



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### OFFICIAL REPORT

### Second County Assembly – First Session

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

*(Hon. Speaker (Ms. Beatrice Elachi) in the Chair)*

### PRAYER

### ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

The Oath of Allegiance was administered to the following Member:

Hon. Asri Muhamed

**Hon. Speaker:** Now you have to face the House. Thank you Hon. Member.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

WELCOMING THE HON. MEMBERS TO THE SECOND ASSEMBLY, FIRST SESSION

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, permit me to welcome you to this Sitting as we commence regular sittings of the County Assembly in the Second Assembly.

Hon. Members, the Assembly embarks on this session with eagerness and focus, aiming to further the exercise of its three fold mandate of representation, oversight and legislation.

Hon. Members, as you may be aware, it has been the practice that a Member who wishes to contribute to debates or raise a point of order in the Assembly presses the relevant button of the electronic gadgets installed on each sitting space.

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Accordingly, each Member was issued with a Chamber log-in card for purposes of accessing the said system to facilitate debate. The cards are to be inserted in the allotted slot as you were earlier trained to enable you to make interventions, speak, vote in divisions and raise points of order.

Similarly, the Clerk of the County Assembly has also registered all Members in the biometric system for purposes of recording your Chamber attendance. This is in keeping with the requirements of Article 194(1)(b) of the Constitution.

Hon. Members, equally, it may be desirable for the benefit of new Members, to point out from the outset that the rules of the Assembly are such that when the Speaker is on her feet, all Members are required to be seated, or if they are standing, to remain in their places.

Further for the benefit of the new Members, a Member desiring to cross to either side of the aisle is required or advised to move to the Bar, bow and cross over to whichever side of the aisle he or she desires to go to. This is so that we avoid disorderly movements that can be detrimental to the orderly conduct of business in the Assembly.

Hon. Members, most importantly, the comprehensive rules of debate and decorum as tutored to you during our induction and as contained in the Standing Orders must be a necessity guide your conduct to avoid falling afoul of our own regulations within this Chamber and precincts.

It is so advised.

I thank you.

## PAPERS

### THE ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR

**Abdi Hassan:** Madam Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (4), I beg to lay the following paper on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017, the address of the Governor to the Assembly on 28<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 during the opening of the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the Second Assembly. Thank you Madam Speaker.

## NOTICE OF MOTION

### THE ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR

**Abdi Hassan:** Madam Speaker I beg to give the Notice to move the following Motion, THAT pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 25 (5), the terms of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the address of the Governor delivered on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and laid on the table of the Assembly today Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017. Thank you Madam Speaker.

## MOTION

### APPOINTMENT OF HON. MEMBERS TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

**Abdi Hassan:** THAT, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 163 (1), this Assembly approves the appointment of the following members to the Select Committee on Assembly Business in addition to those specified under paragraph (a), (b), (c) (d), (e) and (f).

Hon. Beatrice Elachi - Speaker and Chairperson  
Hon. John Kamangu MCA - Deputy Speaker and Vice Chairperson  
Hon. Abdi Hassan MCA – The Leader of Majority Party  
Hon. Elias Otieno Okumu MCA – Leader of Minority Party  
Hon. Chege Mwaura MCA – Majority Party Whip  
Hon. Peter Imwatok MCA – Minority Party Whip  
Hon. James K. Kariuki MCA – Deputy Majority Leader  
Hon. Waithera Chege MCA – Deputy Majority Whip  
Hon. Millicent Mugadi MCA  
Hon. Patricia Musyimi MCA  
Hon. Anthony Kiragu MCA  
Hon. Peter Warutere MCA  
Hon. John Kamau MCA  
Hon. Wilfred Odalo MCA  
Hon. Rose Adhiambo Ogoda MCA  
Hon. Moses Ogeto Nyangaresi MCA  
Hon. Husni Mohamed Alawi MCA  
Hon. Nimo Omar Haji MCA  
Hon. Kennedy Omondi Obuya MCA

Madam Speaker, as you know that the business of this House cannot be transacted unless the House Business Committee is formed. This committee is very important to this House. Without this committee this House cannot function. So I urge the members of the County Assembly to support this Motion madam Speaker and I will call my counterpart Hon. Minority Leader to support the Motion. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Elias Otieno:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I second the Motion because this committee is very important for this House to start its business from tomorrow because without it I don't think whether we are going to have the agenda for tomorrow. So I second.

*(Question is proposed)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Majority Leader just a minute, I can see we have requests on the same. Hon. John Kamau Muthiga, are you on a request? Have you said no? Hon. Majority Leader.

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** Thank you Madam Speaker. With the gadget there that is why Madam Speaker you thought that he was requesting. Madam Speaker I want to implore this House to approve the House Business Committee list. The Committee is the organ and heartbeat of this Assembly, without it nothing can be transacted in this House, Madam Speaker. If the House does not approve the committee according to the Standing Orders, that within 14 days then the Assembly can be dissolved. This is a core committee of the House and we need to transact business in this House because everything has broken down from this House to the County Executive of Nairobi City County, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, we have been out of this Assembly for the last few days due unavoidable circumstances, but now we are here. We need to move on, we need to support the policies of the Governor, and we need to bring Bills which will benefit the Nairobians at large Madam Speaker. With those few remarks, I support. Thank you Madam Speaker.

*(Question is put and agreed to)*

### MOTION

#### APPOINTMENT OF HON. MEMBERS TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SELECTION

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** Thank you Madam Speaker. *(Laughs)* This is a learning process Madam Speaker and I hope our good friends will continue learning the procedures of this House. The Moment Madam Speaker puts a question; you cannot rise and start debating on the Motion whose question has been put.

Madam Speaker, THAT pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No.164 (1), this Assembly approves the appointment of the following members to the Select Committee on Selection:

Hon. Abdi Hassan – Leader of the Majority Party

Hon. Elias Otieno Okumo – Leader of the Minority Party

Madam Speaker if you peruse Standing Order 164 (1), it says that, the Selection Committee will have the Majority Party Leader and the Minority Party Leader, those two are provided for in the Standing Order. I wanted the Members to note that Madam Speaker. Hon. John Kamangu who is our able Deputy Speaker, Hon. Chege Mwaura who is my able Whip Madam Speaker, Hon. Charles Thuo Wakarindi, I don't know why his third name was not put here which is a good name Wakarindi, Hon. James Kiriba Kariuki, Hon. Esther Chege Waithera, Hon. Julliet June Ndegwa, Hon. Peter Anyule Imwatok, Hon. Herman Azangu, Hon. Caroline Mayunzu MCA, Hon. Michael Ogada MCA, and Hon. Jane Muasya MCA.

Madam Speaker, the work of the Selection Committee is purely making the list of members in the various committees. This committee ceases to be productive after every member has been put on his or her committee which they want to serve in in this Assembly. This Committee has no big worked it is just selecting members to become members of the various committees. I don't see this committee..... let me don't use that language Madam Speaker and I will ask my able Whip to second the Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** Thank you Madam Speaker. First of all I want to congratulate you and congratulate all the Members for having found their way here in this August Assembly. Mine is to second and support and at the same time also take the opportunity to put a few remarks. First and foremost, the Selection Committee Madam Speaker plays an important role of a midwife that ushers in the new and based on how it is going to perform. As the Majority Leader has put it, bring in the critical committees into action and then it ceases to be important, it takes a back seat and let the baby grow.

