



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### OFFICIAL REPORT

#### Second County Assembly – First Session

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

The House met at 3:00 p.m.

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

### PRAYER

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

**Hon. Speaker:** Majority leader? Whip? The leadership?

Clerk proceed!

**Hon. John Kamangu:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Since the Leader of Majority is not around, let me take this opportunity to stand in for him. I am sure he is on his way. Procedural Motion THAT, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 29(1), this Assembly approves the Calendar of the Assembly (Regular Sessions) for the First Session of the Assembly, as contained in the Schedule attached to the Order Paper.

**Hon. Speaker:** Deputy Chairperson, who seconds your procedural motion.

**Hon. John Kamangu:** I would request my friend Odalo to second

**Hon. Wilfred Odalo:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I beg to second.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Warutere you want to---

**Hon. Peter Warutere:** Madam Speaker, as has been the practice in all Commonwealth assemblies, every start of the Assembly, we go for a short leave. Owing to the situation in the Country, we have business to do and it is in this spirit that we need a deserved leave for about 3 weeks so that we can go back to the Wards and check out what is happening. I beg to second this very Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Do you beg to support?

**Hon. Peter Warutere:** I support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Ibrahim.

**Hon. Abraham Njihia:** Madam Speaker, I think I pressed my mic by mistake but when the right time comes, I will contribute.

**Hon. Speaker:** Mover. Order Hon. Member, kindly request.

**Hon. Millicent Mugadi:** Madam Speaker, I beg to support the Motion. As you all know, rest is better than a change and we have been through a lot campaigning and getting settled. We also still have a major election to take part in. I support so that we can go back, support our parties and have peaceful elections for the County Kenya. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, we are discussing the Calendar of the Assembly. I wish that you read properly on the Procedural Motion and while debating, link your debate to the Calendar of the Assembly.

**Hon. John Kamangu:** Hon. Speaker, it is important as indicated in our Calendar that we adjourn the House for three weeks to participate in the presidential elections. I support. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** That was a reply?

**Hon. John Kamangu:** Yes

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Next order!

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes Mheshimiwa Kirago. What is your Point of Order?

**Hon. Antony Kiragu:** Thank you Madam Speaker: I think there is an omission here. We need to be clear that committee continues sitting while the Assembly is adjourned so that we are able to conduct our businesses next week.

**Hon. Speaker:** Order Member! Order Karanja! Hon. Member, there is no omission. It was a Procedural Motion. The omission is you; you have assumed that because you want to be in a committee



which I have no idea which committee we are talking about because we have not tabled any of those committees and names. Honorable Member, you are out of order.

### MOTION

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPOINTME

**Hon. John Kamangu:** Madam Speaker, appointment of members of the Select Committee on Appointments. THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 196, this Assembly approves the appointment of the following Members to the Select Committee on Appointments in addition to the Membership contemplated under Standing Order 196(1): -

1. The Hon. Beatrice Elachi, MCA -
2. The Hon. Ibrahim I. Hassan, MCA
3. The Hon. Elias O. Otieno, MCA
4. The Hon. Chege Mwaura, MCA
5. The Hon. Millicent Wambui Mugadi, MCA
6. The Hon. Peter Wanyoike, MCA
7. The Hon. Peter M. Warutere, MCA
8. The Hon. Emily Ondeje Oduor, MCA
9. The Hon. Peter Imwatok, MCA
10. The Hon. David Njilithia Mberia, MCA

**Hon. Speaker:** Your seconder? Who seconds

**Hon. John Kamangu:** The Majority Leader

**Hon. Abdi Hassan:** I am sorry for coming late. I beg to second. Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Madam Speaker I must say that I am sorry for coming in late. I rise to support the Motion in place. This is a very vital committee in the House, especially when it comes to institutionalization of all the sectors in the County; from the CEC Members to Chief Officers. In the last Assembly we had a similar committee but I want to implore to the current committee to be diligent in their work. I believe the Members mentioned here are up to the task to ensure that His Excellency the Governor gets the best of the best staff with enough experience to run this County. I support the Motion and urge the entire House on behalf of the entire County Government to support the same. Thank you Madam Speaker.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Next Order!

## MOTION

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, this is a continuation of yesterday's debate. Hon. Margaret Mbote you were on the floor and had exceeded your time. Do you still want to contribute?

**Hon. Margaret Mbote:** I am thankful for getting this chance once again. First of all I want to congratulate you for being elected as the Speaker of this Assembly. I am grateful for us having a woman Speaker and I hope that women issues will be well addressed. Yesterday I commended the Governor's speech because it touched on matters women, youth and persons with disabilities. These are the areas where the Governor has allocated Ksh. 442 million which is good and will benefit the various groups. I also recommended the investment of ECD which was lacking before. Basic education starts at the primary schools and without it, it makes it hard for the youth to get employment. This will help us have educated people who are employable.

In the Governor's speech, there was an address on single mothers and widows who are almost half the population. These women want to raise and provide for their child which is good. Madam Speaker, I believe the Governor's speech addressed almost all areas, from the ground to the top. I thank you for giving me this chance.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kennedy Obuya

**Hon. Kennedy Obuya:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. Kennedy Omondi Obuya is my name. Representative for Imara Daima Ward, Embakasi South. With your permission I beg to congratulate you on your election. You did make across the political divide a serious statement for the Country and the people of Nairobi that indeed sometimes politics must be set aside and agendas and interests of the people put to priority. On that note I beg to highlight a few things on the Governor's speech. Our very able Governor did us proud when he sent a gesture of cooperation with the NASA community. We do not take that lightly and we thank him for that. We also made a communication to you when we voted for you. In that respect, I pray that our very able Governor be advised that we love him and in respect to that, we demand that he respects that office. This is because we do not want a situation where he will get a backlash from the NASA community. I am referring to an incident that drew the attention of the Nation by the Embakasi East Member of Parliament. That is indeed regrettable but I would advise that any rhetoric political corrections be left to our very able Majority Leader, Members of Parliament from Jubilee side and the Senator. As said by my senior Hon. Ogada, the former Governor Hon. Kidero may have had his mistakes but at least he never showed disrespect to the Head of State and the people of Nairobi. Those are some of the traits I admire so much about him having worked under him at some point. We therefore demand that the Governor leaves comments that do not go in line with his office.

On that note again I humbly beg my very able Governor Hon. Sonko that in spirit and letter of his speech, kindly deal and use the case study of my Ward, Imara Daima on land cartels. I host one of the

biggest syndicates in the County. Kindly deal with Imara Daima land cartels. Thank you so much and I congratulate every Member; special elects and elected. Thank you so much, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Samora.

