the team so that we get rid and put the garbage where it should be," said.

He said the city has some trucks which have been holed up in South Africa as a result of foreign currency shortages saying the city will check if the foreign currency situation has improved and try to bring in the trucks.

He said there are also plans to create a new landfill which will encompass even the satellite towns but landfills are capital intensive hence the need to recycle waste.

"We are putting too many combustible materials into Pomona that is why there are fires. We need to deal with secondary beneficiation of waste.

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# Council moves to stop Pomona fires

Staff Writer

Council has set up two thematic committees to work on a strategy to prevent the recurrence of fires at Pomona dumpsite.

The thematic committees are made up of various stakeholders.

The city's biggest waste dumping site has had perennial fires coming in between three year periods in the last decade.

The last of such fires was this year which took a total of 18 days to put out. Speaking during a stakeholder's meeting to review the Pomona Fire, Acting Amenities Manager Engineer Keith Mapunzamoyo said, the long term plan is to have a properly engineered landfill for the City.

"We all are aware that the city needs a new properly engineered landfill but at the moment, in the short term, we need to make sure that no fire burns at Pomona again," he said.

Speaking during the same event, the City's Environmental Management Head, Mr Lisben Chipfunde said consultations are at an advanced stage with sister local authorities and the Ministry of Local Government to establish at least four dumpsites around the city.

"The City had already made several moves in terms of identifying land. The Ministry of Local Government referred the matter to Harare Metropolitan Province and the Provincial Administrator, had written to the Ministry of lands so that they can



quickly assist the city.

He said the issue of land was now being escalated to the Town Clerk so that he can then go the Metropolitan Province so that they can approach the Ministry of Lands.

"We had also talked to all the local authorities that surround the city including Norton and Zvimba so that we can have a landfill that side. Any waste that comes from these areas would go to that site.

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## Stream bank cultivation remains banned in Harare

#### Staff Writer

Stream bank cultivation remains banned in Harare.

Council has this year issued an early warning against people who practice stream bank cultivation saying action will be taken against the practice.

The City is empowered by Government statutes under Environmental Management Act Chapter 20:27 as read with Statutory Instrument 7 on Environmental Impact Assessment and Ecosystems Protection Regulation.

The City's Environmental Management Unit head, Mr Lisben Chipfunde said legislation forbids practising agricultural activities within 30 metres from the highest flood level of any wetland and water body, be it a dam, lake, river, stream or weir.

"What it means is that no agricultural activities are allowed in all streams and their tributaries in Harare or in the Upper Manyame catchment. Residents and ratepayers who are already doing any activities along those rivers should stop failure of which the city will move in and remove their crops," he said.

"There is increased siltation of our rivers or raw water sources in particular Lake Chivero, Seke and Harawa dams, reducing their capacity. Some ratepayers are using fertilisers which hinder the treatment processes, making water production more expensive."

He said fertilizers also cause the growth of algae which produces toxins which affect both humans, animals and aquatic life adding that Council will be gradually putting measures to ensure the reduction of the pollution load into our water sources.

The city will be working with the Environmental Management Agency to protect the environment.



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"We had another side where we have Epworth, Ruwa, and Goromonzi so that all waste from those areas would go to the same landfill and reduce the traveling distance for our waste fleet.

"We also had Chitungwiza and Manyame which are supposed to have landfill that side," he said.

He said Mazowe had promised a site for the other site.

Mr Chipfunde said the city was going to follow up on this initiative for shared landfill sites which can also be used as transfer sites.

"These can also be used as transfer site where there can be a waste to energy project where all the material can then be conveyed using bigger trucks to the energy plant," he said.

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Remember waste is no longer waste. It is now property, city property but we are proverbially throwing money away," he said.

"I will look at the tendering process of the waste to energy project, the recycling projects and see where there has been a logjam and how to unlock it so that people can tender and we create an industry out of the waste."

Mayor Mafume said he was aware that water was a perennial problem which the city needs to solve but because there are many authorities involved in water production it has been difficult to create one strategy for the City of Harare.

"We have two dams that have literally run dry

(Seke and Harava Dams) and we have a plant that we decommissioned (Prince Edward Water Works) because of that. This has put pressure of the remaining two sources Lake Chivero and Manyame," he said.

"We have been supplying water to some suburbs but we are not where we ought to be. We are also having a problem with the cost of chemicals. What we need to do in the long run is to make sure that the Intergovernmental cooperation is increased."

"We have dams being built all over where there are less populations but where there are critical populations like 3 million people the dams are stuck. We need our parliamentary committees coming to ask about the timelines of other dams which are supposed to be built.

"Kunzvi Dam is stuck so is Musami and Muda Dams. We need those dams to be built as of yesterday so that we have a solution. The other solution is to partner with the private sector who will recoup their money through smart metering," he said.

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