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FROM THE DESK OF THE HON. SPEAKER

Hon. Alex Ole Magelo

We at the Nairobi City County Assembly are happy with the tremendous progress we have made especially in legislation oversight and representation. Members are upbeat and ready to carry on with their legislative work. So far, we are looking forward to finishing our term.

However, there are a few challenges that we have faced especially when external factors come into play.

Occasionally, Kenyans have been treated to MCAs brawling but this has always been caused by external factors and not to do with members work.

There is a lot of progress we have made since the Nairobi City County Assembly was established but devolution has its own challenges.

When it comes to the conduct of members, I want to laud members of the Nairobi City County Assembly as the best behaved members .

The only issue is we have different personalities from different backgrounds and not everybody can be the same. The County Assembly MCAs and Staff are good people to work with. As we near the end of our term, I want to call upon all MCAs to work hard and ensure that with the little time remaining, there is development at the grassroots.

I want them to bring more bills and motions. I ask all members to coordinate more with the executive.

Since the current MCAs are the pioneers of

devolution and a majority of them are former councilors, I encourage them to do more and prove to the world that devolution has brought positive change to the Country.

But the biggest challenge to us as an Assembly has been the Salaries and Remuneration Commission. The SRC has let us down big time.

Nairobi MCAs do not have house allowance yet MCAs in other regions of the country have house allowances. The SRC has let down devolution. But the Commission on Revenue Allocation has done quite a lot. I am happy to note that when the County Assemblies were being frustrated by the Executive, the CRA allowed the County Assemblies to open their own bank accounts for smooth operations. Whereas the SRC has strangled devolution, the CRA has defended devolution.

Alex Ole Magelo

Nairobi City County Assembly Speaker



MESSAGE FROM OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Jacob Ngwele



I am happy and proud of the way the Assembly business has been conducted so far. As a Clerk, I am a public officer whose role is to manage the assembly on behalf of the public. According to the County Government Act Section 13, the functions and powers of a Clerk of Parliament shall, with necessary modifications, be the functions and powers of the Clerk of a county assembly. The Clerk is the accounting officer and carries out the administrative work of the assembly and he or she is also the chief advisor to the Assembly speaker.

The Nairobi City County Assembly has put structures in place that has helped in the smooth running of the county assembly.

When I reflect on the transition to devolution, when MCAs were elected, the Transition Authority simply sent clerks to the counties to swear in the county representatives. I was given a Bible and a Quran and asked to look for MCAs and swear them in. The room allocated as the assembly for city MCAs was the room that was used by former councilors and it could only accommodate 70 people. I had to ask to be given Charter Hall, which can accommodate at least more than 100 members.

I had to recruit staff, train the MCAs on what they are supposed to do and ensure the work structures and the physical structures are in place.

In September 2016, a new chamber was opened and the Nairobi City County Assembly Strategic Plan was launched. The strategic plan covers 2016 to 2021. However, it has not been a smooth ride as there have been many challenges. We were supposed to begin the Assemblies at optimal level start-up, but unfortunately we had to start at a low level.

The members were not ready for the work since most of

them did not understand what it entailed and there was no infrastructure. We were supposed to be given six months to prepare ourselves, but we had to begin immediately when we were not ready.

There has been a problem of finances. Getting money has been a problem since the Senate came in and brought ceilings in terms of what we can be given. Initially, assembly members did not understand the role of the clerk as the administrative head. Some members did not understand why the office of the clerk was so powerful, yet MCAs are elected and the clerk is appointed. This created a hostile working environment. For now, at least members understand the role of institutions. However, Kenyans need to ask themselves if after four years assemblies have achieved what they were supposed to.

The vibrancy at the Nairobi City County Assembly is good because the representatives have passed more than 30 bills. There was a motion to compel Ridgeways shopping mall to put up an acceleration lane to ease traffic on Kiambu Road after it was accused of causing traffic.

After the motion was passed, Ridgeways shopping mall complied and put up an acceleration lane and traffic can flow freely along Kiambu Road.

The County Assemblies need more money so that members are not compromised by the executive when carrying out their mandate.

The MCAs are doing a lot, especially in the budget-making process, as representatives of the people- but they need to be better remunerated in order to perform their role better. 🙏



EDITORIAL

Nairobi City County Assembly - Head of Communication and Media



Pauline Akuku

We at the Nairobi City County Assembly are proud to introduce to you the first edition of Bunge News. This is a magazine that showcases what City MCAs have achieved.

In this first edition, we highlight both the challenges and achievements City MCAs have made. Since the establishment of the Nairobi City County Assembly, there has been a lot that has transpired and affects City residents both negatively and positively.

Out of the 43 nominated MCAs, three are men and the rest women. The women MCAs have been able to bring into the County Assembly legislation's in regards to the support of the welfare of the girl child and women.

We have had motions compelling the County Government of Nairobi to give free sanitary towels to all school going girls.

The Women MCAs have also championed for the improvement of maternal services in the County. For the nominated male MCAs, they have worked hard to represent the youth and the disabled.

We have had motions to compel the County Government of Nairobi to give 30 percent of all procurement opportunities to the youth and the

disabled.

This is a great milestone that the youth and people living with disabilities in the County of Nairobi have been able to get a chance to better their lives by getting the tenders.

The women MCAs have also come up with the Nairobi City County Assembly women caucus that champions for women's interests.

We have also had the public participation where City residents have also been welcomed at City Hall to participate in the budget making process.

Initially the budget making process was a preserve of the executive but currently all residents have a chance to take part.

The Nairobi City County Assembly has also been a learning center for several students and legislators from neighboring Countries who have come to visit and learn from us.

I cannot also forget to thank the Hon. members for the tremendous work they have done. They have ensured that all City residents are well represented. It is therefore a great honor to welcome you as you flip through the pages of this first edition.



Briefs

Speaker warns reps against misusing Standing Order number 80

Nairobi City County Assembly speaker Alex Ole Magelo has occasionally warned MCAs against abusing Standing Order number 80.

Magelo has occasionally said some MCAs have been using the provisions in the standing order to bring up issues in the House that are not in the Order Paper.

Standing Order number 80 stipulates that by indulgence of the county assembly, a member may explain matters of personal nature, but he or she should not ask questions or have such matter debated.

Minority leader Abdi Guyo invoked the provision when he once said Cord leader Raila Odinga did not win in the March 4, 2013 polls. Guyos statement angered Cord MCAs and a fight broke out in the assembly chambers in April 2014.

What it takes to impeach a Governor

According to section 33 of the County Government Act of 2012, its simple to impeach a Governor. The Act says an MCA can move a motion, which must be supported by a third of all members, to impeach a governor by notice to the speaker.

The motion must then be voted for by two-thirds of all MCAs. Once the motion passes, the County Assembly Speaker will notify the Senate speaker.

The Senate then forms an 11-member committee to probe the matter where the governor is invited to defend himself.

The committee will then be required to present within 10 days a report in the House. The House will then vote for or against the Governor. The County Government Act sets an elaborate process that gives the Senate the final say on the removal of a governor.



City MCA takes time off politics

to celebrates his grandmother who turned 103 years.

MANY politicians seem to be having very little time for their families. However in October last year, Mihango MCA Paul Kados took time off politics and led family members and friends in celebrating his grandmothers 103 years. Kados who has served his constituents for the last 20 years as a councilor and now an MCA said that he was delighted to invite friends and relatives in celebrating the long life of the 103 year old lady -Scholastica Wamboi Kiguathi.

