



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

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Tuesday 29th March 2022

The House met at 9.30 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM

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

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

Serjeant-at-Arms, kindly ring the bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell was rung for ten minutes)

Hon. Ngengi, you must respect the House. Switch off your phone.

We have not gotten the quorum. Sergeant-at-Arms, please, ring the bell for another five minutes.

Hon. Members, mobilize your friends and tell them to join the link.

(Quorum bell was rung for further five minutes)

I think we have the quorum now. Thank you very much Members. Clerk, proceed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF MAJORITY LEADER FOR THE LOSS OF FAMILY MEMBERS

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: As you are aware, our Majority Leader, Hon Guyo, lost four members of his family. I would like to take this opportunity to say *pole* to the family. I would like to request Hon. Members to stand with and pray for his family as they mourn. Thank you. Clerk, Proceed

BILL

First Reading

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ACCOUNTABILITY BILL, 2022 (ASSEMBLY BILL NO.4 OF 2022)

(Order for First Reading read accordingly)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you. I commit this to the Labour Committee for further action. Clerk, proceed.

MOTION

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Daniel Muturi Ngengi.
CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND UNVEILING OF A STATUE IN HONOUR OF THE LATE KENNETH
MATIBA

Hon. Daniel Muturi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THAT, aware that Article 186 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, and paragraph 5 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution provide for the functions and powers of County Government on County transport including county roads, street lighting, public road transport traffic and parking; further aware that the Country has since independence been honouring her eminent citizens who have had remarkable contribution to the development of the Republic by not only naming or renaming facilities or roads after them but also unveiling of statues that offer constant reminiscence and recollection of their unique attributes; observing that by honouring them in such a manner is a national expression of gratitude for their outstanding deeds; appreciating that the County Assembly has in recent times moved to invoke its legislative and representation mandates to pass Motions urging for the recognition of such distinguished and illustrious citizens; Noting that there are heroines and heroes who have not only roads/streets named or renamed after them, but also statues unveiled in an elevated act of honour for instance, Dedan Kimathi, Tom Mboya and most recently, Ronald Ngala; acknowledging that the late Hon. Kenneth Matiba was among conspicuous persons in the second liberation which culminated into Kenya becoming a multiparty state and the commencement the clamour of the current celebrated Constitution 2010 alongside former Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga, the late Charles Rubia, the late Martin Shikuku and SC Paul Muite; further acknowledging that he has a remarkable record in industrial, hospitality and education sectors, and an accomplished public servant having served as the first indigenous African Permanent Secretary for Education in 1963; Permanent Secretary for Commerce; Chairperson of the Kenya Football Federation from 1974-78; a Member of Parliament for Kiharu constituency; Cabinet Minister for Health; Culture & Social Services; and Transport & Communications; appreciating that as a result of his distinguished stature in the society of Kenya, he was in 2021 honoured by Nairobi City County Assembly which passed a Motion to have Accra Road renamed after him; recognizing that heroes and heroines in whose honour statues have been installed and unveiled have their personalities, character, outstanding abilities and distinguished deeds more accentuated and memorized locally, this Assembly urges the County Executive in conjunction with the Nairobi Metropolitan Services to construct, install and unveil the statue of late Kenneth Matiba along the recently renamed Kenneth Matiba Road as an act of elevated honour of the locally and globally celebrated legend of inspirational of the young generation.

Hon. Speaker, I think Hon. Matiba needs no introduction. Hon. Speaker whoever erects a statue or a monument, when they construct it, it is where a place is determined by how he defines the society. It is by no accident that monuments are erected, as these are deliberate acts, which are usually along avenues, outside public institutions and other areas of public engagement.

Hon. Speaker, statues are placed so that they can be a continued to enforce a certain social economic and political order so that the future generation can understand the history behind those statues.

Hon. Speaker we have a lot of young people who do not know who Kenneth Matiba or Mwai Kibaki was and in future, there will be people who will not know who Ngengi was. However, monuments are the ones that commemorate people who have done good enough to change society.