**Hon. Samora Mwaura:** Thank you Madam Speaker for giving me this opportunity to make my maiden speech in this Hon. House. First let me congratulate you for being elected as the first woman Speaker of Nairobi City County Assembly. Your election was a mark of two very key points; the first one was the face of woman empowerment in our politics, the second one was a sign that this House when it comes to matters that affect Nairobi, we can collapse our political divide and think in one direction, given that you won the election in the first round.

Secondly, I would like to thank the people of Clay City, the Ward that I represent from Kasarani Constituency. Personally I tried and contested in 2013 and lost and I have been praying to God for an opportunity to step in this House and in that very note let me thank God very much for this opportunity to address this House.

Thirdly, I congratulate my fellow colleagues, Hon. Members, winning an election is not easy. You are 85 people who have been given an opportunity by more than 5 million people to canvas their interests and champion their interests in this House.

On the Governor's speech, generally it was a good speech. It had a hallmark of all that Nairobians have been aspiring for. But as a person who has been working for youth empowerment for the last 8 years, I took very special interest on the Governor's intent for youth empowerment and to support that point just to show how the Governor is interested in championing youth empowerment. I took notice of several issues, the first one is the Governor eliminated the 30 shillings that small scale traders usually pay. In my Ward actually that was the pillar of my campaign because when I was campaigning I was telling my constituents, one of the things that I will fight for when I get into this Hon. House is to bring some legal framework to ensure that small scale traders are not harassed by City County Askaris to pay levies on a daily basis yet most of them could barely make ends meet. So I thank the Governor for making me realize that dream even before I made my maiden speech.

The second aspect, it is notable that out of a workforce of 13,000, only 400 or less are youth. You can imagine Madam Speaker what percentage that is. It means that most workers of the County are past the age of the youth. And according to verifiable statistics 75% of Nairobians are the youth. It means that this County government workforce is serving a population that they are not in tandem with; that is in terms of digitalization and stuff like that.

So I would beg this House and my fellow Members Madam Speaker when the Governor brings a Motion here to help these 5,000 workers who want to retire voluntarily, I would beg my colleagues to support that because, by supporting that it means we will have unclogged the system of people who are

beyond or past their prime and creating an opportunity for the youth of this County to serve in the County government.

Another aspect in advancing the youth empowerment that I noticed from the Governor's speech; is his aspiration to give at least 30% of tenders to the youth, women and the disabled which is in accordance to some Acts of parliament. If that one is realized, I believe we will have created an opportunity for the youth of this County to do business with the County government and in the process create employment and a trickledown effect because I believe if some youth get money or become economically empowered, it will trickle down in the estates whereby at least a small percentage of young people will be lifted out of poverty.

Another aspect in youth empowerment that I noticed from the Governor's speech is the internship programme. He said that he is going to create a programme where young people from colleges and universities will be getting internships in the County government. You realize that most of the time when job advertisements are made, they usually ask for many years of experience and most of the youth do not have that. So I believe that programme will give an opportunity to the youth to consolidate their experience.

Finally, the 'operation *ngarisha jiji*', you realize that the Governor has been using the youth to clean the City which in the process creates employment and realization of youth empowerment agenda. And on that note I would like to support the Governor in that agenda and I beg my colleagues when the Governor brings the legislations that are meant to advance this particular important issue of youth empowerment, as Members we support him. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Millicent.

**Hon. Millicent Jagero:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Millicent Jagero is my name a Nominated Member by the Jubilee Party. First of all Madam Speaker I would like to congratulate you for being elected. As a woman we are proud of you and we are proud of ourselves. On the Governor's speech, as a person who previously worked with the civil societies, we were very proud. He touched on everything that was being championed for and mostly on the basic rights. I will talk on pillar No. 3 on education and health that is enshrined in the Constitution Article 43 (a) and (f) respectively.

On education, he touched on good quality education but you find that most of our schools are not offering that good quality education, the education that all our children and as parents can be proud of. Most schools are at dilapidated state, they are not in good condition and we are optimistic that together with us the schools shall be repaired, the staff will be increased and our children will be learning at a good place.

Then on health, most health facilities do not have medications. The patients go there but they are usually prescribed for medicine to buy them from outside. We are hoping that the budget that is usually there, the money will be released and medicines to be available, not just pain killers but medicines of all types. Then on maternal health, most maternal facilities lack enough bedding and enough wards. Patients or mothers who have given birth share beds. You imagine a mother who has just given birth through

caesarian sharing a bed with three people. It is very hard, she cannot walk, she cannot sleep, she cannot even turn. So it is only the baby who will be lying on the bed but mothers sit outside. So if it can be expanded and some rooms can be added there or increased so that it will be manageable to the health facilities. Also on the ambulance that he talked on, one ambulance per constituency is not enough. If it can be increased to two we will really appreciate and the ambulances should not just be there as ambulances so that people can be seeing them, they should be fully equipped with staff who are available. Not that when a patient calls, he or she is being told that you will have to pay for fuel for your own transport. It should be available, and then doctors also to be increased in health facilities so that the services can be more productive. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Joseph Kiragu Wambugu

**Hon. Joseph Wambugu:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I will first start by following suit with my fellow Hon. Members to congratulate you on your election as Speaker of the Second Assembly of Nairobi City County and I also bring greetings from the American Embassy, the Royal Danish Embassy and the United Nations Environmental Programmes office in Africa, I bring greetings on their behalf.

From the general outlook of the Governor's speech, he shows that his leadership represents the common *mwananchi*, the very core sector of our community which also comprises the majority of voters who elected us here to this House, these are the people we need to work for. These are the people we really need to consider as we deliberate on the services that we want to provide for our residents in Nairobi and Madam Speaker we should work together. As the Governor said in this House for the remaining four years that we have, the party barrier should first of all be put aside and work together as both sides of the House so that we deliver for our people because we will have questions to answer at the end of our term.

So thank you Madam Speaker and I beg to support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Osman Adow

**Hon. Osman Adow:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I would also like to congratulate all of us including you for having made it to this House. I fully support the speech by the Governor, I think I like almost everything that was said there and I just hope and pray that it is not going to be the same as the last five years that we had the same kind of speeches but ended up in nothing. I can see that it is going to be different and I hope it is going to stay that way and is going to be actual difference.