The old Scholastica is the mother of 79 year old Lucia Gathoni who is the mother of 55 year old MCA Paul Kados.

"It's not always good to converge at funerals and when there are crises. We need to come together

and take care of our families' despitite our busy political schedules," he said. Present during the celebrations at Kados Mihango home were Trans Nzoia county commissioner Seif Matata and Nairobi deputy county commissioner Ronald Kibaara and senior City Hall officials.

Kados told guests that he was happy to see his two sons see their grandmother and their great grandmother. "I am happy because my two grand children who are son and daughter of my sons have seen their great-great grandmother. As a family we thank God for Scholasticas long life. All this happens because of the grace of God and as a family, we have to thank God," he said.



Nairobi City County Assembly passes 45 bills



SESSION City MCA's during one of the sittings and Below, a view of Nairobi City County Assembly precincts.



The Nairobi City County Assembly has passed a record 45 bills since its inception in 2013. According to Speaker Alex ole Magelo, the Assembly has also achieved a lot by gazetting the assembly precincts. The Speaker said Nairobi was the first County Assembly to pass the Ward Development-Fund Bill, acquire and furnish ward offices for elected MCAs to enhance their representative role, and pass the Public Participation Bill, 2015.

"We have had several projects, which included the construction of the new state-of-the-art modern Chamber. The chamber was launched last year. We also launched the Nairobi City County Assembly Strategic Plan (2016-2021) in embracing the spirit of devolution and making it work by establishing the necessary structures to facilitate Assembly processes," Magelo said.

He added that the Assembly has established functional committees, human resource and facilities. It has also acquired state-of-the-art parking lot next to the Supreme Court to be used by honorable members and staff.

"The Assembly is glad to be acknowledged by the Kenya Revenue Authority for tax compliance," the Speaker said. However, according to Magelo, the assembly faces many challenges, including budget ceilings set by the Commission of Revenue Allocation and Finance Cabinet Secretary.

In March this year, all County Assemblies appeared before the Senate because of the new Public Finance Management regulations by Finance CS Henry Rotich that stipulated that the total budgets for County Assemblies should either be 7% of the total county budget or twice its personnel emolument, whichever is lower. "We also have a limitation on financial oversight role of County Assemblies. The new PFM regulations have stipulated that once budget estimates have been submitted to the County Assembly, the Assembly can only change 1% of the votes.



“We also lack adequate office space. The transition arrangements did not factor offices for the Nairobi City County Assembly and as a result the Executive occupies most of the offices at City Hall, leaving the Assembly with only two floors,” Magelo said. He added that there is poor perception by the public, some Members of Parliament and key constitutional commissions’ – such as the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, the Commission on Revenue Allocation and the Controller of Budget – on the roles, mandates and functions of County Assemblies. Sometimes the Senate encroaches on some legislative mandates of County Assemblies, such as considering the Outdoor Advertisement Bill; Early Education Bill and Self Help Association Bill, Magelo states. These are the preserve of County Assemblies, he adds. “A case worth mentioning is the lost baby at Pumwani Maternity Hospital in Nairobi where a Senate Committee considered it yet this was a preserve of the Nairobi City County Assembly,” the Speaker says. He also says the Senate Public Accounts Committee is scrutinising Audit reports from County Assemblies, leaving a vibrant County Assembly committee with little to do. This might create conflicting resolutions, Magelo says.



NEW LOOK The new Chambers

The bills passed by the Assembly are:

1. The Nairobi City County Taxi Bill, 2015
2. The Nairobi City County Community and Neighbourhood Association Engagement Bill, 2015
3. The Nairobi City County Public Participation Bill, 2015
4. The Nairobi City County Persons with Disability Bill, 2015
5. The Nairobi City County Dog Control and Welfare Bill, 2015
6. The Nairobi City County Finance Bill, 2015
7. The Nairobi City County Appropriation Bill, 2015
8. The Nairobi City County Ward Development Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2015

10. The Nairobi City County Fire and Rescue Services Bill, 2015
11. The Nairobi City County Disaster and Emergency Management Bill, 2015
12. The Nairobi City County Petition to County Assembly (Procedure) Bill, 2015
13. The Nairobi City County Urban Agricultural Promotional and Regulation Bill, 2015
14. The Nairobi City County Regulation of Developments Bill, 2015
15. The Nairobi City County Solid Waste Management Bill, 2014
16. The Nairobi City County Finance Bill, 2014
17. The Nairobi City County Urban Agricultural Promotion and Regulation Bill, 2014
18. The Nairobi City County Regulation of Developments Bill, 2014
19. The Nairobi City County Betting, Lotteries and Gaming Bill, 2014
20. The Nairobi City County Tax Waivers Administration Bill, 2013
21. The Nairobi City County Provisional Collection of Revenue Bill, 2013
22. The Nairobi City County Flags and other Symbols Bill, 2013
23. The Nairobi City County Alcoholic Drinks Control and Licensing Bill, 2014
24. Nairobi City County Public Nuisance Bill 2016
25. Nairobi City County Appropriation Bill 2016
26. Nairobi City County Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 2016
27. Nairobi City County Ward Development Bill (Amendment) 2016
28. Animal control bill and abattoirs management 2016
29. The Nairobi City County Supplementary, Appropriation bill, 2016
30. The Nairobi City County Plastic Control Bill, 2016
- 31) The Nairobi City County Attorney Bill, 2016
- 32) The Nairobi City County inspectorate Services Bill, 2017
- 33) The Nairobi City County Early Childhood Education Bill, 2017
- 34) The Nairobi City County Cultural Heritage Bill, 2017
- 35) The Nairobi City County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2017
- 36) The Nairobi City County Child Care Facilities Bill, 2017
- 37) The Nairobi City County Appropriation Bill, 2017
- 38) The Nairobi City County Sports Management Bill, 2017
- 39) The Nairobi City County Evictions, Demolitions and Resettlement Bill, 2017
- 40) The Nairobi City County Open Space Use and Maintenance Bill 2017
- 41) The Nairobi City County Appropriation Bill, 2017
- 42) The Nairobi City County Outdoor Advertising and Signage Control and Regulation Bill 2017
- 43) The Nairobi City County Tobacco Control Bill
- 44) The Nairobi City County Inspectorate Services Bill 2017
- 45) The Nairobi City County Public Road Transport and Traffic Management Bill 2017



Majority Leader

The bridge between the Executive and the Assembly

The Nairobi City County Assembly is the second largest legislative house in the country after the National Assembly.

The Assembly has 127 members, 64 of whom are affiliated to the Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD) and the remaining 63 are from the Jubilee coalition.

The fact that Nairobi City County is the capital city of the country, and going by the fact that it serves four million people, it is one of the busiest regional legislative houses in the country.

And there is no better person to explain the activities of this assembly than majority leader Elias Otieno Okumu (CORD/ODM).

Okumu was elected by a simple majority of one vote that the Cord coalition had over their Jubilee counterpart. As the majority leader, Okumu's prime role is to act as a bridge between the executive and the assembly.

The house has three responsibilities to execute in discharging its duties. These include legislation, oversight on the work of the executive and representation. "The Executive is not represented in the assembly in the current setup. In this case, the leader of the Majority must ensure the agenda of the executive is discussed," says Okumu.

