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Council decongests market spaces





By Praisemore Bvudzi

Small to Medium Enterprises Committee Chairperson, Councillor Antony Shingadeya says the council is decongesting the existing trading markets in the city by opening more trading spaces.

In an interview, Cllr Shingadeya said the Committee resolved that every district must have trading markets and home industries as this will help the residents to have easy access to products.

"Due to high unemployment rate in the country, everyone wants to venture into the informal sector as a way of earning a living. Most of the people are coming to Harare and it is now overcrowded," he said.

"As a Committee, we resolved that every District Officer, local councillor and the market officer should identify suitable sites for the con-

struction of trading markets and home industries in their districts."

"This will enable us to accommodate all the vendors in the streets so that they will trade legally,"he said.

He said some of the possible sites have been identified and work has already started in terms of construction.

"We have already identified a good site at Coca-cola, Shawasha grounds and Coventry holding bay.

"Mupedzanhamo has been renovated and there are still other new designs that we want to put there. The construction of a shopping mall at Coca cola is in the pipe line and we are planning on constructing a trading complex at Shawasha grounds in Mbare. We want to encourage modern trading, " said Cllr Shingadeya.

Councillor Shingadeya said corruption is a major challenge that has been affecting the smooth running of the informal sector, but the Committee has put in place measures in trying to deal with corruption.

"The committee has resolved that there must be a more frequent rotation of the Municipal Police that are at trading sites so that the people will not befriend them and also urged the Municipal Police to be committed to their work so as to curb corruption, " he said.

He also urged the traders to pay rates in time so that the Council will be able to provide the necessary services required and also the traders must use the sites for their actual purpose and not practice other businesses apart from what the Council has approved.

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Mayor applauds canine handlers



By Praisemore Vhudzi and Allen Matshalaga

Five dog handlers and their dogs graduated at the Harare Metprogramme.

Speaking at the ceremony Harare Mayor Jacob Mafume applauded the canine handling section for the programme as the city faces sophisticated rising tides of criminality.

"It is common cause that the protection of Council property is

not only our mandate, but our key result area.

"This dog training programme is against the backdrop of an upsurge in cases of unlawful entry and theft which have taken place in the Harare city council and against a sophisticated rising tide of criminality rearing its ugly head in the capital city," he said.

Mayor Mafume encouraged the pass-out group of 2020 to continue maintaining proper kennel management, upgrading veterinary skills, and giving the duty dogs special attention and care.

He urged the officers to operate by the book, desist from corruption and observe human rights during operations.

"You must respect the law and shun corruption. The good of the commodity is enshrined in the law hence if you respect the law it follows that you respect the people and their human rights," he said.

The programme encompassed basic dog handling skills, kennel management, veterinary inspection, breeding, grooming sequence, agility, manwork, obedience and tracking.

ropolitan Police dog pass-out parade ceremony for 2020 after Mayor Mafume praised the five for their diligence and integrity which they completing a four month comprehensive and rigorous training showed in grooming the dogs saying this will increase professionalism and tighten security.

> "I would like to thank the graduates for undertaking this programme and commend them for their integrity and diligence which is important in grooming the dogs and I hope this will improve our level of professionalism as the Harare Metropolitan police and the city as a whole," he said.

Jrban Councils Executive (Committee meet over Chambuta



Urban Councils Executive Committee Delegates in Chambuta

Staff Reporter

THE Urban Councils Executive Committee met recently at Chambuta in Chiredzi and agreed to assist in equipping the Chambuta National Children's Rehabilitation Centre that accommodates and rehabilitates children living and working on urban streets.

The delegation was made up of Mayors, council chairpersons and town clerks from the 32 urban councils.

The delegation toured the home to assess the best form of assistance.

UCAZ President and Gweru Mayor Cllr Josiah Makombe said councils will ensure the success of the home.

He said the children need life skills adding local authorities should be proactive in joining hands to make the dream a reality.

"Our duty is to come in and complement. The 32 local authorities can make a difference. During Cyclone Idai we did the same. We can make a difference here. "We have homes in our cities and towns. Those are just foster homes. But here they will be taught life skills, " he said.

He urged the councils to assist in various ways within their capacity.

The vision of the home is talent identification through sports, vocational training and placement in areas of competence.

First Lady Amai Auxillia Mnangagwa is leading the programme.

Not all children would be taken to the home as some would be reunited and reintegrated with their families depending on circumstances.

Principal Director Urban Local Authorities Ms Erica Jones hailed the programme and urged the participation of the councils.

Individual local authorities will have to do resolutions that enable them to assist in the national centre.

"We have agreed that all 32 urban councils will do something towards Chambuta, " said Cllr Makombe.

