



CITY OF MUTARE

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

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INTRODUCTION**

It gives me a great pleasure to stand before you on this important day as a city, as we share with you our esteemed residents and stakeholders the state of the city. This marks a journey that we shall walk through every calendar year and it is part of our broader stakeholders engagement process which we are pursuing as a city.

Mutareans, this is the maiden State of the City address and I am happy to have initiated this to cement the stakeholder's engagement. Credit goes to Harare City who pioneered this, and I am convinced that this is a fine, standard and global tradition and good practice stakeholder engagement practice that we should prioritize.

As I welcome you, Honourable Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution Hon Matsikenyere, my colleagues in Council, all other critical stakeholders I commit my successors to this practice – which should become part of the mayoral calendar. This should be the case because Council is a public institution and issues of accountability and transparency must be at the core of its operations.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Farai Bhiza, Alderman and Councillors, the Acting Town Clerk Dr Antony Mutara, Heads and Acting Heads of Council departments. Residents representative groups, all residents and stakeholders. When we took office we inherited a Council with numerous legacy issues, ranging from salary arrears, auditing backlog, poor service delivery that eroded residents and stakeholders confidence, a depleted fleet that had the effect of crippling operations.

We lost our pilot and captain, The Town Clerk Mr Joshua Maligwa early January 2021 and that affected our steam of restoring sound service delivery. May His Soul Rest in Peace.

However, while mourning, we realized that we could not continue to sit on our laurels and work had to be done and service delivery had to be given top priority. True to that is the rhythm that we are dancing to and we are making good progress day by day.

This Council is still going through a very difficult period, the ballooning debt is a major cause for concern. Currently, Council is owed more than \$ZW 800 Million. The debt has affected the smooth flow of service delivery and it has affected the CAPEX projects for 2021.

LEADERSHIP

At the National level, we would like to appreciate the role played by our President H.E Emmerson Mnangagwa, and his team of men and women who are working to restore confidence in the economy. We want to appreciate the extended olive branch which came in the form of devolution grants and that has assisted us to roll our developmental projects. We have and are still renovating the Mutare Infectious Disease Hospital and we have also used some resources towards the renovations of Sakubva Stadium. To be more precise, we received \$ZW2 Million and the rest of the works we funded internally. We also rehabilitated some of the road network courtesy of the devolution grants under the emergency roads repair program. We however call upon the President and his Cabinet to prioritise allocating more funds to provincial and metropolitan cities to speed up the rate of development.

We want to see development unfolding courtesy of the devolution agenda and that can only be realized if more resource allocations are put to provincial capitals and metropolitan cities.

On the executive front, we still do not have a substantive Town Clerk eight months after the death of Mr Joshua Maligwa on the 5th of January 2021. Let me once again reiterate that the position of Town Clerk of the City of Mutare is a very strategic post that requires a top-notch professional to deal with the business, financial and service delivery aspects of the City. We have since received more than potential candidates who applied for the post and we hope soon the post will be filled. We have already started the process of recruiting the Town Clerk.

From April 2017 when the new administration took office, we have managed to fill in the positions of all the Heads of Departments and other critical positions. It is important to note that we had made it a priority to fill in critical vacant positions.

We are in the process of concluding the job grading and salary rationalization as well as the adoption of a new organogram for the City of Mutare

Aldermen.

I am happy to report that we now have an Alderman in active service, Alderman Nyamupangedengu. The Urban Councils Act prescribes a minimum service period of 10 years though it is not an automatic appointment. The real qualification is in the contribution and stature of the prospective

The award of the status of alderman is a lifetime award that cannot be made without full sound judgment. This honour must be guarded jealously and only awarded on the most deserving few cases, and I am glad that Alderman Nyamupangedengu is befitting of this status most of his days.

For those who may be clocking the right mileage for consideration – please evaluate how exemplary you may have been before expecting the City to even consider you.

