

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



SECOND ASSEMBLY

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY (FOURTH SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

No. 07 of 2020

SPECIAL SITTING of 17th April, 2020

Hon. Members,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you all to today's unprecedented special sitting, which is happening in a midst of a global pandemic that we are all now aware of i.e. the COVID - 19 pandemic. This has led to the manner in which the sitting arrangement of today's sitting has been fashioned. I encourage Members to cooperate with the orderlies and comply with the set guidelines. Accordingly, **Hon. Members**, for purposes of conducting today's sitting, the following protocols shall be observed:-

- i) Members in the Lounge shall follow proceedings via video link;
- ii) Should any of the Members in the Galleries and Members' Lounge wish to **debate** on any matter under consideration in the Chamber, arrangements have been made to facilitate such Member(s) to proceed to the Chamber and debate. In particular, the Members shall catch the Speaker's eye by requesting the Serjeant-at-arms to notify the Chair;
- iii) The Chair shall before concluding any business ascertain from the Serjeant-at- arms that there is no Member in both the Galleries or Lounge desiring to speak; and
- iv) Members will not be allowed to change seats during today's sitting.

Hon. Members, today's sitting has been convened following a request by the Leader of the Majority Party pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 30 (3) vide a Memo dated **15th April, 2020** and the subsequent publication of **Gazette Notice No.3131** to consider the following Business;-

- **Consideration of the Governor’s Memorandum on Refusal to Assent the Nairobi City County Supplementary Appropriations Bill, 2020, (Assembly Bill No. 1 of 2020).**

Hon. Members, I will be giving further guidelines as we proceed with the sitting on how we shall dispense this business.

Hon. Members, the Chair wishes to remind you of the provisions of Standing Order No. 30 (4) which provides that, and I quote; *“Whenever the County Assembly meets for a special sitting, the Speaker shall specify the business to be transacted on the day or days appointed and the business so specified shall be the **ONLY BUSINESS** before the County Assembly during the special sitting, following which the County Assembly shall stand adjourned until the day appointed in the County Assembly calendar”*.

Equally, **Hon. Members**, in compliance with the Gazette Notice No. 33 on the Public Order (State Curfew) Variation Order, 2020 issued by the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government, this Assembly must adjourn at **4.00 pm**. I therefore advise that we execute the business before us in the shortest time possible.

I also request Members to observe decorum during this sitting since I shall not hesitate to invoke the provisions of Standing Order 114 on Grave Disorderly Conduct.

You are so guided!

I thank you Hon. Members.

The Hon. Beatrice Elachi, CBS
SPEAKER OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY
Friday 17th April 2020

