



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### OFFICIAL REPORT

#### Second County Assembly – Fourth Session

#### SPECIAL SITTING

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The House met at 2.30 a.m.

*[Hon. Speaker (Ms. Beatrice Elachi) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYER

#### PAPERS LAID

**Hon. Speaker:** Chair, Budget!

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to give notice...

*(Point of order)*

**Hon. Speaker:** What is the point of order?

**Hon. Charles Wakarindi:** Madam Speaker I am seeing on the Order Paper there is a motion that is going to be moved by the chairperson of select committee on Finance and Budget. Hon Speaker this was an issue that was being discussed by three committees. There is no way one chairperson can lay that paper when it was discussed by three people. It is not right. I am the Majority Leader; I am the Leader of government business! You cannot delegate my duty to a chairperson.

**Hon. Speaker:** Majority Leader I need the Standing Order to help me guide the process.

*(Hon. Charles Wakarindi spoke off record)*

Majority Leader!

**Hon. Charles Wakarindi:** We are discussing a Sessional Paper and the Sessional Paper is what has brought this. It is the Majority Leader who should be laying that Sessional Paper. How do you delegate that duty to a chairman? Secondly, Hon. Speaker, it was a meeting that was done by three committees. How have you chosen one person.

**Hon. Speaker:** Order! Order!

**Hon. Charles Wakarindi:** Don't delegate my duties to other person or you give him the Majority seat, if you can.

**Hon. Speaker:** Majority Leader I have respected you so much. Today you have shouted at me. I thought we first lay the Paper; you would have seen how the process goes.

*(Hon. Charles Wakarindi stood on the Floor)*

Done even try to stand, Majority Leader of Jubilee Party. You are supposed to be in court at this hour. I don't know if you people know that you have a court case going on. You have a court case going on, the three of you. Are you not supposed to be in that court? Number two, the people who lay the Paper are the ones who have signed. We proceed and the Majority Leader comes after the Notice of Motion. Or you want to do all of it, Majority Leader?

*(Hon. Charles Wakarindi stood on the Floor)*

You cannot stand now. I am on my feet! You have shouted at me on something that is procedural. The people who signed the Sessional Paper laid it on the Table. You as the Majority Leader can come and move it. I wanted the Paper to be laid first. I don't know why we are quarreling. We have no Paper, we have nothing! How are we going to start the process? Guide because I am blind. You know better. You need to guide me.

**Hon. Charles Wakarindi:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. The committee on Budget...

**Hon. Speaker:** I need you to guide me on the whole procedure.

**Hon. Charles Wakarindi:** I am going to guide you. I am speaking my mind. Hon Speaker...

**Hon. Speaker:** And you are not going to show us with an attitude, Majority Leader!

**Hon. Charles Wakarindi:** What do you mean by attitude, Hon Speaker?

**Hon. Speaker:** Majority Leader, never take advantage when someone respects you. You have just shouted at me. You are even clicking. It only that I respect you are the Majority Leader. By the way if it was another Member this was the first law we would have used, Majority Leader, which I don't want. You cannot tell the Speaker about procedure unless you tell me to walk out and you become the Speaker. We shall lay the Paper; the Majority Leader will move as it is done properly. Let the committee to lay for us the Paper then you proceed as the Leader of the House.

*(Hon. Charles Wakarindi spoke off record)*

No, you are not speaking! This House has procedures and rules. I told you to give me the Standing Order. If you are going to speak you will stand by the Standing Order that says when there is a Sessional Paper the committee finalizes its duty, brings to the House and moves to the Majority. If you show me I am willing to proceed. Table, can you give the Majority Leader...

**Hon. Charles Wakarindi:** I will not argue with you Hon. Speaker, I just wanted it to go on record that I have said here on HANSARD and in front of everybody that the procedure of this very important motion that we are dealing here has been occasioned by illegalities from day one. You held a special sitting here without the request of the Majority and Minority. Now you are moving a motion where there were three committees and you have chosen one person without the procedures. Just proceed but know it is illegal and I have put it on record. Thank you so much.

**Hon. Speaker:** Majority Leader there is nothing illegal. I think I need to train the Majority and leaders of this House. When the Majority Leader is not present the deputy Majority Leader of that party takes over. When the deputy is not in the House the Whip of that party takes over. Until we finalize that side is when we come to the Minority side. It has nothing to do with Majority and Minority. This House is led by Jubilee. That is the Majority side. The Minority can bring in an issue they feel they want the Majority side to manage, to deal with or anything but in terms of government agenda it is the Majority side that has to ensure the government agenda is passed. So when you were not there - unless you want to tell me your deputy is just supposed to be in this house – it is your deputy who signed.

*(Applause)*

So there was no illegality in the matter. And I have always said, and I want to repeat, Majority Leader, on issues of NMS, if we have other political issues you come to the House and move. Any issue that is with NMS – the heart of the President- you try and start it the way we have started and you become an enemy. This is not my Sessional Paper. This is Sessional Paper that was brought in by the office of the President through NMS. It is not my Paper. I was called at night. When you shout at me because of laying a Paper don't you think it is kind enough to just come at the door. Since morning I have not seen my Majority Leader. It has become a norm that we shall be dealing with matters on the floor of the House and I think that is not right in terms of governance. This were three committees. If the three have decided that is Hon Chege Mwaura to lay the Paper who am I? That is why there were three committees.

*(Applause)*

You know, they are three committees and they brought me everything here. What am I supposed to do? If there was an issue the Majority Leader would have just gone and sat down with the committee, get to know and move. But to come and shout at me – I think this should be the last time. I think I have taken it so much, Majority Leader. And I am not giving you chance. This is the second time. I want to ask the House and if I ask they will tell you the truth. There was a time you did again the same thing. I cooled down and proceeded. This is the second time you are doing it and if I am lying I will get you the HANSARD, because the good thing is that it is put on the HANSARD. IT is not something we can lie about or play around. I am not taking it lightly, because I am somebody who can just sit down and if there is an issue we can discuss. Therefore, I want us to proceed with the matter. As I said they will lay the Paper, the Majority Leader will proceed to move the motion as it is. But let the committee give us [the Paper] first. There was nothing he was going to talk about. It was to bring the Paper here. Let us proceed.