Hon. Speaker, greatness is seldom true unless there is a virtue that both friends and foes agree on about. One thing for sure, whether enemies or friends, we agree on the contribution that Kenneth Matiba did to this country and for society, because it is through him we enjoy the current constitution.

Therefore, Kenneth Matiba is a man of many accomplishments and many friends and foes eulogies him as a man of phenomenon courage. I remember having worked with Hon. Matiba in Ford Asili and is the only person who has ever inspired me politically. I have had a portion of tear gas here at Central Park when Matiba came back and I am one of those people who recognized Matiba. We had a name for him, and we used to call him Mzalendo because of his courage and what he did for us.

Hon. Speaker, it is rare that the most admirable of human virtues that Ernest Hemmingway defined as grace and pressure, among Matiba from the Mount Kenya community and this was a virtue and it was one of the most celebrated which he had a special place in the national collective memory.

Hon. Speaker, Matiba died as a warrior who stood up to the Nyayo dictatorship to breakdown its resistance and to democracy. I stand before you, courtesy of Hon. Matiba, because it is during this multiparty democracy some of us have found political space in our various parties otherwise we would be singing the same old single-party system, which getting nominated was such a problem. I remove my hat for respecting and honouring Hon. Matiba.

Hon. Speaker, there are many factors of importance played by the public monument in society. Number one, it is the importance it owes to the capacity to shape collective memory. Every time we pass by the Kenneth Matiba road, we can see the statue, not only his name. When you pass by and see a statue you recognize it.

Hon. Speaker, there is also the ability to embody simplified stories of the past and their power to serve as vehicles for the expression of gratitude. When I sit with my grandchild, as I am going to be a grandfather soon, I will be able to tell them about Kenneth Matiba and pass on stories. When they go by Kenneth Matiba road and see a statue, it will be a folktale to some of them because they have not experienced what we have experienced.

With that Hon. Speaker, we will be able to know where we are coming from or where we are going. We cannot know where we are going without knowing where we are coming from.

Therefore, I urge members of this House to support this motion to honour the late Kenneth Matiba as he worked alongside the people who retired like Right Hon. Prime Raila Odinga who is going to be the fifth president alongside Muliro, Senior Counsel Muite among others.

I, therefore, wish again to request and beg that this House fully support this motion...

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Move to the next microphone

Hon. Daniel Ngengi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. As we move to the 2022 elections, I wish all my brothers and sisters the best in the upcoming elections and pray that we all come back here but in the

event that does not happen, we leave a mark of heroes and heroines. I call upon Hon. Obuya to second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Obuya, Imara Daima, are you with us?

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: Hon. Speaker, can you hear me?

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: Hon. Speaker---

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: I cannot hear you Hon. Obuya

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: Hon. Speaker?

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: I can hear you

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: Hon. Speaker, I rise to second the Motion and to also send my condolences to our Majority Leader Hon. Guyo from the communication you made. In the many or few years that I have lived in this nation, I know Hon. Kenneth Matiba's contribution to the first liberation of this country speaks volumes. His contribution towards the second liberation on repealing of section 2(A) spoke volumes. I appeal to the Members to vote to the voice of reason and remember Hon. Kenneth Matiba by putting up a statute at the said location. I beg to second.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Are you done? Thank you very much

(Question proposed)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, does any of you want to contribute to the Motion? Please raise your hands and I will give you a chance

I believe that all Members are in unison with the Motion. I therefore request the mover of the Motion to reply.

Hon. Daniel Muturi: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hon. Obuya for seconding the Motion and honorable Members for supporting the Motion in silence. Hon. Speaker I believe this Motion will go a long way in reminding the future generations of where we have come from. We cannot have a future if we do not have a past.

I hope the County Executive will move with speed to implement this Motion by constructing, installing and unveiling the statue of the late Hon. Kenneth Matiba along the renamed Kenneth Matiba Road. With those few remarks, I beg to reply.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Ngengi.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. members, there being no other business, the House stands adjourned till 2.30 p.m. today. God bless you, thank you.

The House rose at 10:25 a.m.