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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[Hon. Acting Speaker (Mr. Chege Mwaura) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Hon. Acting Speaker: Clerk, can you confirm if there is a quorum? Serjeant-at-Arm can you ring the bell for 10 minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for 10 minutes)

Hon. Wambugu when we are looking for the quorum you cannot leave the Chamber. Hon. Members we have attained quorum. Clerk, we can proceed.

PAPERS

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Wambugu of Planning Committee!

Hon. Joseph Wambugu: Hon. Speaker pursuant to provision of standing order 191 (6) I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today Wednesday, February 27, 2019. The report of the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing on the consideration of the sessional paper number (one) I of 2018 on the Urban Housing Renewal and Regeneration Policy.

Hon. Acting Speaker: You have laid the paper, the Hon. Leader of Majority.

Hon. Abdi Hassan: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to standing Order 191 (6) I beg to lay the following papers on the of the Assembly today Tuesday, 27th February, 2019. The report of the delegation that visited the Borough of Lewisham, united Kingdom as from 6th to 10th August, 2018. Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you, is there any other paper to be laid?

NOTICES OF MOTION

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon.Wambugu of Planning Committee!

Hon. Joseph Wambugu: Hon. Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion. That this Assembly adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing on the consideration of the sessional Paper No. 1 of 2018 on the Urban Housing renewal and Regeneration Policy laid on the table of the Assembly today Wednesday 27th February, 2019.

STATEMENTS

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Jairus Omay!

Hon. Jairus Omay: Thank you Mr. Speaker, my name is Jairus Omay MCA Lindi Ward. Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Culture and Community Services regarding the use of Lindi Social Hall by Private Individuals.

Hon. Speaker, the said Social hall, was constructed by the County Government accordingly. It is a property of the County Government for use by the public for approved events.

However, the Hall has now fallen into the hands of private individuals who currently use it for the purposes of business.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into the report on:

- i. Whether the County Government issued authority to the private persons to use the Hall for the purposes of business; and
- ii. If not, what is the County Government is doing to ensure that the said hall is reverted to the Government for the intended purposes.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you, Member for Lindi, the Chairman of Culture and Social Services Hon. Njihia!

Hon. Abraham Njihia: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I agree with the Member that is awaiting matter whereby County money was used to construct this social hall. Hon. Speaker based that this Social Hall is Kibera and it is a votary place so I request, the Member to give me two weeks so that we can deliberate on the same, then we will come with a fundable resolution. Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Jairus are you comfortable with the response from the Chair.

Hon. Jairus Omay: Mr. Speaker, I agree with the Chair.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you very much, two weeks it is. Hon. Cecilia Ayot is the next.

Hon. Cecilia Ayot: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 42 (2) (c) I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works regarding the state and plans for the rehabilitation of Nyando Bridge linking Laini Saba and Lindi Ward in Kibra Constituency.

Hon. Speaker, the Nyando Bridge broke down in the year 2016 and the Nairobi City County structural engineers did fabrication work on it. However, in January 2019, the bridge broke down again.

Hon. Speaker, the state of Nyando Bridge is in a deplorable state despite the bridge serving thousands of pedestrians plying through Kibra slums every day.

Hon. Speaker, In the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- i. Whether they are any plans for rehabilitation of Nyando Bridge linking Laini Saba and Lindi ward;
- ii. If so, when is the County planning to rehabilitate the bridge which is affecting many people and businesses; and
- iii. What is the plan for rehabilitation and whether it involves construction of a new bridge.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you, Member for Laini Saba. The Chairperson, Hon. James Wambui.

Hon. James Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I think the constructor is doing the job. We shall retain the same contractor, but I will come with a conclusive once in the next two weeks.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Cecilia, are you comfortable with the Chairman's response?

Hon. Cecelia Ayot: Yes, in fact, the Bridge affects Hon. Oyugi too and he is telling me that the plans are under way to fix it. Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Okay thank you. Before we go to the next order the Hon. Chair of Labour we had given you a task can you give us a progress report.

