



THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

SECOND ASSEMBLY
(FIFTH SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

No. 10 of 2021

SPECIAL SITTING

Honourable Members, I have the following communications to make.

Hon. Members, May I take this opportunity to welcome you to this Special Sitting of the Assembly and to thank you for heeding to the call of duty during these difficult times of the acovid-19 pandemic. I urge you to continue with the strict observance of the governments guidelines even as you undertake your leadership responsibilities in your respective Wards. I also want to wish well all those that are infected or affect by this disease.

Hon. Members, you may recall that on 6th April 2021, this House resolved to adjourn in line with the presidential address that directed the Speakers of County Assemblies of the Zoned Counties to suspend sittings due to the raging pandemic. However, Hon. Members, our Standing Orders provide for mechanisms for business continuity in special moments like this. For avoidance of doubt, Standing Order 30 states as follows:

30(1) "Whenever during a Session the County Assembly stands adjourned, whether or not a day has been appointed for the next meeting, the Speaker may, on the request of the Leader of the Majority Party or the Leader of the Minority Party, appoint a day for a special sitting of the County Assembly."

30(4) Whenever the County Assembly meets for a special sitting under paragraph (1), 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.

Hon. Members, indeed my office is in receipt of a request for Special Sitting dated 15th April 2021 from the Leader of Majority Party. The main business is to consider the Report of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the Nairobi City County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the FY 2021/2022.

Hon. Members, although the said directive of the president came when the Counties and indeed the Country is in the middle of the budget cycle whose events are legally time limited, the call for this Special Sitting speaks to the import of this cycle to the very life of this County, its citizens and public servants. In accordance to the Gazette Notice No. 3613, I have this morning approved this business to be transacted accordingly.

Hon. Members and I thank you.

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THE HON. BENSON MUTURA

SPEAKER OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Friday, 16th April 2021