

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. John Kamangu) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Clerk, can you confirm if we have a quorum for us to start the meeting?

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

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: I understand that we do not have a quorum. Sergeant– at- Arms please ring the bell for ten minutes. I would like to request the ones who are in the chamber to log in so that we can get the quorum.

(Quorum bell rung for ten minutes)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Clerk proceed. We have attained the quorum.

PAPERS

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: The Leader of Majority on behalf of Chair of Trade and Tourism! Hon. Peter Wanyoike: I thank you Mr. Speaker and I beg to lay the report of the Sectoral Committee on Trade Tourism and Cooperatives on Workshop held from 20th to 23rd May 2021 at the Travelers Beach Hotel, Mombasa. I beg to lay Mr. Speaker.

(The Paper was laid on the Table of the Assembly)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Deputy Majority. Clerk, you can proceed because we have not received other reports.

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Sorry I have another Paper to lay. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 131(4) I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today, Thursday 23rd September 2021:

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The Report of the Sectoral Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on the Consideration of the Nairobi City County Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Management and Control Bill, 2019.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay.

(The Paper was laid on the Table of the Assembly)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Abdi Hassan or any representative of the Majority Leader? Hon. Wanjiru Kariuki: Hon. Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion: THAT aware that the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution under paragraph four provides for the functions and powers of County governments as amongst others cultural activities, public entertainment and public amenities including county parks, beaches and recreational facilities. Recognizing that parks and green spaces occupy a critical place in the urban environment, providing opportunity for recreation and wellness as well as environmental management and sustainability for urban communities. Observing that in furtherance of this critical role of Nairobi City County currently retains, operates and maintains various parks and green spaces including Uhuru Park, Cetral Park, Michuki Memorial park and green spaces including Jeevanjee gardens, Jamhuri Park, Uhuru Park and many others. Welcoming that the rehabilitation and retrofitting of urban parks and green spaces in Nairobi City County is a Presidential legacy project, which needs the full support of the County. Regretting that the status of some of the parks and green spaces has weighed over decades as maintenance and renovation has not kept pace with growth in the urban population and demands for use of the parks by city residents. Deeply concerned that the parks of historical and national significance such as Uhuru Park and Central Park risk losing their international appeal, recognition and status giving the neglect they have suffered and state of disrepair of facilities and amenities. Noting that while the Nairobi Metropolitan Services has invested heavily in the renovation of Michuki Memorial Park which investment has greatly boosted the usage of the park with ever-greater numbers vising the refurbished park on a daily basis. The same has not materialized for Uhuru Park and Central Park which remain in a state of disrepair. Now thereof, disturbed that if the state of disrepair of Uhuru Park and Central Park is not remedied then that parks risk losing their appeal, historical significance and recognition. This Assembly resolves as follows;

- The Nairobi City County Executive and the Nairobi Metropolitan Services urgently coordinate
 and immediate notification to the members of the public of the closure of Uhuru Park and Central
 Park for the purpose of carrying out rehabilitation and retrofitting taking into account the interest
 and wellbeing of stakeholders who carry out certain licensed activities in the parks with a view
 of restoring;
 - a) Modern aesthetics for recreational areas
 - b) Facilities for outdoor events
 - c) Botanical spaces; and all such related undertakings as they are essential to return the two parks to their former glory.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Clerk, proceed.

STATEMENTS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COUNTY SPECIFICALLY WITHIN THE FORT JESUS ESTATE WITHIN WOODLEY/KENYATTA WARD

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mwangi Njhia or his representative?

Hon. Peter Wanyoke: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to request for a statement pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c) from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Environment and Natural Resources regarding the drainage and sewerage infrastructure in the county specifically within the Fort Jesus Estate within Woodley/Kenyatta Ward.

Hon. Speaker, sewers are vital components of urban infrastructure that assist to keep the urban environment safe from flooding and prevent the spread of water borne diseases by safely transporting waste water to the designated safe points.

Hon. Speaker, the sewerage system in front of the estate is broken down hence there is occasional bursting of the system that often lead to spillage into residential areas resulting to possibility of outbreak of water borne diseases like cholera among the residents.

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

- 1. Measures that the Nairobi Metropolitan Services has put in place to rectify the broken down sewerage infrastructure especially within Fort Jesus Estate within Woodley Ward; and
- 2. Measures that the NMS has put in place to install functional sewerage infrastructure in places that have none across the county.

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was requesting on behalf of Hon. Mwangi Njihia.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Deputy Majority Leader. Chair of Environment committee John Kamau, are you there? Vice Chair or any Member of Environment? Hon. Wanjiru are you a Member of the Committee?

Yes, am a Member. Yes, fourteen days Hon. Speakers.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: The one representing Hon. Mwangi, are you comfortable with fourteen days?

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: I am comfortable.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: You are comfortable with fourteen days; okay thank you.

BILL

(Second reading)

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY EVICTIONS, RESETTLEMENT AND DEMOLITION CONTROL BILL, 2020 (ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4 OF 2020)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon Jayendra Malde are you there, MCA Parklands. He seems to be in India but not in Kenya, because he is not in. I think we shall commit it to the House Business Committee for the reallocation since he not there. Thank you very much.

(The Bill deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Members, there being no other business the House stands adjourned until Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. God bless you all.

The House rose at 3.05 p.m.

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