For the benefit of the Hon. Members, who came in, the committees are the lifeline of the Assembly. All the aspects of your representation role, your legislative abilities and your oversight functions are based on your committee. And so this Selection Committee is important and that is why it comes in second after the mother committee of House Business to put you into course on the way forward and how this Assembly is going to move based on the selected committees that members are going to be to participate in. As such, I implore my Hon. Colleagues to pass this committee so that it gets into the business of putting everything to action so that by the end of the week, the business of the Assembly through the committees takes shape and takes into consideration that we are moving. With that, I beg to support. Thank you.

*(Question is proposed)*

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Madam Speaker, allow me to add my voice first of all to congratulate you for being the second Speaker of Nairobi County Assembly. Secondly Madam Speaker, is to say congratulations to all the members of this powerful House and thirdly Madam Speaker, I am privileged to address this Assembly for the first time. In the last Assembly, I was called a rebel leader, now I am the Minority Whip. For this House to move forward from now henceforth, the determinant is these Committees that are constituted today. I thank you Members for approving this Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Thank you, Madam Speaker; I congratulate you for being the Speaker. I also congratulate the Members who made it to this House. Lastly, I congratulate those members who managed to come back to this House; they are called the seniors.

Madam Speaker, looking at the composition of this Selection Committee, it has captured gender. Most of the time, the ladies, including you Madam Speaker, usually protest that gender balance has not been considered. Majority Leader and Minority Leader have really tried. The Committee should ensure that the Members of this second Assembly will be in a position to fit in committees of their specializations. This will make them perform their oversight role well.

I would like to thank the residents of Kilimani Ward for ensuring that I come back to this House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Charles Thuo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I take this opportunity to congratulate everybody who is in this Assembly. My Majority Whip has just stated the importance of this Committee. Like he rightly said, committees are the backbone of this Assembly. A committee is as good as its membership. So, the work that is before this Committee is very serious and is going to affect the functions of the Members and the ability to work and duties that will be given to them for the next five years. Members must realize that we will be dealing with something that will be in this House for the next five years. It is therefore very important that these Members observe due diligence and they must be guided by justice, which I know they will.

I would wish to congratulate Members who are in this Committee. I would like to take this chance to congratulate you Madam Speaker for having taken this seat easily. In the last Assembly, the Speaker's seat was hotly contested and was won by one vote. You are clearly a woman of substance, thank you Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Elias Otieno:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Because there are several Procedural Motions, I would wish you to call the mover to reply.

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, Hon. Member! Minority Leader, you know how to do that. You will have to use your Standing Order, but at the same time, I believe we just have two Members, let us give them chance to speak on it and we are done.

**Hon. Kennedy Oyugi:** Madam Speaker, my name is Kennedy Oyugi, Member for Highrise Ward in Langata Constituency. When we were being sworn in, I got these two books; the Standing Orders and the County Government Act. After critically going through the books, I have realized that the House is facing a serious constitutional crisis which is incumbent upon me to highlight and raise them. One; Members, I included, were named by the Clerk. When I went through the County Government Act on the appointment of a Clerk, I have realized that for one to be a Clerk of the County Assembly, you must be appointed---

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, Members!

**Hon. Kennedy Oyugi:** I am moving a Motion on Standing Order No. 56 (b) on the Adjournment of the Assembly---

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, Member!

*(Loud consultations)*

Order, Members! Hon. Member, you have a right to move your Point of Order but I believe also the same Standing Orders guides you on the floor of the House at the moment. We are on a Motion on appointment of Members to the Select Committee and I would wish, Hon. Member, if there was a Point of Order, I was expecting a Point of Order on the same matter on the floor of the House. You have to read the Standing Orders clearly on at what time you would wish to bring in your Adjournment Motion. Mover to reply.

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** Thank you, Madam Speaker; it seems the induction in Naivasha has not been effective to our colleagues here. They need to go for further induction. Discussing an officer who is in the Assembly without moving a substantive Motion is not right. It is not provided for in the Standing Orders. It is illegal and I don't think this House can start doing illegal things on behest that we have a constitutional crisis.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Members for their contributions. This Committee, as my Whip has said, is important but after finishing its role, the Committee ceases to work. We need this House to approve this Committee so that on Thursday, we can table the committees to enable Members start discussing serious matters.

Madam Speaker, as you are aware, the County Government of Nairobi cannot spend because the former Assembly, which I was in, did not pass the budget because of various reasons. The wisdom of that Assembly saw there was no reason for passing the budget at that particular time. We had several reasons. One of them was that the former Governor, who was my friend, could have used the public resources to oil his campaigns. So, we decided that we are not going to pass the budget but pass vote on account because the PFM Act allows the Assembly to do that so that we cannot ground the operations of the County Executive and the workers to get their salaries. With those few remarks, I beg to reply. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** These are Procedural Motions which are provided for under Standing Order No. 103 (4). We do not need to debate on them because it will just take our time.

#### LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON BILLS SPONSORED BY PARTIES OR COMMITTEES

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** THAT, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 103(4), this Assembly orders that, each speech in a debate on Bills sponsored by a Committee, the Leader of the Majority Party or the Leader of the Minority Party be limited as follows:- A maximum of forty five (45) minutes for the Mover, in moving and fifteen minutes (15) in replying, a maximum of thirty (30) minutes for the Chairperson of the relevant Committee (if the Bill is not sponsored by the relevant Committee), and a maximum of ten (10) minutes for any other Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen Minutes (15) each (if the Bill is not sponsored by either of them); and that priority in speaking be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Sectoral Committee, in that Order.

I request my colleague to second

**Hon. Elias Otieno:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. You can bear with me for calling you Mr. I second the Procedural Motion.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS' BILLS

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** THAT, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 103(4), this Assembly orders that, each speech in a debate on Bills not sponsored by a Committee, the Leader of the Majority Party or the Leader of the Minority Party be limited as follows:- A maximum of three hours and thirty minutes, with not more than thirty (30) minutes for the Mover, in moving and ten (10) minutes in replying, a maximum of thirty (30) minutes for the Chairperson of the relevant Committee and a maximum of ten (10) minutes for any other Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the

Minority Party, who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen Minutes (15) each; and that priority in speaking be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Sectoral Committee, in that Order.

May I request the Minority Whip to second.

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Madam Speaker, I beg to second this Procedural Motion.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** I beg to reply, Madam Speaker, thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON A MOTION

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** THAT, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 103(4), this Assembly orders that, each speech in a debate on any Motion, including a Special motion be limited in the following manner:- A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty (20) minutes for the Mover and ten (10) minutes for each other Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes each, and that ten (10) minutes before the expiry of the time, the Mover shall be called upon to reply; and that priority in speaking be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Sectoral Committee, in that Order.

Madam Speaker, I request the Deputy Speaker to second. Thank you.

**Hon. John Nyumu:** Thank you very much, madam Speaker. As I support this Motion, it is good that the mover has given us guidelines. It is important for us to follow those guidelines. Therefore, I support.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** Madam Speaker, I beg to reply, thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** THAT, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 103(4), this Assembly orders that, each speech in a debate on a Report of a Committee, a Sessional Paper or any other Report submitted to the Assembly, be limited as follows: - A maximum of sixty (60) minutes for the Mover in moving and thirty (30) minutes in replying, and a maximum of ten (10) minutes for any other Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes each; and that priority be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, in that Order. Thank you.

I request my counterpart to second

**Hon. Elias Otieno:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second the Procedural Motion. It is very important because it is guiding Members when debating. Thank you.

*(Question Proposed)*

*(Question Put and agreed to)*

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

#### LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON MOTION ON THE ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** Hon. Madam Speaker, Limitation of Debate on the Motion on the address by the Governor. That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 103(4) and in furtherance to the provisions of Standing Order 25(5), this Assembly orders that debate on the Motion on the Address by the Governor be limited to no more than five (5) minutes for each Member Speaking, thirty (30) minutes for the Mover in moving and replying and twenty (20) minutes for the Leader of Minority Party. Madam Speaker I ask Michael Ogada to Second thank you.

