

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



SECOND ASSEMBLY

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
(THIRD SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

No. 11 of 2019

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE TABLING OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Honorable Members, I have the following Communication to convey –

Honorable Members, as you may all recall, yesterday, Wednesday, 18th July 2019, the Hon. Moses Ogeto, MCA, while holding brief for the Chairperson, Select Committee on Public Accounts, rose on a point of order pursuant to the provision of Standing Order no. 191, seeking the indulgence of the House for the extension of time provided for under Article 191 of the Constitution for the conclusion of the consideration of the Report of the Auditor General, specifically the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements for Nairobi City County for the year ended 30th June 2018, and subsequent tabling of the said Report.

Honorable Members, the right Hon. Member in his request, sought for an extension of three months' period in addition to the statutory period of three months provided for in Article 229(7) and (8) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and with respect to the provision of Standing Order No. 191 to enable the Committee conclude its consideration of the said Report and table the same for the Assembly's consideration.

The Hon. Chairperson singled out the unprecedented delays in submission of responses to queries raised by the various County Chief

Officers as the bottleneck by which the finalization of the said Auditor General's Report has become impossible within the timelines provided as earlier enumerated.

Accordingly, **Hon. Members**, you will recall that the Chair undertook to give direction on the matter before to House today Thursday 18th July, 2019.

Hon. Member, with regard to the request sought by the Chairperson, Select Committee on Public Accounts, the House is hereby advised as follows.

Hon. Members, going forward, with respect to any matter before a Committee which has a defined timeline, all requests for extension of time shall be processed as follows: -

- a) Firstly, the Committee shall consider deliberate and pass a resolution for the same at the Committee level and thereafter confirm Minutes on the same;
- b) Secondly, the resolution shall be conveyed to the Speaker through the Office of the Clerk for approval; and
- c) Thirdly, the Chairperson thereafter may make the request as resolved by the Committee on the floor of the Assembly for the Speaker to provide direction.

However, **Honorable Members**, it is imperative that Committees endeavor at all times to observe Constitutional and other statutory timelines for consideration of various items of business committed to them. The Committee is therefore advised to bring up the request as now directed for further directions on Tuesday 23rd July, 2019.

It is so directed.

I thank you Honorable Members.

THE HON. CHEGE MWAURA, MCA
AG. SPEAKER OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
Thursday, 18th July 2019