I had only one issue which was the *mama mboga*, I think that has been indicated many times, but I think we need to develop a framework who is actually a *mama mboga*. Because in my Ward many hawkers who have big shops but at the same time hawk out in the streets may fall in that category or maybe I could put up my desk out here and call myself *mama mboga* and fight with *kanjo* and say the Governor has said *mama mbogas* are not supposed to pay. So I think as we go ahead, we should develop a framework of who actually *mama mboga* is because they can take full advantage of the Governor's offer while the people who actually can pay should be paying, that is one of my concerns.

The second concern on the same issue is that, we should avoid conflict between those small scale traders and the licensed shops within Nairobi, so that our stream of income or our stream of revenues is not disrupted because the shop owner may get angry and refuse to pay as it has happened before. Such kind of framework should be developed so that we will move forward and also implement all that has been said and promised. It should not be disruptive and move in accordance with our liking.

With those few remarks I do support the Governor's Speech. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Millicent Wambui.

**Hon. Millicent Mugadi:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Sorry as you understand I have an issue with my legs so I am asking you to just let me speak while I am sitting. Mine I would like to say everybody has said they have congratulated you. As for me I am proud because you are setting a pace and you are showing the world that indeed Kenya is one of those countries that support women empowerment and if you have noticed in African countries it is not really happening a lot in those countries. I am proud to say that I am happy to have you as a Speaker and you are setting the pace.

Coming back to the Governor's speech, I would like to encourage and advise the House that the Governor has already told us he is willing to work with us. He has mentioned his agenda. The rest that is remaining is up to us to also volunteer, share ideas and tell him what we really need on the ground because as you know Nairobi is such a big place that for one person to understand the nitty gritty of every Ward, he can't do it without our help. So for everybody who is going to be sitting in the committees, let us come up with as many ideas, many Bills and policies so that when we go back to the people in 2022, we will have delivered. He cannot do this alone and he has shown he is willing to work with everybody in both political parties. Let us leave our political parties at the door and focus and work for the people because at the end of the day when you are running for the seat the biggest question the electorate will ask you is what have you done for us? So let us start by making sure that the Governor is comfortable, he is friendly, we are friendly, let us advise him, he is human. Sometimes you will make mistakes here and there but, feel free to walk in his office and let us advise him and come up with as much ideas as we can. Let us make Nairobi the next Dubai of Africa. Thank you.

Hon. Sylvia Musea: Thank you Madam Speaker for giving me this opportunity to address this House for the very first time. That said, I would like to thank God for the opportunity and the blessing to be here, the Jubilee party and its leadership for nominating me and of course our Governor H.E. Mike Sonko, for a warm welcome to the City County of Nairobi.

Secondly I want to pass my congratulations to all Members in this House starting with you Madam Speaker, to all the party leadership; Majority and Minority parties and all the elected and nominated Members, congratulations. Now, on the speech of the Governor, it was a well thought and very well-articulated speech. I thought in a nutshell he said where we are coming from, where we stand and where we are going and I am particularly impressed by the issue of doing away with the archaic laws. Somebody



mentioned to us that Nairobi has lost almost every case that they have been sued and we have lost every case that we have tried to sue. I think that too many laws are usually archaic given the loopholes occasioned by inconsistencies or conflicting laws and so to me that was a major milestone. I am hoping that we will be able to do like the National Assembly where they put together laws that are related to one issue for instance land because they were like 20 to 28 laws governing law in this country. What the National government did was putting everything together to have three major laws. So I am hoping that we shall take that precedence from the National Parliament and put our laws together on thematic issues so it can be even be easier for our Members and the residents of this County to understand where they stand, what is right and what is wrong.

So that said I am also impressed on the issue of reconsidering the workforce of Nairobi so that we can create youth employment. We are not trying to do away with our old workforce but we need space for the youth take over especially when we see 1% of the workforce is on strategic matters and you can see why we are still where we are. So that said, I really support the speech of H. E the Governor and we hope that in that, policies, statements and petitions and Bills coming to this House we shall deliberate together and we shall set pace in leadership in unity so that you know the success of our H.E the Governor is our collective success. It is going to be very much easier for us to go back to the electorate and look for these seats if we make his work easy.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the Clerk and his assistants, we have been transited nicely to sit in this House by the induction they did and I am a bit confident that going forward we shall do better, thank you very much.

**Hon. Elizabeth Kuria:** Thank you Hon. Madam Speaker for giving me this opportunity to address the House. My name is Elizabeth Nyambura nominated by the Jubilee party. First, I would like to congratulate you for your election as the Speaker of the House and to congratulate each and every Member of this House for their election. My prayer is that for the Hon. Members to work together and embrace each other. For the seniors, I would like you to embrace us and to mentor us so that we can be good debaters as you.

Well a quick one on the Governor's speech, there is a clause that talked about our youth, women and persons with disabilities. The truth of the matter is, having been out there and working with the Procurement Officers, the 30% does not go to the youth. Most of the 30% goes to people who are able to give money to the Procurement Officers and the people who can be able to go and get their work certificates. I don't know how our able Governor will address this issue. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you for the opportunity and for having caught your eye. I am a bit disoriented because I was busy being told stuff about my area by my neighbour from Westlands. Anyway, madam Speaker I just want to weigh in my thoughts together as far as the speech

of the Governor is concerned especially because may be I won't have another chance to weigh in my be tomorrow.

Madam Speaker, the Governor's speech was very well thought out and I wish to congratulate his team and congratulate his administration for coming out to plan it. I may not say anything else with regards to that speech, but echo his position with regards to the Ward Development Fund (WDF) then I might not need to say anything else because Hon. Speaker the WDF if actualized and implemented to the letter it becomes his centerpiece of legacy. In these days of public having their way in terms of returning the one they want, Madam Speaker the WDF becomes the answer. Because as a Member what is important for you is not so much being able to come back, but having footprints in your Ward and things that you feel that you can point one, two, three things that you did that will stand the test of time and will be there long after you are gone. Therefore the WDF becomes our savior for both for the Governor and for the Member representing that Ward. The Governor putting a lot of emphasis on the WDF, in fact to quote him; he did say that the success of devolution will be in the practicality of implementation of the WDF. I think that was very awesome.

Secondly Madam Speaker, I noted that he had urged the Minority side to play an active role in effectively and progressively offering oversight function, and being the opposition side. It is important that we also as the Majority side and as the side that has the government, to also agree and tell the minority side that we will be with them when it comes to oversight. We are passionate about that role and issues of oversight have no brother or sister, if there are things that we feel that they need to be looked at, believe you me led by the Leader of the Minority here these are the positions that we need to be very willing to agree with you and to effectively and respectfully be able to correct the Executive side and I hope that they will take this, they would heed to what the Governor said that he is also willing to work, to be challenged on issues that he feels that oversight is important.