**Hon. Michael Ogada:** Thank you very Much Madam Speaker and I do second.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Madam Speaker:** Hon. Majority there is a request. Hon. Mark! Hon. Majority Leader.!

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** I beg to reply, thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

#### LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, Limitation of Debate on Adjournment. that, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 103(4), this Assembly orders that, the debate on any Motion for the Adjournment of the Assembly to a day other than the next normal Sitting Day in accordance with the Calendar of the Assembly, be limited to a maximum of three (3) hours with not more than five (5) minutes for each Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, who shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) minutes each; and that priority be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, in that order. Provided that, when the period of Recess proposed by any such Motion does not exceed ten (10) days, the debate shall be limited to a maximum of thirty minutes (30), and shall be strictly confined to the question of the adjournment. Hon. Madam Speaker, I ask my counterpart to second thank you.

**Hon. Elias Otieno:** Thank you Madam. Speaker, I second the Motion.



*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** Hon. Madam Speaker, I beg to reply, Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **MOTION**

#### **DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS - (1<sup>ST</sup> DAY)**

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** That, the thanks of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of the Governor delivered on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

Madam Speaker, first and foremost, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you for being elected, as the Second Speaker of the County Assembly of Nairobi.

Madam Speaker, I also want to congratulate you for being elected as the Second Speaker of the largest Assembly in Kenya. It is an Honour to serve as the Speaker of Nairobi County Assembly Madam Speaker. It was not an easy Journey but you are now the Speaker of the County Assembly of Nairobi.

Madam Speaker, I also want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Matopeni/Spring Valley Ward for re-electing me for the third time to sever them as the Second Member of this County Assembly.

Madam Speaker, it is an honour for people of Matopeni to put their trust and confidence in me, it was not an easy journey, the journey was rough and it has a lot of pitfall but with God's will am now representing them in this House Madam Speaker. I can assure them I will not let their aspiration down Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, let me also take this opportunity to also congratulate the 123 Members who are elected and nominated to this Assembly, it is not easy to be elected into this House and I hope the Members have seen it for themselves. Also it is not easy to be nominated and become Members of the County Assembly of Nairobi. It was not easy for those who have been nominated to join us Madam Speaker and I want to congratulate them.

Madam Speaker, on 28<sup>th</sup> September, His Excellency the Governor of the County of Nairobi, Hon. Mike Mbuvi Kioko Sonko officially inaugurated the Second Assembly of the County Of Nairobi.

Madam Speaker, his Excellency the Governor in his address, of exposition of policy, touched on all aspects of policy meant to improve the lives of Nairobi. Madam Speaker, permit me to congratulate His Excellency the Governor for his well thought Speech and policy to the Nairobi residents.

Madam Speaker, as you may know that the people who were fighting the Governor of Nairobi, saying that he is not learned and has no degree but Madam Speaker, on 28<sup>th</sup> September the people who listened to the Governor's Speech, he was so eloquent. I want to congratulate him on that Madam Speaker.



*(Applauses)*

Madam Speaker and also there are those who said that our able Governor could not speak the Queen's language, they have seen for themselves Madam Speaker. The Governor was so articulate, eloquent and to the point and it touched the hearts of Nairobians. The Governor, need to be congratulated on that Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I also want to encourage you to peruse the Governors speech and to debate on the speech. If you go through that speech you will see the Governor touching on Ward Development Fund.

Madam Speaker, we passed the Ward Development Fund Act in 2015 and up to know the Act has never been actualized. The Governor assented to the Act and it became law but it was put to the dustbin so that to gather dust there for the rest of its life, but thanks to God we have now a new Governor who is able and who has promised this House that he is going to actualize the Ward Development Fund.

Madam Speaker, if you go back to our Constitution 2010. The framers of that Constitution wanted to devolve the funds and the power to the smallest units of the County which is the Ward. I want to thank the Governor for taking into consideration the Constitution of Kenya Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, if you look five years back, this County performed poorly than even my home County which is in Isiolo, which gets 2.6 Billion from ex-chequer.

Madam Speaker, the County of Nairobi used to get 4.5 Billion from ex-cheque and our local revenue was 9 Billion if am not wrong and the chairman of budget is here, but if you go around Nairobi you will feel sorry for Nairobians Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, Nairobi entrusted their will and sovereign power to one Evans Kidero and the Former Governor let them down. This Assembly for the last five years was crippled and starved of finance by our Former Governor. As you may know article 176 of the Constitution emerged that we will have a County Government which consist of County Assembly and the County Executive Madam Speaker. Those are two arms of the County Government. But the former regime which was led by Former Evans Odiambo Kidero decided that the Executive was going to be superior and load over the Assembly and crippled the Assembly.

Madam Speaker, the resolution and recommendation of this House has never been implemented by the County Executive Madam Speaker. In the County of Nairobi as we are speaking, the County Assembly of Nairobi is privileged to have a Speaker who was once a Senate Member.

*(Applause)*

Madam Speaker, this is a great privilege and honour to the County Assembly of Nairobi. Madam Speaker, as you may well know with all your experience in legislative procedure I know this Assembly will prosper. Let me also Congratulate my good able Governor on tackling the corruption menace in this County.

If you look in the last one month Madam Speaker, the Governor fought with all corruption menaces starting from lands, rates to revenue corrections and as we are speaking the revenue has risen from 15million in a day in this low season to 35million per day. You pose a question Madam Speaker, where was

the balance going? Who was pocketing the rest 20 million? Where was that money going? That is why Nairobi people, who were paying money to this County, did not get the value for their money.

Madam Speaker, I want to commend my Governor, for putting down his feet against the cartel and on that I want to assure the Governor, that the County Assembly of Nairobi will stand by him to make sure that the corruption is a thing of the past.

Madam Speaker, as you may go through the speech the Governor also touched on the Audit and he said that he has formed an Audit Committee which will go through all the finances and all the Assets of County Government of Nairobi and he shall bring the recommendation of the Audit to this House. We are looking forward Madam Speaker, so that this House can discuss on that Audit.

Madam Speaker, as you may know up to now even after getting our new Constitution we still use draconian by-laws and you heard the Governor touching the issue of by-laws in his speech. Madam Speaker, we want to assure the Governor that we will assist him to make sure that we put the issue of by-laws aside and we shall come with the law which conforms to the Constitution of 2010.

Madam Speaker, the Governor took up a County which is broken down and choked with debt of 58 billion. When Kidero took up this County the debt stood at 12 billion and I think my able Chairman here will correct me, if I am not right. But as he moved out of the County of Nairobi the debt stood at 58 billion and I know he was a gate keeper of Kidero Government, he is not going to be happy but we have to state the truth and the fact Madam Speaker.

I think that is the reason why the able Minority leader here decided that he was not going to work with his Governor for the last five years, because of the corruption which was entailed in that Government.

Madam Speaker, I want to assure the Governor that as an Assembly, we will make rules which will allow him to offset these debts. I also want to assure the Governor that in realigning his Government and rationalizing his Government by trimming down the staff, this Assembly will stand by him. As we are speaking we have 13,000 workers in this County of which 8,000 are labourers. 1% of the County Workers are Strategic, what does that mean? We need to change the Human Resource. We need new faces and we need youths to be employed in this County so that we get the production and value for the money which the people of Nairobi pay to this County Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I also want to ask my colleagues from the minority side that we work in bipartisan approach when we do our core mandates which is legislation, oversighting and representing the people who elected us. I want to give an example of my good friend who used to sit on this side by then they were the Majority and he was coming from Sarangombe, Madam Speaker he was good, articulate and he was fond of using a very heavy English but the people of Sarangombe said we are not interested in how good you speak English, but we are interested in your performance and production to people of Sarangombe.