His duties include marshalling support for the Executive arm of



IN ACTION Elias Otieno on floor of the house



PROGRESS Governor Evans Kidero is helped by legal Adviser Gad Awounda (L) to sign into Law the Ward development fund bill. Looking on is Majjority Leader Elias Otieno and other MCA's

the County Government's motions and Bills among members of the County Assembly. He also guides members in matters of legislation to ensure that when bills are brought before the house, proper procedure is followed right from the drafting stage to the tabling and debate.

Okumu also sits in the House Business Committee, together with the Speaker (chairman), Minority leader Abdi Guyo, Clerk Jacob Ngwele (secretary).

The committee discusses and slots the items of the day's agenda on the order paper(business of the day). In the absence of the Speaker, the Majority leader chairs the committee.

Okumu says the county assembly has passed

45 Bills since its inception in March 2013. "Sometimes even the members of your own party do not agree with some of the bills and motions from the executive.

But still, we have to convince them and the minority to pass the bills and motions,"he says.

"We have also discussed various motions and approved them apart from approving the budget. Members understand their roles well since we have had several workshops touching on Standing Orders and parliamentary procedures and how to do motions and bills," the majority leader adds. Okumu, who is also the chairman of the Assembly Implementation committee, has the task of ensuring that all bills and motions approved by the House are implemented by the executive .

He says Governor Evans Kidero's administration "has performed to our expectations" as far as implementation of the bills and motions are concerned.

Okumu says insufficient funds and large number of staff are the main challenges in the implementation of development laws and motions.

"The governor cannot sack redundant staff. His hands are tied. But even with such a bloated wage bill, we have seen some projects going on," he says.

Okumu cited the roads upgrade, street lighting, expansion of hospitals infrastructure and bursaries for needy students as some of the achievements.

He says the executive has also awarded contracts to contractors, through ward development fund, to develop the wards.

Okumu was elected by a simple majority of one vote that the Cord coalition had over their Jubilee counterparts.

One on one **with Minority leader** Abdi Guyo

IN CHARGE Minority leader Abdi Guyo in his office



Hon. Guyo
addressing
a press conference
flanked by Jubilee
MCA's



I Q & A

As an MCA representing Spring Valley Matopeni ward, what have you achieved?

In my ward, we have managed to put up at least 30 street lights. Lack of street lights made many residents feel insecure. I have also ensured that Athi water and Nairobi water do a large sewer line which will be handed over to the county in a month's time.

We are also working on two tarmac roads.

One is complete the other one is at the tender stage. One of the roads is the Kangundo. Mihango link road- which is 1 kilometer.

Matopeni road which is at the tender stage is 2.5 kilometers. It links Matopeni all the way to the eastern bypass.

I have personally initiated several car washes for the youths.

We have also solved the perennial problem of garbage in the ward by ensuring that all the garbage is collected.

As the minority leader in the assembly what have you achieved?

The jubilee wing in the assembly is more vibrant and aggressive. We have managed as a coalition to push for the motorcyclists to be allowed in the CBD. This is because most of our youth lack jobs and they should not be barred from accessing the CBD.

We have also managed to push the executive to roll out many projects around the City.

Jubilee MCAs are notorious for skipping the plenary sessions? What's your take and what are you doing to address this?

The low morale among the reps is caused by failure to implement crucial motions and bills by the executive. If the executive can get down working and implementing the bills and motions, this will boost the morale of many ward reps.

I blame the implementation committee on which I sit; however despite the fact that I am a deputy chair, out of the 19 reps that form the committee, I can do less to push things.

What is your relationship with Governor Evans Kidero?

As a minority leader, the governor is a friend. I must push him to do his work. I don't mix friendship with work.

When I criticize him, I do it constructively and this should not be seen as enmity. When I support him, he must be doing the right thing and this should not mean I have a soft spot for him.

What is the future of Jubilee coalition in Nairobi?

The Jubilee coalition is the most democratic in the country. As we have seen in the national parliament, Nandi hills MP Alfred Keter is always criticizing the government. No one has de-whipped him from committees.. As a coalition, we have never punished a member by removing them from committees unlike CORD. By allowing members to even criticize me as their leader, it shows Jubilee has matured.

What are Jubilees 2017 plans for Nairobi?

We are currently doing our groundwork. In 2017, we will be the majority in the County assembly.

We are planning to get at least 50 wards. Currently, we have 42.

What are your personal plans? Any plans to go back to your home county of Isiolo and vie for MP?

I have no plans to go to Isiolo. I am always going there to market Jubilee as a coalition.

I cannot divulge the information now on vying for MP. I know the future of the city is going to be great. Devolution is a new thing and I am happy MCAs have lived up to the expectations of City residents. Let's all remember devolution is a new thing. Nairobi will go back to its status of a green city in the sun.

What's your comment on Governor Kidero's leadership and how will you rate him on scale of 5/10?

The governor needs to pull up his socks. He needs to seal all loopholes in revenue so that the county can do more. He needs to think critically about the bloated workforce because he has to take the critical action of trimming the workforce although the move is hard to take. I will give him a five because his performance is average.

Your parting short?

In the remaining 3 months, the county executive must fulfill all its promises made or else the governor and his team risk being voted out.



Deputy Speaker Ken Ngondi

– speaks about his role

The role of the Deputy Speaker is to deputize the Speaker in the County Assembly, Nairobi City County Assembly Deputy Speaker Ken Ngondi says.

He adds that the Deputy Speaker is also the chair of chairs - meaning he chairs the Committee of the whole House and is in charge of all the other committees in the House.

Ngondi said that according to the Nairobi City County Assembly Standing Order Number 14, as soon as practicable after the election of a Speaker a chairperson of the committees shall be elected.

The chairperson of the committees shall preside over all committees of the whole County Assembly. But in the absence of the chairperson of committees, a member elected by the County Assembly for that person shall preside.

If the office of the chairperson of committees falls vacant at any



TAKING CHARGE Deputy Speaker Ken Ngondi addressing a press conference at City Hall.

time, before the end of the term of the County Assembly, the County Assembly shall as soon as practicable elect a member to that office. The procedure for electing a chairperson of the committees shall, with necessary modifications, be the same as that prescribed for the speaker.

If the chairperson of the committees considers that it is desirable that he or she should take part in any proceedings in the committee other than as the person presiding, the speaker shall take the chair.



COURTESY CALL Former Chief Justice Willy Mutunga poses for a photo with Deputy Speaker Ken Ngondi when he visited City Hall last year.

However, Ngondi said that just like the Speaker of the Nairobi County Assembly, he was elected by the MCAs immediately after the Speaker's election with a simple majority.

Unlike the speaker who does not represent a ward, the deputy speaker represents a ward.

Ngondi is the MCA for Kware ward in Embakasi South Constituency.

"I perform the same role as the Speaker, remember, I am his deputy. I perform all his functions when he is away. He can also delegate some duties to me," Ngondi said.

Ngondi said that since this is the first ever County Assembly in Nairobi, he is excited since the current members have "defined" the County Assembly.

"We have done a lot as the first occupants of the offices of the County representatives. We have done our best to represent our people and history will judge us. We did not seat back but we passed bills and motions," Ngondi said.