Madam Speaker, the issue of financial infrastructure of this County needs to be looked at and I truly support the angle from which the Governor has come from in terms of changing the financial infrastructure and the architecture of how payments are done, who is supposed to be paid, how procurement is done, how do we reach into a situation where somebody has gotten a loan to be able to work for the County and has delivered that item and then he becomes a slave to the point of being auctioned. I think that is something as House we need to really look at and to be sympathetic. We feel it is important we come up with something that is going to cushion them.

Having flagged in his manifesto housing project that we are passionate about on the urban renewal, four of the six estates were in my Ward. If we can be able to deliver 5,000 units in Ngara, you can imagine the kind of legacy we will have left, both in Nairobi and the people of Ngara. I would urge Members that if that is the position we could come up with, it will be something that we need to celebrate. We need to push really fast. In the last Assembly, apart from the people who were rich, many of us were not able to own a house. So, if we get a chance to work with the Governor and get a chance to own a house, this will be the best thing for us.

I would like to congratulate you, Madam Speaker and the leadership of this House. I can see the seriousness that has been exhibited by the Majority side for having all their bosses in the House. I know that the other guys are also doing something good somewhere. I assure everyone that we will do and deliver the best for this County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Nimo Omar Hajji.

**Hon. Nimo Hajji:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. May I take this opportunity to congratulate all the elected and special elect Members, it was not easy but we all made it. I also thank Almighty Allah and my party leader, Raila Amollo Odinga for giving me this opportunity to serve the great people of Nairobi County. Our County needs strong Members of the County Assembly who legislate and play oversight role. We must ensure and take an active stand against corrupt and bad governance.

It is my first time and I am little bit nervous. I support the Governor's speech. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Rose Matista.

**Hon. Rose Matista:** Ahsante sana, Bi. Spika. Ninaitwa Rose Matista. Mimi ni Mwakilishi Wadi Maalum wa Kibra. Kwanza, ni kukushukuru kwa kuwa Spika wa Nairobi.

Ningependa kuunga mkono hotuba ya Gavana. Akina mama wamekuwa na shida wakati wanapouza mboga zao. Anapouza mboga ya shilingi hamsini, anaambiwa alete shilingi thelathini kisha anabakiwa na shilingi ishirini ambayo haiwezi nunua unga. Kwa hivyo nimeshukuru sana.

Pili, mama wapigaji kura Nairobi, wengi ni mama mmoja. Mama hawa hawashughuliwi ilhali wanalea watoto. Naomba Gavana ashughulikie akina mama hao. Pia vijana wengi hawana kazi, hasa Kibera penye ninatoka. Ningeomba Gavana hawashughulikie kwa kuwapa mahali na *machine* ya kuosha magari ili wasitende maovu kama vile wizi.

Usafi pia iendelee kwani huwapa watu wengi ajira. Takataka imeziba njia na kila mahali. Gavana wetu ashughulikie usafi. Kwa hivyo, mimi ninamuunga mkono hotuba yake.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Pius Mwaura.

**Hon. Pius Mbono:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I join my colleagues in congratulating you for being the Speaker of the Second Assembly. I also congratulate the Governor of Nairobi, his Excellency Mike Mbuvi Sonko for being the second Governor of this great County. I also thank God and the people of Zimmerman for electing me for a second term, which was not easy. During the first nomination, my certificate was stolen and the people of Zimmerman were subjected to another nomination. So, I must thank the people of Zimmerman because they stood by me.

I support the Governor's speech especially for agreeing to work with all of us regardless of our party affiliations. I remind my colleagues that 90% of the MCAs in the first Assembly were not able to come back because there were so many wrangles between the Executive and the Assembly. I remember Makueni and Embu Counties were almost grounded because of wrangles. We are going to support the Governor in passing the legislations. We also expect the Executive to implement so that the MCAs can be seen on the ground. I was a member of the Implementation Committee; most of the legislations we passed were not implemented. We reached a point where the Executive could not honour the Committees'

summons. It was very hard for the Members to be in touch with their residents in their Wards because we actually did nothing. I want to remind them that implementation lies squarely with the Executive.

If the Governor is willing to work with all of us, then I can see light at the end of the tunnel. The rest of the county governments in this Country will be coming to Nairobi County for benchmarking if we join our hands together for the benefit of the electorates. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Hussein Mohammed.

**Hon. Faud Mohammed:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I would like to congratulate you for being the Speaker of the Assembly. I wish also to congratulate my colleagues for being here. I also thank the people Airbase Ward for electing me. I promise to fully represent them on all issues that affect them.

May I join my colleagues in adding my voice on the matter before us today. I must admit that from the Governor's speech, he means well for the County if only he puts it into action. On perusal of the speech, I have identified the following as the areas that the Governor needs to address;

- i. Put to end land grabbing
- ii. Manage public debt
- iii. End corruption and financial mismanagement
- iv. Clean the City and improve sanitation
- v. Create more jobs

While agreeing to the Governor's speech, there are five things that he needs to focus on; waste collection, traffic control, proper housing, maintenance of roads, hawkers and matatu menace within the CBD. I don't want to cast aspersions on the Governor this early but his speech should have at least enumerated how he intends to attend to tackle these problems. The Governor should realize that he is no longer a whistleblower or an activist that he has been. He should tackle issues through proper channels and not in aggression as witnessed recently. We need all his plans to be anchored on a proper policy framework and legislation. We need to see the Governor work and no more lamentations. The people of Nairobi have given him power to govern.

Madam Speaker, what my people of Eastleigh want is to have a proper conducive environment for their businesses to thrive. They want proper roads and waste heaps in their vicinity to be a thing of the past. Madam Speaker, I can assure you that on my part, I have lined up Motions and Bills that will be presented before this House for Members to support so that the people of Nairobi and particularly of Eastleigh can feel the importance of their taxes.

Madam Speaker, as I conclude, I will support the County Government on all its plans that will mean well for Nairobians but I will vehemently oppose any attempt aimed at derailing the wellbeing of the people. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mark Mugambi.

**Hon. Mark Macharia:** Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you, Madam Speaker on your election as the second Speaker of the Assembly. I also congratulate our Governor, His Excellency Mike Mbuvi Sonko on his election as the second Governor of Nairobi. Thirdly, I would like to thank the people of Umoja I Ward for giving me this opportunity to lead them on the first term of the 10 terms that they promised me.

