

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



THIRD ASSEMBLY

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
(SECOND SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

No. of 2023

RE-INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESS



Hon. Members, I wish to bring to the attention of the House that, going by established parliamentary practice and our Standing Orders, all business that was not concluded at the end of the last Assembly, such as Bills, Motions, Petitions and Sessional Papers, lapsed. In particular, Standing Order 148 (4) on re-introduction of Bills provides: -

“148(4) A Bill the consideration of which has not been concluded at the end of the term of a County Assembly shall lapse.”

However, **Hon. Members**, a review of our records show that we have a number of Bills and Sessional Papers of significant importance to the County that lapsed at various stages following the end of the last Assembly. Fortunately, several Hon. Members and Committees have expressed their desire to proceed with some of the lapsed business. Therefore, **Hon. Members**, in keeping with parliamentary practice and standing Orders, I wish to guide the House as follows: -

- (i) That all business which lapsed at the end of the last Assembly and which Committees of the Assembly and Hon. Members may have interest must be re-introduced formally in accordance with our rules of procedure if such business has to be considered during the term of this Third Assembly.

(ii) That with regards to Bills, and borrowing from the procedure adopted by the National Assembly, all Bills which had passed the Second Reading but lapsed will be **exempted from pre-publication** scrutiny upon re-introduction.

In light of the forgoing, **Hon. Members**, any Committee or Hon. Member who is interested in re-introducing any business that had lapsed is encouraged to write to my office seeking approval to re-introduce a specified business. Members are encouraged to inquire from the Table and Journals Office on the status of such business. With regards to Bills, I wish to inform the House that Bills that were sponsored by former Members any Member is at liberty to take them up and have them re-introduced. However, it is expected that those who have been re-elected or nominated back to this House would naturally take-up their respective business.

Accordingly, **Hon. Members**, any Committee that may currently be considering any business which lapsed without the same having been formally re-introduced in the House is **hereby directed to discontinue the consideration of the same forthwith until compliance with directions issued herein.**

Hon. Members, I further direct the Assembly Select Committee on Rules and Procedure to closely relook at this matter with a view of proposing amendments to our Standing Orders in order to remove any lacuna that may exist.

The House is so guided.

I thank you **Hon. Members**.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kennedy Okeyo Ng'ondi', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

The Hon. Kennedy Okeyo Ng'ondi, MCA
SPEAKER, NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 14th March, 2023