MINUTES OF THE THIRD ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER, 2025 IN THE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE HALL, AT 11:00HOURS.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Lemmy .N. Masiye	:	Council Chairperson
Kellys Kulaunda	:	Deputy Council Chairperson
Langson Mwansa	:	Councillor
Edwin Saini	:	Councillor
Vincent Maseka	:	Councillor
Moses Mangisha	:	Councillor
Isaac Kibunda	:	Councillor
Isuu Like	:	Councillor
Kelvin Mwenda	:	Councillor
Martin Nguvulu	:	Councilor
Danny Mponda	:	Councilor
George Hachilimwene	:	Councilor
Kenya Haggai	:	Councilor
Gibson Solochi	:	Councilor
Racheal Kayoya	:	Councilor
Wigan Kisulo	:	Councilor
Fred Mukelebai	:	Councilor
Fred Kabiki	:	Councillor
Cassinda Kabondo	:	Councillor

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Robbie Chitambo	:	Council Secretary
Mary Chiponge	:	Director Human Resource and Administration
Reuben .D. Mwandunga	:	Director Finance
Vernon Sangungula	:	Director Engineering and Services
Cindy C. Kunkulu	:	Council Advocate
Dr. Assan Tembo	:	Director of Livestock and Fisheries
Albert Chikanya	:	District Planning Officer-Education
Patricia Ngoma	:	Chief Accountant
Lungowe Silishebo	:	Chief Administrative and Committee Officer
Granary Sikazwe	:	Chief Internal Auditor
Gilead Mwambazi	:	Chief Procurement Officer
Hikomo Silubwa	:	Senior Legal Advisor
Amore Chilindi	:	Senior Legal Advisor
Edwin Banda	:	District AIDS Coordination Advisor
Cynthia Chibwe	:	Environmental Planner
Felix Chanda	:	Division Officer
Maurice Zimba	:	Rural water Coordinator
Wantakisha Wantakisha	:	Town Planner
Chiyemba Kasweka	:	Electrical Engineer
Emmanuel Tulumba	:	Education

Peter Mwaba	:	Building Inspector
Natota Kaonga	:	Committee Clerk
Previous Mwiinde	:	Assistant Committee clerk

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a national anthem was sung and a prayer was given By Councillor Danny Mponda.

MTC/COUN/45/11/25: NOTICE OF MEETING

The Council Secretary read the Notice of meeting for the third Ordinary Council
Meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act No.2 of 2019 of the Laws of Zambia.

MTC/COUN/46/11/25: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On a proposal by Councillor Edwin Saini and duly seconded by Councillor Wigan Kisulo it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda be **ADOPTED** as read.

MTC/COUN/47/11/25: DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The following members declared interest.

1. Reuben Mwandunga on Minute No. **MTC/PEDRE/45/07//25:**
2. Vernon Sangungula on Minute No. **MTC/PEDARE/71/10/**25:
3. Wantakisha Wantakisha on minute No. **MTC/PEDARE/70/10/15**
4. Wantakisha Wantakisha on minute No. **MTC/PEDARE/71/10/15**

MTC/COUN/48/11/25: COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON COMMUNICATION

The Council Chairperson welcomed the Council Secretary and Councillors to the third ordinary Council meeting. He said that he was grateful that the almighty God for making it possible for the meeting to through. The Council Chairperson stated that the meeting was supposed to take place on the 4th November, 2025 but due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting did not hold.

He alluded that he had a lot of issues he wanted to talk about but due to time he would not dwell much on them as this meeting had to be winded up as quickly as possible as some of the councillors had been away from their homes for more than five

days and needed to head back home to take care of their various businesses.

The Council Chairperson advised the Councillors that it was important for the Councillors to show unity as the tenure of office was coming to an end. He said that as they looked at the issues at hand as they conclude their term in office, they should remain disciplined, committed and united to the people and mandate that they were given by the people of Mufumbwe according to the Constitution of Zambia.

He further added that they had a lot of tasks they needed to undertake as April was not too far. Hence it should not be taken for granted that there were still a few months remaining to April and fall back on our responsibilities. He said that they should continue working for the people of Mufumbwe as that was the cardinal thing to do.