I would also like to support the Governor's speech. I was very impressed with the things that he promised because most of them are similar to my manifesto. I feel proud that he has already done away with the daily levies that were being collected from the *mama mboga*. Most of the collections were not getting to the City Hall but into the pockets of the corrupt City County workers that were collecting them.

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, Hon. Member! Is Hon. Clarence on a Point of Order?

**Hon. Mark Macharia:** Should I continue? Sorry for the interruption. I would also like to recognize the fact that the Governor has noticed that the County needs youthful staff. From his manifesto, he noticed that less than 400 employees are aged below 30 years out of the 13,000 employees; that is around 0.25% of the employees. I would like the Governor to increase the percentage so as to increase the workforce of the County.

Having gone through the manifesto, I have noticed that there is an omission which I would like the Governor to take into consideration. That is alcohol and drug abuse among our youth. My Ward has a lot of bars. I would like the Governor to look into ways of how we are going to curb this growing trend because it leads to more youth getting wasted. Therefore, there should be allocation for rehabilitation. Also, the money collected from the liquor licensing should be brought back to our wards so that it can help the youth and the community at large.

As I finish, I would we wish to congratulate all the elected and nominated leaders of this second Assembly, it was not an easy task. Thank you and be blessed.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Rose Adhiambo Ogonda.

**Hon. Rose Ogonda:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for giving me this chance. First, I congratulate you for being elected as the second Speaker of Nairobi City County Assembly. I am proud to have a lady who is the Speaker.

First, on education, the Governor's speech was very good. Education is key to each and every one. Despite my age, I went back to school and learnt a lot until I achieved Diploma in County Governance. When the committees will be in place, the Education Committee should take action on the bursaries which were helping the needy in our slums and in various Wards.

Secondly, on Ward Development Fund (WDF), Madam Speaker, I request you to one day visit Kware and Pipeline Wards and see how we are. Due to delay in WDF, contractors left the works incomplete. When you come to my Ward and Pipeline Ward, you will think it is River Nile. When we put mechanisms to the WDF, I beg the Committee to work with the Leader of Majority and the Leader of Minority so that they can go to the Governor's office and get funds for development.

Thirdly, I am proud because the Governor has seen our women are suffering. In Kware Ward, there are a lot of women who work by the roadside. When the license people come there, they ask Ksh.50 or Ksh.100 without a receipt. So, it is good for our women and our boys to relax a bit while things are being put in place. I want to talk as a senior; I was nominated in 2008 and again in 2013 but according to the language the elected men were telling us is that *"we should go and put a poster"* which made me go and put posters.

*(Applause)*

Therefore, am proud to stand here and say congratulation to Kware voters who voted for a woman, among nine men. *(Applause)* It was not easy but what I can say to the Special elect ladies, is to try and reason, ask and get back and talk to women, where you were not nominated from, don't come to the Assembly and assume that five years is a decade. Just start to count from the time you were sworn in and look back. I know if you do that, then when 2022 comes, we will have 10 Women elected in this Assembly.

*(Applause)*

Lastly, I was touched by the Governor's speech and I know he commented on a lot of things which are very touching and I know if we work together with Jubilee side and NASA side and then we take our politics outside and not inside the House.

That is why you will never hear me say *tibim* or *tialala* when I am here. But when I am out I am a supporter of Raila Amolo Odinga. I have been nominated twice by him and I am now elected by ODM/ NASA supporters. Let us think big as women and next time you go in a ballot with a man and you will succeed if you follow my instructions. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Madam Speaker:** Hon. Naftaly Wagura Mathenge!

**Hon. Naftaly Mathenge:** Thank you Madam Speaker, My names are Naftaly Mathenge from Githurai Ward and to start with I would like to congratulate you for being elected as the Speaker of this Second Assembly.

Secondly, let me also congratulate our Governor and all the elected and Nominated Members of this County Assembly. Madam Speaker, I have read the issues addressed by the Governor in his Speech and I am happy to say that they touch all the areas of concerns to the Nairobians.

The matter of fighting against corruption, Health, Education, Environment and Traffic and small scale business are also dear to many people in Nairobi. I am also happy to say that the matters addressed are also part of the challenges that Githurai residents were overwhelmed when they elected me, with over 22,000 votes.

Madam Speaker, I feel that the Governor is setting pace at a higher level but as the representative of Githurai Ward, I will be very supportive in implementing the same at the Ward level.

Madam Speaker, let me highlight some important issues that I would like the Governor and the County Assembly to take seriously. I am happy to hear about revenue collection and the fact that the Governor shall work with the Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission that is EACC.

Madam Speaker, I am also happy to note the seriousness of the Governor wants to fight cartels and address the issue of land grabbing. I am also happy to hear about ambulances in every Ward. Am

happy to support the waiver of fees for small scale businesses and Githurai small business people are already experiencing this on the ground.

Madam Speaker I beg to support and I am requesting all Hon. Members in this House to support the Governor in fulfilling his manifesto for Nairobians. Together we can make Nairobi a great City again. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Madam Speaker:** Hon. Jacinta Wanjiru!

**Hon. Jacinta Wanjiru:** Thank you very much Hon. Speaker, first is to congratulate you for being elected as a Woman and I believe you have come with a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the business in this House. For that I would say that you are blessed in this Nairobi.

I will go straight to my point and I would like to say that I support his Excellency the Governor Mbuvi Sonko's speech in regard with the County Public Services. I can see here he had singled out about the delivery of services. I would like to point out that the work force management needs to be looked into and first is to put or maintain efficient and productive work force.

The next thing is to see that we help the Government of the County to realize its dreams and visions by giving the Nairobi County citizens the right service delivery. I also noticed it is also good to put into place measures to help the County move forward progressively in giving the expected services to Nairobi people.

It is also important to instill the correct systems and process that should be put in place or maintained, so that corruption will cease in our County. The next point is also important to bring the management at all levels at workforce, with the right skill which can add value or right ideas in the management.

I believe that if these points are considered we will have a smooth running of businesses in the County and development will be realized in our great County. Thank you.

**Hon. Madam Speaker:** Hon. Herman Masabu Azangu!

**Hon. Herman Azangu:** Thank you Madam Speaker, first I want to congratulate you and the Governor for being elected in Nairobi. I also want to congratulate the people of Land Mawe Ward for electing me to this Assembly. I think this is the third time when they have confidence in me because being elected three times is not a laughing matter.