Madam Speaker I want to remind my colleagues here after five years the electorates in their Wards will ask very few questions like, we elected you and you were there for five years what have you done for us?

If you tell them you were debating in very good English, I was a good debater they will tell you that they are not going to eat debate. The roads are not going to be fixed by debates so we need to work together to assist the Governor to make this City a better City, a habitable City to live in Madam Speaker.

On that Madam Speaker, I want to thank His Excellency the Governor for his beautiful Speech and we will assist him to make Nairobi the better place to live in. With those few remarks Madam Speaker I will ask my counterpart to second this Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Elias Otieno:** Thank you Madam Speaker, As much as Mijority is just throwing stones here and there and as far as we are concerned the Governor's speech touched on a lot of things in Nairobi especially land grabbing, ranging from reclaiming public utilities and Nursery School in Upper Hill. I think these are the major things which he touched here during his address in this Assembly. I hope it is going to be practical not theory because like in the other first regime we were given the speech but what was done was doing was different from what he gave us in the Assembly.

So I think, this time it is not going to be business as usual. I think he is a man of action because for the last few days we have seen what he is doing especially with the cartel in Cash office. He is also trying to abolish and put road blocks for those who may want to steal in land rates since many people go there to change their original ownership or others go there to pay the land rates.

Therefore, I hope the Governor is going to move with speed to reclaim the grabbed lands plus the public utilities. In any case if anybody who is here is planning to have a land somewhere to grab it is long gone because the Governor promised he is going to reclaim them back.

Therefore, you should learn how to eat your own sweat. I think he is a no nonsense Governor as far as I saw him on Friday when he was going to reclaim a certain house in Woodley, when some auctioneer went to take over that house. He was there and reclaimed it back and gave it back to the owner.

Let us unite and support what the Governor is trying to achieve and not politicize for the sake of it. We should unite and we support the Governor. The Governor said that he wants to unify this Assembly regardless of which party you belong to.

**Hon. Elias Otieno:** So I think when we are here we just debate but not criticize for the sake of criticizing somebody. Let us have unity for the purpose of our electorate. Thank you and I beg to second what Majority has said, thank you Madam Speaker.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Anthony Karanja:** Thank you madam Speaker, my name is Anthony Karanja, elected in Waithaka, this is my second term of the ten terms that the people of Waithaka promised me.

*(Laughter)*

Madam Speaker I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Governor, to congratulate you and to congratulate the Governor of this city for being elected on Jubilee ticket and I take cognizance of the Governor's speech last week. Having been a Member of the First Assembly I would want to state that indeed Nairobi is ailing in insecurity, corruption, extortion and laziness among the staff. It is our duty as we come here every day to fulfill our mandate of representing the people of this city to help the Governor clean this City. It is actually a shame for lack of a better word to be associated with Nairobi that has been there.

Maybe to highlight just a few that it is very important for every member in this Assembly to realize that Nairobi City County has a Legal Department that has never won a single case, that Nairobi City County has lost every case; anybody who has taken this City to court has won. Anyone who has been taken to court by this City has won; it is a shame, we have a Treasury that is shame, and if we remember the list of shame that was given to the National Assembly by the President almost half of the public servants belong to this City.

Madam Speaker it is with much concern that we note that during the last five years that the youth and people of Nairobi have not benefitted much from the government. It is a shame to inform this Assembly that all the public toilets in this City used to belong to an individual, a senior staff of this County. Madam Speaker this is our opportunity to hold hands together as members of this assembly and make a difference.

Madam Speaker I do not want to say more because as I stand here am very sad and I have a lot of energy to make sure we bring change to this City. We are going to fulfill, we are going to act and make sure this City regains its glory as the City in the sun, thank you.

**Hon. Ruth Ndumi:** Thank you Madam Speaker, my names are Ruth Ndumi, nominated by Jubilee. My Party Leader is Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, the President of Republic of Kenya, my Deputy Party Leader is Deputy President of Republic of Kenya and the coming President 2022. Madam Speaker I want to congratulate the House, the Honorable Members who are in this House for fighting tirelessly to be in this House. Madam Speaker I want to congratulate you also for being the first female Speaker in Nairobi City County Assembly and you make Honorable Lady Members in this House proud.

Madam Speaker I want to congratulate not only one His Excellency the Governor of Nairobi Mike Mbuvi Sonko son of Kivanguli (*Laughter*) whom I compare with David who sent home the Goliath who is Kidero. Madam Speaker I want to congratulate the Governor for the good speech which he gave in this House and first and foremost he did not want to work like the former Governor. He assured this House that he wouldn't work with Jubilee alone but he will work with the Nasa also.

Madam Speaker I want to tell this House that we came here to the City in the sun, where everybody is looking at us. I want to ask Hon. Members of this House to make Nairobi the City in the sun. And as you go straight to the speech of H. E the Governor of Nairobi, he had tackled everything in his speech. First it tackled health, secondly education, third women, youth and disability. Madam Speaker you know Nairobi women suffer a lot. Sometime you see in matatus women are raped there and I want to thank my Governor for making sure as we see here in Nairobi the women will be safe.

Madam Speaker if you read the speech he tackled the cartel of corruption. As you know Nairobi City was about cartels of corruption every day and I want to thank my Governor because he is a man without corruption. Madam Speaker as you walk around Nairobi you will see something, if you agree with me I will put it in Kiswahili '*ngarisha* Nairobi'. Everybody is seeing *ngarisha* Nairobi. We are cleaning the

City day and night so I ask the House and Hon. Members to work tirelessly and together with the Governor, thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Peter Warutere:** Hon. Speaker ...

**Hon. Speaker:** Order Mheshimiwa, I know you had not put your request Warutere and I had given a Member from that side. Was it Gari? Ogada? Just do your request again. Gari?

**Hon. Maurice Gari:** Thank you Madam Speaker for your election as second Speaker of Nairobi County Assembly. I also thank all the Members, the leadership of the Assembly and the secretariat at large. Madam Speaker we are here for a serious business and last time we were majority and being majority we didn't perform well and we were taken back to minority. Madam Speaker it is upon the opposition now to work hand hand in hand with its leadership so that Nairobi can realize change. As opposition I think we will do our work of oversight well and we will seal the loopholes which were created by the then Nairobi County.

Madam Speaker I just want to emphasize on one thing which touches Members greatly. Madam Speaker in the former Assembly we had Ward Development Fund of which the Governor emphasized on. It is upon the committee which will be elected and led by one Mheshimiwa Guyo as the Committee on Implementation Chair. Madam Speaker I urge the Member of Spring Valley Matopeni that he should not let us down since the mantle is on his side.

Madam Speaker last time we passed the Bill, we did all the amendments which was required by the Controller of Budget but nothing came on our table. Even our Members did not have money even to print posters. It is so shameful. Luckily the Members who are back here, I urge you to guide and lead new Members in good direction which will lead to their success within five years.

Madam Speaker I think if we work without witch-hunt, because everybody represents his or her own Ward and if you can support us as the moderator in this House we will do wonders to Nairobi. The revenue we collect in this City is too much but the former regime could not remit 5% of total revenue collected, only 5% towards the Ward Development Fund Madam Speaker! It was very shameful, there was war between the Executive and the Assembly of which it didn't end well but they wanted us to lose but they are the people who went home.

Madam Speaker I want to tell you one thing of which I have been dreaming that one day if I work well for Nairobi constituents, Langata Constituency and they give me the third time I won't come back to this House again. I will go to National Parliament and work hard in that parliament and one day struggle to be President of this nation. That is my dream Madam Speaker.