The Council Chairperson alluded to all the Government officials that were present to continue working in unity with the Councillors. He pleaded with Management to make themselves available to the councillors when they needed consultation and guidance to the people of Mufumbwe. He said advised management not to take it for granted that the councillor's tenure of office was coming to an end hence not being answerable to the councillors but they should execute all the duties they were expected to do. It was important that the status core remained the same.

The Council chairperson highlighted on the disappointment of the attendance of the meeting. He stated that it was an important meeting which all heads of departments should have attended.

The Council Chairperson thanked the New Dawn Government and his leadership in terms of the budget allocations and the continued support. He further added that Mufumbwe District was in full support of the Constitutional amendment and submissions should continue being made through the channels that have been made available.

In conclusion the Council Chairperson appealed to the Council Management and other Government Departments to not create gaps in terms of sharing of information that is being disseminated.

Having said that he declared the meeting officially opened at 11:30 Hours.

MTC/COUN/49/11/25: **CONFIRMATION OF THE SECOND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH JULY, 2025 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS CIVIC CENTER AT 11:37 HOURS.**

On a proposal by Councillor Edwin Saini and duly seconded by Councilor Moses Mangisha it was;

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Third Ordinary Council Meeting held on Saturday 19th July, 2025 minute No. **/COUN/22/07/25-MTC/COUN/42/07/25** be confirmed and signed as a correct record of the Second Ordinary Council meeting proceedings.

At this juncture on a proposal by Councillor Cassinda Kabondo and duly seconded by Councillor Isaac Kibunda, it was resolved that, the full council dissolve into committees in accordance with standing order number 13 to allow the standing committees, to confirm their minutes.

Later On, a proposal by Councillor Langson Mwansa and duly seconded by Councillor Isaac Kibunda it was resolved that, the full council that dissolved into committees revert back into the full Council.

MTC/COUN/50/11/25: **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS CIVIC CENTER AT 09:54 HOURS.**

On a proposal by Councillor Vincent Maseka and duly seconded by Councillor Racheal Kayoya, it was;

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the Third Environmental, Health and Social Services Committee Meeting held on 25th September, 2025 minute no.

MTC/EHSS/93/09/25 - MTC/EHSS/121/09/25 be confirmed, adopted and signed as a correct record of the Environmental Health and Social Services Committee Meeting.

MTC/COUN/51/11/25: **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER, 2025 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS CIVIC CENTER AT 09:53 HOURS.**

On a proposal by Councilor Nguvulu Martin and duly seconded by Councillor Kibunda Isaac it was;

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Second Audit Committee Meeting Held On 22nd October, 2025 in the Health Boardroom Civic Centre At 10:53 Hours. Minute no. **MTC/AUD/21/09/25- MTC/AUD/27/09/25** be confirmed and signed as true and correct record of the Third Audit Committee Meeting.

MTC/COUN/52/11/25: **MATTERS ARAISING**

1. Councillor Edwin Saini wanted to know why management had opted for a labour based contract and not a full contract to complete the 10 executive rooms.
   Response: In response the Council Secretary said that it was a challenge to give a full contract as most contractors were only focused on how much profit they were going to realize from the project.

MTC/COUN/53/11/25: **ADOPTION MINUTES OF THE THIRD PLANS, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE AND REAL ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER, 2025 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTER AT 09:44 HOURS.**

On a proposal by Councillor Langson Mwansa and duly Seconded by Gibson Solochi it was;

RESOLVED

that the minutes of Third Plans, Engineering Development, Agriculture and Real Estates Committee Meeting held on 27thOctober, 2025 in the Civic Centre Board Room no. **MTC/PEDARE/63/10/25-MTC/PEDARE/85/10/25** be confirmed and signed as a correct record of the minutes of the Third Plans, Engineering Development, Agriculture and Real Estates Committee Meeting.

MTC/COUN/54/11/25: **MATTERS ARAISING**

1. Deputy Council Chairperson Kellys Kulaunda expressed concerns on the pace of the construction of the Kalambo Market. He said that in the plans committee meeting the Director Engineering and Services assured the committee that the market would be completed within a week but it had been more than two weeks and no progress had been made.