WALKING THE MACE Deputy Speaker Ken Ngondi walks the mace with Serjeant-at-Arms Francis Kivila



Jaffer Kassam
Majority Whip

A chat with County Assembly whips

Majority Whip Jaffer Kassam

Last year, the majority side in the Nairobi County Assembly had its whip replaced. The party's top organ replaced the then Chief Whip David Mberia who is the Karen MCA with Parklands MCA Jaffer Kassam. Kassam took over office from Mberia late last year.

Kassam said that the role of the Whip in conjunction with the majority leader is to manage the membership of all the house committees.

"The whip also ensures that there is quorum in the majority side and that the voting pattern in the house is in favor of the majority coalition's interests," he said.

He added that among the challenges the Assembly has experienced are prolonged absence of members from the house especially during important debates, bill readings and reports.

He said that in order to address these challenges, the members need more exposure to standing orders practically and sensitization on importance of bills and oversight duties through implementation of committees reports.



MINORITY WHIP HASHIM KAMAU speaks of his role

Hashim Kamau is the minority whip in the Nairobi City County Assembly. The California ward MCA said that as the Jubilee whip, his work is to coordinate party members to ensure that they attend the assembly and take the house business seriously.

"So far, I am happy to have performed my role well. I have ensured that the Jubilee wing takes the house business seriously and the party interests too," he said. Kamau added that he has also ensured that the MCAs welfare is well taken care off and that members are always informed early of what is happening and what the party wants.

However, he says the task has many challenges and it takes a lot of efforts to balance between business in the ward and also dealing with members.

"Apart from whipping members to take the business of the assembly seriously, I also ensure that their grievances are well communicated to the party bosses," Hashim said.

Hashim added that he is also happy that his relationship with CORD MCAs is good.

He said that he has learned a lot as the minority Whip and that the position has prepared him for bigger challenges in life.



ONE ON ONE with **Principal Clerk Assistant, Legislative and Procedure services**

Who are you?

My names are Monicah Muthami

What's your role in the assembly?

My key role is to advise the Speaker, committees and other members. I supervise the production of the Order Paper, drafting of statements, and drafting and processing of bills, motions and petitions. I am also in charge of tracking bills, motions and statements.

I supervise staff in my department. I work directly with the senior clerk assistant, four second clerk assistants and one office assistant. I am the liaison person between the office of the clerk and speaker's office. We observe strict protocol. All the work comes to me then it goes to the speaker.

My office is basically a procedural office. In addition, I am in charge of committees attached to the table office. These are the Procedure and Rules Committee, Powers and Privileges Committee and House Business Committee. Sometimes I step in to facilitate the Speaker's Panel when the overall clerk, who is in charge, is absent. I also sit in the chamber.

What are the achievements so far in the Assembly?

We have facilitated capacity building workshops for members. We have ensured members bring in motions and bills, and understand the mandate of the county assembly and committees. Now the members know their mandate very well. Currently, the members have mastered how to conduct business in the assembly. We know the right time to advise the speaker and the assembly.

There is increased efficiency and we are better off than when we began. Nowadays you can track motions, as there is real time update on motions passed or defeated. There is clear communication to the executive about business transacted in the assembly. If a motion was passed, action has to be taken within 60 days. Also, our Order Paper is always online by 8am, unlike in other counties.

How do you find your roles?

It has not been very easy to carry out these roles since inception of the county

assembly. We have had so many trainings that helped improve our work and performance in the assembly. Initially, assembly procedures were new to all members. But the trainings have changed everything and the performance of both members and staff has improved. County assembly members now know about the procedures and understand standing orders.

The trainings were not a waste of time and money as some people may have thought. Without training, the members and staff could be doing guess work.

What have been the challenges?

For a long time we were understaffed but that was resolved and we are now a good number of staff. Another challenge is that sometimes, you give procedural advice and it is neglected. There is also interference from politicians and at times the political environment is not so conducive.

The other challenge is lack of quorum in



ALERT Principal Clerk Assistant, Monica Muthami in her office.

the assembly. Procedurally, there must be 43 members before any business is transacted.

Do you enjoy your job?

Yes I do. I love my job. With procedure, you learn new things every day. I have a legal background and I understand what is being transacted and interpret it because it entails what I do.

What's your parting shot?

Devolution is the best thing that happened, although it may take some time for the fruits to be realised. It is a new concept.

If members of the public can be enlightened to elect responsible leaders, the county government system will improve. This will ensure good laws are passed by the county assemblies and the counties will develop.



Nasa leader Hon. Raila Oding during a visit at Nairobi Assembly with Prof. Anyang Nyong



Senate Speaker Hon. Ekwe Ethuro is shown around Nairobi City County Assembly by speaker Hon. Alex Ole Magelo



Nairobi City County Assembly by Speaker Hon. Alex Ole Magelo during one of the County Assembly forum at a Nairobi hotel



ACK head Arch. Bishop Jackson Ole Sapit with the Speaker Hon. Alex Ole Magelo and the Clerk Jacob Ngwele after prayers to open the new chamber



The Nairobi City County Assembly Public Accounts committee during one of its sessions



Health CS Cleopa Mailu signs the visitors book during the opening of the new chamber



Speaker Hon. Ale Magelo speaks to Governor Kidero during a public participation forum at City Hall



Former Chief Justice Willy Mutunga flanked by Gov. Kidero and S-speaker Hon. Ole Magelo



Budget Committee chair Hon. Michael Ogada, Finance CEC Gregory Mwakanongo and Finance Chief Officer Luke Gatimu during this year's budget reading



Migori Senator Hon. Wilfred Machage and speaker Hon. Magelo during the launch of the County Assembly Strategic plan



Nairobi City County Assembly during one of its plenary sessions



Clerk Jacob Ngwele addressing journalists during a get together session with the media

Nairobi Women not left behind in legislative matters



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NAIROBI City County Assembly is probably not unique as far as its composition is concerned. Just like other county assemblies in the country, more than half of its members are men.

The assembly is composed of 127 members; 84 men and 43 women. Surprisingly, only four of the 43 women are elected.

Diana Kapeen (South C) Elizabeth Manyala (Kayole South) Millicent Mugadi (Ziwani) and Beatrice Kwamboka (Mountain View) are the elected members.

The remaining 39 were nominated by their respective political parties to represent particular interest groups. They represent gender, youth and people with disability. This numerical disadvantage has worked against

the women. They cannot push their agenda in the assembly to represent the interest groups they were nominated to. It is for this reason that the female MCAs formed the Nairobi City County Women Caucus to advance their interests, empower themselves and counter the power of male counterparts.

The Caucus Chairperson Elizabeth Manyala says, “We could not do anything then (when the caucus was formed in 2013).

Most of the female members were seen to be inferior and naïve, not able to counter the male members.”

Manyala says, given the fact that most of them “do not have wards” they have no staff, offices and even ward development



GOING FORWARD

Nairobi
City County
Assembly
women Caucus
members Leah
Mumo, Rachael
Kamweru, Nancy
Luchiri and
Tabitha Juma.



fund allocation.

"The most baffling thing is that when we are passing the Bills in the assembly like the one on ward development fund we are together but when it is implementation we are out," she said.

The female MCAs, through the caucus have undergone more than 20 training sessions since the group was formed and registered in October 2013.

International nongovernmental organizations have been the main sponsors of the workshops.

"The greatest debaters in our assembly today are women. We now have bright, articulate young women who debate without fear and confront their male counterparts where necessary," said Manyala.