It starts with you Madam Speaker. We are back, we will guide Members and we want you to be a good moderator of the House so that we can have our things in order, in good place and urge Majority Leader of this House that everything belongs to you. The moving of Motions, the Bills of the County Government and making sure that Members here are equal to the task and don't lean on one side my

Leader of Majority. So madam Speaker I rest my case but I want everybody to come out of this House in the next five years shining and your name will be up, thank you very much.

**Hon. Speaker:** The Member with mic, continue

**Hon. Leah Naikanae:** Madam Speaker I saw a Member standing up so I got confused and saw my mic was on, so I think he was out of order. Madam Speaker I would like to thank the President and Deputy President for nominating me in this Hon. House. It is my first time to do this and I feel nervous because I still have to know the Standing Orders and all that but I will learn slowly. It is not an easy thing as the Majority Leader said that it is not easy to be nominated in this House. I also want to congratulate you Madam Speaker for being elected in this House. Am proud to be part of you because am a person that has known you, you are not a stranger to me and I know you are equal to the task. I would also like to congratulate the elected Members. I know it is not easy. I sat in the National Election Board of Jubilee Party and from where I was seated I would feel what those guys who were out there, what exactly they were going through and that means if I could feel myself what about those who were in the field. So I congratulate all of you.

I also congratulate our able Governor Mr. Sonko, a man that I had known before I came to this House. I would like to ask all Members or actually the other side of the House that we hold hands for the benefit of the people of Nairobi and the people who elected you to this House. I would like to request you to put aside the *tibims* and *tialalala* of the politics around and actually to note that you are in this House because of the people who elected you.

I would also like to ask the men in the House not to look down our Speaker as a lady. We will be here as ladies to protect her and that is not a threat but a polite notice. Lastly, I would like to contribute to the Motion of H.E the Governor speech. One thing that touched me and a promise he made when he was campaigning and was in his manifesto is about mama *mboga*. A promise he actualized last week. That is a promise he kept and he has done it and I always feel for those mama *mboga* people. It is very important to note that in his budget proposals he also included the youth, women and people with disability. Those are very important people in the society that should be handled with care. With those few remarks Madam Speaker, I thank you. My names are Leah Naikanae but popularly known as Leah Ntimama.

**Hon. Member:** Madam Speaker actually I was rising on Point of Order 90 to urge madam Leah not to anticipate debate, we respect the Speaker, we elected the Speaker and it is actually unfair to assume we as members...

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, order Member.

**Hon. Nicholas Okumu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, my names are Nicholas Okumu from Lower Savanna, Embakasi East constituency. First and foremost let me say congratulations for being the first woman Speaker in the City. Second having gone through the speech by His Excellency the Governor I would say that it is one of the most promising speech of recent times at least on paper but I would want to

urge the House that we can only actualize the speech of H. E the Governor if all of us are united because as I have heard Members say that in previous Assembly there was disunity. So kindly Members we have a responsibility that if we want to make sure that Nairobians are going to enjoy the benefits then we must come up together and make sure we support the Governor. At least from our side based on the speech that was read I would say the Governor is on the right track more especially when he spoke about the traffic management in the City. This has been a thorn in the flesh for most Nairobians. When he spoke about the health, if the Governor can actualize and bring ambulances in the 85 wards as promised in his maiden speech then clearly I see all Members coming back in the next House. From where I sit in the minority side we are going to support the Governor based on the speech he gave us on 28<sup>th</sup>, but contrary to that then it will be a debate of discussion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Peter Warutere:** Madam Speaker allow me as well to voice my concerns on this exemplary speech that was done by H. E Mike Mbuvi Sonko, the second Governor of Nairobi County. Allow me as well to congratulate you on this humble task that we bestowed on you and I know you are indeed up to the task. Hon. Speaker I want to strongly support the sentiments expressed by the Majority Leader and his call for all of us to rise to the occasion and support the Governor quest to return Nairobi to its former glory.

Hon. Speaker the Governor exposition of public policy as outlined in his address carries a lot of hope for Nairobi and its residents. Hon. Speaker I want to similarly thank H. E the Governor for outlining a manifesto, delivery plan that touches on all the critical areas of the residents we represent in this August Assembly.

Hon. Speaker personally I cannot wait for the audit report commissioned by the Governor to be forwarded to us for consideration. We must take it very clear that those found culpable of any error of omission or commission that led to the wastage and theft must face full force of the law.

Madam Speaker we must communicate in no uncertain terms to the cartels out here that enough is enough. There would be no land grabbing with impunity, no more pilferage, no more wastage, no more to all this mediocrity that has given our good City a bad name. For decades this has been the business in this City.

Hon. Speaker as the Governor makes every effort to clean up this mess, our support will be critical and crucial. The cartels in rates department, lands, and treasury must be defeated. We must support every effort to continue raising increased revenue unlike never before it cannot be business as usual.

Madam Speaker...

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Madam Speaker, according to the Standing Order Mheshimiwa Warutere being a senior member of this House is not allowed to read speech, am I guided rightly Madam Speaker?

**Hon. Peter Warutere:** Madam Speaker am making reference to the notes I have made

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Can Seargent-at-Arms confirm whether Hon. Warutere has written speech?

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**Hon. Speaker:** Order, order, order member, Minority Whip! How sure are you he is reading speech? Are you next to him?

**Hon. Peter Imwatak:** You must have gestures looking at people but the guy is just busy concentrating on the iPad or something, am worried madam Speaker!

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, order. While I agree that we should not read but I believe he is highlighting and telling us about the speech. If he was reading then definitely it should be word for word and I think since I have the speech I haven't seen word for word. I don't know even what page you are talking about. Continue Hon.

**Hon. Peter Warutere:** Thank you Madam Speaker for your protection. I have dealt with that Hon. Member before, I know his issues but I want to tell him this, the time for fighting is over. We have business to do and this is essentially what we were sent here by Nairobians to ensure we get it right. We had issues with him in the former Assembly, issues I hope he is not going to take to the next level.

Madam Speaker as I continue with the highlights, I saw in this exemplary speech there is something that touched me, that was highlighted by a Member and crucially is that we must do business differently for us to get a different outcome. We did it in the same way for the past five years and trust me the results were disastrous. I thank the people of Roysambu for giving me another opportunity to serve an exemplary Governor. A Governor who understands what is expected of Nairobians because I believe strongly that wanjiku sent us here with a key purpose on delivery of service. Other shenanigans of who belongs to what party has no space in this Assembly that we are serving and therefore it is on that note that I feel we are in the right hands, we are equal to the task and...

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, order Hon. Member. I can see your time is up and it went up for a while. I gave you a minute.

**Hon. Peter Warutere:** It is on that note therefore Madam Speaker I support this very Motion and I hope I will get more time in near future to give on what I have as highlights, thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Emily, your mic was on

**Hon. Emily Oduor:** Hon. Speaker first and foremost I congratulate you for your election to the House and am very proud as woman to see a lady sitting there and I hope other counties could see what you are doing and next time they do the same thing. My name is Emily Oduor and am nominated member from ODM.

I want to comment a little bit about the Governor's speech. It was really moving for people like us who have lived in this City. We have seen the dirt and if you crisscross the City, I come from Kajjado, cross through to Machakos and then get to Nairobi. If you go through that road, you will notice something. The

minute you get to Nairobi, you see a difference. It is extremely filthy. So, when I saw what the Governor did before he was even sworn in, cleaning the market, I was so proud and hope that we are going to see cleanliness done within the City.

