

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY SECOND ASSEMBLY - FOURTH SESSION

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AT 2.30 P.M

- 1. The Assembly assembled at Thirty Minutes past Two O'clock.
- **2.** The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.

QUORUM OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Speaker having confirmed that there was quorum at the commencement of the Assembly called the Assembly to order.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR-

The Speaker conveyed the following communication: -

STRATEGIC RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY:

Hon. Members, I trust that we are all aware and appreciate that the Assembly is a creation of the Constitution and its mandate expressed vividly in the County Government Act, 2012. By having delegated powers and public trust from the people of Nairobi, much is expected from the Assembly in ensuring effective service delivery of service to the residents of Nairobi through Prudent Oversight, Responsive Representation and Robust Legislation.

Hon. Members, it is from that institutional vision that I humbly invite you for collaboration towards restoration of the Public trust bestowed upon us, in making this City great to live and work in.

Hon. Members, as you may recall during the morning Sitting I underscore the need for concerted approach towards accomplishment of the triple role and the mandate of the county by extension. We therefore recognize that H.E the president is anxious to see Nairobi city restored to its "City in the Sun" status. This is evident in his joint initiative with H.E the Governor to bring the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS) on board to enhance service

delivery with the support from the National Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). Accordingly, Hon. Member, the Public Finance, Management Act, 2012 places the responsibility of appropriation of funds for effective rolling out of funds of projects and programmes. In the present circumstance of the transferred functions, it will require adjustments in the normal functioning of structures and budget documents to reflect the new reality of multiplicity of entities.

However, Hon Members, in order to achieve the ultimate goals of service delivery through rolling out of projects, programs and intervention on the ground, I would urge that all the relevant committees to engage with their respective sectors, stakeholders with an aim of conducting a progress examination and stock taking on the deliverables, record challenges faced and table reports with recommendations therein for adoption by the Assembly. Hon. Members, I trust you are also aware of the current stalemate at the Senate concerning the passage of the Division of Revenue Bill that has seen many programs and activities stall in counties. We therefore urge the national leadership and the Senate to expedite the negotiation on the revenue formula to enable counties resume operations as trustee of people's power and interests.

ON COMMITTEE BUSINESSES:

Hon. Members, I understand that a number of Committees are processing Bills, for instance the Gender Based Violence Bill currently under Second Reading, the Finance Bill and Appropriations Bill anticipating introduction and not forgetting over five other Bills currently underdrafting stage. I thank you for the efforts. I trust that going forward, we will have Members sponsor more legislations geared towards transforming the City.

Hon. Members, the oversight role is at the heart of this Assembly and I want to encourage Committees to be thorough in examining the respective Sector operations and periodic reports on expenditure of budgets. By doing so, the Assembly will hold the sectors to account on utilization of budget allocations. We will therefore expect reports outlining the challenges and proposed relevant interventions to improve Sectoral performance.

ON SECURITY AND BUSINESS ENABLING ENVIRONMENT;

Hon. Members, one of the challenges that the County is facing is insecurity. We acknowledge the various initiatives by the County to curb crime including installation of the CCTV cameras, control room and regulation of the public transport sector. However, Hon. Member it is not enough to install, rather, it requires a deliberate effort to have a dedicated team to run the system and a constant upgrade of technologies. I thereforecall upon the sectoral Committees on Information Technology, Energy and Communication; and Justice and Legal Affairs to take up this matterensure the city is secure for the most needed 24-hour economy status.

ON PENDING BILLS;

Hon, Members, the County is grappling with settling the pending bills accruing from previous financial years. Indeed these bills have contributed to the retardation of efforts of initiation of transformative newprojects. Most of the said bills are debts that are owed to suppliers and contractors who delivered adequately on their respective assignments.

The Assembly, in Plenary and Committees, has made efforts to have this issue resolved. However, much more needs to be done to have this resolved. Hon. Members, we have done this in realization that Nairobi is a business City and by paying the contractors and suppliers, the County will be directly contributing towards good life for its enterprising citizens. It will also facilitate growth of businesses that are at the heart of revenues in the County. I want to therefore to join you in urging the concerned entity to adopt an expeditious model of settling the bills and adoptremedial policies that will encourage non-accumulation of pending bills going forward.

SPEAKER'S KAMUKUNJI

Hon. Members, the Office of the Speaker will be engaging all members in Speaker's Kamukunji, whose invitation, my office shall extend to you in due course. This will help in providing a platform for us as leaders to chatour way forwards and to address any issue that might affect the operations of the Assembly.

You will appreciate that the Speaker's Officer is and Should always be blind to party politics in the Assembly, but as a leader, when such situations arises, my office would always provide for Kamukunji toarbitrate and enable us iron out our issues in a decorous manner. Hon. Members, I call for unity of purpose amongst us and with our stakeholders.

I thank you Hon. Members.

4. PAPERS LAID –

The following papers were laid on the table of the assembly:

i. NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR THE YEAR 2021/2022;

(Leader of the Majority Party)

ii. NAIROBI CITY COUNTY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

(Leader of the Majority Party)

iii. THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND RULES ON THE AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS.

(Chairperson, Select Committee on Procedure and Rules)

5. NOTICES OF MOTION: - (HON. JOHN KAMANGU, CHAIR OF CHAIRS)

The following Notice of Motion was given: -

- I. THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND RULES ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE AMMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS.
- 6. STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDERS 45 (2) C:-

Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c) the following Members requested for Statements: -

i. Statement by Hon. Redson Otieno to the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing regarding alleged infighting for takeover of Socian Estate Embakasi Estate by a group dubbed Kiambu Dandora that is said to be in cahoots with the Deputy County Commissioner of Embakasi; (Response due in two weeks)

7. MOTION - ADOPTION OF REPORT

Motion Made and Question Proposed: -

THAT, this Assembly adopts THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND RULES ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE STANDING ORDERS, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday 8th, 2020.

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(Chairperson, Select Committee on Procedure and Rules)

Debate ensued; Mover replied; Question put and **Agreed to**.

8. ASSEMBLY ROSE - Forty minutes past Three O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Thursday, September, 10th, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

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