She says the women have been trained on gender based issues, including gender based violence, gender equality and gender responsible budgeting.

"The most important factor is that most of the women are now back in class advancing their education."

"I personally I have sponsored a bill, Public Participation Bill, which is before the Assembly now. I managed to draft the Bill because of the many workshops we have held.

The caucus is a political grouping, focusing on social issues affecting women, children, people with disability and other special interest groups.

She said, lack of women representation in the Assembly leadership to push their interest is the main challenge.

She said, no woman chairs any of the 18 assembly committees and none sits in the House Business Committee.

The caucus membership is drawn from both the political divide in the House but the (political) affiliations are shelved in the caucus Rachael Kamweru (Nominated MCA) said, the caucus has educated women at the grassroots across the county on what to do to improve their living standards.

She said, as women they have tried to champion for the rights of women and girls and come up with bills and motions on women.

"We vowed not to sit back and watch children, girls and women rights being violated. We shall stand with them at whatever cost," she says.



BEST FOOT FORWARD Nairobi City County Assembly women Caucus in a dance with Muthurwa women at Muthurwa social hall.



ELATED MCAs Ruth Njeri and Janet Kimondo.



COMING TOGETHER Muthurwa women in a meeting with members of the Nairobi City County Assembly women Caucus.



A look into the vibrant Public Accounts Committee



County Lands Chief Officer Samwel Mwangi
tabling a document during a committee sitting



ON TOES PAC members on a site visit in Industrial Area

The Public Accounts committee is an oversight committee of the Assembly that examines a report from the auditor general on operations of an institution and operations of a county and goes through the report to make findings.

The law according to article 229, provisions of auditor general report, the auditor general's mandate is to go through the accounts of any institution funded by the tax payer. Within each month of every end of the financial year, the auditor general must come up with the report findings of the institution.

The report can also be referred to the EACC.

In cases where there are individuals who are adversely mentioned, the PAC will recommend for their suspension.

After the assembly makes its report, the work is left to the executive. to either fire those implicated in graft or suspend them.

However, after six months, the implementation committee of the assembly must follow up on the level of actions taken and report to the assembly.

Whenever a committee is sitting, at times we have friends of the committee who are not members of the committee but they are allowed to come and ask questions.

However, at times, the friends of the committee seem to ask more questions and have more interest than the real members of the committee. However, we welcome all members as long but the chairperson is always in-charge.

Mbatia explains that whenever any member is sum-

moned by PAC, the committee gives them time to explain and exonerate themselves.

Mbatia adds that he is happy representation in the county assembly is better.

"This system is more effective. You could not oversight in the past when we had the councilors. Currently, everything is very clear, you legislate and oversight. The councilors mandate was vague but today a member of the county assembly mandate is clear," he said.



PAC Chair Robert Mbatia.



The **Chief Serjeant-at-Arms** speaks on his role and what it takes to be one



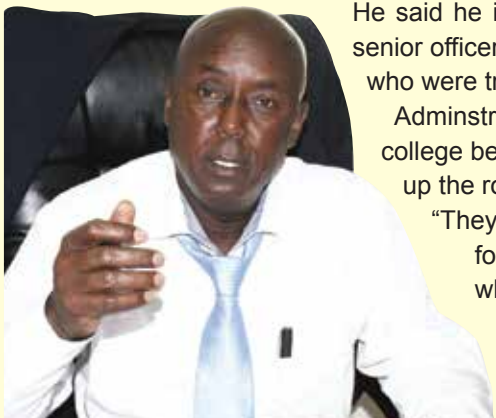
ON DUTY Chief Serjeant-at-arms Gedion Ndunda with Serjeant-at-Arms Francis Kivila leads Senate Speaker Ekwe Ethuro at City hall.

A Sergeant at Arms is an officer appointed by a deliberative body, usually a legislature, to keep order during its meetings.

According to wikipedia, the word “sergeant” is derived from the Latin *serviens*, which means “servant”. Serjeant-at arms (serjeant at arms) is the British spelling. According to the Nairobi County Assembly chief Serjeant at arms Gedion Ndunda, maintaining law and order in the assembly hasn’t been easy since the establishment of the County assembly in 2013. Ndunda explains that the MCAs had to be first given time to learn about the legislative procedures and he says he is happy they adopted quickly.

“It was funny because some of the MCAs including those former councilors used to ask me in the initial stages that what is today’s program? I told them it is not a program but the order paper,” he explains.

Ndunda explains that for one to qualify as a Serjeant-at-arms, one must have immense knowledge in security.



SPEAKING Chief Serjeant-at-Arms Gedion Ndunda in his office.

Ndunda said that he takes orders from the speaker and

the clerk.

He said that their role is maintaining order in and around the assembly and guarding the speaker. “I have the powers of the police and can arrest any stranger or any member whose immunity has been waived by the speaker. When things are not good, I will call the police for reinforcement,” he says.

Ndunda explains that City residents should not be shocked by the mystery surrounding the mace.

He explains that the mace is a symbol of authority and signified presence of the speaker.

“If the mace is not in the house, then that is a Kamukunji members are engaging in,” he said.

He said that the mace has to be well guarded and no sitting can be held without the mace. The County assembly has been rocked by several cases of City MCAs who are armed not depositing their fire arms with his office.

However, Ndunda explains that no one should be armed in the chamber and that everybody should leave their arms with his officers. He said he has a total of 23 officers under him and that they are well trained and will take care of each members fire arm for those who have them.

He said that a case of one member getting into the assembly with a fire arm is an isolated incident and that the member has since been punished by the powers and privileges committee.

Of the sleeping members who at times sleep in the chamber, Ndunda explains that its not the work of the seargeant to wake up a member but the members will be presumed to be thinking hard.

However, he cautioned members of the assembly and strangers (non MCAs) that immunity just in the National Parliament applies to member’s civil matters and not criminal matters.

“If its criminal matter, we will arrest you and hand you over to the police,” he said.

He said he is among the senior officers who were trained at the Administration Police college before taking up the role.

“They requested for a person who is trained in administration or in a security related field, he said.



We have done a lot in health, but more needs to be



KAREN WANJIKU GITHAIGA - NOMINATED MEMBER OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY.

The Health Committee in the Nairobi City County Assembly has had a long four-year journey struggling to bring better health services nearer to the residents, as required by the objectives of devolution in Chapter 11 of the constitution.

Health services are completely devolved and the mandate lies squarely on counties as stipulated in the fourth schedule part 11 of the constitution. In the Bill of Rights, Article 43(a) stipulates that every person has a right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to reproductive healthcare.

The mandates of the Health Sectoral Committee are all matters related to county health services, including health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary healthcare, licensing and control of businesses that sell food to the public, veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession), cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria.

The function of the committee as written in our standing order No.191(5) is to, among other things, investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments. It should also study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of their implementation. To fulfil the committee's mandates, members have visited, investigated and made reports a few of which have been implemented. We have visited Mama Lucy Kibaki, Pumwani and Mbagathi hospitals and we are planning to visit Mutini soon.