*(Hon. Charles Wakarindi spoke off record as he walked out of the House)*

Majority Leader as you walk out I have given you a week after this so you can rest. We are not going to play this games, Hon Members. we have a new law in the House. if Nairobi will be the first to use the law the President has signed it is up to you. You either take care of yourself or you find yourself in a lot of trouble. Proceed the chair of Budget! And let me tell you, Hon Members. we will not be going outside there, plan things, come and play a game on us as if we don't know about security. You don't want the system but people are not saying they done want the system so as to play some funny games on the Speaker. I will not allow. I will not allow. I know. We are also people who understand security. When you go

out there and play games that Nairobi don't want a new system that the President is bringing then you go to your groupings and think how you can come and destabilize the House...

*(Loud consultations)*

*(Applause)*

We will not allow. Nairobi is going to change and God wants Nairobi to change. If you are going to play those funny games of using funny things – not in this House. We have taken two years going round but we are moving. We will not allow funny games to try and bring NMS down, bring the President down. Not here. You are not going to bring the President and Prime Minister down. Not here.

*(Applause)*

Proceed chair!

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 191 I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the assembly today Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020: The Report of joint committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations and Energy, Information and Technology committee on consideration of Sessional Paper 1 of 2020 on policy framework for revenue collection and management in Nairobi city county. I beg to lay Madam Speaker.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Speaker: Chair, proceed!

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion: That this assembly adopts the Report of joint committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations and Energy, Information and Technology committee on consideration of Sessional Paper 1 of 2020 on policy framework for revenue collection and management in Nairobi city county as laid on the Table of the assembly today Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2020.

#### MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR REVENUE COLLECTION AND  
MANAGEMENT IN NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon chair, you move, Hon Majiwa will second.

*(Point of order)*

There is no point of order on this one. I want it to be moved properly...

*(Loud consultations)*

Order! Point of order on which Order?

**Hon. Mark Ndung'u:** You know, the Majority Leader request for the special sitting...

**Hon. Speaker:** Order! Order!

**Hon. Mark Ndung'u:** The chairperson cannot move. We have a Majority Leader in this House, Madam Speaker.

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Order! Order! I am on my feet. Order! Hon. Mark Ndung'u, the Leader walked out on this House. Are we supposed to take a vacuum seat to make it speak? He walked. Where is he?

*(Hon. Mark Ndung'u spoke off record)*

Where is he? So we have to walk out because he walked out?

*((Hon. Mark Ndung'u spoke off record))*

Which law? In fact, Hon Leader I said and I am repeating and I want Hon chair of the Board to listen to me carefully. I have been informed well by the security, so maybe you are one of them- I don't know. You have been sent to come and disrupt this sitting so that the system does not pass.

*(Loud consultations)*

You know very well by law. The law is very clear, by the way. when a committee sits down and does something, do you know it is the committee, by law, that moves? It is not the Majority Leader because it is the committee of Budget and ICT that sat and brought the issue.

*(Applause)*

I want you to come and show me where the law says Majority Leader, when they are three committees, moves. Proceed, chair!

*(Applause)*

*(Loud consultations)*

Order! Order! Hon Mark.

*(Point of information)*

No. I don't want to be informed.

*(Hon. Mark Ndung'u walked out of the House)*

Good, you are the second one.

*(Loud consultations)*

Proceed chair! And everyone who walked out is fighting NMS, and I am hoping someone up there is watching *polepole* for us. Proceed!

**Hon. Chege Mwaure:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to move the following motion: That this assembly adopts the Report of joint committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations and Energy, Information and Technology committee on consideration of Sessional Paper 1 of 2020 on policy framework for revenue collection and management in Nairobi city county as was tabled on the floor of this House on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 for subsequent approval and in accordance with Article 185(4) of the constitution of Kenya 2010 which provides for the county assembly to receive and approve plans and policies for the management and exploitation of the county resources and (b) the development and management of its infrastructure institutions.

Madam Speaker I do not have lot of words to say but this being the first recess that I worked the whole two weeks. I stand here not only on my own behalf but on behalf of the elegant Members of these committees that worked and burned the midnight oil to ensure we have a management framework of how revenue shall be collected moving forward.

Madam Speaker since the inception of devolution the Nairobi city county has tinkered with various numbers of ways of trying to manage revenue. Some failed, some a few things here and there but I feel it is important to understand better for the purpose of revenue enhancement.

Madam Speaker I am happy to report to this House that for the first time we have a framework that will guide revenue enhancement and management. Since 2013 we have never had a chance to say what

should be in any platform that purports to collect money for the county of Nairobi and this policy actually gives us a framework that can be adopted, that can help us to move forward and ask what platforms can be used to help Nairobians collect money and more importantly how it is being collected and how it is being utilized. For me, I am a happy person having worked tirelessly with the Members and secretariat that you provided.

Madam Speaker, thank you very much for giving us this time. I also thank the committee and the stakeholders who provided the necessary information that helped beef up. If you look at what was tabled here in July and the report that came afterwards, there is a huge improvement in giving us a document that the executive or their agents can use to get a framework of getting involved with a platform that will now help us moving forward.

Madam Speaker, I also want to reiterate that my predecessor, Hon. Mbatia managed a process that brought us the Nairobi Revenue Management Bill which was passed but has never been assented to. The proposals that this policy framework is proposing will be of importance and of great importance. That we fast track the Revenue Management Bill that has never been assented to. But then again, there are options. A Bill that has been passed by this House, unless the governor returns it with a memorandum, is deemed to have been passed. So, I push and I propose that your good office sees to it that the Nairobi Revenue Management Bill be gazetted as was passed because it is going to be a very good pointer with this policy that we are proposing to give us the framework that we want.

Finally, the Assembly must remain vigilant to the processes of monitoring and evaluation of ensuring that this process will always ensure that in every financial year, revenue enhancement is done and secondly that the oversight role is not missed. Before allowing my co-Chair to come and second, I would request the Members who are present or the committees of budget, ICT and the committee on NMS to please stand up for members to see that it was a collecting decision that we have arrived and what we have done.

*(Hon. Members of the committee stood up in the positions)*

Madam Speaker, we were 53 members and they represent the work that has been done. As I take the lead role of reading nice English here, it is the work of these members that brought us where we are. As you sit down, I want to thank you for your time. Madam Speaker, these members worked even on a Saturday and Sunday to ensure that we beat the timelines of ensuring we have a worthy policy paper. If you look at that report and what it entails, it is comprehensive in terms of what we want to achieve in revenue enhancement as a proposed legal and administration framework that can be changed to ensure that from now onwards, if on a daily basis the county managers would understand how much has been collected and how much has been banked without many stories. So, with that, I beg to move and I ask my co-Chair, Hon. Majiwa, to second.

