



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker (Ms Immapet Kemunto) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Clerk, check if we have the quorum.

(Clerk-at-the Table confirmed there was no quorum)

Serjeant-at-Arms, could you ring the bell for ten minutes?

(Quorum bell was rung for ten minutes)

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

(Quorum bell was rung for further five minutes)

Clerk, proceed!

MOTION

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Millicent Jagero.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY YOUTH HUB AND RESOURCE CENTRE

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Thank you, Madam Speaker. AWARE that Article 55(b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 requires the State take measures, including affirmative action programmes, to ensure that the youth have opportunities to associate, be represented and participate in political, social, economic and other spheres of life; noting that the current population of Nairobi City County according to the Kenya 2019 Census is estimated at 4.39 million, with 2,192,452 (49.8%) being male, 2,204,376 (50.1%) being female, out of whom 1.9 Million being youths between 18-35 years of age and constituting 43% of the population in Nairobi County; concerned that 60% of youths in the County were recorded to be unemployed as per the Census Report of 2019, a situation that is expected to worsen with the misfortunes of COVID-19; acknowledging that the existence of the Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) program both at the National and County level which seeks to provide for a fair equitable, transparent and

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cost-effective public procurement of goods and services by ensuring 30% of Government Procurement is set aside for the enterprises owned by the youth, women and persons with disabilities and in line with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015; disturbed that despite such measures by the Government to provide such opportunities to youth, many youth registered outfits are yet to benefit fully from the same due to lack and/or delayed access to relevant information and knowledge because of unavailability of centralized and structured manner of disseminating information to the youth; further disturbed that there is low uptake and response whenever government calls for application of opportunities such internships, contracts and other government assignments for the youths due to lack of structured communication hub and bureau for the youths in the County; this Assembly urges the Nairobi Metropolitan Service (NMS) in liaison with the Nairobi County Executive to secure, renovate, equip and staff the isolated Youth Hub and Resource Centre situated at the Hilton Park, in front of the Hilton Hotel, next to the City Hall Way and Moi Avenue junction, that would see the Youth benefit on the following Services:-

- i) Link and dissemination of youth service and opportunities at the National and County Level;
- ii) Custody of youth Database at the County level;
- iii) Facilitate engagement of youth with the County Executive on implementation of National Policy; and
- iv) Coordination of Public Participation and collections of views relating to youths.

Madam Speaker, Article 55 of the Constitution on matters pertaining youth is very clear. This is not being implemented in this country at both the County and National level. This resource centre will help the youth in this country in various ways. Being the custody of youth database at the County level, it will act as a go in between the youths, the County Government and National Government. In coordination of the public participation and collection of views relating to the youths, the PPP will ensure that the views of the youth have been captured and presented to the relevant authorities.

Currently, you find that public participation is not being looked at widely, and when advertisements comes out, very few offices receive the information. You will find that within the community, administration areas manned by chiefs, gets such kind of information but most youth do not frequent those offices. So, the information will remain there and not be disseminated to the majority of the youths. In addition, through this hub, monitoring and evaluation will be eased and the youth will be able to monitor the projects and evaluate them.

Madam Speaker, we also note that the importance of this resource centre will be to provide a safe haven for the young people in that area so that they can be able to sharpen their skills and knowledge on different spheres of life. It will also help shape their life in terms of career choice and promote a sense of ownership and freedom of expression for various social and economic lines within their lives. Through freedom of expression, they will be able to express themselves on issues touching on them. This will also help educate them as materials will be provided for them to read and help link them to the outside world. The centre will also advocate for strategic engagements of the youth through empowerment, education and employment. It will act as an empowerment centre through the officers assigned to those offices.

Lastly Madam Speaker, engaging the youth is no longer a choice in this country but an imperative in the development process. Once we fully involve the youth in programmes pertaining to County and

National level then the country will grow as so will the youths. It will break their idleness and keep them busy as the hub and resource centre will keep them busy at all times. With this, I call on Hon. Silas Matara to second the Motion.

Hon. Silas Matara: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. I wish to congratulate you on the handling of this session. I would also like to congratulate the mover of this Motion, Hon. Jagero. I rise to support it with the following reasons. As it is, the exiting youth resource centre located at the Hilton Park, if not used to the maximum, will be a waste. That resource cost the previous Government money to put up. I do not know how the Executive is going to fit in this with the entry of the NMS as far as youth issues are concerned. I hope that with the efficiency with which NMS conducts its business, it is going to take up the matter and ensure that the input of this Motion is achieved.