Harare was represented by Mayor Cllr Jacob Mafume and Acting Town Clerk Dr Prosper Chonzi.

City health facilities reopens



Dione Danai Zinhu

The City of Harare has resumed operations at most of its health institutions bringing relief to residents who were now forking out large amounts to access basic health care in private facilities.

Acting Health Services Director Dr Kudzai Musunda said 17 health facilities were now open including the two hospitals Wilkins and Beatrice Infectious Diseases Hospital.

"We have got 17 facilities which are now open in the City, two of them are infectious diseases hospitals Beatrice and Wilkins which are currently admitting Covid-19 patients, 15 other facilities are clinics seven of them polyclinics," he said.

"Mabvuku Polyclinic which is on the eastern district of Harare is open, Hatcliffe Polyclinic which is dealing with the northern and also eastern parts of Harare is open as well as Mbare Polyclinic which looks at the southern part of Harare."

"The majority of Harare's population lives in the Western suburbs so we have opened a number of facilities there including Highfield Polyclinic, Budiriro Polyclinic, Glenview ,Mufakose and Kuwadzana Polyclinic," he said.

Dr Masunda said an average of 1500 deliveries per month were recorded in City of Harare facilities.

beyond more than 30 percent reduction in deliveries.

"We are not only looking at the public facilities that Harare has but we also have a number of private facilities that are opening in Harare and we compiling information from them to find out if there are any deliveries happening there," he said

"We have also communicated with the surrounding Government institutions and surrounding mission hospitals to see if there is an increase in deliveries."





Mayor Jacob Mafume poses for a photo with children from 5 council primary schools after disributing sanitizers and face shields donated by Green Fuel and ZIMCAT. See story on page 4.

He said there was a drop in June and July but it has not gone

400 face shields for Harare

By Rukudzo Rose Musariri

The Zimbabwe National Covid Action Trust (ZINCAT) has donated 400 face shields to City of Harare.

The face shields will be distributed to the city's frontline healthcare personnel who are mostly exposed to the Covid-19 pandemic.

ZINCAT was formed by Zimbabweans involved in Covid-19 Mayor Jacob Mufume applauded ZINCAT for its kind gesture. National Response working alongside Government and Council.

Speaking at the event ZINCAT representative, Ms Sharon Hook said her organization was excited to work Council to fight the spread of Covid-19 pandemic.

ZINCAT has distributed about 10 000 shields before through Augment Bonics a UK based medical institution.

"We also do a lot of training with school children on safety and hand washing. It is very fortunate in Zimbabwe that Covid did not explode like we expected it to," she added

She said the Face shields can be recycled.

He also thanked various public workers who continue reporting for duty while exposed to viruses like Corona.

"These face shields will be distributed to such frontline workers," he said.

Finance Committee out to plug revenue leakages



By Allen Matshalaga

Finance and Development Committee Chairperson, Councillor Tichaona Mhetu's committee is focused on maximising revenues which accrue to council through minimizing revenue leakages and expanding the revenue base.

Speaking during an interview Cllr Mhetu said the city cannot achieve a World Class City Status when its financial scales are tipped towards expenditure.



"Achieving world class service delivery is impossible when you collect less and spend more. A lot of revenue is floating in the form of arrears owed by both corporates and residents hence we have a scenario whereby our expenses out-weigh our income making it difficult for Council to deliver," he said.

"Revenue collection monthly is about \$130 million per month against water chemicals (\$150m per month), salaries (\$110m per month) to mention only a few of the expenses," he said.

Cllr Mhetu said failure by corporates and residents to honour their lease agreements was causing an imbalance between income and expenses.

"A lot of revenue is being lost due to slow processing of lease agreements by corporates and residents, as Council cannot bill them until the agreements are processed. As a Committee we made a resolution to the effect that all unprocessed agreements will be terminated and offered to others," he said.

Cllr Mhetu said the ICT division is devising ways of ensuring that revenue is collected effectively.

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The Roman Catholic Cathedral at the corner of Herbert Chitepo and Simon Vengayi Muzenda

 Putting the Coventry Holding Bay to use. Conventional buses are now using the bay.

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Samanja reflects on football journey



By Simbarashe Musaki

The adage fame is greater than its owner, and talent is innate and not attached like a patch of cloth aptly defines Tendai Samanja.

The Harare City Football Club legend indelible mark is well documented in the history of Bindura football fraternity, despite leaving the small town 14 years ago to play for Harare based clubs.

Samanja, popularly known as Jahman by legion of his fans due to his dreadlocks was born in Bindura in 1986.

His rise to stardom can be rewound to his tender age of eight at Salvation Primary School in Bindura playing in B team as a striker.