Ladies and gentlemen, this inaugural State of the City Address, I will focus on our hope and expectation that at the end of our tenure we shall leave Council and the city better than what it was when we came in. Unfortunately, we note that this has not been possible. The turnaround of this City requires almost ten years of making tough long-deferred decisions. We still hope and wish the government will provide a more conducive environment fast enough, for the reconstruction of our public institutions like your Council and the economy.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is no secret that the state of our roads is in a deplorable state. No wonder why the Government declared them a state of disaster. Through the ERRP the government has released funds for the repair of.

While significant progress was made especially in the CBD, the same cannot be said about the residential areas. I insist on responsibility-with-resources. ZINARA should ensure that we are given funding that is commensurate with the vehicle population in the city. Without that the nightmare of the road in Mutare will continue to worsen. We have tried to augment road repairs through our internal funds but the \$1 equivalent special roads levy

has not yielded the desired impact. For your City Council, the road mandate remains an unfunded one and this has become a chronic issue year after year. As a City, we require more than US\$..... to make our roads trafficable.

Adding to the chronic underfunding is the absence of the relevant plant and equipment. The city has been operating without reliable tipper trucks for many years and no grader since 2012. We relied more on hiring, which is an expensive exercise.

I am happy to advise that since 2018, management and policymakers have managed to put their hands on deck and we have so far procured.... vehicles for service delivery.

Today we are also unveiling two tipper trucks, a tractor, an ambulance, service delivery vehicles and soon we are expecting a grader and

Ladies and Gentlemen, you will all agree with me that despite the challenges, we have improved our refuse collection. Our response time to customer complaints to water bursts and sewer blockages have also improved significantly.

Let me reiterate that Council is fundamentally a financial institution whose dividend is service delivery. On a very positive note, our five years (5) backlog in external audits have been completed, and this deserves a round of applause. For the first time in more than 10 years we are now up to date and have been fully compliant in terms of external audits.

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

The city of Mutare started Ease of Doing Business Reforms in 2018. Major achievements include the reduced time frame in the approval of licenses.

We are working towards establishing a One-Stop-Shop for plan approvals and to reduce the number of days taken to approve plans to between five to seven days. This is still a work in progress and through the Local Authority Digital System which we have deployed and which we have pioneered in Zimbabwe, we hope this will revamp the ease of doing business to a greater extent.

INVESTMENT POLICY

An Investment Policy was developed and adopted by Council. The policy addresses investment opportunities that are available within the City and incentives which can be awarded as guided by parameters set and approved by Council. The policy is aimed at creating an enabling investment environment to make the City of Mutare an attractive and prime investment destination by the year 2030.

SERVICE LEVEL BENCHMARKING

Ladies and gentlemen, the City of Mutare has participated in the Service Level Benchmarking (SLB) exercise since its inception in 2013, save for the two successive years riddled with Covid-19. The City is using SLB as an assessment tool for the quality of work being done and whether we are meeting the expectations of the residents and stakeholders. From 2013 to date there has been a remarkable improvement as

demonstrated by the reports from the Peer Review Teams. Another key aspect of SLB is the development of Performance Improvement Plans which are linked to the budget. These have assisted the City in prioritizing key service delivery areas such as water and sanitation.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

1.0 PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Unlike most local authorities, the city has no outstanding salary obligations and statutory obligations including Pensions

2.0 STATUTORY AUDITS

Due to the current Covid 19, the Pandemic council is awaiting for the Auditor General to audit its 2020 books and this can be achieved if the current lockdown has been relaxed.

3.0 REVENUE COLLECTION

Council is currently enjoying revenue collection efficiency of 68.7% though the figure was at around 30% in January due to pressure groups who were mobilizing people not to pay. The collections are prudently ring-fenced and the council had achieved the following:

- a) Maintenance of the current vehicle fleet
- b) Maintenance of the road infrastructure
- c) Procurement of Service Delivery vehicles (11 utility vehicles, Dumper trailer, Ambulance and 2 tippers)
- d) Maintenance of the sewer and water infrastructure
- e) Procurement of water treatment and sewer Chemicals.
- f) Funding of the Dangamvura Project expenses
- g) Sakubva and Chidzere flea Market Fencing and Aerodrome Fencing

We would like to thank our obedient ratepayers who have been paying religiously. Council had in turn pay back by awarding various promotional awards to the winners.

