



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

First County Assembly – First Session

Special Sitting

Friday, 25th July, 2013

The House met at 3.30 p.m

(*Mr. Speaker in the Chair*)

PRAYERS

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NOMINATED COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Hon. Speaker (Mr. Alex Sanaika Ole Magelo): Hon. Members, today, the 25th July 2013, the County Assembly at a Special Sitting pursuant to Section 26 of the Standing Orders: *“Whenever due intersession the County Assembly stands adjourned whether or not a day is appointed for the new meeting, the Speaker may on the request of the Leader of Majority party or the Leader of the Minority Party appoint a day for a special sitting of the County Assembly.”* The purpose of convening this special meeting is to swear in the forty two (42) nominees of the County Assembly as per Gazette Notice No. Vol. CXV No. 105 special issue dated 17th July 2013 pursuant to Standing Order No. 26. Hon. Members Standing Order 3(5) says, *“Any other time the oath of administration of office shall be administered by the Speaker immediately after the prayers.”* Thank you, Hon. Members.

Hon. Members, I now call upon the Clerk of the County Assembly to administer the oath of office. Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

(The Clerk from the National Assembly, Mr. Oscar Namulanda, presided over the session on behalf of the Interim Clerk of the County Assembly, Mr. Jacob Ngwele)

Hon. Clerk from National Assembly (Mr. Oscar Namulanda): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the Members being sworn in to indicate to us the language they would be comfortable with because the oath is written in both English and Kiswahili. We will be calling the Members in a batch of four. I will start by reading the names of the Members. The first members to be sworn in, with your permission Mr. Speaker, we have:-

1. Mohammed Abdi Abdirahman
2. Mark Ndungu Ng'ang'a
3. William Abuka
4. Hawa Dafala

(The Members take their oath of office)

5. Janet Muthoni Kimondo
6. Ruth Njeri Nyambura
7. Zulfa Hakim
8. Rachael Wanjiku Kamweru

(The Members take their oath of office)

Hon. Speaker: Order Members! You are in the Assembly, you are not in recess.

(Applause)

Hon. Members order! Hon. Members it has come to the attention of the Clerk that we have telephones and photographic materials, and that is not allowed in the house. So members take that in mind. Thank you.

9. Tabitha A. Juma
10. Imelda Nafula Wanjala
11. Leah Mumo Matere
12. Christine Aloo Abuto

(The Members take their oath of office)

13. Monica Waruiru Ndegwa
14. Rosemary Wairimu Macharia
15. Karen Wanjiku Githaiga
16. Benadetta Wangui Ng'ang'a

(The Members take their oath of office)

17. Jane Wala Ayako
18. Githinji Marion Njeri
19. Alali Victoria Angani
20. Nancy Nyambura Mwaura

(Applause)

(The Members take their oath of office)

Hon. Speaker: Order! Any more noise from any Member and I will have to send the Member out. Thank you.

(Applause)

(The members take the oath)

21. Dorcas Muthoni Njoroge
22. Mohammed Amina
23. Carolyn Achieng Muga
24. Catherine Apiyo Okoth

(The Members take their oath of office)

(Applause)

25. Helen Katangie
26. Emmaculate Musya
27. Rose Ogonda
28. Asha Abdi Sosso

(The Members take their oath of office)

29. Florence Atembo
30. Joyce Nabwire Bocha
31. Tabitha Wothaya Ndigirigi
32. Rosemary Luchiri

(The Members take their oath of office)

(Loud consultations)

Hon Speaker: Order Members! Hon. Members I will request you to allow the process to go on then you can do the hugging after we have finished.

(Applause)

Please maintain silence when the Hon. Members are taking their oath. We are not able to hear them because of your loud consultation. And as I had earlier said, if I find you; you will have to stay out of this assembly, please.

33. Alexina Muddy
34. Susan Karemi Njue
35. Margaret Sewe
36. Petronila Nafula Achieng

(The Members take their oath of office)

37. Jacqueline Awino
38. Elizabeth Sang
39. Magdalene Mbogori
40. Celestine Ongere Owino

(The Members take their oath of office)

41. Jane Muasya
42. Mercy Wanjiku Kariuki

(The Members take their oath of office)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon Speaker: Order members! Good afternoon Members, now we have a full house. I want to recognize the presence of Hon. Mama for Nairobi, Rachael Shebesh.

(Applause)

Hon. Members this is a message from H.E the Governor of Nairobi Hon. Dr. Evans Kidero:

“MESSAGE FROM H.E THE GOVERNOR DURING THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR THE NAIROBI COUNTY NOMINEES ON 25TH JULY 2013.

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Leader of Majority, the Leader of Minority, County Assembly Members and all the nominees to this honourable House, ladies and gentlemen; Good afternoon. It is a delight for us to usher in the Nairobi City County Assembly nominees. You can say that this day has

been a long time coming. I Applaud the County Assembly under the able leadership of the Speaker Alex Ole Magelo for ensuring that they are well prepared for this occasion.