"I was born on September, 9, 1986 in Bindura. I started playing soccer in 1995 when I was doing grade 3 at Salvation Primary School in Bindura and I played for two years in 'B' team as a striker before I was promoted to A team," said Samanja.

In 1997, Salvation Primary School A team captained by Samanja won the schools tournament and proceeded to represent the town, before he was selected to play for Mashonaland Central select team.

His football career blossomed in 2001, while doing form two at Chipindura High School when he was signed by then Division Two side Chroma Paints which was more of then Division One side, Bindura United's reserve team, playing alongside the likes of Stoneshed Deve and Morris Tembo

"When I was in grade five, in 1997, I was elevated to play in A' team which was usually dominated by grade seven students. Surprisingly, I was nominated to captain the team ahead of my old teammates. Our school won the Bindura schools tournament and proceeded to represent the town at provincial level. Due to my outstanding performance, I was selected to play for Mashonaland Central Province select.

"In 2001 while doing form two at Chipindura high school, I was signed by then Division Two side Chroma Paints which was more of Bindura United reserve team, playing alongside Stoneshed Deve and Morris Tembo," he added.

The hyperopic Bindura United coaches recognized talent in Samanja and transferred him to Chipadze High school taking responsibility of his school fees.

In 2002 while in form three he graduated to play for Division One side Bindura United, playing alongside his brother Prince Samanja and Ngezi Football Club juniors coach Leonard Emmanuel. "In 2002. while in form three, I graduated to play for Bindura United senior team by then the club's technical department had transferred me to Chipadze High School catering for my school fees. At Bindura United, I was composed, playing alongside my brother Prince Samanja," added Samanja.

Talent is like fire, it cannot be hidden under dry leaves.

Samanja was spotted by then Division One side, Monomotopa Football Club in 2002 while playing a soccer tournament in the remote area of Guruve and they transferred him to Vainona High School meeting his school fees and accommodation expenses.

In 2005, Monomotopa was promoted into Premier League under the mentorship of Arthur Tutani and Friday Phiri. He spends the whole year on bench in a star studded team which comprised of Mthulisi Maposa, Sageby Sandaka, Daniel Zokoto, Herbert Dick and Malawian international Peter Muponda among others.

Samanja waited for his game time with the patience of a fisherman and the coaches rewarded him in 2006 after they realized that he had matured for premiership play.

Amazingly in 2008 under the mentorship of Norman Mapeza, Monomotopa was crowned premiership champions with in form Samanja scoring 9 goals playing as an attacking midfielder and was nominated outstanding young player of the club.

"In 2002, I was signed by then Division One Side Monomotapa FC after the scouters spotted me playing a tournament in Guruve. In 2005, the club gained premiership promotion and I spend the whole year on bench. In 2008, we won the premier league championship and I was crowned outstanding young player of the club after scoring nine goals, playing as an attacking midfielder prior to play in African Champions League in 2009 and reached mini league phase," said Samanja.

Samanja's dream of playing for a big club came true in 2011, when he joined Caps United under the mentorship of Maxwell Jongwe on a 3-years contract.

Interestingly, in 2014 when Samanja captained Caps Utd, the team won all the matches under his guidance as compared to his predecessors.

"In 2011, I joined Caps United on a three years contract and in 2014, I captained the club and won all my matches after taking over the armband from Tapiwa Khumbuyani and Tafadzwa Dube," he said.

The 2014 soccer star of the year finalist, Samanja, joined Harare City in 2015 at the expiry of his Caps Utd contract.

He helped his team to win Chibuku Super Cup and automatically qualified to represent Zimbabwe at the Confederations Cup. Harare City was knocked by Zanaco of Zambia in the second round.

In 2018, he suffered a career threatening injury playing against Chapungu in a league game at Rufaro Stadium and he spend 3 months nursing the injury. During this trying time, Mark Harrison the then Harare City coach advised Samanje to quit playing football and pursue coaching career.

Samanja, whose role model is Austin 'Jay Jay' Okocha heed his former mentor's advice and is currently part of the Harare City Technical staff comprising of Lloyd Chitembwe, Fungai Kwashi and Nelson Matongorere after coaching course, levels 1 and 2 in 2019.

"I joined Harare City in 2015 after my Caps Utd contract expired. We won Chibuku Super Cup and automatically became the country's representatives at Confederations Cup. Harare City was knocked in the second round by Zanaco.

"In 2018, I was injured playing a league game at Rufaro Stadium against Chapungu. Former Harare City head coach, Mark Harrison advised me to quit playing football and pursue coaching career and I took his advice," said Samanja.

The sky is the limit and a person who does not have a dream is a dead person. Samanja who has one national team cap is still pursuing his coaching course and has a dream of being Zimbabwe's Jose Mourinho "The special one".

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