We have also visited several health centres in Mowlem, Jericho, Kasarani, Umoja, Eastleigh and Makadara. The committee also toured Muthurwa Market following uproar that there were garbage heaps and poor sanitation in the market. We realised in all the health facilities we visited we have common challenges, with a lack of drugs being the most

glaring challenge because the county has a big debt to the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA). Every time there is an agreement between the county and the only drug supplier – KEMSA – the county does not fulfil its promises to pay the debts. Currently, the outstanding debt to KEMSA is about Sh108 million and Nairobi City County has already gone beyond the 90-day credit period allowed in law. Before KEMSA can process fresh orders for medicines, the county needs to first offset the outstanding debt.

Other challenges are inadequate staff and equipment, lack of ambulances and drivers, lack of utility vehicles, inadequate water supply and unpaid electricity bills, which sometimes lead to disconnections and in one instance candles were used in a delivery room. We also noted that most of the staff are demoralised because they are overworked, their salaries are delayed, and they lack adequate working space and equipment. In Mama Lucy Hospital, the committee found there were inadequate delivery kits and even linen for the mothers.

Insecurity is another big challenge in the health facilities. We have few guards who sometimes report to work drunk, some of who are sick. Some are very old but do not want to retire for fear of not getting their pension in time as has happened to their colleagues. Some facilities have low halfway-done perimeter walls, while some have no gates.

We have had numerous break-ins in our facilities and equipment and electronics worth millions of shillings have been stolen. The most recent reported cases were in Lunga Lunga and Njiru health facilities. The committee has suggested that alarms and CCTVs be installed in the facilities, and guards who do not report to work and those who come in late or even drunk be disciplined or even sacked. The county executive on the other hand seems to favour privatisation of security, which the county has started implementing.

As a nominated member of the county assembly representing gender, I was pained to discover that the county had received Kshs.190,940,000 free maternity funds from the National Treasury for financial year 2015/2016, but has disbursed only Kshs.32,835,000 to the county referral hospitals and one health centre. Currently payment vouchers amounting to Kshs.50,425,000 have been prepared for disbursement and are still being processed. Over Kshs.100 million for free maternity care has been diverted to do other things in the county, including paying suppliers, which is against the Public Finance Management Act. The committee summoned Finance chief officer Luke Gatimu and Finance CEC Gregory Mwakanongo in the committee, but they were adamant that they had not violated the Act. They claimed they will return the free maternity money as soon as they receive the quaternary reports for the deliveries which to date have not been fulfilled. There is a risk of mothers losing their lives and their babies.

Some women might decide to give birth at home, increasing the risk of HIV transmitted to infants. It was good news therefore, when I learnt that the free maternity reimbursement will



no longer be channelled through the counties. It will now be channelled through the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF). Counties will not be able to divert the money to other uses.

In general, the county executive seems to be dragging its feet on health issues. Though the health sector is always given a big budget, there are always wrong priorities. For example, the executive prefers giving priority to construction of walkways and perimeter walls rather than buying incubators to save lives – in the Makadara maternity wing there is no incubator or even an autoclave machine for sterilising delivery equipment. As a committee we have made several recommendations to counter these challenges and these have been captured in attractive budgets, although the executive is slow in implementing the projects. Almost all the last financial year's projects were rolled over to this financial year 2016/2017.

Even so, some projects have been completed and some are ongoing, including the purchase and installation of an incinerator at Mbagathi Hospital; construction of a ramp in Pumwani Maternity; construction of a perimeter wall and a gate in Pangani clinic; rehabilitation of Kangemi health centre; rehabilitation of Ziwani/Kariokor dispensary; rehabilitation of the kitchen and catering section at Pumwani Maternity; and drilling of a 290-metre borehole and installing a pump at Pumwani.

Others include the rehabilitation of Makongeni clinic and Lunga Lunga health centre and construction of a perimeter wall and rehabilitation of Lagos Road staff clinic and maternity and laboratory services for Njiru health centre. I made this request for Njiru because I want the maternity wing operational to save mothers in the area who walk all the way to Mama Lucy to deliver. Some give birth on the way, some in matatus and some prefer to give birth at home where they risk their lives and those of their unborn babies.

Partners have helped salvage health services in Nairobi County, especially in the management of diseases such as HIV and TB. Some partners provide laboratory reagents and some, such as the University of Maryland, work in the health facilities and have done a lot of rehabilitations.

In the budget we noted that some things were not captured because we had no legislation, for example issues of sensitisation on nutrition, especially for pregnant women. It is because of this and other crucial issues that I came up with a motion last year, urging the county government to adequately equip staff and supply enough drugs to health facilities. The motion was overwhelmingly supported and was passed by most members because the health facilities in their wards were in dire need. The motion is being implemented, though at a snail's pace.

I have come up with two bills – the first is the Nairobi City County Health Services Bill 2016 which generally provides guidelines for health service management and delivery, and provides for the rights of patients and health service personnel. It proposes a system of procurement and financial provisions, and proposes powers of the executive member to make regulations and obligatory health policies that the executive member must facilitate their development. The second Bill is The Nairobi City County Maternal and Infant Health Rights Bill 2016 whose objective is to give effect to relevant articles of the constitution which obligate the state, county government and other state entities to provide adequate maternal healthcare, eliminate discrimination against women and promote everyone's right to the highest attainable standard of health. The two bills are in the publication stage. If implemented, they will overhaul the health sector. I have been advocating for the construction of a cancer centre in Nairobi. Through my motion that was passed in the House, I urged the county government to construct a centre.

The motivation came when I and other members of the Health Committee visited Kerala state in India and witnessed how cancer patients were getting healed and the type of treatment and care given to them. We came up with proposals for Kerala state to help us construct a cancer centre, equip it and train our medics to operate the machines. The implementation of my motion is ongoing, where funds for cancer screening machines

were allocated. Though HIV and cancer are still under the Ministry of Health, I am positive that the national government and the county government will cooperate in coming up with a functioning and efficient cancer centre.

I believe that health services can be improved in Nairobi county if only we have a willing executive. We should also have a separate account for the health sector because we deal with people's lives and the process of getting funds in the county can really be long and bureaucratic. Watch out as my bills come up for public participation and give your views so we can make our health services better.



HELPING Pumwani Maternity hospital entrance



**BY HONOURABLE RACHEL
KAMWERU**

Nairobi city county **Public Participation Act** in brief

This Act is the heartbeat for the Nairobi City County residents

Public participation is the involvement of people in a problem-solving or decision making process that may interest or affect them. It is a means of incorporating the public's ideas, values and interests into decisions, resulting in more responsive and democratic governance.

The constitution assigns responsibility to ensure, facilitate and build capacity of the public to participate in the governance to the county government through Function 14 (Schedule 4 part 2). The Public Participation Act provides the modalities and platform for public participation in the governance of the County as envisaged in the Constitution and the County Governments Act, 2012.

Good public participation helps to identify key difficulties, challenges, opportunities in the County, and create better understanding of the situations, issues, and options for action. It builds a better relationship between the public and the County Government and builds a coalition of support. When people are involved in solving problems, making decisions, or creating plans, they typically develop a sense of ownership, commitment to, and stake in the results of those efforts and initiatives.

The Public Participation Act states the roles and responsibilities of the County Government in facilitating public participation in the county. The Act observes the need to have power to establish structures and suggests that the County Assembly and the Executive should have separate officers. It was recommended that the ultimate responsibility for public participation should rest with the Speaker of the County Assembly and the Governor in the County Executive.

It proposes community participation and involvement in county affairs and provides for, among others, the culture of democratic governance; participation by the local community; notification; county citizens' participation forum; Sub-County, city and urban area citizen participation forum; ward or village citizen participation forum; and affirmative action programmes.