On the Governor's Speech I only want to take one point whereby he talked about corruption cartels in the City. Corruption is a disease in this City or it is a disease in Kenya as a whole. He said in his speech how he is going to minimize the corruption within the City Hall. Even in the County as a whole like in my Ward there are so many cartels that are being used and the people who are making this cartels are the City Askaris, because they are always collecting money and they don't remit that money to the County.

Another point he talked about is about the improvement he is going to make in Human Resource Management. I think in Human Resource Management we have more corruption, ghost workers, the systems are not good even the Governor's communication does not reach to the people who are on the lower carder. The seniors who are in the County cannot even communicate to the junior ones, so Human Resource Management is not good.

He has promised to give good structure which can capture where the problems are in this Human Resource Management. He also talked about the collection of revenue whereby he has promised to improve the collection of revenue. I think if he is going to continue doing that the revenue will increase and the County will be able to give the service to the Nairobians and at the same time give the workers conducive working environment.

Madam Speaker, he has also talked about improving the Inspectorate Department by retraining them to be able to perform their duties and formulate the structures which will address the problem is in Inspectorate department.

Madam Speaker, I want to end there by congratulating you for being the second Speaker in Nairobi. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Madam Speaker:** Hon. Kariuki Wanjiru

**Hon. Kariuki Wanjiru:** Thank you Madam Speaker first is to congratulate you and I know for sure that this House will never be the same having worked with you in other offices. On the Governor's speech I was very happy when I read it because it goes hand in hand with the Jubilee Party Manifesto. I know one thing for sure if we can all assist him by supporting it we can actually realize all the objectives raised.

As we go out for recess I would like to remind everyone in this House that our rights are never absolute and they can only be enjoyed within certain perimeters. That is all I have to say for today, thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Madam Speaker:** Hon. Patrick Karani!

**Hon. Patrick Karani:** Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Motion. His Excellency the Governor and many Members in this House Madam Speaker, have spoken about the challenges we the Nairobians are facing. They range from rampant corruption, aging and untalented Civil Service, poor service delivery and indeed the list is dotting.

Madam Speaker, in Kenyan history the campaign of 2017 were unique, we were all elected into our position on the platform of service delivery, many lost and many were fresh elected. We have cases like in Nyeri County, were all elected leaders were voted out. We have cases in Nandi County, where the elected leaders were voted out and fresh ones were voted in Madam Speaker.



This shows that the current constitutional dispensation is for a pragmatic leadership and that is what Nairobian expect for us, to deliver services. So the question is Madam Speaker, How do we do that? How do we reclaim Nairobi lost glory? When I was growing up, I heard the elders' say that they used to call the Nairobi capital City the Green City Under the sun. That is the responsibility for every Member in this House to reclaim the lost glory.

Madam Speaker, the question is how do we progress forward together? One fundamental requirement beyond individual policies is what the Governor said at the end of his speech. That *"now is the time and the circumstance to put Nairobi first"*.

Madam Speaker, Members have read the Governor's speech in details and it entails the agenda of the Government for this term. Madam Speaker, in the context of putting Nairobi first, I would like to list four desirable things. We need to have a political system that will enable us to have quality Government in terms of competence, openness, honesty and effectiveness Madam Speaker.

If that is the approach that we are going to take Madam Speaker, am confident we shall be able to reclaim the Nairobi lost glory, with that Madam Speaker I also want to join my colleagues in Congratulating you Madam Speaker for being elected as a woman in the second County Assembly of Nairobi. I also want to congratulate my fellow Hon. Members who have made it to this House, we have heard it was not easy I can also confirm, it was not easy Madam Speaker. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Madam Speaker:** Hon. Susan Mukungu Kavanga!

**Hon. Susan Kavanga:** Thank you Madam Speaker first is to congratulate you for wining this seat and indeed I am proud of you as a woman. I wish to thank the Jubilee party for nominating me in this great Assembly and I want to congratulate every Hon. Member in this Assembly both Elected and Nominated.

Madam Speaker, I support the Governors speech and I want to urge all Members in this that we should hold each other's hands as we support this speech and make it a reality. Let's help our Governor to fix this great City Thank you.

**Hon. Madam Speaker:** Hon. Abraham Mwangi Njihia!

**Hon. Abraham Njihia:** Thank you Madam Speaker. First of all let me take this opportunity to congratulate you as the second Speaker of this Assembly. I would like to thank the great people of Woodley, Kenyatta and Golf Course for having faith in me. In fact I served as a Councillor in this City and now I am serving as a MCA and I believe it is an honour, to the great people of Woodley, Kenyatta and Golf Course which falls under Kibra Constituency.

Madam Speaker, let me touch on Governor's speech which I want to support. He mentioned some core values because when we were campaigning, I campaigned on the platform of service delivery to my great people. I promised a service delivery where there will be is water, fighting corruption employments and also urban renewal in my area.

Madam Speaker, all this that I have mentioned are attached in the Governor's speech. First of all I want to thank the Governor because he is walking the talk. For instance, immediately after delivering his Speech on Thursday then on Friday I had a problem in my Ward whereby there were some land cartels who came with eviction notices in my Ward. When I called the Governor, he responded with immediate effect. Within 15 minutes he was there and we were able to fight those guys of land cartels and now my people are in peace.

When he had touched a lot on land, we also have a big problem in my area whereby the Woodley residents; there was a Motion in Parliament, whereby a Motion was passed which is known as Rosio Motion. When it was passed, the resolution was that those Houses in Woodley should be sold to the sitting tenants. But the land cartels went around and did some forgeries, made some titles and now 90% of my people in Woodley are having titles which belong to other people and they can be evicted any time and when Governor on his speech mentioned this I was touched. .

On water, the Governor touched on it and in Woodley I have crisscrossed and it is a shame that at this time of devolution there is a place, where council *Askaris* stays, and in 10 years they have never had water. When I went to Nairobi Water this morning they told me they were aware of that, and that was it.

Madam Speaker I will bring Motion in the course of this Assembly whereby I will seek the help of this Members to assist me. Water is a basic right for everyone and I think it is inhuman for people to buy water for 10 years. Again on environment we have some markets filled with filthy, garbage collection is poor in Nairobi and I think the Governor mentioned on his speech. He touched on revenue collection whereby we are improving and by improving on collection service delivery which is the platform that most of us were elected on will be enhanced.

