



THIRD ASSEMBLY

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
(SECOND SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

18th July 2023

RESUMPTION FROM SHORT RECESS

Hon. Members, I have the following communication to convey-

Welcoming Members from recess

Good afternoon, Hon. Members. May I, at the outset welcome you back from the deserved short recess in conviction that you had a fulfilling engagement with your constituents and families alike. Accordingly, this Sitting is properly convened, the Assembly having adjourned on 7th July 2023 in accordance with the Calendar. As we embark on this stretch of the Second Part of the Calendar, it is my belief that God will grant us His Mercies to work for the people of Nairobi.

Hon. Members, as at the day of adjournment for the Short Recess, the Assembly had made remarkable progress with respect to dispensing with numerous business in line with the overarching roles of legislation, oversight, representation and policymaking.

Hon. Members, may I register my commendation to the Committees for the renewed energy and effort towards their respective mandates demonstrated through the Tabling of a number of reports in the run up to the last adjournment. Indeed, during the workshop held by the Select Committee on Liaison, Committee Chairpersons presented half-year progress reports in

which I believe progress is being made. However, this should not obscure us from the fact that we are yet to achieve our targets and aspirations in terms of number of Motions, number of Bills, number of Statement responded to, number of reports of Auditor General scrutinized, number of Petitions processed and meeting timelines.

Hon. Members, as we take collective and full responsibility, I note that Committees are the driving force behind legislatures. They feed the exhibition, which is the Plenary. May I call upon Committees not to relent in the execution of their mandates. Most importantly, **Hon. Members**, we just passed the budget for 2023/2024 Financial year, which is the first budget under the current administration. Committees are required to step up their oversight role to ensure that this budget is executed in accordance to laid down plans. Indeed, it is the duty of the Committees to engage the respective sectors and call for regular implementation reports in accordance with Article 183 (3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and Section 166 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012. Further, Committees are required to conclude all pending business and present to the Plenary for consideration. In addition, I rally the Assembly Leadership and the Select Committee on Liaison to provide continuous support to Committee processes by properly addressing any challenges and collectively, we will deliver a City to work, live and invest in.

Hon. Members, the Office of the Clerk provides critical support to the operations of the County Assembly. I commend this continuous support of officers from the Clerk's Office to Members, Committees and Plenary. I call upon the Clerk to streamline administrative processes to ensure that Assembly business is seamless and within the timelines required. From where I sit as the Chairperson of the Board, I encourage all Assembly officers

to always uphold professionalism and observe the code of conduct in discharging their duties.

Devolution conference

Hon. Members, as you may be aware, the Council of Governors has already announced that the 8th Devolution Conference will be held in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County from 15th to 19th August 2023. Accordingly, online registration of participants is ongoing. Accordingly, I am happy to inform you that the County Executive has already settled the requisite entry fee for all Members of County Assembly and all Members have duly been accredited by the Council of Governors and a notification sent to all Members via SMS to your respective mobile phones. As at today, all Members are duly registered, accredited and invited to attend the said conference on the appointed dates. The Office of the Clerk will be undertaking the other incidental processes and procedures and communicate to the Members. The Office of the Clerk will be willing and ready to assist any Member who may want further clarification or who may not have received the said notification on their phones.

Financial obligations

Hon. Members, as the institutional head, I take cognizance of your welfare very seriously and I will always endeavor to address them. One amongst the welfare issues is the outstanding payments with respect to Assembly activities attended. Hon. Members, you may appreciate that financial procedures and processes are relatively rigid and we always endeavor to be in good books with independent institutions by following the law.

Hon. Members, may I bring to your attention that as at the closure of the last Financial Year, 2022/2023, the Assembly had made requisitions to a tune of Ksh. 211 million which was pending at the Office of the Controller of Budget. These funds were intended to pay per diems for Members and staff;

payment of ward office imprests and settle institutional obligations to suppliers. The coming to the end of the last financial year means that the processing of the said funds will be re-done within the current financial year as the first charge of the recently passed budget. Hon. Members, it is my assurance that once the budget of the current financial year is loaded and live on IFMIS, the Assembly will be in a position to settle all outstanding payments due to Members and staff. The delayed payments are not the making of the Assembly but occasioned by lack of funds in the County Revenue Fund (CRF)

In addition, it noteworthy that the payment of rent for ward offices from January 2023 has also faced delays partly due to delayed filing of returns by Members. This will, nonetheless be settled once the FY 2023/2024 budget is loaded and funds made available in the County Revenue Fund (CRF).

Changes in the County Executive

Hon. Members, my Office is in receipt of a Communication from the Office of the County Secretary vide a letter Ref. NCC/CS/PAA/635 dated 17th July 2023 on changes in the County Executive Committee by H.E the Governor. In the letter, H.E the Governor has made the following changes:

- 1) Ms. Maureen Njeri has been moved from Green Nairobi Sector to Business and Hustler Opportunities Sector;
- 2) Ms. Suzanne Silantoi has been moved from Inclusivity, Public Participation and Customer Service Sector to Health, Wellness and Nutrition Sector;
- 3) Mr. Patrick Mbogo has been moved from Mobility and Works Sector to Boroughs, administration and Personnel Sector;
- 4) Ms. Rosemary Kariuki has been moved from Business and Hustler Opportunities to Talent, Skills and Care Sector;

- 5) Mr. Ibrahim Auma Nyangoya has been moved from Boroughs, administration and Personnel Sector to Green Nairobi Sector;
- 6) Ms. Anastasia Nyalita Moved from Health, Wellness and Nutrition to Inclusivity, Public Participation and Customer Service Sector;
- 7) Mr. Brian Mulama moved from Talent, Skills and Care to Mobility and Works sector;
- 8) Mr. Charles Kerich remains in Finance and Economic Affairs Sector;
- 9) Mr. Stephen Gathuita Mwangi remains in Built Environment and Urban Planning Sector; and
- 10) Mr. Michael Magero Gumo remains in Innovation and Digital Economy Sector.

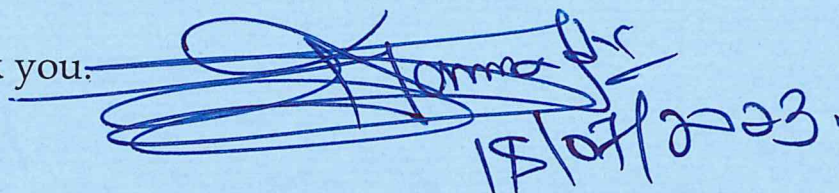
In addition, H.E the Governor has made the following appointments:

- 1) Dr. Stephen Gachie has been appointed as the Economic Affairs Advisor; and
- 2) Mr. Bernard Kioko has been appointed as the Creative Economy advisor.

Hon. Members, kindly note that the foregoing changes and appointments took effect on 13th July 2023.

Hon. Members, you are so guided!

I thank you.



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Tuesday 18th July 2023