Further, the law provides frameworks for participation by the public in the affairs of the county. Public participation forums shall enable citizens to hold the County Govern-

ment accountable and to demand feedback on progress of service delivery and contribute in decision-making processes. These include planning for service provision, budgeting, implementation and policy making, and have timely access to appropriate information to enable their participation in a meaningful manner.

It realizes that conditions should be created for the community to participate in the affairs of the County by establishing stages of Annual Development Planning from proposal to execution. These stages should start with the preparation, implementation and review of the development plan. Capacity building should be given to the local community, staff and administrators of the decentralized units to foster community participation.

The Act recommends that the County Government Act, Urban Areas and Cities Act, Public Finance Management Act, Constitution and other relevant laws give direction for the County Government to set up mechanisms, processes and procedures to enable the public to participate. It is in this case that the Committee noted that the County Government shall also take into account persons with special needs.

It contains how the County Government shall communicate to the public, the provisions on petitions to the County Assembly and the County Government and also proposes that civil societies and other players can conduct civic education.

However, the county faces various challenges in implementing the Public Participation Act, including lack of communication and feedback when adverts are put in local dailies on public participation.

Most residents don't buy newspapers and there are also no alternative proper feedback channels such as a county radio or television station. Financial constraints also derail implementation. Poor planning, for example the involvement of the public and stakeholders up to the ward level is a challenge since more people are supposed to be aware of and be involved in public participation.



The budget making process- Insight from a Fiscal Analyst



BY ERIC OTIENO,

FISCAL ANALYST, NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

The budget-making process or the life cycle of the budget starts on 30th August. This is in preparation for the budget circular, a document that the County Executive Committee member for Finance prepares to guide accounting officers on factors to consider in the preparation of the budget for the financial year.

During the budget-making process we have financial plans, which start on 1st September. The plans involve development priorities. Individuals from various sectors are chosen to form working groups to come up with priorities for each sector. Between November and December, the county fiscal strategy paper, which provides broad strategic priorities for the coming financial year, is prepared. This paper is tabled around 28th February and approved by 15th of March. The budget itself is ready by 30th April. It has to be approved by 30th June then the Appropriation Act is passed by June 30th.

The Appropriation Act is an abridged version of the budget. It includes the details of expenditure by votes – both recurrent and development expenditure with programme deliverables. The Finance Bill is always brought by 30th September and it outlines the revenue raising measures to finance the budget. It is passed within 90 days. The budget cycle is a continuous process. Its implementation is tracked and a review of the budget performance is done on 21st October. This is presented in the County budget review and the Outlook paper, which highlights how previous budgets performed and predicts the future budget needs as per the previous trends. At the Nairobi City County Assembly, we have had public participation at Charter Hall. We allow city residents to submit memorandums on issues that they want considered.

But there have been quite a number of challenges during the budget cycle. The main challenge is that issues to do with the budget process have been domiciled in the Budget Committee. This means that the rest of the Assembly members in various committees do not have an upper hand over the budget making process.

The other problem has been that some Assembly members have not been enthusiastic about the budget as others. Some committees in the Assembly do not interrogate issues in the budget exhaustively.

The sectoral committees have also had a passive role in the budget-making process. Assembly members also took long to learn about the budget process with the establishment of county assemblies in 2013.

We have also had a lack of plan discipline in the sense that the Executive does not implement what was agreed upon. The office of the Controller of Budget has also raised the issue. Another issue is the limiting legislation by the National Government. The budget ceilings and the County Allocation of Revenue Act was passed long after we passed the budget.

The problem is that all these legislations that affect the County budget come after the budget is passed. Despite the challenges, the County Assembly of Nairobi has been able to meet the budget timelines. The Assembly has been able to pass the medium-term expenditure and programme-based budget in time.

The biggest achievement is that the Budget Committee has always consulted and engaged the public. The County Assembly has also passed legislations to improve revenue collection and the Executive has tightened revenue leakages. In the past, the executive used to collect about Ksh.6 billion a year, but now collects about Ksh.12 billion a year. The MCAs have also ensured that the budget is implemented in strict application of the law. This has ensured minimal audit queries by the Controller of Budget.



How to be an effective MCA

**BY SAMWEL NYANGWARA,
VIWANDANI MCA**

An effective legislator is bold and courageous, in the sense that he/ she has to take a stand on an issue and pursue it to the end. An MCA has to be good at articulating issues affecting people at the ward level because the electorate expects solutions from the ward representative, who is their leader. A leader cannot simply purport to offer solutions. He must also ensure that all issues raised by the electorate are addressed by the relevant government agencies.

Furthermore, a good legislator must know the constitution and have a good grasp of the law. This will ensure all the oversight, representation and legislative roles are within the law. One has

also to know the Standing Orders as you cannot be a good debater if you do not know and understand them.

To be an effective leader in Kenya, one has to be corrupt-free and a true citizen. A corrupt leader will not help his people, because he will be compromised and will not execute his mandate.

An effective and good legislator must be a good listener and learn to give an ear to his people. The best legislator is one who is humble, and not arrogant, because he/ she has to serve both those who elected him and those who did not.

Lastly, a good legislator is a servant of the people because service to the people is what matters most.



Know your MCA's



HON. ALEX OLE MAGELO
Speaker



JACOB NGWELE
Clerk



HON. ELIAS OTIENO
Kileleshwa



HON. ABDI HASSAN
Matopeni



HON. HAWA MALIYUN
Fourth member NCCASB



HON. KEN NGONDI
Kware



HON. DAVID MBERIA
Karen



HON. HASHIM KAMAU
Carlifonia



HON. DANIEL ORIA
Dandora Area Four



HON. KINGSLEY ODIDA
Umoja Two



HON. MARGARET SEWE
Nominated



HON. MARTIN KARANJA
Mutuini



HON. EMACULATE MUSYA
Nominated



HON. DANIEL MARI
Ruai



HON. CATHERINE OKOTH
Nominated



HON. PETER WANYOIKE
Dandora Area One



Know your MCA's



HON. HAWA DAFALA
Nominated



HON. HELLEN KATANGIE
Nominated



HON. JANET KIMONDO
Nominated



HON. KENNETH IRUNGU
Pumwani



HON. MAGDALINE MBOGORI
Nominated



HON. MIKE OBONYO
Gatina



HON. NJUGUNA MWANGI
Maringo Hamza



HON. PETER OWERA
Huruma



HON. ROSEMARY MACHA
RIA Nominated



HON. SAMUEL IRUNGU
Komarock



HON. SHADRACK JUMA
Baba Dogo



HON. JACKLINE
NYANG'ALA



HON. MICHAEL OGADA
Embakasi



HON. NANCY MWAURA
Nominated



HON. MARK NDUNG'U
Nominated



HON. ERUSTUS MUIRURI
Clay City



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HON. RACHEL KAMWERU
Nominated