I want to congratulate all the nominees and urge them to hit the road running. 'Tuanze kazi mara moja, ndugu zangu'. I want to thank all the County Assembly Members for the work that you have so far done for us. Nairobi can no longer wait for us to start improving their services. The process of improving the services in Nairobi is a long and tedious one but with the able leadership of this Assembly I am sure we will be equal to the task.

So far the progress of preparing bills to be passed by this House has been steady and as soon as you reopen the House, your tray will be full. As you pass the bills, Nairobi will begin to enjoy the fruits of devolution. Some of the services you offer to the Nairobians strongly depend on these bills. A number of these bills that are being processed include; the Financial Bill," that I know, as the Speaker, we are still discussing and the Budget committee is still working on, "the Tax Waiver Administration Bill and the Provision for Collection of Taxes Bill.

We have already passed the Appropriation Bill and we are also finalizing the Alcohol Bill. We have also prepared the emblems for the County and are waiting for them to be ratified by the Assembly. In fact when it comes to the work we have put into the bills, we are doing better than any other county in Kenya."

"Ladies and gentlemen, I just want you to know that I really appreciate the support we are getting from the County Assembly. Even as we arise to restore Nairobi's lost glory, Nairobians expect so much from us, and we must not let them down. Ladies and gentlemen, Nairobians expect us to deliver in the areas articulated during my campaign under the 7 pillars. These include:-

1. Better water and health for your family through improved and extended water supply services, reduced leakages and pipe burst, and improved basic health standards
2. Safer environmental sanitation, improve availability, distribution, study and equipment for all health facilities in the city.
3. Better transport, housing and outdoor facilities through approved housing and living conditions. Better land use and transportation arrangement to reduce vehicle pollution and traffic jams, to clear drainage channels, improve handling of hazardous and toxic substances, and better dumping sites rehabilitation arrangements"
4. Hon. Members; "better occupancy in your neighbourhood, increase police visibility, enhance youth employment programmes, adequate street lighting in the neighbourhood, improved opportunities for dialogue to create and sustain peace for the public and rehabilitation programmes for reformed criminals.

Better education for your children, improved access and utilization of education and youth development services, professional standards for education and youth development facilities, market driven education and training for the youth and better facilities and rewards for the employees in the education, sector."

Number 5; *“better enterprise development and employment opportunities, efficiently collected and transparently spent taxes, revenues increase, improved public investment in generation and distribution, quick access to business licenses, and improved employment opportunities through acceleration of economic growth.”*

Number 5; *“better attention to your rights and needs, improve attention to the rights and needs of women, children and persons with disabilities, ensures gender parity in the administrative structures through legal and administrative mechanisms and ensure that persons with disabilities get their constitutional entitlement.”*

Number 7 *“better management of your city’s resources, evidence-based planning of the city and its resources, efficient water supply and waste management methods and facilities, discipline and approval of buildings and works, investment in public facilities, service and facilitate establishment of a sustainable framework for development projects.*

We have embarked on a journey to deliver these promises. I cannot emphasize any further that the expectations are very high. I believe that the transformation of the city starts with how this Assembly supports the executive. Our financial situation remains fragile and we need your support to enhance revenue collection. I urge this Assembly to set the pace for executing its mandate.

Your reputation must be admired by the Assemblies in Kenya. I am also sure that, Hon. Members, you have considered well the work ahead of you. Today, I just want to wish you success in your work. It is your success that will make Nairobi succeed. May you reward your voters, with exemplary performance. Let us get down to work. May God bless you;

Dr. Evans Kidero, the Governor of Nairobi.”

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, I want to thank you most sincerely for turning up in large numbers to welcome our colleagues. It is my sincere wish and hope that we shall work as a team. I know you have come to this House under different banners and a different political dispensation. I call on you to work for Nairobi and Nairobian as a team regardless of the political party that brought you to the floor of this House.

I want to thank the Hon. Members, because since we came to this House, we have worked as a team and I am sure the leaders you have, the Leader of Majority, the Leader of Minority, the Chief Whips including the Deputy Speaker are there to answer your questions that you may want answered momentarily. So it is my prayer that we work as a team.

First of all we know each other even those who have come today; personally I have worked with them in one way or other. So I find myself with brothers and sisters. Therefore, I have no problem and I know you will have no problem working with us. The people of Nairobi will not take it kindly, if you are going to work on political parties’ basis, rather, work like Nairobian. We pay taxes as Nairobian; we don’t pay taxes because we are this or that.

Hon. Members, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Executive and our leadership in Nairobi from all the constituencies including our Governor and our Hon. Rachael Shebesh, who has been here with us and all the Members of Parliament for the great work they have put in this city. But remember you are the spring board, you are going to pass laws here; bills to help those people out there and it is your duty and mandate that you satisfy the people of Nairobi.

I want to wish you well, as we are on recess. We will still continue consulting until we come back to work. But for the Members who have just been sworn-in, you will get communication from your leaders on the next move or action in regard to you as soon as we leave this House, today. So I want to thank you once again and I wish you well as we continue with our recess. We will see each other again on the 20th of August 2013. The house therefore, remains *sine die*, Hon. Members.

(The House rose at 4.54pm)