The next point that really touched me in the Governor's speech is that some of the people employed within the County Assembly are 60 years and above and I think he is very right because I have seen people who are aged really trying to struggle to clean the City. We don't blame them for keeping their job until that age. I think the County Government owes so much money to these people. They would have wished to retire but they can't because where do they go to. They have nothing to go back home with and start business. So, hopefully, with the good revenue collection, they will be able to pay them so that they go and rest and also create opportunities for the young people.

Otherwise, I am very grateful to be here and this is my first time here. I am requesting old Members that you hold our hands so that when you see that we are not doing something right, please show us the way. Secondly, let's not just expect to clean Nairobi and talk big. We should also do that by example. How we carry ourselves in the County Assembly and also outside there, so that when people see you and you say you are an MCA, they will actually recognize you. So, please, Members, you are Hon. Members, let us not only refer to ourselves as Hon. Members here but let's do it out there so as to be a good example to the community. Thank you.

**Hon. June Ndegwa:** Thank you Madam Speaker. My name is June Ndegwa. I have been nominated here by Jubilee Party. Madam Speaker, I would first like to congratulate you for being elected Speaker of this County Assembly. I want to also recognize the fact that you are among the 5 women who have been elected in the different county assemblies across the country. So, as a woman, that is something I am very proud of. I would also like to say that I have no doubt in my mind that your leadership skills is something that is very conspicuous and that is what we need in this House.

I would like to congratulate the Hon. Members who made it to this House whether elected or nominated. We have heard that it is not easy to be either elected or nominated in this House. So, I congratulate everyone. Madam Speaker, on the Governor's speech, it is very simple and clear. I was elated because he spoke about unity of the County Executive and the County Assembly which I think was not there in the previous Assembly. And with that, he says, he will be able to fight corruption. If we work together, we will be able to ensure that devolution works in this particular County. We will be able to amend and repeal laws that do not make sense. And there are quite a number of them that do not make sense and are not transformative. So, I was happy because basically in his whole speech, what he said is that we are going to fix and transform Nairobi as long as we work together. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Melab Atema:** Thank you Madam Speaker. My name is Melab Atema Lumala, from the ODM Party. It is my first time to be here and of course each and every person would be excited and a bit nervous. I might not be well conversant with the Standing Orders but as my sister said, we are here to learn

and we beg the senior people here to help us and hold our hands well. Where we go wrong, they come to us in a good way and we are ready to learn.

First, I would like to congratulate you as a woman. To have scored this in the capital City of the country. And we got so many calls after what we went through after the voting. So many people from the entire country congratulating us for voting in a woman to be the Speaker hoping that you will show us the best example for other women to be voted in for other positions.

I would also like to thank my party for nominating me to be here because they must have believed in something that I can do better. I know for others they will have another time when the time comes. I wish to congratulate all the MCAs who got seats through elections. It is not easy. We have been there before. We didn't manage. But as much as we learn, one day you will teach us the success of getting the seats. And I also want to give special thanks and congratulations to the women who managed to clinch the seats.

About the Governor's speech, it was a very moving speech and the things that she talked about are the things that the Nairobians would love to hear. We have been hearing most of the things from other leaders hoping that this one will be very different in action and he will perform them as much as he told us. It has been exciting from here down to the grassroots. Everybody is congratulating and saying that the Governor spoke so well and hope the promises he gave will be fulfilled. Our leaders are always good and are always up to task when they are elected until when they are corrupted by bad characters in the system. I believe the system won't corrupt our leaders who are in this House. The thing that moved me from the Governor's speech mostly was the environment and solid waste that is allocated 4.2 billion, and the youth, women and persons with disability 442 million. Those two sectors have been very critical.

Madam Speaker, most of us cannot afford to stay in urban estates. We are very comfortable staying in our rural small villages and slums since we expect it is the right of every citizen to live in a very good clean environment. And that should not give us the reason to move out of that place. But we have to stay there to make sure that what the Governor said is coming to be. I am elated by the banning of plastic bags. It has been blocking a lot of sewerages and sewer lines. And I believe when we start small like that we are going to have that big change that everybody is yearning for.

Secondly, we have the youth, women and persons with disability who always come last in people's arrangement. Before they think of a woman they would have already thought of other people who come first. But this is a very exciting Assembly. The leadership of the Governor who has promised that the women and the youth is a priority. We have women who are youthful. They fall under women. So the gap of women is wide because we have the youthful women and the seniors. We urge every Member to go out and talk to them because most of these women have not heard the speech to make sure they utilize the provision of what the Governor set for us in this County Assembly and County of Nairobi as well.

Lastly, I would like to say that success comes when joining efforts are put together in small ways and they bring a big result. When we are here, I would like to appreciate our majority members. They have been

so friendly. They have shown us that they are ready to work with us. And also my party. We still feel the power even if we are not the majority but we are promising that we will work together with you people. I would also like to urge any man here, please feel a woman as your sister who is in this House. Feel a woman to be your wife in this House. Feel a woman to be your daughter in this House. Don't look down on us. I beg that through your Chair, Madam Speaker. I know the gender sensitivity has always been talked about only on women. But on my side we always talk about men. So, what we are saying is that women have not filled the gap fully but next time when we see men are fewer and women are many, we will give you the maximum respect and uphold your hand.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you so much. We would like to thank the Governor. Each time he knows we are coming around, he always appreciates. When he comes to the induction, he appreciated and even decided to make us feel nice. From that, we realized that there is this connection that we can sit together and talk. So, I believe a good leader is a leader who can listen to people and I know, Madam Speaker, through your leadership you are going to give us an ear. With our Majority Leader, I know whenever we approach you, you will always give us an ear. I would like to end this by saying God bless you all, God bless Nairobi County.

**Hon. Ann Akinyi:** Thank you Madam Speaker, my name is Ann, a nominated MCA by Jubilee Party. I want to start by congratulating you Madam Speaker for being elected. I want to take this chance to congratulate all Members. To be here is not easy.

Secondly, I want to thank the ladies who are elected, Madam Millicent and the rest. I want to congratulate His Excellency the Governor for the election. I want to say that the Governor's speech is about *Wanjiku* and I think that is very okay. My concern is about health. If you can see the speech the Governor gave us on his manifesto, I realized that in health system, he is having a good manifesto. One being the digitalization of healthcare management. On the storage of information, we are using the manual system that is delaying the patient and I don't think that is a good idea. He also talked about provision of ambulances in every Ward and according to me, that will reduce the maternal deaths and it will help the patients to get to the hospital in a good time. I also realized that he talked about provision of good conditions in our hospitals. The hospitals within the Nairobi County are in a messy situation. If you visit Mathare Hospital for instance, it is in a mess and I hope the Health Committee will sit and see the things we need to change. Thank you.

**Hon. peter Imwatok:** Madam Speaker, it is important today I add my voice on the first day of the opening of the Assembly. First of all, I must say thank you to the great people of Makongeni, Kaloleni and Mbotela for allowing me to be their representative in this House again despite the fact that I am the minority of minorities in this county. Madam Speaker, I give you hands of congratulations for being elected the first ever powerful County Assembly Speaker because Nairobi County Assembly is the second biggest Assembly in this country after the National Assembly. Thirdly, I want to extend my gratitude to the entire NASA fraternity who are now minority in this Assembly.

I remember five years ago, when we started this Assembly, the then Minority Leader, Guyo, who is now the Majority Leader and the then Majority Leader, Otieno who is now the Minority Leader worked so well. It is a good spirit that after 5 years, the same leaders are still on the realm of running this Assembly. And more so our Clerk who has been there. I remember 5 years ago, Madam Speaker, when we came here, then we had not even known what a Standing Order is but the able Clerk of this Assembly made sure we are inducted properly from a common induction process to individual committee process inductions to individual inductions. So, I want to urge the new Members of this House not to worry. You will understand the procedures of the House for as long as you are in this House, you have somewhere to begin from.