On a proposal by Councillor Langson Mwansa and dully Seconded By Councillor Fred Mukelabai it was;

RESOLVED

That the Kalambo Market be completed in one week by 17th November, 2025

MTC/COUN/55/11/25: **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER, 2025 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER CIVIC CENTER AT 14:57 HOURS.**

On a proposal by Councillor Edwin Saini and duly seconded by Fred Kabiki it was;

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the Third Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 28th October, 2025 in the Council Boardroom Civic Centre minute no.**MTC/FGP/13/10/25-MTC/FGP/19/10/25** be confirmed and

signed as true and correct record of the Third Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting.

MTC/COUN/56/11/25: **REQUEST FOR LAND TO ESTABLISH AN AIRSTRIP (LANDING BAY) IN MUFUMBWE DISTRICT**

The Council Secretary reported that management was in receipt of a letter dated 23rd September 2025 from the Office of the President, North-western Province requesting of an airstrip in Mufumbwe District to serve as a landing bay for small aircrafts, particularly for the facilitation of VIP movements and other critical services. This infrastructure was essential to improve accessibility, enhance the district's capacity to host high-level engagements and contribute to the broader development of the area.

He further reported that, the Council should work together with his Royal Highness Senior Chief Mukumbi Mushima and urgently secure suitable land for the establishment of that critical infrastructure. To that significant purpose, the Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines- Investments Holdings (ZCCM-IH) stands ready to actualize the preliminary works on the landing bay should land be secured as required.

On a proposal by Councillor Langson Mwansa and dully Seconded by Councillor Vincent Maseka, it was;

RESOLVED

The Council Management arrange a meeting with royal highnesses Chief Chizela and Chief Mukumbi Mushima to facilitate a meeting to decide where the airstrip would be situated.

MTC/COUN/57/11/25: **SUSPENSION OF WORKS UNDER CASH FOR WORK PROGAMME**

The Council Secretary reported that, management was in receipt of a letter dated 14th October 2025 from the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development under reference No MLGRD/52/3/3 directing all Local Authorities suspend works under Cash for Work programme until the reconciliation was

finalised. It was further stated that Local Authorities that accrued arrears were guided to use the funding received in September 2025, to clear all outstanding arrears.

RESOLVED

That the report on Suspension of works under cash for work programme be **Noted**

MTC/COUN/58/11/25: INVITATION FOR COUNCIL TO INHIBIT AT THE ZAMBEZI CORRIDOR ONE HEALTH EXPO

The Council Secretary reported that Mufumbwe Town Council's participation inhibit the Zambezi Corridor One Health Expo held on 8th to 13th October 2025 in Kabompo.

This year's Zambezi Corridor One Health Expo was under the theme "**INCLUSIVITY IN ONE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, and CLIMATE CHANGE & EDUCATION FOR ALL"**

RESOLVED

That the report on Invitation for Council to Inhibit at the Zambezi Corridor One Health Expo be **Noted**

MTC/COUN/59/11/25: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Council Secretary reported that, a Memorandum of Understanding between Mufumbwe Town Council and ZCCM Investments Holdings Plc. had been signed relating to rehabilitation of office space, ablution block, Borehole drilling and other auxiliary works at works of the premises located at Zone A roundabout Fire Brigade Office, Mufumbwe District.

He further reported that the Memorandum of Understanding was made and entered into on 22nd October 2025.

RESOLVED

That the report on Memorandum of Understanding be Noted

CHAIRPERSON' S CLOSING REMARKS

The Council Chairperson extended his gratitude to the Councillors for taking their time to participate in the deliberations that were had. He was grateful that the meeting was a success despite the disturbances that were had.

He passed his gratitude to the representative from Ministry of Education for showing commitment towards the importance of representing the department of Education in terms of answering all the queries and that is the kind of leadership that is needed for the people of Mufumbwe and that is the kind of servant hood needed in the District. He said that he did not see himself coming back as the Council Chairperson as the five years he had served was enough and it was important that one leaves while people were still clapping. He added that it was a great opportunity to have worked with everyone despite the challenges and probably differed with a few individuals but leadership was about setting differences aside and looking at the bigger picture.

He concluded by saying that we should continue supporting the president as he had a lot by sensitizing people to vote as that chances of them winning the next elections.

Having said that he declared the meeting closed at 17:41 Hours.

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COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

17/11/2025

DATE