**Hon. Geophrey Majiwa:** Thank you Madam Speaker. As I rise to second the motion, allow me to say a few words. Madam Speaker, the document that is here today departs from the one that was tabled here because a lot of effort and work has been put on it and it is a document that anybody who is keen honest and sincere to serving Nairobians will be happy about. This document is not a document that any honest person should politic about. It is a policy framework on revenue collection. This is what is even

going to help Members of this Assembly to audit because their work is oversight. This is what will help them to oversight any agency that will be brought to collect revenue in Nairobi because minus this, they don't know the parameters they are going to ask when those people come here.

But this now their guiding bible that will lead them to ask questions from the people who will be given opportunity to collect revenue from the city of Nairobi. I think Members need to get it clear that a policy framework is not a contract. Maybe people want to do politics to scare members so that they think they have given a contract to somebody. This is a policy framework. We are legislatures and if we are legislatures, our role is to legislate on whatever we want to happen in Nairobi. We have come up with a framework on revenue collection.

This will help us do our second work which is oversight because minus this framework we are doing oversight based on what? If you give someone the job of collection, what is based on? So, it is important that we understand things that are brought before this Assembly so that the politics of the day do not swallow the good things that are about to happen in Nairobi. With those few remarks, I want to second this motion.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. June Ndegwa:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to support this Motion on the policy framework for the revenue collection in Nairobi county. Hon. Speaker, this Sessional Paper is long overdue. When Hon. Chege was giving his ambitions, he mentioned that his predecessor had also thought about something similar to this and had even brought it to the floor of the House. Hon. Speaker, I have noticed with a lot of concern even when we were doing deliberations that we have included research and inclusivity of all the stakeholders who have been sought far and wide and the various stakeholders responded in time and they gave us their deliberations.

Hon. Speaker, I would also want the committee for making sure that they got submissions from the public and what came out from their views were that they wanted a revenue collection that ensure that their money is not lost. This is something that we were waiting for. We would like to support NMS and the hard work that NMS has put in place and the way they have thought it out. The way we were going was not palatable for Nairobians. A lot of revenue was getting lost.

And if this particular system is going to deal with these challenges, we are accepting it. This has been sanctioned by our president and the prime minister. They have seen the need to actually have a system where everything that is collected comes to Nairobi and works for the people of Nairobi. They noticed and we noticed that there was inadequacy in some sort of framework. This is what we have tried to address in this sessional paper. There is a framework that is able to work with the current status that we are in. It is true that Nairobi has evolved and as it evolves, we evolve with it. We also noticed that there has been a lot of duplication when it comes to people who are collecting revenue. So, people were stepping on each other's toes without getting to know what their job descriptions spell out. This system comes to clear that out.

Hon. Speaker, we have a low automation and integrated revenue administration that has also been sorted out by this system. This system will make us realize our potential. If you remember the time we went to State House and the President asked us to speak about various things that were happening in this

Assembly and most of it was political wrangles. I remember mentioning and spelling it out to the president that if Nairobi does not collect...Nairobi is the spine of this country. If we do not have a revenue system that actually picks and collects and takes the finances where they belong, we will have failed this country. Not only Nairobi, but we have failed this country. We know and talk about 60 per cent GDP, but I don't think we understand what 60 percent GDP means. It means that the money that is used in this country, 60 per cent is collected in Nairobi. Definitely, we are supporting the rest of the country.

Hon. Speaker, we do not collect, the county collapses. I remember telling the President that if we are able to reach our potential, if we reach at least 85 per cent of revenue collection, he would not be borrowing money from World Bank. We would actually lend him money in this town.

I am proud of the work that has been done by the team led by Hon. Chege Mwaura and Hon. Majiwa. I am happy to support it because I know my party supports it. Don't be lied to when you see shenanigans on the floor of this House. We are here to support what Uhuru Kenyatta has proposed together with his party and Raila Odinga. We will pass it on the floor of this House whether they want it or not. We are here to work for Nairobians. We are not here to be clapping for each other and calling each other names and passing innuendos and propaganda that some money was given last night in a certain hotel.

At times I look at Hon. Millicent when she says that we are in Hollywood and I think she is a bit crazy, but I understand what she was saying. Somebody can actually say that they saw you in a hotel yesterday and they can even describe the clothes that you were wearing knowing very well that maybe you were in your child's school. That is what became the engine that runs this county. This is the year 2020. We have said no to innuendos and yes to facts and NMS. The president was not crazy when he made Governor Sonko sign that Deed of Transfer. This is where the Deed of Transfer starts to work. And if we let anyone or anything or any wizard come in between this, then we would have failed this country. Let us do something that is honorable. Let us not have fist fights. That is not going to solve anything. I stand to support and thank Hon Chege and the team. Thank you.

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity. First, I congratulate the two committee chairs, Hon. Chege Mwaura and Hon. Majiwa. I want to go straight to the report on page 20, the last paragraph. If allowed to read, not in terms of contribution, but a very –pertinent issue that is raised by this important report before this House, it says and I read' the Nairobi City County Assembly conducted an inquiry into the revenue performance for the various revenue streams and it was evident that the data gaps continued to be a major challenge with regards to revenue forecasting and projections. There exists no published study on the potential of Nairobi County on source revenue potential which would otherwise be instrumental for planning and budgeting. However, a study conducted by Commission on Revenue Allocation in partnership with the European Union direct to the fact that there was a substantial rate area not captured in the county revenue information. With considerable data that captured in the GIS, the report indicates that Kshs 75,631,804,690 shillings is uncollected in the whole of Nairobi with another Kshs 112 billion not mapped out in the GIS, bring a total rate area not collected by the County Government of Nairobi of Kshs 188 billion'.



This is a survey conducted by Commission on Revenue Allocation and the European Union. That is on page 21, the first paragraph. This defines exactly why this Assembly is defining history of this county where we come back in 2022 or not. We are defining that Nairobi County has a potential if given a chance to collect this money in a proper way.

