

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



SECOND ASSEMBLY
THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
(FOURTH SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

No. 18 of 2020

WELCOMING FROM THE SHORT RECESS

Hon. Members,

I take this opportunity to welcome you back to the plenary sittings of the Assembly after the short recess. However, I must mention that in between, we held very successful special sittings where we approved a policy framework on revenue collection. Nonetheless, **Hon. Members**, I trust that you all had a wonderful and fruitful break. It is unfortunate that during this period, there has been a surge in the number of Covid-19 cases. However, I am great full to the Almighty God that none of us has been infected although it is obvious that most of our constituents have either been infected or affected. I call upon you to remain vigilant and observe all Ministry of Health Guidelines as we resume.

Accordingly, **Hon. Members**, I am in receipt of a letter from the **Head of Public Service** Ref. **OP/CAB.26/1/3A** and dated **20th July, 2020**. In the said letter, the Head of Public Service has detailed measures that all persons within the Public Service must observe as containment measures against the spread of the Covid-19. Consequently, I have convened a special meeting of the Service Board to be attended by the Majority and Minority Leaders at the rise of this sitting to review on how to implement the guidance issued. However, **Hon. Members**, just to mention, the following is a summary of the measures proposed:-

- i) Promotion of social and physical distancing by discouraging congregating and minimizing walk-in visitors except by prior appointment;
- ii) Meetings of more than four (4) persons to be held virtually;

- iii) State and Public Officers with pre-existing conditions and those above 58 years to work from home;
- iv) Upholding of work place hygiene; and
- v) Guidelines on return to work after quarantine and isolation.

Hon. Members,

As we resume our sittings today, our in-tray is already full. As you are all aware, we did not complete the budget making process. To this end, as we await the Senate to finalize with the **County Allocation of Revenue Bill**, I expect the Finance Budget and Appropriations Committee to fast-track the introduction of the Appropriations Bill taking into account the realities brought about by the transfer of critical functions from the County Government to the National Government and the subsequent creation of the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS). Further, I am aware that there are several Bills, Statements and Petitions pending before Committees, as such, I urge all Committee Chairpersons to finalize all pending business before their Committees. In this regard, I direct the Office of the Clerk to marshal and bring to my attention and that of **the Deputy Speaker** all business pending before Committees so that we can take urgent measures to conclude the said business. Consequently, I request the Deputy Speaker who is the Chair of the Liaison Committee to report to this Assembly on **Thursday, 23rd July, 2020** on the status of this matter.

With that, **Hon. Members**, I wish you a good time as you expedite your work to the best of your ability. God bless you.

I thank you Honorable Members.

The Hon. Beatrice Elachi, CBS
SPEAKER OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY
Tuesday, 22nd July, 2020