Council had however faced the following challenges:

- a) Water theft through illegal collections
- b) Budget resistance

3.1 DEVOLUTION FUNDS

Council had accessed \$ 32,849,485.47 out of the budgeted figure of \$192 000 000

4.0 BUDGET COMMITTEE

Council has come up with an initiative of a Budget Committee which shall work with the council in the budget formulation process and is currently composed of 13 people representing various stakeholders. Council is hoping this initiative would further smoothen the relationship between council and ratepayers

5.0 DEBTORS

Debtors figures rose from \$571 131 451.18 in January to \$911 329 512.55 as of 31 July 2021 and this has been necessitated by the effects of Covid 19 Pandemic and Budget Resistance in the months of January and February. Council is urging its valued ratepayers to enter into payment plans whereby they will be paying the current bills and clearing their arrears to avoid inconveniences such as litigation and water disconnections. Residents are also encouraged to utilize discounts offered after USD payments.

HEALTH MATTERS

SUCCESS STORIES

1. Clinical

Service delivery in the covid 19 era

- Every aspect of life has been affected by the Covid 19 pandemic and Mutare City Health has not been spared. The health department as the core front line team in covid 19 response and mitigation has been top of the situation with all clinics and subsections remaining open for the stipulated time despite staff and other support staff being affected by the covid pandemic. Key in the success story was an effective cohort of health teams.
- It is commendable to note that the department has finally been able to migrate from manual health records systems to a more user-friendly electronic health records management.

➤ **Covid Vaccination**

The city recorded a total of 2945 COVID-19 cases, 91% of which recovered and 4.6% have died. The city has a vaccination target of 126 500 for it to achieve herd immunity. To date, 59.9% of the target (**75 833**) have received the first dose whilst 43.4% of the target (**54 839**) are now fully vaccinated.

2. Environmental

Refuse management

The city is facing a challenge of shortage of refuse trucks. There are 4 reliable trucks, these were bought in 2018. The other two trucks are aged, they frequently break down. As a result, there are challenges in the collection of refuse on schedule. To date, a total of 13626 tonnes of refuse has been carted to the Municipal disposal site.

Strategies we are implementing to address the challenge:

1. We are working to hire lorries from the private sector as a short term measure.
2. We are at an advanced stage of procuring a dumper trailer two new refuse compactors as well as household bins
3. We are procuring 3 engines for three trucks that are currently grounded at our Municipal Workshop.

Council Disposal Site

There has been progress regarding the maintenance of the facility. When the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee visited the landfill in May 2021, they said it was the best they had ever seen. There was however a challenge of repairing the dozer, this is now functional. This has addressed nuisances like flies and obnoxious smells in areas proximal to the disposal site.

Waste Recycling

Council is working together with the private players in the collection of recyclable waste. The amount of waste being collected are on an upward trend. Soon we will commence at source waste recovery in communities. Since January 2021, a total of 57 307 tonnes of bottles, 16 598 tonnes of pet bottles, 9137 tonnes of pet brown bottles and 38 341 were collected and sent to Harare for recycling.

Engagement of Cleansing Inspectors

Council has recently engaged 4 cleansing Inspectors. Their duties involve the supervision of waste collection crews, street sweepers and toilet cleaners. The objective of this is to improve the cleanliness state of our city.

Improving the cleanliness state of the city

Council has been working with EMA in concertizing our community on proper waste management principles. People were encouraged to compost biodegradable waste and to desist from indiscriminate dumping of waste and littering.

Malaria control

Malaria cases from week 1 to week 22 fell from 2433 in 2020 to 311 in 2120. This translates to an 87% reduction in malaria cases. This is attributed to the strengthening of malaria control activities which included engagement of contract workers as well CBOs in malaria control activities. We are endeavouring to maintain this momentum. The dream of kicking out malaria from our city will soon become a reality.

Licensing

The Health Department has started implementing LADS in licensing. This is the digitalization of the licensing process. LADS fast tracks the licensing process and automatically creates a licensing database. It also provides a platform to interface with clientele. We are happy to report that Mutare City is the first city to implement this program. Other local authorities are coming to learn from us.