Hon. Speaker, some of us tasted the pain of telling off those who were siphoning the revenue for the county. And I want to say this on HANSARD. The reason why we are here and why other Members don't believe it not to be done. Three weeks ago, the county government of Nairobi issued a contract for ICRMS for another change of Noveta to another company. I want to say it on HANSARD and I challenge the government of Mike Mbuvi Sonko to come on records straight on whether I am lying on whether I am lying that they have given another contract to another company to provide ICRMS services of revenue collection in the County Government of Nairobi. As you see the warlords walking out, you can see by numbers and by names why they were in this House. Not to read a report, not to even attempt to look at it.

Madam Speaker, this is a House of rules and procedure. We are not a House where you are fed in a hotel on what to come and say or do. Congratulations to the Members of the NASA and Jubilee teams. We know what you want for this town. We know what the president wants. We know what the prime minister wants for the capital city. Whether we are leaders in this House or not, we must all give due respect to each other. Respect is not commanded. It is earned. You earn your respect the way you carry yourself. And I believe so far, I can give an accolade to the Members seated here. An old man like the Deputy Speaker can quietly listen. That is a plus to us. What you see exhibited in this Assembly...it I time you stamp your authority. Whether it is me, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, when we are here, we are all Members of the County Assembly. That is why I said the study is not about us. European Union conducted this study. I was privileged to be at Windsor Hotel when Major Njoroge was doing a presentation on how we can get a potential to run Nairobi independently without grants and loans. It is not late. The end of Financial Year came last week. Nairobi county collected less than 9 billion in a financial year. A record dipping down of revenue collection.

Madam Speaker, we will not allow ourselves to be taken in circles. Madam Speaker we will not falter, neither will we allow ourselves to be taken in circles by people believing in *mfuko, mfuko, mfuko*. It is a bad attitude Madam Speaker. Whereas leaders we believe when two people, three people meet they are sharing money; they are sharing loot, they are sharing corruption. It is a bad attitude Madam Speaker, and some of us we have kept our pace, we have kept our face and our faith and we will not allow, Madam Speaker, that a member will just wake up, insult and walk out and he goes free.

Therefore, on that point I will name one [Hon]Mark Ndung'u on behalf of the opposition so that, the Speaker, now the ball is in your hands. Direct the Committee of Powers and Privileges to investigate why [Hon]Mark Ndung'u has called me names as he was walking out and which money I picked. Because Madam Speaker if we continue this way one day somebody will go with this mace and strike somebody. It will never be a House of order and procedure again. Just because somebody - you are walking somewhere in the streets with loads of problems -that's not our problem. We walk out from our houses to come here to debate, this is a House of debate, Madam Speaker. As [Hon] Chege Mwaura says always,

this is a House of debate. The report has been brought, if you are not convinced that this is the best report for the County, mobilize the numbers fail it officially.

Madam Speaker I have a history in this House. I was the first chairman of Public Accounts Committee when we were sworn in, it happened we didn't know then as MCAs that the Public Accounts Committee belongs to the opposition and I took it. Two months down the line it was said I must be removed. But I asked the then Speaker [Hon]Ole Magelo to subject it to a House decision. As a single person I subjected myself to the decision of the House. And the house decided in its wisdom by a difference of three votes I be removed as the Chair of Public Accounts Committee. I did not cry. therefore, Madam Speaker I earned more respect across the political divide. And our true leaders in this house - let's be honest, let's be honest - we are all eager to make money, but let's make money in a very constructive way, in a very legal way, let's not malign other people's name in the name of making money. It does not add up Madam Speaker.

I was privileged yesterday to be at KICC Nairobi Metropolitan Service offices. I could feel the strength and the confidence the NMS team has given this assembly that we can help them drive the city, we can help the President deliver the best of the best legacy as seen in the CBD. We cannot falter. Deputy Speaker, we cannot falter, we cannot go to sleep because a few individuals think they can meet somewhere, they can come and pull us back. As opposition side, you can see how we are. We will always stand firm what the President wants because our own President assured him that he'll run this country and deliver on what he wants (*Applause*). And us in the House, anything Madam Speaker that the President Uhuru Kenyatta wants for us, free, I was not in State house, I was in a funeral as you know, but freely we give as ODM and freely we also advise our colleagues, please, please, if you have no business coming to the Assembly, if it's creating chaos do not come, allow us to conduct business. Stay at your home, allow us to conduct business.

Madam Speaker we want to repeat again, we will respect your chair at all times and we will defend your chair at all times because we know today its Madam Beatrice Elachi as the Speaker, who knows about tomorrow, who knows about yesterday. No one knows, so I ask you members, and thank you so much our great members from the NASA team, let's keep the spirit. As I always say, we've been, Madam Speaker, and I will say this with a lot of pride, I will say this with a lot of pride, that we've been always the beacon of hope and transformation and reforms in this country and we will always stand by that as ODM, and we will always ask our members to support the President as it is, freely.

For those who believe that the Speaker brings an issue in the Assembly on behalf of NMS is about exchange of money, in ODM there is nothing like that. And also I want to encourage members to kindly start some small business out there. Being an MCA does not guarantee you being a billionaire overnight. Being an MCA does not guarantee you to be driving a vehicle equivalent to Okode, no. Generali is a business man, Mheshimiwa Obuya is a businessman; if you see him driving a Range Rover don't think because he was walking with Imwatok so overnight he's driving a Range Rover; he's a business man. If you see Wambugu driving a V8 it does not mean that he's stealing from the County Assembly; he's working hard in private life. Yesterday I waited for Mheshimiwa Wambugu from 10 until we didn't meet, he was in industrial area.

Madam Speaker we must also encourage our people that money does not come easily and also leadership does not come easily; you must train yourself to be a leader. You don't just wake up and then you now want people to demand respect from everyone; respect is not demanded, it is earned, at all times. Madam Speaker you've earned our respect as the opposition party, the way our party leader respects you, we respect you equally. As we say, when Raila says it's left, it's left. He told us clearly 'the Speaker of Nairobi County Assembly is Beatrice Elachi until 2022' and we will stick to that. And if today he calls me and says "Whip, Elachi is not the Speaker", I will tell you Madam Speaker am sorry, he has said so.