Madam Speaker, having just read the speech of the Governor, I want to put on record that the current Governor of Nairobi was my MP at Makadara Constituency. So, some of you might have just known our Governor now but I have known him more than 15 years ago because he was my MP and now the Governor of the City. I heard him speak a lot about what he believes in; the policies, the programs and the issues he wants to table before this Assembly. One thing that really moved me and that I have never gone into is the age limit of our staff. And I agree. In my Ward, I have about 21 staff from the County Government. In each day, about 14 of them are on a sick leave, remaining only of them in a Ward. Meaning anything going on in terms of work force is so low.

Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate the Governor for pointing out those issues and more so to appreciate that in due time, he will bring a policy in this House requesting the staff, 5000 of them, to go on voluntary leave. Madam Speaker, that calls for a huge budget. And I believe, as the Majority Leader has said, we are collecting enough money now. There will be enough money to make sure that these people will go home handsomely paid. Not given just peanuts to go and suffer more.

Madam Speaker, listening to the Governor Speaking, and since we have been elected on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, a lot has taken place in this County. As the NASA team, the Constitution, the County Government Act, the Standing Order and parliamentary practices allow us to be the checks and balance of the government of the day. Just the same way Guyo, then the Minority Leader of this Assembly, and the entire Jubilee on the other side were the checks and balances of the government under the leadership of Dr. Evans Kidero. I believe we will exercise our mandate as opposition constructively without fear or contradiction.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor Speaks about bringing policies on staff. I think for the last few days it have been on record, on TV, on network cables, a lot is taking place in this County. One of it is that the Governor has gone to the cash office, which is good. The Governor is doing a good job. On spot checking on what is going on in the County. I would urge as the opposition that we do it within the precincts of the law. I think my time is not enough. I wish I could change that procedural Motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker. Time is not on my side. Can we change the procedural Motion so that it can me about 30 minutes to speak?

*(Hon. Speaker leaves the Chair. Hon. Deputy Speaker takes the Chair)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member, let us also give chance to others. You will have time tomorrow. This Motion goes up to tomorrow. You will have a chance. Thank you. There is Jeremiah Karani.

**Hon. Jeremiah Karani:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to contribute to this Motion. First, I congratulate you for being elected as our Deputy Speaker to this House. I wish to thank my people of Kayole Central Ward for electing me as their second MCA to come and represent them in this House. I wish to thank my Governor for his hard work and the proposals that he gave in this County Assembly. He gave the environment section about 4.2 billion. It shall make Nairobi a very clean County and a better city in Africa, better than South Africa. I need also to congratulate all Members, elected and special elect, because I know it was not easy to come to this House. I think now, working as a team and with the Governor and the Speaker, we shall transform Nairobi to become a good City for us to live without thugs and land grabbing in our County. I know, our able Governor shall make those grabbers a past tense. Also those former council officers who were colluding with those grabbers to grab part of our school lands and sell them. For now, I know, our Governor shall reach them and reclaim the same land. And with those few remarks, I wish to thank God for giving me this chance, which I tried for many years, to stand here before you. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Michael Ogada:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you for being our Deputy Speaker and also making it back into this County. I am also taking this opportunity to congratulate those who were elected and nominated into this great Assembly. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the people of Embakasi Ward for having some confidence in us that they have continued to give us the opportunity to serve them for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time now.

Mr. Speaker sir, I have looked at the speech by the Governor and it is a great speech. It is really tackling most of the areas that as a County we expect tackled. But when I go deeper into it, it is not different from the other speeches which I have always been holding in my hands. Before the Governor, we used to have heard very beautiful speeches. But finally they ended up being pieces of papers. They were not translated into action. And therefore, my prayer is whatever has been put in this speech may be translated into action. If it so happens, then the people of Nairobi will be a happy lot.

When you go deeper into the speech, we have realized many promises he is giving. And one thing that we need to appreciate is that we will need money to do them. And as the Majority Leader has put it, things look bright according to the stories we hear. With that money that is being collected seriously it is good money. Only that we have not seen it. So, I wish we will get an opportunity to have a look at the real money so that we can confirm that it is there. It will be important because you know hearing and seeing are two different things. So, I hope we will be able to see it.

Apart from that, one thing we need to realize is that this is a House of rules and procedures and basically what is done in the County goes around laws. I will also like to appeal to His Excellency the Governor that when he makes road side decisions and declarations, he should consult his legal team such that whatever good money we have in our accounts are not again used to pay people who are wrongfully

dealt with. You might see yourself doing a good service to the people but you will have gone against the law. When these people go to court, you don't know how much they will be awarded and it might be a nightmare to this County again.

I am not saying that he is doing anything wrong because he has a technical team around him but if something is not right then he should look into that.

One thing I wish to appreciate as said by the Majority leader is that he really looked at the former Governor as having done absolutely nothing but I would say that he did something. It's how you choose to see wind. The Governor will have performed after three, four years and then we will be able to compare and juggle to see actually who performed and who did not. We are sure that the Governor with his boldness, courage and confidence will perform. We only pray that he does everything within the law.

Roadside decisions are always very counterproductive when you don't look at the budget. I have been privileged to look at the finance docket and when you go around abolishing fees and charges anyhow (*inaudible*). One thing that gives me hope is that he is very close to H.E the President of the Country and they will work around paying us the Ksh. 100 Million that they owe us. This they were not able to pay last time because the other guy was on the other side. Now, they are together and we need the money here. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Ogada. *Mheshimiwa* Laura

**Hon. Laura Mwende:** *Asante sana Bwana Spika. Majina ni Laura Mwende. Nataka kuwapongeza nyinyi wote kwa kuchaguliwa na wale ambao tulikua nominated, na kumpongeza Gavana wetu wa Nairobi Mike Sonko. Yangu ni kusema ya kwamba na support speech yake mpaka mwisho especially ambapo aligusia wamama wa mboga ambao wamekua wakiteseka pale mashinani.*

(Applause)

*Ya pili ni kusema kwamba tuombe inchi yetu wakati ambao tunaenda kuchagua viongozi wetu na tujiombe sis wote na Mungu awabariki.*

(Applause)

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** What Point of Order? Are you on Chief Whip?

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** *Bwana Spika*, through the advice of the Clerk, the Assembly is going to discuss the Governor's speech for the next 4 days and looking at my watch, I am aware that the HBC has to sit at the rise of the House. I therefore implore you Mr. Speaker to advise the House on timings.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I know we are supposed to close at 5:30 p.m. Let us all observe time. Madam Laura were you through?

**Hon. Laura Mwende:** Yes

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Madam Muasya

**Hon. Jane Muasya:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mine is just to say a few words. A lot has been said and I first of all stand here to congratulate His Excellency Mike Sonko for being elected. Secondly, I congratulate Madam Speaker and yourself. In a House where you eat, you cannot stop giving the other children food if their father has eaten. I therefore want to congratulate you all for being elected s MCAs in Nairobi County. When pastors are preaching and Christians are listening, the word of God is good and that is why you will not find people walking and talking. Why am I saying that? This document by His Excellency is a very good document. Even if we were to sit here for 10 days, we would all say that the document is good. I congratulate him for giving us the document and saying many things. I also wish to congratulate him for starting work immediately and if he continues like that then we will be ahead of so many people. Let him not tell us nice things and then stop in the middle. I wish that we support him so that he can lead us in a good way.