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Thank you Mr. Speaker of this opportunity, I was given a task so that I can report to this Assembly whether the Board is well constituted and from when the Board was appointed and the date they are exciting.

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Hon. Speaker, the board was appointed on 1st July.....

Hon. Acting Speaker: Do you have a report Hon. Chairman?

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Hon. Speaker am waiting for the report to be finalized.

Hon. Acting Speaker: But it is underway!

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Yes, but what I am reporting....

Hon. Acting Speaker: So may I give you some time tomorrow or later on once the report it is here we can substantially deal with the matter and clear it. Kindly, so that we can deal with it, because I know it is motive issue and I do not want to open a pandora's box if we do not have something that is substantial.

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Acting Speaker: So once the report is out let me know otherwise, tomorrow in the Chamber we will give you another chance, unless it comes in the course of the session today.

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: I will follow it up thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. The Chair of Trade you had requested for a Statement also.

Hon. Charles Thuo: Thank you Hon Speaker, I beg to give a Personal statement regarding the performance of the Sectoral Committee on Trade tourism and Cooperatives.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee is mandated under Standing Orders on divine rules that include Trade development and regulation, including markets, trade licenses (excluding regulation of professions), fair trading practices, local tourism and co-operative societies; Betting and Casinos and other forms of Gambling and Liquor Licensing, which the Committee has done in its perfection.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to shed some light on the allegation that was made by the Leader of Minority Party Hon. Elias Okumu on the floor of the Assembly on the performance of Sectoral Committee of Trade Tourism and Licensing.

(Point of Order)

Hon. Acting Speaker: What is your Point of Order Leader of Minority?

Hon. Elias Okumu: The incompetent Chair of Trade has mentioned my name and I do not understand why. Let me tell me know why he has mentioned my name in the report. He still thinks that he is at Kamiti Prison

(Laughter)

Hon. Acting Speaker: Order! The member who is on the floor had requested as per Standing Order 89 on personal statement and it reads, *by the indulgence of the County Assembly, a Member may make a request in writing, presented and approved by the Speaker not later than 1 p.m. before any sitting to explain matters of personal nature although there is no question put before the County Assembly, but such matter may not be debated.* The Honorable Member alluded that he was mentioned yesterday on matters that were touching on his capacity to run--- Order! I will give you a chance to speak

Hon. Elias Otieno: I did not mention his name. I called out the Committee on Trade but now he is calling me Okumu, that is the name of my father and he is not in this House

(Laughter)

Hon. Acting Speaker: Order! I will give you a chance to defend yourself and in case you mention any name of a member then they have a right to respond. Proceed. I hope that you have heard the sentiments of the Minority Leader

Hon. Charles Thuo: Hon. Speaker, the holder of the seat of the Minority Leader is well in capacity to demand that committees perform their duties and I am not challenging him. Let it be on record that my committee is not one of the underperforming committees and on that note I have listed down some of the activities that my committee is undertaking. Let me also state that as a Chair and members of the committee we are open minded and we invite suggestions on how we can better our performance from anybody including the Leader of Minority. We are not doing this in bad light but just to shed light on what we have done. Hon. Speaker going forward, I want the House to know that our committee is undertaking the following development programmes;

1. Markets – in Karadimi, Wawero, westlands, kangundo road, city park
2. Leather centre in Kariokor
3. Opened an open air market in Ruai

4. Doing market in Dandora, Ngara
5. Rehabilitations in various markets including Shauri Moyo/Bama, Uhuru market, Muthurwa
6. Constructing a way bridge in market on Kangundo road
7. Plan to do a business census to enhance revenue collection
8. Activated an Mpesa line in every market to enhance revenue collection

Hon. Speaker, this is not to mean that we are not facing challenges, which include the following;

1. Issues with grabbed markets
2. Loss of revenue collections
3. General management of markets is a challenge. We have a trade licensing bill that is being sponsored by Hon. Mbatia and also did a market policy that is going to come up with a market Act

