



THIRD ASSEMBLY -THIRD SESSION
THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

29TH OCTOBER 2024

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON GUIDANCE ON CONSIDERATION
OF MATTERS BEFORE COMMITTEES**

Honorable Members, I have the following further Communication to convey:

Honorable Members,

My office acknowledges and appreciates that you are bestowed with an important Constitutional mandate to represent your constituents and residents of Nairobi on matters that are within the scope of functions of County Governments. However, the Constitution also mandates the County Assemblies to put in place and operate on the basis of their own procedures, the Standing Orders. Accordingly, while facilitating and presiding over the execution of the Assembly's mandate, I am required to enforce the observance of these Standing Orders including protection of proceedings of the Assembly and its Committees.

Honorable Members,

Consequently, may I bring to your attention the provisions of Standing Order No. 94 of our Standing Orders which provides as follows and I quote:-

"94 A Member shall not refer to the substance of the proceedings of a Select Committee before the Committee has made its report to the County Assembly".

Honorable Members,

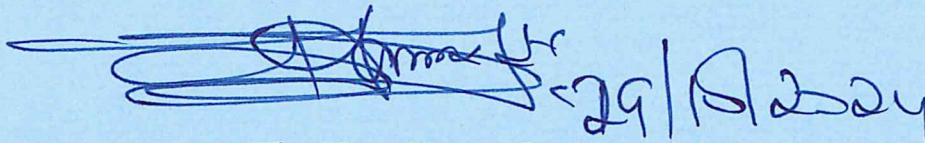
The import of these provisions is that Select Committees being a creation of this Assembly must be allowed to conclude considering business before them and submit their reports to the Assembly in order to inform debate. This also goes a

long way in allowing Select Committees to conduct business objectively and independently without undue influence.

In this regard, **Honorable Members**, on **19th September, 2024**, I referred a Statement requested by Hon. Chege Mwaura, MCA to the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Planning and Housing regarding the ongoing Pangani and Jevanje affordable housing projects. However, given the nature of the matter that has attracted a lot of public interest and enthusiasm from Members of this Assembly, a number of Members have since approached my office seeking to raise further statement requests and/or Notices of Motions on the same matter in a manner that insinuates pre-emption of debate. In view of the provisions of Standing Order 94 cited above, I direct that all matters around this issue be handled by the said Committee which is hereby directed to expedite its investigations and Table a comprehensive report as directed on 19th September, 2024. Further, I also direct that any Member with any issue in relation to the stated matter to appear before the Planning and Housing Committee where they are at liberty to raise them for further investigations by the said Committee. Consequently, going forward, I will strictly be guided and apply the provisions of the law, the Standing Orders and practice whenever business related to this matter and any other matter of this nature is brought to my attention for consideration and approval.

The House is so guided!

I thank you **Hon. Members**.



The Hon. Kennedy Okeyo Ng'ondi, MCA

SPEAKER, NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 29th September, 2024