Water Sampling

Since 2021, water sampling has seen greater heights. The number of samples collected has increased. All parameters were within acceptable ranges. Our water sources are in the deep forests where there is no industrial waste and other toxic human activities. I am happy to report that our city is endowed with the best water quality in the country.

COVID -19 Surveillance Work January to June 2021

The first half of the year saw the second and third COVID-19 waves. There was tremendous pressure of work which included

We managed to disinfect/fumigate 127 units. We recorded a total of 1 367 positive cases. Of these cases, 42 deaths were recorded.

2.0 Procurements

The department has managed to procure the following vehicles to enhance service delivery

2.1 Delivered

- 1 ambulance
- 1 command vehicle for fire and emergency services

2.2 Procurement process in progress

- 2 x fire tenders.
- 2 refuse trucks
- 5 motor vehicles
- 5000 household bins
- 1 ambulance

2.3 Effective Partnerships – new acquisitions

The department has been lobbying for partners to create a sustainable service delivery and to promote mutual relations. We managed to receive the following items from our partners:-

- Incinerator – Africa Ahead
- Solar system for SHC – MOHCC
- 2 motorbikes for environmental section- WHO

3.0 Construction and renovation of buildings

3.1 Gimboki Clinic construction update

The bulk of the works have been completed with electrical, plumbing and painting works awaiting delivery of materials. The procurement of equipment is ongoing and examination beds, a drug trolley, filing cabinets and office chairs having being procured for the facility. The city has registered tremendous progress on the construction of the same.

3.2 Mutare Infectious Diseases Hospital Renovations update

The facility can only accommodate 8 patients currently until all outstanding works have been done and equipment has been supplied.

The department is in the process of procuring materials for outstanding electrical, plumbing, glazing and carpentry works using Council funds. This will cover the first phase of outstanding works.

ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

ROADS

Let me start by applauding our Engineering and Technical Services department for completely resealing Aerodrome road (4.3km).

Preparations for the Resealing of Forth Street at an advanced stage. Contract signed was signed between the City of Mutare and CMED and site handover was done on the 11th of August 2021. Gravel stockpiling is in progress at the gravel pit.

Under the government's Emergence Road Rehabilitation Programme, Council has handed over Magamba and Musikavanhu roads to the Department of Roads earmarked for that programme

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Routine maintenances on various roads in the city are underway. Special mention is the 1.6km of St Joseph road where orders for materials are ready and gravel dumping complete.

We have done 46km of drains cleaning citywide and also shelved backfilling and wash away repair.

LIGHTING

We have successfully done the following:

- a) Completed the installation of Tower Light at Chikanga Extension.
- b) Installation of 2 Solar Traffic Lights
- c) Maonde Electrification Project is still a work in progress with installations at an advanced stage.

PROCUREMENT OF SERVICE DELIVERY VEHICLES

Ladies and gentlemen, Council has faced a depleted service delivery vehicle fleet but, to date we have managed to add numerous vehicles to our fleet to ease service delivery:

- a) Procured 2 vehicles for the sewer section to improve the satisfactory response to customer complaints indicator.
- b) Procured 2 Tipper Trucks and a dumper trailer for the Roads Section.
- c) Procured a truck for the Electricity Section (Public Lighting repair.
- d) Grader Delivery is expected in the first week of October 2021.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN FERN-VALLEY

The city of Mutare has applied for funding from IDBZ to establish designs for the water, sewer, roads and electricity services designs for the SEZ.

SAKUBVA URBAN RENEWAL

To bring sanity to the Sakubva suburb in terms of housing, a project called Sakubva urban Renewal was formulated. To date, the following has been done to ensure the smooth sailing of the project:

- An SPV –Sakubva Infrastructure Development (Pvt) Ltd is now registered and a Board has been constituted and is now operational to steer the development.
- Prescribed Asset status for the project has been granted by IPEC
- Construction drawings for 5 blocks of flats have been approved by Mutare City Council.
- Council has resolved to engage NSSA for the re-development of the Murahwa Greenmarket.
- NSSA is now considering the Mutare City Council-NSSA MOU.