So Hon. Speaker, without trying to allude that the Minority Leader was misinformed, I wish to state that my committee is an effective one. Maybe we are not as loud as the other ones but we let our actions speak for us. I invite the Leader of Minority to visit our committee so that we brief him on what the committee has done so that he helps us work and serve Nairobians better. I therefore wish that you rule that he appears in our committee meeting tomorrow so that we can take him through the works that we are doing. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. In your personal statement I have heard that you've invited positive criticism which is a good thing because the Leader of Minority has decided to put chairmen of various committees on toes. Hon. Mugambi, personal statements do not require debate and I will not allow you to. Let that matter rest at that. Hon. Benson Mwangi

Hon. Benson Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2c), I wish to request for a statement from the chairperson of the sectoral committee on Planning and Housing regarding the demolition of structures around the new Wakulima market in Mowlem ward. Hon. Speaker, several structures have been demolished around the new Wakulima market to pave way for the construction of a perimeter wall for the market. However, one building which is at the entrance to the market was spared from demolition in unclear circumstances hindering the construction of the market perimeter wall. Hon. Speaker in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on;

1. Criteria used in earmarking structures for demolition around the market?
2. Reasons why the one building was spared from demolition?
3. Whether the said building will be demolished and when?

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you Member for Mowlem. Hon. Chair for Planning

Hon. Anthony Kiragu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. We would have done that in seven days but due to the devolution conference, I request that we be given two weeks to come up with a comprehensive report.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Member for Mowlem, the Chairman is requesting for two weeks

Hon. Benson Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I won't turn a blind eye to the schedule of the Assembly and so the two weeks is okay

Hon. Acting Speaker: Two weeks it is. We move on. I am told that there is a supplementary paper then we proceed to the next order.

MOTION

Hon. Acting Speaker: before we go to the Motion, the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee had requested sometime out. Chairman PAC

Hon. Wilson Odallo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to seek your intervention and also to report the progress regarding the business before the Public Accounts Committee. Hon. Speaker as you are aware, the committee is currently considering the following reports which were tabled and committed to the committee on 6th November, 2018:

1. Report on the Auditor General on financial statement for Nairobi City County Assembly for the year ended 30th June 2017; and
2. Report on the Auditor General on the financial statement for Nairobi City County Executive for the year ended 30th June 2017

Hon. Speaker as you are aware, article 229 (8) of the Constitution requires that the Assembly has three months to dispense with the two reports. That period ends on 6th March 2019 which is next week Wednesday. Hon. Speaker, I wish to report that my committee has been able to meet most of the witnesses and accounting officers as is required. However, it is due to the long recess that we had in December and delays by some accounting officers to submit required documents; we are unable to meet this timeline. In addition we have scheduled inspection visits to various sites to verify some of the issues that were raised by the Auditor General and other witnesses. Hon. Speaker, I therefore wish to seek your indulgence and allow us one more month until 6th April 2019 to enable us conclude the consideration of two reports and subsequently table our report. Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. The Chairman of Public Accounts Committee recognizes that we have up to March 6th for the committee to table but because of the constraints he is requesting for one more month. I do not see if there is any query about that and owing to the fact that I am anticipating a short recess next week I think one month seems reasonable. The committee is not persistent; they do not usually request for extensions. It is a competent committee. I will give indulgence for one month as requested so that we table it by April 6th or before. Proceed with the motion, the chair of Planning.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF SESSIONAL PAPER 1 OF 2018 ON THE URBAN HOUSING RENEWAL AND REGENERATION POLICY

Hon. Anthony Kiragu: I wish to request the Assembly to adopt the Motion and report of Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing on the consideration of Sessional Paper 1 of 2018 on the Urban Housing Renewal and Regeneration policy.

Hon. Speaker this paper was laid on the floor of this House on 21st December 2018 and from there the Committee on Planning and Housing has had public participations with various groups including residents, the people of Nairobi and stakeholders.

After thorough scrutiny of the document the committee was of the view that we localize urban renewal for Nairobi. Nairobi is unique. The initial 8 contracts that have been signed by contractors in the zones that had started construction was done on the national policy.