We need to take cognisance of the fact that youth are the most vulnerable members of our society. They get themselves involved in crime and some are unemployed. A research was done stating that there are youths who are going to be born in this country and will never get employment or any business opportunity. By creating the resource centres, we are creating opportunities for online business, such as KCB Ajira Programme. So, if the youth find a place with equipment to use, then they will get assistance. This will also keep them busy as they will be actively engaged in productive activities. The resource centre will also create a learning opportunity for them through skills transfer and open up their minds. You realize that most youth do not have smartphones to enable them access online content. So, the resource center is going to create opportunities for them and they going to keep away from these social things like drug abuse, crime and overuse of alcohol.

As an Assembly, most of the youths are the ones who voted us the elected Members of this House, we came to this House because of what they did at the ballot. So, it is important that we treat this matter with the urgency that it deserves and urge the Executive to implement with the resources that the County has or the ones we are going to allocate to them.

Hon. Speaker, as I finalize, bear in mind that a society is judged by the way it treats the vulnerable members of its community. The youth being part of the disadvantaged members of the community, if they benefit, then we will have something to write home about as an Assembly. With that, I beg to second. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Thank you very much, I rise to support this Motion. I would like, to take this opportunity to thank the one who came with this idea and also the mover of this Motion.

Madam Speaker, my worry and concern is that the resource center was once functioning but later it was isolated. I want to register my worry whether the premise has exchanged ownership.

This is a very good Motion and it is my prayer that it can be implemented and also devolved to our wards. I was listening to Hon. Matara when he was seconding the Motion, he said that our youth are abusing drugs and if it can be devolved it can be of much help. I therefore support the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Jared Akama on Zoom! Hon. Mary Mwami!

Hon. Mary Mwami: The youth are part and parcel of the community that we live in and it is important for us not only to have affirmative action but also should put in place policies that will make their

lives much better. We need to have the affirmative action by making their livelihood better and by making sure that our County Government has affirmative action so that they can employ about a third of women. This calls for affirmative action to include women and people living with disability, but in this case I am talking about women. I think we should have also a small kitty, and I think it is Hon. Kanario who said that we should have a fund where these women and youth can be financed to start small businesses.

This affirmative action should also be seen in the way we bring up our girls to women so that our young people can learn positively from us so that they can grow to learn to love their wives, husbands and children. I really support affirmative action whereby we are proud to be women in leadership and we will be able to pass what is necessary. And when we are in our homes if we are mothers and if we are in intelligence, we live with integrity, honour and respect. We carry ourselves and our cares in such a manner so as to bring integrity among us.

I stand to support this Motion and thank you so much Hon. Jagero for coming up with this Motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mark Mugambi? Hon. Fredrick Okeyo? Any other Member on Zoom who want to contribute? Mover!

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Thank you, Madam Speaker and all Members who contributed to this noble Motion. I want to quote Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 on National Principles and Values of Governance. I quote; '*Sharing in the devolution of power, democracy and participation of the people, equity, inclusivity, nondiscrimination and sustainable development*'.

Once we will have this hub and resource center, we will be able to realize all these. Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Thank you, Madam Speaker. THAT pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 28 and 29(3), this Assembly adjourns until Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 9.30 am in accordance with the calendar of the County Assembly.

I beg to move. Thank you. I call upon Hon. Jagero to second.

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Madam Speaker, I rise to second the Motion in support of it. June has been a very busy month and Members need to have some rest while doing legislation in their respective wards. They also need to sit with their electorates so that they can engage more. I rise to second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Members. Hon. Cecilia Ayot? Hon. Matara?

Hon. Silas Matara: Thank you Madam Speaker. As you are aware that the elected Members need to go to their respective wards to conduct surveys and get to be together with their constituents and engage them, know what their problems are, or what projects are being implemented, and also the Special

Elect can be able to go and get views and engage the sectors of the committees that they get to represent. With that, I beg to support the Motion.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Mover.

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported the Motion. Madam Speaker, as you are aware, it is just the other day we did issuance of bursary forms. I know that in these two weeks the Hon. Members will have time to mingle with their electorates and also to make sure that they complete the issuance of bursaries. With that, I take this opportunity to wish all Members good time during the short recess. Thank you. I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, there being no other business, let us meet on Tuesday July 13th 2021, this month, at 9.30 a.m.

The House rose at 3.25 p.m.