REVIEW OF CITY OF MUTARE MASTERPLAN

The city of Mutare reviewed the Masterplan and it was approved by the Minister of Local Government & Public Works. It became operational on the 16th of August 2021. What it means is that now the City of Mutare expands beyond the previous borders to

SERVICING OF BEIRA CORRIDOR STANDS

We have so far made the following progress in the servicing of the Beira Corridor stands:

- Site office established and fenced off.
- Council has paid for shelves for 4 crossings

- Valuation for Fern Valley stands to be used for compensation of the contract who will service the stands is underway
- Outstanding works on the scheme that was being serviced by a committee of beneficiaries has been done in preparation for the handover of the works to the Council

WATER AND SEWER

Construction of the Dangamvura Water Pipeline.

Overall Progress is at 91%. The progress was slightly delayed by the cancellation of the ZimFund tender for steel pipes and fittings and the process had to be restarted. Delivery of these outstanding materials is expected by the 30th of September 2021

We have also registered the following successes and some are still work in progress:

- a) Installation of Filter Blowers at Odzani Water Works was completed and this had necessitated the smooth production of our water.
- b) We are also in the process of repairing 100 house water connections in Sakubva rented accommodation (50 in Chisamba Singles and 50 in OTS). The tender for the same is at the evaluation stage
- c) Installation of a new water supply line at Matida Flat in Sakubva
- d) Procurement and Installation of 5000 water meters (Awaiting award of Contract for supply)
- e) Construction of 4 District Metered Areas in Dangamvura (40% complete. Awaiting for procurement of aggregates and cement which is progress)
- f) Construction of Water and Sewer reticulation system for 4 churches in Hobhouse which was completed on the 18th of August 2021
- g) Installation of Ball Float Valves at Water Distribution Tanks to reduce Non-Revenue Water (NRW) (Installed Ball Float Valve at Square Tank. Installation of Ball Valves at 7 other reservoirs in progress, to be completed by 31 December 2021)
- h) Upgrading of sewer manholes, repair of manhole benching & installation of manhole covers and lids Citywide. About 35% of the total Sewer network manholes in Sakubva have been repaired either by upgrading, benching or installation of covers and lids. Repairs are still underway throughout the City
- i) Establishment of a Non-Revenue Water Study. The engaged University of Zimbabwe on a pro-bono basis to produce a Non-Revenue Water Study for the City of Mutare. Awaiting easing of lockdown for study to commence

- j) Upgrade of the Tee Section water reticulation network in Dangamvura. The Upgrade project is at 70% complete. Awaiting the delivery of compression elbows to enable water connection installations
- k) Percentage Satisfactory Response to Customer Complaints. For Water Distribution (Reticulation Maintenance) Section, it's at an average of 93% and for Sewerage Reticulation Section it's at an average of 81%. The challenge at hand is the lack of adequate water and sewer service delivery vehicles
- l) Non-revenue water is at an average of 50%
- m) Continuity of Water Supply is at an average of 15 hours for the whole City. Dangamvura still has an average of 3 hours for the average Continuity of Water Supply

Hint on some critical plans:

1. Construction of the 61ML/day Odzi Water Scheme
2. Upgrading of Dangamvura Water Reticulation network
3. Construction of the 3rd phase of the Gimboki Sewerage Treatment Plant
4. Development and adoption of the Meter Reading App
5. Installation of 3 ultrasonic inflow bulk water meters at Odzani WTP
6. Implementation of the Odzani WTP mini-hydropower project
7. Development of the Water Meter Policy
8. Development of the Water & Wastewater Tariff Policy
9. Updating of the Water & Wastewater Masterplan
10. Development of Telemetry and SCADA systems into our service delivery infrastructure network
11. Citywide Capitalised Roads Rehabilitation-awaiting ministerial approval of Mutare City Council's borrowing powers.

COMMITTEES AND ADMIN SECTION

The Committees System is the engine of the Council. It is the hub of policy and decision making of the Council. It gives the direct link between departments and Council, stakeholders and Central Government. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdowns we have been under since January 2021, Council has continued to hold legally compliant Committee and Council meetings. The new norm has dictated that most are done online and Council's Committees and Admin Section has since adapted to the same.