Hon. Speaker this assembly has capacity to localize a sessional paper and policy for their own construction. Among the very important recommendations includes that the present and future projects be aligned to the provision of the Sessional Paper 1 of 2018 on Urban Housing, Renewal and Regeneration.

That finished houses be allocated to the targeted groups. The committee looked into the emotive issue of existing residents of various estates and we have come up with recommendations that protect and apply a human eye and handling the residents who already live in those estates.

Hon Speaker it is my wish that this Assembly adopts this report as it is and hoping that we are going into history as the assembly that sets pace to return Nairobi to its glory. Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Chairman you need a seconder so that we proceed.

Hon. Anthony Kiragu: Sorry Hon Speaker, I would like to request Hon. Majiwa to second.

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Thank you Mr. Speaker as I arise to second the Motion .I want to indicate that this is a very important document that as members of this County Assembly we will run away with the biggest respect in this County for having been the ones that initiated these projects during our time. This is the second project since the time of colonialism that this kind of development is coming to the City keeping in mind that we are doing over 2000 units of houses that residents of this City will have opportunity to own homes.

This is not a small thing Mr. Speaker and I urge all embers to move with us with speed to make sure that we achieve this together. I second.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Kados find a seat to sit.

(Motion proposed)

Hon. Jared Akama, or is it Hon Oyugi?

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Mr. Speaker I have a problem. I lost my card last year and the same has not been replaced to date.

Hon. Acting Speaker: I hope the *HANSARD* will not capture you as Jared Akama. It is Hon. Oyugi, Kennedy Oyugi of Nyayo Highrise Ward. Proceed.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Mr. Speaker I want to believe that chairman of Planning Committee means well for Nairobians and more so to his colleagues who are members of this House. However this document is new to us. Actually it has just been printed and circulated contrary to Standing Orders which states that it ought to be at office two hours before the Assembly.

My request would be that, and I don't want to be seen like stepping on the feet of the Chairman of Planning, but can the chair or any other member read for us the good recommendations that you want us to adopt because you expect us to debate a document that we honestly don't understand. Who is privy to this document?

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Member you are holding that report? Isn't it? Order! You have raised the issue, have your seat. I am aware that the report was tabled before the House Business Committee for processing and you are aware also that it is an important issue which the government is trying to push.

It was supposed to be laid yesterday and the House Business Committee which I was chairing admitted. In all fairness I think the two hours was captured. If there are elements with the report you are not

comfortable with you raise it but don't say it is not properly tabled before the House. I will allow you to debate the merits and demerits of the report but not the legality of it being tabled.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Mr. Speaker my only concern is very simple. Let the chair or seconder or any other member read for us as a House the recommendations so that we pass it as they are requesting instead of subjecting us to a debate on paper that we simply don't understand. That is my concern.

Hon. Acting Speaker: I think the Planning Chair has captured. When replying he will capture your concerns. The Hon. Abraham Njihia.

Hon. Abraham Njihia: Thank you, Hon Speaker I stand to support this document because I believe that the First Assembly did an illegality and this committee has tried as much as they can to bring this illegality to legality.

Hon Speaker as we pass this document, now that we have a policy which we didn't have before. In fact I would have been most affected by the contracts that were signed prior because there was no policy document which was to guide the whole Nairobian and the Executive. And now that the Planning Committee has come with these documents, it is my prayer that we will follow the due process by public participation. I believe we have three phases of upgrading.

One of them being Ngong Road, Ngong Road 2 and Suna Road. I believe, as a representative of Woodley, my people will benefit when these contracts are awarded. The people from the Executive lied to the former Governor that they went for public participation. I stay in Woodley and there was no public participation that was done when these contracts were awarded.