But for now, let's respect each other. And I beg of you Jubilee Party, please try engage your leadership, engage your members, it's a shame if the government side can behave in that manner; it's a shame. Let's go on record Madam Speaker, I am a disappointed man. That what we've fought so much is almost becoming nothing just because of innuendos. You think when the Majority Whip today dresses on a new suit -because she's now a whip- she has gotten money. If you see Mheshimiwa Milly has come driving a different car, it's because she's the Deputy Majority Leader, it's not right. She is a *matatu* business lady.

You see Ogeto, Ogeto is a *miraa* seller, somewhere here he has shops; shops are all over in Kilimani, His boys are selling *miraa* in Kilimani. In the evening he has made his Kshs 5000. You see [Hon]Ogada, [Hon]Ogada is a contractor, he builds every space in his ward, and you see [Hon]Malde is selling curtains here in biashara street; he's not only an MCA. Look at *Mheshimiwa* Gari, go to Rongai, you'll find what [Hon]Gari does. Go at home, Gari's home; Gari has more than 10,000 chicken farming. An architect is here - [Hon]Phillip- our Deputy Minority Leader. He is an architect by profession, Madam Speaker, let's destroy this nonsense from our people.

**Hon. Speaker:** Are you saying they are supposed to be paying revenue?

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** They are supposed to be paying revenue; even me I pay. I own salons, I pay. I own *kinyozis* and I pay revenue. So Madam Speaker, with all due respect to our members who are here, everybody here is engaged. Mheshimiwa Baba can advise you on issues of security, because he's an expert, he's an entrepreneur on security. If you want to invest in the slums, get Mheshimiwa Azangu; he'll train you on how to invest in the slum and become a millionaire, you see Mheshimiwa Azangu and you think Azangu is just there, no. I know most of you. So Madam Speaker what I want to encourage this House is don't wait to be an MCA to be a rich person, don't wait to be a Majority Leader or Minority Leader, or Majority Whip or Minority Whip to be a rich person, do something extra and it'll be safe for you. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Millicent Mugadi, the Deputy Majority Leader

**Hon. Millicent Mugadi:** Thank you Madam Speaker but before I continue I would like to apologize on behalf of Jubilee leadership, I would like to apologize and ask you to pardon us Madam Speaker with our shenanigans. I would like to ask the House to pardon us, we will put our house in order and we will try and control our temper. Madam Speaker I rise to support this report. I was at Windsor for those few days and I learnt a lot when it comes to the issue of revenue collection in Nairobi County. We were joined by the Executive side and they opened up on the challenges that the County is facing when it comes to collecting revenue and Madam Speaker they were in full support.

We discussed far and wide in terms of legal, social and economic importance of this revenue collection and everybody wants the best, Madam Speaker. So I would rise to support it and let me remind Members that we are not doing this for our personal needs, we are doing this for the future of our kids and for a better Nairobi. And we are an example to so many counties in that if we try and fix this revenue collection system I do understand that many counties will also try and copy paste what we are doing. We are an example so let us believe in ourselves. And I would like to say thank you very much to Hon Chege and Majiwa for the proper leadership that you are showing. I rise to support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ogada Micheal

**Hon. Michael Ogada:** Thanks a lot Madam Speaker, as I rise to support this document with some few observations, Madam Speaker, basically the work of the Members of the County Assembly is service delivery and it is our business, it is our core business to ensure that service is delivered to our electorates and service can never be delivered without resources. So it becomes one of our other mandate to ensure that the resources are there that can really do some work on the ground.

And out of experience, one thing we'll say is that there has been a problem within the County of Nairobi, the problem has been really about revenue collection and having been a Member of Budget Committee for some time, we have always tried to come up with different ways of how to enhance revenue, which in many occasions has been difficult, difficult in the sense that as a committee you come up with a bright idea of the way forward but sometimes the Executive doesn't really feel like supporting the idea that the Assembly has come up with. And I think this is a golden opportunity that we have been given to ensure that we come up with ways of how revenue in the city is going to be enhanced.

Madam Speaker as we speak today, and my Whip has clearly put it, that the revenue of the city has been dwindling for the last few years. If I may just recall, for example this financial year, it's the worst in the history of the County because we have not been able even to get past Kshs 8 billion. Kshs 8 billion is money which could be collected even during council's time, they used to collect more than that. But as we speak today, the staffs are there, the mechanisms are there but they cannot strike more than Kshs 8 billion. The previous year they were not able to do more than Kshs 10 billion, the other year they did about Kshs 10.2 billion, but when you remember during the previous regime, they left office when they had done around Kshs 12 billion and as we speak these monies were being made when the fees and charges were a bit low.

One thing we can confirm as a result of this, having even increased the fees and charges that people are currently paying and the revenues are going down then one thing we can confirm or conclude is that there's a way that the County is losing money, there's a way the system is really losing money, so the system we currently have is porous. So how do we deal with this? We must come up with a new system that is going to seal the loopholes that makes the public money to get lost.

The other issue is that it has reached a level where an individual can make a decision that today am going to use so and so to be collecting revenue on behalf of the County. Along the way when they differ on terms we don't understand, he makes a decision to change to another contractor who is going to collect revenue, so basically there are no systems in place, there are no policies in place that guides the collections and protections of public funds, and this is what this document has come to cure.

We must have a pre-determined, we must have a system in place resolved by this County, that for you to bring a contractor to collect revenue on behalf of the County, you must meet this threshold, you must follow this procedure, so that it doesn't come to be a one man show where people make decisions at night when they are alone, they are two people in the house, they make decisions and bring on us. I think these are things which can only be cured by this document.

We tried through my former Chairman Mbatia and my former Vice Karani to come up with a Revenue Collection Bill which we passed in this house. What we decided was we needed an independent body as a semi body that was going to collect money, revenues on behalf of the County, just like Kenya Revenue Authority. We tried that, we passed it here, it was taken there, it was never signed. Why? Because they are not interested, they are never interested in anything that will seal loopholes of stealing public funds. This document has come to seal loopholes of stealing and robbing the public (*applause*). It is only a robber who cannot oppose this document, anybody who is not a robber will support this document (*applause*) Any person who is sincere will always support this document.

Madam Speaker this is one of the best opportunities that we have and I know history will judge you fairly having passed this document. So don't take a damn when it comes to this document, let us pass this document so that we can offer service to the citizens of this republic. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Karani

**Hon. Patrick Karani:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, thank you very much for giving me a chance to contribute on this important motion and I would like to start by saying that all my life as a public finance Officer I have been a crusader of prudent management of public resources and together with my former chair we used to have sub-committee of expenditure and revenue and we chaired, we co-chaired a revenue inquiry on this County. There was a lot of resistance but somehow we managed.