Below is a breakdown of all meetings and interactions held during the period under review.

- Ordinary Council meetings: 5
- Special Council meetings: 8
- Council Committee meetings: 39 (A total of Ordinary and Special meetings). Council has 7 Committee meetings, that is the Business Investments and Local Economic Development, Environmental Management, Audit, General Purposes, Community Services, Housing, Health and Education, Public Works and Town Lands Committee, Finance.
- Councillors' feedback meetings:
- Council consultative meetings:
 - 3 Strategic Planning Consultative meetings were held in February 2021
 - 1 Budget Consultative meeting was held to enable Council to come up with a Budget Committee

LEGAL SECTION

The city of Mutare is making substantial developments and changes to our Legal Section. Staff complement has increased from 1 to 4 with the recruitment of a Legal Officer, Graduate Trainee and a Legal Secretary. With this increase, the number of cases that we outsource to external lawyers has lessened by exclusively handling our internal matters, such as employee

disciplinary proceedings as well as housing disputes. The section has also worked on revamping Debt Collection by handling it collectively with the Finance Department. Litigation is our last resort and our priority is on negotiations and out of court settlements which are also less costly to Council.

Among our key developments in the Legal Section, Council flighted a tender for legal services and has engaged the following law firms:

1. Bruce Tokwe Commercial Law Chambers
2. Kadzere Hungwe and Mandeverere
3. Maunga Maanda and Associates
4. Dube Banda Nzarayapenga Legal Practitioners
5. Jiti Law Chambers
6. Mvingi Mugadza Legal Practitioners
7. Tandiri Law Chambers
8. Bere Brothers Legal Practitioners

Taking cognizant of the fact that the environment we are operating in is changing every day, we are in the process of reviewing and updating all of our bylaws as well as creating new ones to ensure they address the emerging needs of the City Council.

MUNICIPAL POLICE SECTION

The force is on the ground in a bid to restore sanity within the central business District (CBD) and its surroundings following a surge in illegal vending brought about by high levels of unemployment.

Council is currently involved in some Joint Operations with teams from the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP), Forestry Commission and the Environmental Management Agency (EMA) to control all illegal vending activities and land degradation. The exercise has seen a high number of offenders being arrested and fined for contravening the Market and Land Protection by-laws respectively.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Mutare City Council boasts of a vibrant traffic unit whose officers are at the top of the situation in terms of Traffic Enforcement.

Traffic enforcement mechanisms and strategies are meant to make Mutare trafficable by improving compliance levels and to this effect, we have parking supervisors and attendants stationed at some different positions mainly within the central business district for the convenience of the motoring public when it comes to the purchasing of parking disks and unclamping.

The unit continues to monitor the movement of traffic within the central business district and ensure that there is compliance to the City's Road Traffic By-Laws whose main objective is to maintain a smooth flow of vehicular traffic.

HOUSING PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021

ACHIEVEMENTS

1) PROJECTS AND ITEMS PROCURED

NO	ITEM	SECTION	STATUS
1	Executive vehicle	Admin	procured
2	Heavy-duty Printers	Admin	procured
3	Construction of public toilet – D/mvura cemetery	Parks	Work in progress
4	Moveable Goal Post	Com services	Procured
5	Bush Mower	Parks	Procured
6	Rotary Mower	Parks	Procured
7	3 Desk Computers	Housing	Donated
8	3 Tonne-Lorry	Parks	Procured

2) RENEWAL OF LEASES

RENTED HOUSES CUMULATIVE FIGURES

175 tenants for our rented accommodation in Sakubva renewed their leases.

3) INTRODUCTION OF LADS

We embraced new technology called the Local Authorities Database system to enhance our ease of doing business especially in the management of our Housing waiting list, Cemetery management and File movement for properties like houses agreements of sale. We have benefitted a lot from the use of this system as follows:

- Fast and efficient movement of files in and out of the registry.
- Effective and efficient storage of data on the movement of files in and out of the registry.
- Less paperwork and this is in line with our mantra of progressing towards a paperless generation.
- Records can be easily traced and retrieved out of the system.
- Where the records are needed on paper, they can be easily printed since the system has a provision for the printing of records.
- Clients are no longer required to fill in their details on a hard copy waiting list document as it was in the past.
- Every detail of the client is now captured in the system.