So, I beg the Chairman of Planning to make sure, once we pass this documents, that due process is followed. One of them being public participation which is anchored in our Constitution i.e. article 196 of our constitution. Thank you. I support.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Moses Ogeto.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Thank Hon. Speaker. I want to remind the Chairman for Culture that there was public participation for this document and it was conducted on 29th January 2019. Hon. Speaker I stand here to support this Motion because when you go to the last page of recommendations – these are recommendations done by able members including the former Mayor, Hon Majiwa – you can know how this committee is serious. It is composed of serious gentlemen, including Alvin Palapala from Kitusuru and the Chairman who is a whistleblower. Hon. Speaker, I got interested in number 6, which says that the County Government submits within 60 days of adoption of this report--- What we want from this sessional paper is for the government to implement things, as they have been captured in the report, not the way that suits them.

Hon. Speaker, we know this project was awarded long time ago, during Governor Kidero's time. It didn't take into consideration the Nairobian of that time. I believe this time, under the leadership of Hon. Kiragu, the committee has factored even the staff of this County by them being given the first priority. Hon. Speaker, this project is starting at your place. In the report, they said the residents of that area should be given the first priority. Hon. Speaker, don't expect the quacks from Machakos to come with huge money and start chasing people from Ngara because they are unable to pay. In the spirit of this report, I really appreciate the membership of the committee. The committee has committed itself that 90 percent of the jobs which will be done at the sight will be for the locals. We believe that whoever is awarded the contract is going to engage locals, not what we see in my area where the locals have been chased. My area has been invaded by Chinese who are even watchmen. So, we want adherence to this report. Since you are a

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member of that area, we wish that you submit recommendations and reports because there will be a local steering committee which will tell us how things are moving. Hon. Speaker, I beg to support. Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Silvia Moseiya.

Hon. Silvy Moseiya: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. I want to congratulate the Committee on planning led by the Hon. Kiragu for this policy. It is not an easy thing to put a policy together. My question is on what protective measures are as we adopt this report. Having gone through the report, I saw that there was provision for local sourcing of construction materials, contractors and local labor. What are the protective measures to ensure that that actually happens? There is a chance that we might have Chinese, for example, taking over construction, importing construction materials and even bringing “*watu wa mkono*”.

Number two, I had an issue of the financing of the project because it is not clear. There is the issue of PPPs that it is going to be a Public Private Partnership. That financing is very important because it is going to determine how those houses are going to be allocated. Also the issue of house allocation has been covered substantially in the report, but there are still loopholes as it was done during Kibera upgrading process where the people who were meant to have the houses were replaced by other intruders. How are we going to be sure that those houses, once constructed, are going to be affordable to the residents of Ngara who are living in those houses? Is it based on lease, rent, buy? In short, I would like the indulgence of the committee to ensure that the project is totally or at least reasonably constructed by local people and that financing is properly addressed. As a Member of this House, what are the plans for me to buy a house like any other Kenyan within the urban regeneration program? Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. I hope the Chairman is capturing those issues when he is doing his response. The Leader of Minority.

Hon. Elias Otieno: Mr. Speaker I just want to clarify something and this thing everybody in this House must know, we have somebody called Anthony Kiragu Karanja, and we don't have Bishop in this House. If it's the self-proclaimed Bishop I agree but it is not the official name. Mr. Speaker I think we should not take too much time because as I see the mood of the House, majority and the self-proclaimed bishop why don't you give us time and we move forward.

Mr. Speaker as I can see the mood of the house as there is another report which is supposed to be tabled by Hon. Leader of Majority because may be he went to the United Kingdom so let us not take too much time in discussing this thing because it is something that is practical and not theory and everybody is seeing it. Let the mover reply Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Let me allow some few members to also weigh in because I can look at the list of requests is quite heavy. I will allow a couple of few reactions and then I close the debate so that we can capture as many views as possible because this is a very emotive issue.

Hon. Ruth Maingi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this policy. Mr. Speaker I want to give a small question to Hon. Museiya, she has asked some questions about this policy and I want to clarify to her that if she goes through the policy she will get everything that she required. I also want to stand and thank our able Chair and the Committee of Planning where I am one of them. They have gone through tough times, even our Whip, we are together and I think the best committee in this House is Planning Committee.