The Executive was very reluctant to give us support but we got support from Ahadi Kenya and we dedicated 3 months to conduct inquiry and we found out that a lot of money was eaten at source. So what has been happening here Madam Speaker is theft of public money and I want to give you clear data so that it goes on record.

During financial year 2015/2016, this County collected Kshs 12 billion, FY 2016/2017 this County collected Kshs 11 billion, it was campaign year. When we were elected that financial year we collected Kshs 10.2 billion, the second year of this government we collected Kshs 10.1 billion, the last financial year Madam Speaker we collected Kshs 8.4 billion, so we were or we are on downward trend in terms of revenue collection. And Madam Speaker during our revenue inquiry we endeavored to look where is it or where are the loop holes and we found out that we had a structural problem Madam Speaker. The way our revenue collection structure is arranged or organized, it was designed in such a way it cannot perform.

Number two, Madam Speaker, you would find a director of revenue in-charge who reports in terms of revenue, and every other revenue streams have got a director. And the question one would ask is what would a director who is in the same rank with you, how do you command. In civil service it does not work like that.

Therefore, structurally the way the revenue was organized was on how it will not perform simply because people had invested interest and Nairobians expect a lot from us. We were elected in this House; we saw to protect the Constitution of this country.

Madam Speaker any sensible person in this House who does not support this is an enemy of Nairobians.

*(Applause)*

I would also like to point out a few issues. The challenge we are facing is because we are using a very outdated system. The local government developed that in 1998 whereby local authority was a department in local government. The performance of the local government during that time was very narrow. This is a County Government with so many devolved functions and with so much expectations from Nairobians in terms of services and there is no way that the outdated systems that were used in 1998 can be able to render financial services for a modern-day digital age. So many have changed in term of technology as we are paying by Mpesa, Visa and so many other channels of payments.

Therefore, Madam Speaker the reason I am supporting this legal framework is because it is paving way for a more elaborate and a versatile system that can be able to address the challenges of modern-day errors.

The second reasons why this county has been failing it is the culture. When this enactment of the new Constitution was coming up and was in place we were seconded and I was one of the pioneers of the county government and that time I was in the Executives. We were seconded and the first thing we were addressing as the people from the national government was culture because the council mentality and the national government on the ways of doing things were very different and so to speak Nairobi has never changed as it operates in a council era style. The way things are done in City Hall is the way they were done even before and that is not the way the Government works. Therefore, the culture itself is something that needs radical reform and the only way to do it is through the direction we are taking it.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, I would also want to support the way the Member Hon. Ogada has said, it is goodwill; we want to give services to the Nairobian but we lack goodwill because somebody seated somewhere might decide this is good or not. Therefore, political goodwill was lacking and I want to applaud NMS the steps it has taken so that through this framework I know we shall have a well-elaborated system. The reality is that the task ahead is very noble, time is short but as sensible Members of this House, we shall do whatever it takes so that we will be part of the people who are writing the history of the County. Thank you Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I stand here to support this motion. The Chairman of ICT said very well that this is not a contract but a policy document. When you look at the same page, Hon. whip said and I would like to quote *'that the report of those County by Kenya Bureau of Statistics indicates that the Nairobi share of GDP remains at 21.7% but the County Government is growing below the national average of the GDP'*.

Hon. Speaker, since the analysis, which was done very well by the former vice chair Hon. Karani, the inspection of this new government found the collection of Revenue at Kshs 12 billion and rates were not

increased by that time. The paper that was tabled by Hon John Kamangu on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 was passed in this House for increasing rates to the residents of Nairobi except parking which was waived. Looking at the policy document and looking at the way it has been done you will notice that this is the best document that you can ever have. I believe the Majority Leader was trying to behave abnormally as the way the Hon. CS. Kagwe says that if you behave abnormally then the disease will behave abnormally to you. Therefore, if the Leader of Majority wants to behave abnormally in this House we will not allow it.

Hon. Speaker, the precedents have been set in the report and even at the recommendation which says that the County Executive Member should terminate the existing system which was done in 1998 as we are in the year 2020 and we are talking about 22 years. The same system which was used by the county government by then the local government is the same system that is been used. My Hon. Whip talked about ICRMS, which is the company that was awarded a contract and as I was trying to find out through my Google it was formed in 2013, 12 June and it is based in Mumbai and the owner of this company is Rajam Kamal. Therefore, you can see how these things are working.

**Hon. Speaker:** For purposes of informing us properly what is ICRMS.

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** ICRMS.

**Hon. Speaker:** That is the name of the Company?

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Yes, [the company] which was awarded.

**Hon. Speaker:** Are those abbreviations?

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** It is called Integrated Credit and Risk Management System. Therefore, this company is not based even in Kenya, it is based in Mumbai. The company is only seven years, one month and four days old to manage a system of collecting revenue in Nairobi City County and it is not even based in Kenya. That is why you saw a lot of pressure....

**Hon. Speaker:** So that you do not bring confusion, is that the system of the Executive or it is which system?

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Hon. Speaker, I am speaking about the system, which my Minority Whip has said that has been award a tender, two nights ago. You can clarify that but I have done more research and am sure that this company does not exist in Kenya, it has a small office in Parklands where Hon. Omal comes from. The director of this company is not based in Kenya that is why you saw that there was a problem and confusion.

Hon. Speaker, the confusion came as somebody from Mumbai has promised somebody something and then they have a shuttle office. Then they bring confusion in the policy document. If this is the way, we are going to live then there will be a problem in this country and I would like to be part of history. The system can only work when people are honest to themselves. if you see such a report that we are going to collect a Kshs 118 billion then we can be able to fund Kiambu, Kajiado and Machakos because this county has a lot of money.

I have recommended that this is the best system and it will collect Kshs 118 billion. As you can imagine that if Nairobi collects Kshs 118 billion then we should not be having potholes in the city and water problems, even we should not be having slums. I do not know why some people have the mentality that

some individuals want to be bigger than others. No we should do like the way other countries are doing like in US, UK and in South Africa where systems work.

As I support the Committee what they did including I must appreciate myself, the county Executive have been given 60 days to bring a framework and report which will be tabled again in this House to ensure that the same policy document works with whatever recommendation this House gives.