FUTURE PLANS

With the availability of Finance, the Department wish to implement the following project before the end of the year:-

- Renovation of Housing Admin offices and palisade boundary fence
- Construct a palisade boundary wall at the Main park
- Resuscitate and drill bore hall in the main park
- Request Engineering to service Beira Corridor stands and completion of works in Area 3 and 16 Dangamvura
- Digitize files in the registry

PARKS PERFORMANCE REPORT

The mandate of the Parks Section is to maintain the city aesthetic value by greening and beautify the city and to provide burial space to the residents of Mutare city, responsible for developing and maintenance of recreational centres, the facility includes the Main Park, Aloe Garden, Caravan Park and Meikles Park

PROGRESS REGISTERED

- ❖ Cutting down of grass at below angle height around the city road verges, road centres island, open spaces, parks and gardens, cemeteries and some council premises
- ❖ Cutting down of overgrown dangerous trees around the city to avoid tree fell that damages properties, injuries to human beings and embark on the major drivers of hard prune to overgrown tree branches that disturb visibility along roads
- ❖ Providing enough graves at our burial facilities that are our cemetery as we are experiencing a rise in death from the covid19 pandemic
- ❖ Planting of trees around the city as council and partners e.g. Mr Fon and Seven sisters, Mutare Toyota Croco Motors and Phamarica Pharmacy and MAYA
- ❖ Planting of flowers and shrubs to improve aesthetic value city gardens and recreational parks
- ❖ Keeping the section running and meeting intended targets and programs
- ❖ Construction of Dangamvura cemetery public toilet which is in progress
- ❖ Construction and landscaping design of waterfall and Footpath at Meikles park garden

CHALLENGES

- Vandalism of property in parks and gardens
- Vandalism of tombstones around our cemeteries

- Veld fires that destroy trees planted around the city
- Theft of planted flowers and plants around our parks and gardens and along Harare roads flower beds

FUTURE PLANS

- Resuscitation and rehabilitation of Main Park and Aloe garden existing structures that is Fountain, Fish ponds public toilets and Borehole
- Construction of Gazebos at Main Park and Caravan Park
- Erection of a boundary fence (Palisade fence) at Main Park and Aloe garden
- Construction of fountain, pathways at Meikles Park
- Construction of Road Kerbs along Herbert Chitepo streets, all roundabouts in the city
- The sinking of a bore-hall at Caravan Park and resuscitation of the existing structures
- Construction of Boys cottage at Caravan Park
- Establishing a wedding and conference centre at Fern valley dam and opening a New Cemetery site around Fern hill
- Resuscitation and rehabilitation of existing structures in NURSERY that is Greenhouses, Fish ponds and erection of a JOJO tank
- Installation of JET irrigation system around Civic Centre ground to irrigate lawns and flowers
- Construction of a Fountain at Civic centre

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Department entered into a partnership with Musasa and the Ministry of Women's Affairs Council donated land for the construction of a safe shelter. The shelter is complete and functional. It is serving Gender-Based Violent victims and survivors.

MARKETS

Markets remain decentralised complying with Covid-19 statutes and regulations. Sensitization on Covid-19 is a continuous activity for the traders.

Care International is in its second phase in the construction of safe markets and has completed the construction of 5 LGA markets. Plans are underway to construct a large Produce market in Dangamvura.

- New Bar Flea Market (Pabako) is now operational and we have plans to construct sheds for the same.

- Chidzere Flea Market was certified for re-opening but there was the polarization of the market failing to re-open. Plans are underway to open it soon after resolving the polarization issue.
- Sakubva Flea market was certified for opening and a perimeter fence was erected. The market will open soon
- ZIMTA Acid Market is operational but uptake by traders is low.
- Chikanga Poultry market shed was constructed at TM Chikanga shops for the establishment of a poultry market in Mutare. Plans are underway to install poultry cages

Stadium

Sakubva Stadium is complete and has hosted several games

Putting City before politics is what should unite us.

I THANK YOU.