Mr. Speaker I would also want to urge the House, this is a very nice policy before the Nairobi County Assembly we haven't had a policy like this. This is the best policy that we can work with and as you know Mr. Speaker, our Governor is one of the people who want Nairobi to be the City in the sun. Our Governor wants to bring the City back to be the Nairobi that was. I urge the House that we pass the policy and I am sure the Nairobians will be happy with this Assembly as they see how the housing project will continue. I am also sure that the people who are here and all the Hon. Members who represent their Wards and their people are there and they need the houses. I assure this House that they get it, Mr. Speaker sir. Within three years Nairobi will be the clean city in the sun. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. In the interest of time, I rise to support and remind you in the interest of time, the mover to reply.

Hon. Acting Speaker: I hear you. The Hon. Leader of Majority?

Hon. Abdi Hassan: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. First I want to congratulate the Committee of Planning and Urban Housing for the wonderful work they have done. This is the first policy for Nairobi County government. Mr. Speaker sir as you remember in the previous County Assembly, we did not have opportunity to pass this policy.

Mr. Speaker sir, every day a 100,000 of Nairobians need houses. It is long overdue for this policy. When I go through this policy, I see all aspects and concerns have been captured in this policy. With our able Chairman and we have good brains in that Committee led by our former Mayor whom I respect so much, the committee is annexed of this Assembly. It undertakes inquiries, investigations and reports back to this House.

When a committee reports back to this House, we as a House take it that they have taken the best interest of Nairobians, Mr. Speaker. If you look at this document, 90% of labour must come from the locals. That means that we are going to provide a lot of jobs. We look at (d); the current resident who resides in those houses will be given priority. The maximum term for completing this development is three years and that means that within our term, these houses will be complete.

Mr. Speaker sir, with those few remarks I want again to congratulate ladies and gentlemen of the Planning and Housing Committee for this marvelous and wonderful job. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to support.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. The Hon. Mark Mugambi, I get your indulgence before I call the mover.

Hon. Mark Macharia: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Mine is to second the Motion as well asking the Committee to make sure that the materials are locally sourced and the labour is sourced so that we can give employment to our jobless youths. Let us not be a replica of what we saw or what we are seeing happening in the SGR because you find that most of the people employed at the SGR are Chinese. So even the semiskilled labour is imported yet we have thousands of jobless youths loitering in our streets.

I just want the Committee to be very strict or put a stringent method of ensuring that they source for the labour and also the materials locally so that we can improve our economy. Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker: The mover.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I want to thank the Committee, the Clerk and the people who worked tirelessly to have this report. Hon. Speaker I think it is important to mention that this is a game changer, once this project hits the ground. The people of Nairobi and the people of Kenya will be able to own homes for as little as a million shillings. The fictitious prices of houses in this City will finally come to normalcy.

Hon. Speaker, we held a public participation on the 29th of January and we got the views of our people and just to mention again about the benefits of this project, a project like Pangani, an estate with 48 County units will have 1,569 units, 230 of which will belong to this County. Hon. Speaker, I would like to thank this Assembly and also request again that we pass this motion as it is, and that does not close the window for amendments. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. I sometimes want to allow the debate to proceed as much so that when the people at the media centre capture us, they also see what the mood of the House was, whether it was going through or not so that they don't think that we were up to anything sinister. Isn't it Hon. Oyugi?

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Acting Speaker: Next order!

MOTION

Hon. Acting Speaker: The Leader of Majority, who was the leader of this delegation, Hon. Kiragu?

Hon. Abdi Hassan: Hon. Kiragu, Mr. Speaker sir. I was not in that delegation. My name was omitted and Chairman Kiragu was the one who was leading the delegation. Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Chairman Planning, tell us about the next Motion.

ADOPTION OF A REPORT ON THE DELEGATION VISIT TO BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM, UNITED KINGDOM

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. THAT this Assembly adopts the report of the delegation that visited the Borough of Lewisham, United Kingdom as from 6th to 10th August, 2018.