Hon. Speaker, everyone here was elected and no one here came by being told 'come and be a Member of the Assembly'. We were all elected including the Hon. Speaker whom we elected with a majority of 90 votes; therefore, no one will tell us that they are bigger than other one since we have 85 wards and we represent our people. Out of 85 wards we have special elect Members who have been proven by the parties.

Therefore, that confusion must end in this House and let us respect each other. Despite been the Deputy Minority Whip it does not mean I will bring disrespect to my colleague Hon. Azangu who is my pioneer Member as he has been elected three times which is not a joke. Therefore Hon. Speaker as I sit down I believe the chairman of Budget as he has have given the recommendations, the same recommendation again will be brought into this assembly and I believe the people from Mumbai who want this system should forget about it. Hon. Speaker, I beg to support.

**Hon. Mary Mwami:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, I stand to support this report, which I was part of and I do not only support it because I was part of but it is because this is what we need in our era so that Kenyans can get service for what they give taxes for. It just takes some of us who have been out of this country, almost all of us, that their system works. People pay taxes and they get the work done for them. When I was in the USA in 2019 I travelled from New York City to Birmingham (Alabama) by bus and from Alabama to Texas by bus because I wanted to see how the country looks like. To tell you the truth I never meet a pothole in this country. People pay taxes and the frustration is we have a system where the money goes and people do not get work for the taxes that they pay.

I stand here to support this because it is a document and if well implemented it will be able to go a long way in making sure that we collect taxes but at the same time Kenyans to use these taxes. On Page 19 of the document, there is another very important document and that has not just been thought by a few people who are in this Committee. We have an Institute of Economic Affairs this is a very international economic affair organization, which does such things for the government like in the USA, UK and so on. It says, "*The Institute of Economic Affairs on its review of the country's revenue potential found out that the county is operating below 50% of its revenue capacity*". For me that is very important. We are supposed to get Kshs 100 billion or over Kshs 100 billion as our Minority Whip told us but now we get around Kshs 50 billion and we can see a billion shillings would go a long way in doing many great things in this city and whole country.

Therefore, I stand here to support this and I know the things that have been discussed in detail is on page 18 which is on personnel revenue collection. Which you find that we have people who wear yellow jackets, but what the report says is that "*lead to low revenue collection as the county is forced to deploy more revenue enforcers who do not have the requisite skills, in areas such as revenue potential*".



assessment for the casting cost of collection and so on". We also cannot be able to collect the revenue that is why we have sought out somebody that can be able to come in and set up systems that work.

What I am glad of is that this thing did not originate with the county assembly; it originated with our Governor once he went to State House and handed over. Part of what he handed over was Kenya Revenue Authority will take over the collection of this and it would go a long way because a Kenya Revenue is an experienced entity of our government which will be able to bring in personnel that can collect this money.

When I was growing up and when we went to a city council clinic you could get free medicine and treatment because I was staying near Westland's near Safaricom. Right now we do not have that this revenue. It is going into people pockets and that is not right and so I stand here to support this. It is a document, it is not the one that will be able to give out the tenders, the tenders will come in. I think our people may be misinformed that we are going to get some tenders, they should be informed that this is another process altogether. But we want systems that will be put in place with proper personnel that will be able to collect revenues. Therefore, Nairobian will be able to get the services they deserve. Not only in Nairobi but the whole country, since 60% of the Kenyan GDP depends on Nairobi.

I keep wondering what I got into by being here. When I stand before my students at the university, I keep telling them that we want servant leadership and people of integrity. This goes to Nairobian, let us choose men and women of integrity if we want anything to be done for them. Otherwise, you will be going on in circles because whoever you chose to take care of your resources which includes tax, means you will get out of it. If I am not worth being chosen, don't chose me, chose men and women of integrity that stand for something. If they don't stand for something, when they are called and given few coins, they get too excited and want things to go their own way. It is just not about us but for future generations.

When I was returning back to Nairobi from my village in Western Kenya after visiting my grandmother when I was young, I saw the hills covered with trees. Some leaders decided that they cut down Mau Forest. When I am not wearing a shawl and legwarmers now in Nairobi--- We have changed the climate of this country and it is not good for the future generations. It is because of the type of leadership we have put in place. Mau Forest is the catchment area that holds the system. By this time, my hair would be looking white because it could be having things falling on it. Let us chose men and women of integrity.

I would like to thank my Chair and the Chair of ICT, this is a good job. We are looking forward to this being implemented. I am proud unlike the other time when I stood and said that I did not want to be part of the Education Committee. I am proud that Hon. Imwatok put me in Budget Committee because I will be part of this one. Thank you so much.

**Hon. Speaker:** Three minutes, Hon. Themendu. Use the next mic.

**Hon. Jeremiah Themendu:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to support the document here. The committees of Energy, ICT, and Budget have done a good job by bringing this Sessional Paper No 1 of 2020 on Framework for Revenue Collection and Management in Nairobi County.

First, I would like to say that this policy framework paper is not about an individual but Nairobian. What I have heard from many members who have spoken previously, the revenue collection in Nairobi County has been falling. Now, we have gotten the medicine of curing the same.

Hon. Speaker, as I support the report, there are some people somewhere who I will not mention. They are sabotaging the work that is being done by the NMS. I would like to remind them that the NMS train left the station long time ago and cannot be stopped by anybody.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Speaker, for the betterment of Nairobians, we must support the NMS and the President of the Republic of Kenya, so that Nairobians can enjoy the taxes that they pay. They woke up very early to elect us. We should not come here and just watch as their revenue is going to waste. Someone wants to hold us hostage and making sure that nothing is happening in Nairobi. As Jubilee Party, we are going to support whatever is brought here concerning the NMS and Nairobians at large. Let no one there lie to himself that he is going to hold our Speaker hostage or gag the committees from doing their work.

I have seen here what they did using Article 196. They even engaged the stakeholders, that is the public participation, and brought to us complete report. I beg to support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Mover?

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to thank the House for the deliberations they have made. I have been keen to listen to any kind of opposition but I have not heard. I want to thank the members who have stayed until this time just to ensure that this piece of legislation goes through the motion and is passed. There have been many requests for people to speak but you still have to guide the debate and has to end at some point. I salute those members.