Madam Speaker housing is another thing that the Governor mentioned in his speech and I believe that it will be tackled because it is a constitutional right to housing and when we were campaigning we promised our people that we were going to assist our voters to get something on their plate. I just read in the newspaper that what the Governor mentioned in his speech about *mama mboga* and implementing it, once it comes to Assembly I will seek the help of all Members so that it succeeds.

Madam Speaker I think the unity we exhibited in this House will go a long way and enable us to move as a team. Thank you, I beg to sit.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Clarence Munga

**Hon. Clarence Munga:** Thank you madam Speaker for the opportunity. Let me first start by congratulating you for being voted in as our second Speaker of this great Second County Assembly of Nairobi.

Secondly let me also take this opportunity to congratulate our Governor for being elected. I also take this opportunity to congratulate all Members who were elected and nominated. As other Members

have said it was not easy. I also take this opportunity to thank my people of Kabiro who voted me back. This is my second term serving as Member, for having confidence in my leadership and giving me another opportunity to serve them.

Let me contribute towards the Governor speech. He touched on various issues. First he talked about ensuring he devolves funds to Ward level through Ward Development Fund which will go a long way in ensuring we foster development in our Wards.

He talked about devolving services, buying ambulances to every Ward and fire engine to every Sub-County. That is a very positive gesture. Our Governor is ready to fight corruption head on. I also want to congratulate him for showing a good example not only to this County but to the entire country of Kenya. He is an exemplary leader who has shown effort to fight corruption.

Thirdly, I want to talk about the inter relationship between the County and the National level. He said he will ensure we do have cooperation between the National Government and the County Government. Madam Speaker let me highlight on one issue that has been pending for a long time. The National Government owes the County around Ksh. 70 billion. This is in terms of rates. They own buildings but they don't pay rates to the County. There has been a conflict between the National Government and the County. The County is trying to persuade the National Government to remit this money to the County. If we have this intergovernmental relationship between the National Government and the County I think they will pay us so that we can be able to develop not only our Wards but the entire City.

He also talked about empowering youth, women and people with disability. He said he will ensure that he creates employment opportunities not only in the County but also give them opportunity to do business with the County. As you all know they are entitled to 30% of all procurement done in the County. That is a great gesture on how to empower women, youth and people with disability.

Lastly he talked about ensuring that informal settlements have enough water so that we can ensure our people live in a good environment. Let me raise my voice on issue of politics in this country. I think the majority side have shown us a very good example on how we can cooperate and work together as a team to ensure we bring our people together. This is a very great gesture and I hope if the National Assembly can borrow this cooperation that am seeing in this House. I want to take this opportunity to thank the majority side for showing a good example on how we need to interrelate. Thank you madam Speaker and may God bless you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Joyce Muthoni Kamau

**Hon. Joyce Kamau:** Thank you madam Speaker. First of all I want to congratulate you for your election. May God continue expanding your territories. On the Governor's speech I think it was important when he mentioned the employment for women, people with disabilities and the youth. I think when our youth get employment we will save them from being used by these selfish politicians. Our youths will be

busy, working and not on the streets looting and destroying our beautiful county on Mondays and Fridays. Lastly I want to congratulate everybody who was either elected or nominated, thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Joseph Kamau Komu.

**Hon. Joseph Komu:** Thank you madam Speaker. I also want to join my colleagues in congratulating you for being elected the second Speaker of the County Assembly of Nairobi. I also want to thank the people of Kahawa Ward for giving me this opportunity to be in this House and again I want to thank the Hon. Members from the onset for the maturity they have displayed and I think this kind of respect will be witnessed in the rest of the term that we will be in this House working together, demonstrating to the people of Nairobi that we are Hon. Members.

If there are differences I think we can use our brain power and not our fist and I strongly believe this House will make changes. Coming back to the Governor's speech I want to look at it positively and say that the insight in the whole speech is good and I just want to narrow it in just a few three items especially the workforce where he pointed out the old and nonproductive age force. This is one of the impediments and my only request is that we realize that these people are our mothers and fathers, they have aged in service. As they consider offloading them, my desire and prayer to the Governor is that he will have put enough resources to compensate them as they go home so that they are not just kicked out and they wait for their retirement benefits from outside. We know our Governor is a good man and he will have to look at this keenly so that people don't suffer.

Secondly I want to say that for us to succeed as County both Executive and Assembly we need to work together. He has captured it well in the WDF and given that Nairobi is not broke, we already have the creditors who according to the report is amounting Ksh. 58 billion and the debtors amounting to Ksh. 78 billion.

My singular advice to the Governor is that he concentrates on these debtors and since I feared yesterday when my senior Members said that most of the work that they did in this Assembly since last time the Bills and everything they did was never considered by the Executive. It is my humble request to you Madam Speaker as the head of the County Assembly to ensure that our time in this House is not wasted. Any Bill we pass, any question, anything we do is taken seriously by the Executive so that the Hon Members are not misused.

In this regard, I want to say that under the WDF the Governor has given a good indicator that he will work with the MCAs and my request is that once I look at the budget for the current financial year there is Ksh 17 billion; automatically as per the law it is then clear that 30% should go to development which narrows down to Ksh 5.1 billion. My request is that the Governor may consider separating this into two areas where we have the flagship projects for the Governor and then the balance should go to the 85 Ward Representatives. In this category out of Ksh 5.1 billion I hope we will have a chance and the Governor will give us an opportunity to meet with his Executive before the budget is tabled in this House so that we can

request him that out of Ksh. 1.7 billion can be allocated to the MCAs. That converts to Ksh 20 million per year for 85 Wards which comes to Ksh 1.7 billion. Then we can leave the rest- Ksh. 3.4 billion - to the Governor to use with his flagship projects.

I want to remind the Members here that our reelection will...

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon Member your time is up. I have taken even your mic and am giving you 30 seconds to complete.

**Hon. Joseph Komu:** Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. I just wish to call upon our Hon Members to cooperate because if we don't succeed together we will perish together as a House. God bless you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Habiba Hassan

**Hon. Habiba Hussan:** Thank you Madam Speaker. First of all I would like to congratulate you for being elected as the Speaker of this House. As a woman am proud of you. Secondly I fully support the Governor's speech especially on the pillar 6 about jobs, business and wealth creation.

Through this the youths will get job opportunities which will help reduce crime, thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Silas Matara Ongwae

**Hon. Silas Ongwae:** Thank you madam Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First of all I would like to thank God for being in this House. Secondly I would like to thank the able great people of Dandora Ward 2, Embakasi North constituency for seeing the leadership skills in me and enabling me to be in this House to represent them.