Hon. Speaker, I was the head of the delegation of a powerful delegation from this Assembly that visited the UK on the said date. The delegation included:

1. Hon. Anthony Kiragu
2. Hon. Perter Warutere
3. Hon. Stazo Omung'ala
4. Hon. Geophrey Majiwa
5. Hon. Naftali Ogola
6. Mr. Abdirahman Salat

Hon. Speaker, it was an eye opening session for this Assembly and for this County. We came up with the following recommendations:

- i. The Assembly should place greater emphasis on the scrutiny of the budget estimates tabled so that only priority issues and programs are budgeted for. In addition, monitoring of the budget implementation should be improved so that the Executive doesn't misallocate or misappropriate funds.
- ii. The County Government should enhance its investment in social services such as childcare, sports, housing and support for the youth and the elderly. This should include development of recreational facilities such as sports grounds and establishment of modern ECDE centers.
- iii. The County Government when recruiting staff should put emphasis on merit and qualifications. This will ensure that officers especially within the County Executive have the requisite qualifications and expertise to deliver on their mandate. Those who are currently employed should be subjected to skills enhancement

Hon. Speaker, the County Government in collaboration with other national agencies should redesign County roads to cater for all road users, that is, motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. The roads should be well marked with visible traffic signs and lights. Funds should be set aside in the budget for regular maintenance of road signage and traffic signaling infrastructure. In addition, the County Executive should develop a traffic management legislation that is live to the current traffic problems facing the City.

I beg to move and ask Hon. Majiwa, who was also part of the delegation, to second.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Geophrey Majiwa, you are being requested to second.

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I second the Motion.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Order, Hon. Otieno, you can't move out. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Members, the floor is open for debate. Hon. Mbugua Kabiro.

Hon. Mbugua Kabiro: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I would like to support the report. I do not see any problem with it. I think Hon. Kiragu has proved that when you go out of the country, you get to think a little bit wider. He has brought a sessional paper after coming from London. I still insist that my Common Wealth benchmarking should come quickly so that I can also bring a sessional paper before the floor of this House. Thank you very much.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Moses Ogeto.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, this is why we are saying that budget of travel should be added because you can see how fantastic this report is. This notion of the media saying members benchmarking out of the country--- you see how our whistleblower, Hon. Bishop has been able to table a sessional paper, and in his recommendations as the head of the delegation, he is saying that the County Executive should be in a position to ensure that the people who are going to get jobs must have maximum qualifications and not through shortcuts. The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission which follow people now and again should go for those people and not people like Hon. Bishop who have travelled out of the country and have found out that we need to compete with these developed countries.

Hon. Speaker, I know you are the Chairman of the Board, increase this allocation in the budget so that members can see what happens in these developed countries. I beg to support.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Peter Warutere.

Hon. Peter Warutere: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Having deputized hon. Bishop in the tour, I feel honoured to report to this House that the best a developed country can do is to ensure that we reinvent the wheel. We have seen the best practices across London. We saw how recycling of garbage is done in the best way. We did not just go there to benchmark in vain. I strongly believe whatever we saw, when we came here, there are few things that are moving. We saw the best transport network and the best practices in the world. The best we can do as a County is to ensure that at least the lessons learnt are taken seriously to ensure that what we saw in London are working and adhered to. We are trying to make Nairobi the best destination to the rest of the world. I strongly believe Nairobi is getting its feet. I thank membership that while you are finding time to go and benchmark out there, let us bring back best practices.

I know something is being done about decongestion of the City, this was borrowed from the best practices elsewhere. Having this in mind, I am begging this House and membership in general that we borrow heavily from the developed world if we have any intention to get to where they are. Thank you, hon. Speaker, I beg to support.

Hon. Acting Speaker: Thank you. I am now calling the mover to reply.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon. Speaker, I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Acting Speaker: Hon. Members, we have come to conclusion of today's session. We adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday 28th February 2:30 p.m.

(The House rose at 4:10 p.m.)