Madam Speaker, because of your good leadership, your leaders ensured that I now have a nest in the precincts. I get all manner of visitors. Just before I came, I remember Hon. Njihia had brought in Hon. Karani and Hon. Ngaruiya. They told me that we are supporting this thing and not to worry.

*(Applause)*

Earlier on when we were doing the report and what I should say, the Clerks asked me if I had mobilized. I told them there is nothing to mobilize about, we will take the report as it is, and if anyone feels we are not doing the right thing, they will as well do the necessary. I can see from what the members have said, there is a lot of positivity and direction.

Madam Speaker, the challenges that we are facing so far are the low revenue, low compliance, poor customer database, and pending bills. The morale of the staff who are supposed to collect revenue for this County is demoralized. They don't have any reason to wake up and work overtime. The markets even operate 24hours. We are not sure if they are paid overtime or not. That is why we are saying, having a framework that is going to strengthen how we do revenue collection is key.

Madam Speaker, we have gotten reports, including from NBK saying they have a running contract. It is good we had a chance to interrogate the CECM for ICT and the County Secretary. There reasons and arguments were valid. But the question is, how are they ensuring that enhancement of revenue is a continuous process? How are they ensuring that whatever we have is integrated? We do not even know the total land register of this County. By having an integrated system together with the Ministry of Lands,

we can be able to tell what kind of parcels are here and bring all that revenue back to the County so that we can be able to do much more.

Madam Speaker, enforcement is the key aspect of ensuring revenue is collected. But again, it needs to be better structured. We need to strengthen the backend operations of revenue collection. As we adopt this policy, it is not an end in itself. We have created an avenue for continuous amendment to improve it as things go by so that as my colleagues are saying about the year 1998, when we are talking about 2020. If there are issues that we didn't see in 2021, there is a provision for us to be able to improve it and capture the new revenue of that time. So, this framework is important. I feel sad when we miss the moment because I have some scores to settle with you.

Madam Speaker, I thank the members. As I happen to Chair the Budget, we are talking about the Finance Bill. How do we ensure that the Bill is passed with all these things captured so that we don't go back and forth? We need to have a roundtable discussion with the Executive, together with KRA because they are the ones who appointed them, as well as the NMS. As we do a Finance Bill, a lot of parking spaces have been taken by the non-motorized transportation. Where are they projecting that they can add revenue so that we cover the gaps? They have their plans.

I thank the stakeholders who came out to have a discussion with us and our secretariat who were able to put this thing together. We are going to have these discussions moving forward. I suggest that as we close, these discussions become continuous. When it now comes to the system implementation, the Budget Committee might not even want to forward our committee there. The ICT is capable.

I heard the former Mayor talk about as early as 2005 that KRA was there. They have that institutional memory. The Committee has the capacity to do those things. We are happy for them. We will do our own budget and leave the leadership to do their bit. All we can do for them is to support them where they feel they need support. When they feel that we are not doing a better job, let us not behave like we are competing. All these things we are doing is for the benefit of Nairobianians. I am refusing to go to my elderly speech because I was mentioned today, but I feel there is a better way of reasoning our issues.

With all those many remarks, I thank members for allowing us take this process up to the end. I beg to reply, thank you.

*(Applause)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Point of order)*

**Hon. Speaker:** What is the point of order for?

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Madam Speaker, I wish to stand on a point of order under Standing 56 (h) on motion of privilege. That is how parliamentarians work, they know what they do.

### **MOTION OF PRIVILEGE**

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Madam Speaker, I look on both sides of the coin. I feel it is important if you allow us, through your able leadership, to discuss this matter of our County with the Central Bank. I don't

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have anything in my pocket because my privilege to earn a salary has been curtailed. As you are aware, we are now at the close of the financial year. We have tried all we could as leadership to make sure that our accounts at Central Bank are open. Currently, our account at the Central Bank, I saw on the social yesterday being aired by the journalist, an individual has held an institution called Nairobi City County Assembly into hostage.

Madam Speaker, we will not be afraid to name them because this is the period where an individual who is earning cannot afford to stay without an earning. We are on a period of COVID 19, assume I have three wives, the president signed a bill allowing polygamy, how many kids do I have? How many in-laws do I have? The effects of COVID 19 is not only affecting me but it affects down to my siblings.

The Central Bank of Kenya, where all the Kenyan money are disbursed, has decided that an individual is more important than an institution. Currently, I am reliably informed as the leader of this Assembly, that we have no rights of mandate to even execute a simple mandate to pay members and staff because of a person by the name Ngwele whom we removed from this Assembly. The courts agreed that indeed there was no procedure in employment of Mr. Jacob Ngwele. An order was issued and currently we are in the process of recruiting new Clerk.

It is perturbing that the Central Bank of Kenya cannot honour a court order just because of an individual called Mr. Marete is very close to the former Clerk's lawyer, Mr. Muthomi. He decides that he cannot respect the employees of the County Assembly but respect an outsider.

Madam Speaker, I want us as members to discuss this. The staff before us here have families to feed. We are not only leaders in our wards but also their leaders. Therefore, when Mr. Marete, a director at the Central Bank, decides that he can only listen to Mr. Jacob Ngwele without listening to more than 600 families, that is blasphemy. Sometimes we are frustrated fighting over something which is not there. We are fighting someone who was called to a hotel and given Kshs.3 million. Back at home, you have nothing for you kids. It is not something easy. A psychologist like Hon. Ariviza can understand this, she knows the mindset of a human being.

I move this motion that we discuss this. What is the way forward? If the Central Bank of the Republic of Kenya can deny an institution its rightful share of money, what else is left for us? Madam Speaker, I beg to move.

**Hon. Speaker:** Minority Whip you know it was a special sitting and it had a time. My biggest worry is, when I look at the time it has really gone. I know it is an issue that affects all of us. I would have wished the Board Member, my Vice Chair, would have spoken about that. As he raised a point of order, I wished he had talked more importantly about the Central Bank because it is a matter that I am also worried about. I want to plead that since the time has gone, we can all have a press conference tomorrow so that we can talk about this matter.

*(Applause)*

Let us agree that at 10:00 a.m., we arrive here, prepare a good statement and call the media so that we talk about it. Are we in agreement?

**Hon. Members:** Yes.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I want to thank you and the team that prepared the policy. We shall bind it and handover to the relevant authority.

There being no any other business, the House adjourns to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

**The House rose at 4:38 p.m.**