The other day he said that he is going to work with everybody and I believe that is good. I hope that we will work together as the two coalitions and consider each other as brothers and sisters so that we can also help him move ahead. Lastly, I salute him for being elected and for showing us the way to go. A look at City Hall now, a lot of things are happening. When you go to the cash office, you are given a note and asked to go to the bank after which the bank asks you to go to the cash office. Officers at the cash office are not touching money and I believe that will help reduce the fraudulent problems we have experienced before. I thank him for that and I hope we will all support him. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. *Mheshimiwa* Esther.

**Hon Esther Waithera:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for giving me this chance to address his Honorable House. My name is Esther Waithera Chege, better known as Waithera Chege, elected Member for Nairobi South Ward. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you Mr. Speaker sir and also the Madam Speaker. Let me also congratulate the Hon. Members in the House for their elections and nominations to this Honorable House. Mr. Speaker sir, I have had a chance to peruse through the Governor's speech extensively and I am sure that if we are going to implement most of the proposals put in writing then Nairobi will be on its way to be the City under the sun, for sure. Today, I want to specifically address one issue. The Constitution of Kenya 2010, fourth schedule has given distinct functions of the County Governments in this Country. The same constitution which was promulgated in 2008 has shown the county Governments the way. Specifically I want to handle issues health care. Article 34 of the Constitution of Kenya gives every Kenyan the right to the highest attainable healthcare in this Country.

However, during my extensive tour in my Ward in the just concluded campaigns, I realized that the only dispensary that is in my area did not have enough support staff. It is in a deplorable condition and its maternity wing which was done by CDF does not have facilities that can be used by my residents. When you look at what is happening within the County Governments under health care, you realize that there are a lot of threats to strikes and they do not have enough financial backup. Therefore when I look at the

Governor's speech where he is specifically discussing on health issues, I wish to ask this Honorable House to look into it. I know that this is not only happening in my Ward. These problems are there. I am aware that the Ministry of health helps not only in the training and capacity building within the County Governments. I request this House as we push for Bills and Motions, that we push the department of health care more. Lastly Mr. Speaker sir, I would want this House while discussing Motions to--- I am elected in an area that is almost if not fully at 85% covered in slums. The slum residents do not have title deeds. They face the challenge of water and sanitation. This is key to me and I will ensure that this House passes.

In the previous local government we noticed that Nairobi County has a lot of issues reading water. My Ward faces challenges with water cartels and so I look upon my colleagues that as we pass on bills, we consider issues affecting the informal settlements. That is all for today Mr. Speaker. Thank you for giving me this chance.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you very much Hon. Waithera for your contribution. Hon. Lawrence Otieno

**Hon. Lawrence Otieno:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Mine will be brief. First and foremost, I want to congratulate you for being elected as the Deputy Speaker of this House. Secondly, I want to emphasize on strength. Without unity, then we cannot give our people good service. The Majority Leader said something about a former MCA who used to speak eloquently and was a good debator. I don't want to be a good debator who cannot give good services to the people I represent. Strength is unity. The other thing that I wanted to put emphasis on is to congratulate our Governor Mike Sonko. First of all, he is a man who is down to earth and one that you can call and he picks up your call. As a leader, it is very important to listen to what that person wants to tell you. For the short time I have been here I believe that if we are united then we will be able to go far. To my two brothers, the Majority leader and the Minority leader. If you walk together then you will be able to take us far. Thank you for giving us the best leaders that will help us give services to our people in the ground. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you for your contribution. Hon. Elijah Muthia

**Hon. Elijah Muthia:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. My name is Elijah Muthia. I represent the people of Njiru, Kasarani Ward. First and foremost I must congratulate you for having been elected. I also congratulate His Excellency the Governor Mike Mbuvi Sonko and Madam Speaker. My concern to the MCAs both elected and nominated is on the people of Njiru. People in my Ward you will be surprised have never even seen a drop of water. This has been going on for the last 3 months. Most of the people there are poor and are not able to buy a jar of water. The problem is not that we do not have enough water but cartels. I am glad the Governor said that he is going to deal with them perpendicularly. People with boreholes collude with people from the County Government to switch off the flow of water so that they can be able to sell water. We have that information and have reported the matter to the area District Commissioner who said that he is going to look into it.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker sir, we have these people who call themselves *wazee wa miradi*. They have grabbed all the land in our area and this made my Ward residents to go after them. I pray that when we start business then the Governor will assist and help me in making to stop these people. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Member from Njiru. Let's have Hon. Kados as the last one. Mheshimiwa Kados, kindly put in your card or move to the next seat. I cannot see you. Continue.

**Hon. Paul Kados:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. First let me congratulate you for being elected as the Deputy Speaker of this House. Secondly, let me congratulate the whole leadership of this House. The House has changed and I want to thank the Majority and the Minority for working together. Also, I am touched by what the Governor talked about and if put to practice then it is going to change Nairobi. Let us help and support the Governor. Politics has spoilt Nairobi and I think it is high time we stopped and reflected on what made us get elected. Why do I say so? I have been in this House twice and I happen to be elected by Nairobi City Council three times. What makes you be elected is the service that you give back to the people. Parties do not matter.

The first time I was elected as Councilor was on a KANU ticket yet back then; the whole of Nairobi was under the opposition. The second time I was the only person elected in Nairobi and this is because I represented the minority. I was elected on a Kenya Peoples party ticket. That has never deterred me from working for my people. I ask all of us in this House to work together, help the Governor and the Government of the day because what matters at the end of the day is what we give back to our people. Let us work together and give back to Nairobi's. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Kados. You are the longest serving member of the Council. Thank you for your contribution. Can I have Hon. Doris

**Hon. Doris Ngoyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I take this opportunity to thank the Jubilee party for nominating me to the Nairobi Assembly. I also want to thank my Governor. He is someone we believe in. Having gone through his speech; I believe that each and every word written there with our support we will be able to realize it together. I also congratulate the elected members of this Assembly and most especially the Honorable Member for Harambee Ward Mr. Anthony Kimemia. We ran for this seat together but he ended up carrying the day and as such my party found it worth to nominate me based on my efforts.

I also want to congratulate my fellow nominated members. So far I have worked with them and I can say that they are people who are focused and I believe that in the five years we will be in this Assembly, dreams will be realized and we will achieve our dreams together. I urge all the Honorable Members in this House to support our Governor. He is a man I have seen him perform during his days as the MP for Makadara and as a Senator. I believe that he is going to do more. Let us help him achieve his dream for the City and help fix it, cut corrupt cartels and ensure that we support him. Honorable Members',

coming together is a beginning, working together is progress and keeping together is success. God bless you all and I look forward to great things after five years in this Assembly

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you *Mheshimiwa* Doris for your contribution. Can we have Margaret Mbote.

**Hon. Margaret Mbote:** Hon. Speaker---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** *Mheshimiwa* Doris toa hio kitu yako please. Thank you.

**Hon. Margaret Mbote:** I take this opportunity to thank you for giving me this opportunity. I thank God for enabling me to be nominated by Jubilee party. I worked very hard for this nomination just as my fellow colleagues. It is not easy to be in this Assembly. For those who were elected congratulations on getting the tickets. I vied and did not make it and to the ladies who vied and went through, I wish to congratulate you very much. I also wish to congratulate the Governor on his speech as it has brought us all together with our colleagues from the opposition side.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Let me cut you short. Time is over. You will have time tomorrow to contribute. Let me congratulate all the Members who have contributed and those who are going to contribute tomorrow. Ensure that you contribute and discuss. There being no other business, the House stands adjourned to tomorrow Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Before we go Hon. Members, I have a few things to say. Kindly note that there is a sitting of the House Business Committee today at the rise of the Assembly at Charter Hall, committee room.

***(The House rose at 5.14 p.m.)***

