



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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Thursday 1st August 2019

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Evans Otiso) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Serjeant-at-Arms, please ring the bell for ten minutes, there is no quorum.

(Quorum bell rung for 10 minutes)

Serjeant-at-Arms, you can ring the bell for five more minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for 5 minutes)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, today this Assembly has been graced by the following Hon. Members from the Transport and Public Works Committee from Murang' a County Assembly; Hon. David Irungu, Hon. Freshia Nduta Chege, Hon. Alex Dunda, Hon. Peter Mweni, Hon. Dina Ndamaru, Hon. Caroline Njoroge, Hon. Eunice Kariuki, Hon. Ann Kigo, Hon. Peter Ngugi, Hon. Simon Wamwea, Hon. Samuel Mwangi, Mr. Silas Maina and Ms. Eunice Wanjiru. Nairobi City County Assembly warmly welcomes you and wishes you fruitful engagement with our Assembly. Clerk, proceed.

PAPERS

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Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: The Chair Select Committee on Budget?

Hon. Waithera Chege: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Section 116 (7) (c) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, I beg to lay the following paper on the Table of the Assembly today Thursday 1st August 2019;

The 4th Quarter 2018-19 Financial Statement for the period ended 30th June 2019. Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay.

(The paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Waithera Chege: Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 166 (4) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today Thursday 1st August 2019;

The Fourth Quarter Budget Implementation Report for the financial year 2018-19. Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay.

(The paper was laid on the Table)

STATEMENTS

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: The Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Environment and Natural Resources?

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand on behalf of the Chairman in regard to a statement from Hon. Ngengi, MCA. Can I proceed?

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Proceed.

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT REGARDING BEAUTIFICATION INITIATIVE IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Hon. Speaker, on Tuesday 17th July 2019, Hon. Daniel Ngengi, MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c) and requested a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Environment and Natural Resources regarding the beautification initiative in the County.

In the statement, the member requested that the Chairperson should inquire and report on;

1. The reason for the erection of the blocks with the full knowledge of potential risks it poses to motorists and lives of victims of accidents;
2. Measures put in place by the County Executive to prevent potential accidents in such places; and
3. What measures the County has put in place to ensure that persons who damage public property such as lights and beautification projects are held liable?

Hon. Speaker, the Committee wrote to the County Executive Committee Member for Environment, Water and Natural Resources on 18th July 2019 inviting her to a meeting of the Committee that was held on Wednesday 24th July 2019, pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (d) to deliberate on the statement.

Hon. Ngengi, MCA, attended the said meeting pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (e)

In this regard I wish to report to the Assembly as follows:

- (a) *The reason for the erection of the blocks with the full knowledge of potential risks it poses to motorists and lives of victims of accidents for loss of control;*

The CEC stated that it was quite often reported that drunken motorists override traffic lights thus led to erecting of concrete blocks to deter further destruction of traffic lights. She added that the County has used concrete barriers instead of steel to reduce the risk of loss of lives in cases of accidents. She mentioned that the County Executive would soon start using reflective blocks and paint on the roundabout to reduce accidents too.

- (b) *Measures put in place by the County Executive to prevent potential accidents in such places while undertaking the beautification process*

The committee was informed that while undertaking the beautification of the roundabouts and gardens, the barrels are well equipped with personal protective equipment (PPE). The road users are also notified of ongoing works by an erected traffic triangle in accordance with road traffic guidelines.

- (c) *What measures the County has put in place to ensure that persons who damage public property such as lights and beautification projects are held and made to pay*

Hon. Speaker, the CEC informed the committee that in case a person or vehicle is arrested having damaged any part of the beautification projects, they are arraigned in court and charged under the County by-laws.

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Daniel Ngengi was satisfied with the given response, a copy of the detailed response was given to him, and further copy is hereby attached to this report. Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay this response. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ngengi, are you satisfied with the response?

Hon. Daniel Ngengi: Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I did attend the said meeting and I am satisfied. However, it is also worth noting that His Excellency the Governor for Nairobi Mike Mbuvi Sonko is doing a lot of work and spending a lot of money in beautification. All the work that he is doing is spoilt and ruined by people during accidents and we want these people held responsible so that monies spent to repair these items can be spent in other sectors such as health. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am very satisfied.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: The Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you. I have another response here. Hon. Speaker, on Tuesday, 19th March 2019, Hon. Waithera Chege, MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly---

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Order Hon. Member. Whose response are you reading?

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: I am reading the response for Hon. Waithera Chege.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Order, Hon. Member! We have a point of order from Hon. Waithera.

Hon. Waithera Chege: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the response from the Environment Committee. However, I wish to seek your indulgence because in the response he is speaking about on air pollution that has recurred not only in my area but also in your area, I request that he doesn't give the reply today. He waits until next week so that we can confirm that the substantive reply will be helping the people of Nairobi South. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Okay. Let us differ it to next week so that she can get a satisfactory response from the Hon. Chair and the committee. The Chairperson, Health? Hon. Warutere.

Hon. Peter Warutere: Hon. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity. I want to make the following observations. That the response for Hon. David Mberia, I have a subsequent response requested by Hon. Kabiru Mbugua. However, both members don't seem to be in the House.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Since they are not in the House, we can differ it to the next sitting.

Hon. Peter Warutere: Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Next order.

MOTION

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Silas is not in the House. So, we differ the Motion to next week.

The next Motion has been referred to the House Business Committee for further consultation.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: There being no other business, the House stands adjourned until next week Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 3:20 p.m.