NON. KENNETH THUGI
Njiru



HON. ALEXINA MUDI
Nominated



HON. ALFRED AMBANI
Lower Savana



HON. PETER WAHINYA
Pangani



HON. AMINA MOHAMED
Nominated



HON. DORCAS MUTHONI
Nominated



HON. DAVID KAIRU
Woodley Kenyatta



HON. FLORENCE ACHIENG
Nominated



HON. FREDRICK OWINO
Lindi



HON. GEORGE OCHOLA
Hospital



HON. ELIZABETH SANG
Nominated



HON. CAROLONE MUGA
Nominated



HON. KAREN WANJIKU
Nominated



HON. KAMAU THUO
Karura



HON. JOYCE BOCHA
Nominated



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HON. AMOS MBUTHIA
Kahawa



HON. ASHA ABDI
Nominated



HON. BENADETTE NG'ANG'A
Nominated



HON. BEATRICE KWAMBOKA
Mountain View



HON. CELESTINE ONGERE
Nominated



HON. CLARENCE MUNGA
Kabiro



HON. CHRISTINE ABUTO
Nominated



HON. STEPHENE KAMBI
Dandora Area 2



HON. IMELDA WANJALA
Nominated



HON. ISAAC NJOROGE
Mwiki



HON. JACKSON KIAMA
Kayole Central



HON. JAFFER KASSAM
Parklands Highridge



HON. JOHN KINUTHIA
Uthiru



HON. JANET WALA
Nominated



HON. JAMES KINUTHIA
Kiamaiko



HON. JAIRO ATENYA
Imara Daima



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HON. ZULPHA HAKIM
Nominated



HON. KENNEDY ONDURU
Lucky Summer



HON. LEAH MUMO
Nominated



HON. RONALD MILARE
HARAMBEE WARD



HON. PETER MIGWI
Kayole North



HON. PETER IMWATOK
Makongeni



HON. MONICA NDEGWA
Nominated



HON. MILLICENT MUGADI
Ziwani



HON. PETRONILA ACHIENG
Nominated



HON. PIUS MWAURA
Zimmerman



HON. MARTIN WAWERU
Kasarani



HON. ROSE OGONDA
Nominated



HON. WILLIAM ABUKA
Nominated



HON. WILFRED ODALO
Mabatini



HON. TABITHA JUMA
Nominated



HON. SUSAN KARIMI
Nominated



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HON. ALEXANDER MULATYA
Mukuru Kwa Njenga



HON. DAN MUTISO
Ngei



HON. FREDRICK NJOGU NJOROGE
KAWANGWARE



HON. TABITHA NDIGIRIGI
Nominated



HON. JACK NGARE
Githurai



HON. DAVID KITAVI
Laini Saba



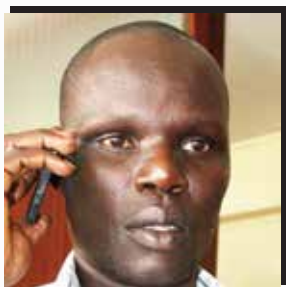
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HON. MOSES OGETO
Kilimani



HON. MAURICE GARI
Nairobi West



HON. ALEX OUDA
Mugumoini



HON. MAURICE AKUK
Nyayo Highrise



HON. ABDI MOHAMED
Nominated



HON. SAMWEL NYANG'WARA
Viwandani



HON. PETER ISUHA
Kangemi



HON. MAXWEL OCHAR
Korogocho



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HON. ALVIN OLANDO
Kitisuru



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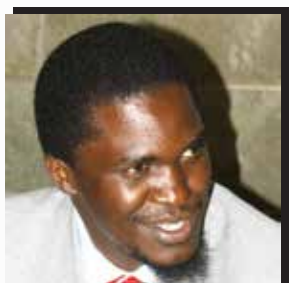
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Ngando



HON. ALHAD AHMED
Makina



HON. DIANA KAPEEN
South C



HON. PIUS K'OTIENO
Sarang'ombe



HON. RUTH NJERI
Nominated



HON. NELSON MASIGA
Eastleigh South



HON. ROSENANCY LUCHIRI
Nominated



HON. PAUL KADOS
Mihango



HON. OSMAN ADOW
Eastleigh North



HON. JOASH OMWENGA
Utawala



HON. MARTIN MUGO KANYI
Airbase



HON. NGARUIYA CHEGE
Kahawa West



HON. CHARLES THUO
Dandora Area 3



HON. WILSON OCHOLA
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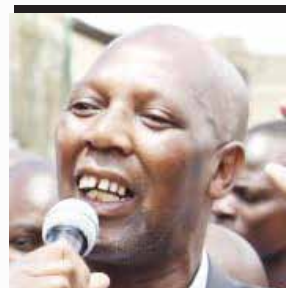
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Land Mawe



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Nairobi South



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Roy Sambu



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Ngara



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Upper Savannah



HON. ROBERT MBATIA
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HON. ELIZABETH MANYALA
Kayole South



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HON. MARTIN KINYANJUI
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HON. OSCAR LORE
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Kariobangi North



HON. MARION GITHINJI
Nominated



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HON. JANE MUASYA



HON. VICTORIA ALALI

County Assembly Committees

Sectoral committees

- 1) Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
- 2) Health Committee
- 3) Planning and Housing Committee
- 4) Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee
- 5) Justice and Legal affairs Committee
- 6) Water and Sanitation committee
- 7) Labor and Social Welfare committee
- 8) Children, Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training committee
- 9) Transport and Public Works Committee
- 10) Culture and Community services committee

Select committee

- 1) House Business Committee
- 2) Committee on Appointments
- 3) Procedure and Rules committee
- 4) County budget and Appropriations Committee
- 5) Committee on Selection
- 6) County Public Investments Committee
- 7) Committee on Implementation
- 8) Committee on Delegated Legislation
- 9) Ward Development Fund Committee
- 10) Liaison Committee
- 11) Loans Management Committee
- 12) Assembly Powers and Privileges Committee



Nairobi City County Assembly Scorecard

The Nairobi City County Assembly has not only passed 45 bills.

According to Speaker Alex Ole Magelo, the MCAs have achieved more.

On Thursday 29th June 2017, was the last sitting of the First County Assembly in line with the Assembly Calendar for the Fifth Session that was adopted in early 2017.

In his communication to Members, the Speaker noted that the Members have travelled a chequered path over the last four and a half years the Assembly has been in existence.

“You will recall that at its establishment following the General Elections of March 2013, the Assembly began from essentially nothing, and through sheer hard work, planning and commitment, transformed itself to what it is today,” he said.

He added that the members are leaving the Assembly an accomplished lot and that it is his firm belief that they have bequeathed the second Assembly a legacy upon which to build on and a firm footing upon which to commence the next session.

He said that the Assembly has been able to overcome challenges ranging from infrastructure, to having a properly established Committee rooms and a state of the art Assembly Chamber that can now seat 137 Members of County Assembly, 69 persons at the Speaker's gallery as well as 48 persons in the public gallery to provision of offices for staff and facilities for Members.

According to Magelo, the MCAs have passed 342 Motions including motions for Adoption of Reports, 16 Petitions, 45 Bills, processed 326 Papers Laid and handled 331 State-ments since 2013.

The Assembly also prides itself as the only County Assembly that has passed many laws and not even the Senate has achieved.

Magelo said he was encouraged by the robust engagement undertaken by members on crucial day to day issues that affect residents through statements which is the most popular avenue for Legislative Oversight and representation amongst Members.

He said he hopes the Second Assembly will pick the mantle from where the first Assembly has left.

“I wish to thank you most sincerely for your cooperation, friendship, collegiality and commitment to service. The very best as you embark on your campaigns for the upcoming elections and the very best as well for those of you embarking on other endeavors in life,” he said.



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