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THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

SECOND ASSEMBLY - SECOND SESSION

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Honorable Members, I have the following communication to make.

— **DIGITAL CONGRESS ACCESS CARDS AND CLOCK-IN DURING PLENARY**

Honourable Members, it has come to the attention of the Management of the attendance registers for Members that Honourable Members are either not clocking in or collecting their digital congress access cards when attending plenary sessions. This has as a result hindered the processing of Members sitting allowances.

Honourable Members, during the plenary sitting held on 27th March, 2018, it was noted with a lot of concern the variation between the clocking-in of Members and manual register.

Honourable Members, in this regard, I wish to urge you to collect your individual digital congress access cards and ensure you clock-in when entering the Chambers. This will ensure accuracy and efficiency in payment of Members sitting allowances.

Honourable Members, it is so advised.

— **SUSPENSION OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

Honourable Members, as you may be aware, the Assembly has invested heavily in the promotion of Sports and sports activities as part of its programs over the last five years. Indeed, some Members of the County Assembly and staff are involved in various sports activities, which involvement has placed the Assembly in the Country's map through the various trophies we have won in various sports disciplines.

Honourable Members, there is no doubt that the Assembly appreciates the potential of Sports activities to not just promote public good through its informal engagements, but also promote unity as we interact with friends and partners from far and wide during sports competitions.

Hon. Members, it is therefore imperative that some serious thought be invested in the development of a well-structured sports programme for Members of the Assembly and its staff.

Honourable Members, for the County Assembly to remain on top of the Country in the sports disciplines it has excelled, there is need for the County Assembly to allocate the requisite resources for attainment of the same.

Honourable Members, we are currently in the budget making period. You all know the Assembly is expected to consider or is already considering the approval of budget related documents such as the CIDP, Fiscal Strategy Paper 2018/2019. Indeed, the County Assembly passed the Supplementary Budget Estimates for the FY 2017/2018 on Tuesday 27th March, 2018.

Honourable Members, during the Inter-Counties athletics Competitions in Machakos County last year, the County Spent over Kshs. 20 million, which was not factored in the budget as it was treated as local travel allowances.

Honorable Members, in this regard, I wish to suspend all sports activities in the County Assembly until September, 2018, when the Assembly will have prepared a programme and budget for the same.

Hon. Members, I further direct that all sports captains in the County Assembly to consult with their respective federations in the Country and present guidelines, calendars and budgets for sports activities. This will inform the County Assembly's consideration of a budget line for sports activities during the consideration of the budget estimates due to be tabled in April, 2018.

Honorable Members, I wish to assure you that the Office of the Speaker remains committed to ensuring sufficient support is given to sports activities in the County for the betterment of not only Members but the County at large.

It is so directed.

Thank you.

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