I would also like to congratulate you for having being elected as Speaker of the Second Assembly and I would also like to congratulate my fellow Hon. Members, both the elected and special elect. I would also like to thank the House leadership for the past period since we came to this House. We have been told to handle ourselves with dignity and decorum and going forward I hope that we are going to work harmoniously.

With regards to the Governor's speech and manifesto what I would like to say is that I agree with it to the letter. It is my prayer that it is envisaged according to the Jubilee manifesto with one agenda of transforming the lives of Kenyans and with this respect transforming the lives of the great people of Nairobi.

From myself I fully agree to support him going forward. With those few remarks I would like to say thank you to this House and the moment we have been together, thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Member. Hon. John Ng'ang'a Mukiri

**Hon. John Mukiri:** Hon Speaker kwanza nikushukuru kwa kupewa hiyo fursa ya kuweza kuongoza hii Assembly wakati huu. Pia nawashukuru *Members* wote waliochakuliwa. Najua kweli kama vile wameongea, haikuwa rahisi kuingia mahali hapa hasa kwa mtu kama mimi ambaye hakuwa na chama kinachojulikana sana lakini watu wa Mutuini waliweza kunipea nafasi hiyo. Kwa hivyo nawapa shukrani pia na pia kwa Mungu aliye tupa sisi wote hiyo fursa ya kuja kuhudumu katika hii *Assembly*. Ni mara yangu ya kwanza kuweza kuwa mahali hapa na niseme ya kwamba nilipo kuwa huko inje nimekuja kuona ya kwamba ni tofauti na vile nilikuwa naona. Ya kwamba nikiwa huko inje nikiomba kiti nilikuwa najitayarisha vile nilikuwa naona picha ya *Assembly* nikiwa inje lakini wakati nimefika hapa nimekuta ni mahali watu wako na amani na nimeona kabisa Nairobi imepewa watu wanaelewa na wanajua jukumu lililo mbele yao. Kwa hivyo nashukuru sana maana nilikuwa naona vita nikiwa huko, karibu na mimi nijitayarisha sababu nimetoka sehemu ya Dagoreti, kule ngombe zinachinjwa, nikunywe supu, nije nikiwa na nguvu ya kwamba hata mimi niweze kupigana. Lakini nimeona siasa ni ya mdomo na ni mzuri.

Wacha niseme ya kwamba kuhusiana na speech ya Mheshimiwa Gavana nitasema nashikamana na yeye kabisa na vile imegusia hasa wale watu wa chini kabisa, watu wa biashara, hata kukatiwa leseni zao. Pia nashukuru sana na naunga mkono mpangilio wa Gavana. Kile ningesema ni kwamba kuna kitu mimi ningegusia ya kwamba ninapoangalia katika hii Ksh 17 billion vile mgao wake, naona kuna kitu inaitwa agriculture. Na sijaona kimegusiwa hapa. Mimi ningependa nikusie ya kwamba mimi vile nilikuwa nafanya kampeini zangu nimekuwa nikiongea hata na vijana. Vile wengi wameongea kuhusu youth, nikiwa nawaelezea kuhusu *employment* nitaweza pia kuwapa mafunzo ya ukulima maana naonelea sio vyema tuwe tu tunalewa walaji lakini hatuwafundishi vile tunaweza kuwa tunatengeneza chakula.

Kwa hivyo naonelea kwamba ni vyema tungekuwa na mgao kwa upande ule, na nilipo kuwa nafanya uchunguzi wangu nikagundua ya kuwa kuna maafisa wa agriculture kama mia tatu wameajiria kwa hii Kaunti. Ningeomba ya kwamba kama pia mgao ungepatikana ili waweze kuwaelimisha hata vijana. Mimi kwangu kuna mashamba ya wakulima, wafugaji wa ng'ombe na nishukuru kwa sababu pale mbeleni tulikuwa tunasumbuliwa na city council tukifuga lakini vile *devolved government* iliingia ile jambo limekuwa sasa watu wanafuga ng'ome, wengine wanafuga nguruwe, kuku pia na nimeona ikiwa inasiadia sana na inachangia hata kupatia watu wetu kazi.

Hivyo mimi ningependa kuulizia ya kwamba kwa heshima kama hilo jambo Gavana wetu angeangalia wale maafisa pia wawe na kiwango wamepewa cha kupeana mafunzo hata kwa shule. Wakati huu kwa shule unapata kuna greenhouses ili watoto wetu tunapowalea wakae wakijua. Hatutadumu hapa Nairobi. Huenda Nairobi mashamba ni madogo lakini wale watoto wataenda kule kwingine na wapate mashamba na waweze kuwa wafugaji. Hivyo mimi ningeomba ya kuwa ile jambo lichukuliwe maanani na huwenda likatusaidia kwa nchi yetu vile tunaelewa ya kwamba ukulima ndio uti ya mgongo ya nchi yetu. Asanteni sana Mungu awabariki.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Beatrice Waithera Gakunyi



**Hon. Beatrice Gakunyi:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate you for your victory. We are happy for you and proud of you. Secondly I congratulate our Governor for winning his seat, we are happy for him too. I would like to support his speech especially on corruption because corruption is the mother of all evils. I am happy the Governor has promised to deal with the vice, thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Musili

**Hon. Patrick Musili:** Thank you madam Speaker, my name is Patrick Musili, I represent Hospital Ward, Mathare. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you for having been elected as second Speaker of this great House. The comment that I am giving precisely on the Governor speech touches basically on corruption, integrity. The task that is ahead of us in the House is enormous and huge. You can see the speech of the Governor is basically built on the people's interest and we call it *wanjiku* speech especially when you look at the issue of water.

In Nairobi and especially the area I represent we have been having perennial water shortage. This issue has never been addressed for the last ten of fifteen years. So when I heard Governor delivering this kind of speech I was impressed and I say there is hope at the end of this House.

When it comes to issue of security, Nairobi being the key business hub in the region in the understanding that the issue of security is not devolved but I was thinking there is a need to see how Nairobi County can work with the National Government to ensure there is security in our urban areas and also in the residential areas so that we can attract investors in this town.

We can't talk about building this County without also considering the contribution that is given by the investor that comes from outside. The Governor's speech gave a lot of hope to this House and the Executive and people of Nairobi, however for this House to deliver on its mandate and the Executive to deliver on their side I feel and think it is high time we come with additional policy and legal framework which will provide stable platform for implementation of the pledges that have been given.

The issue of integrity and strict adherence to the key principles that govern this House is key. When I talk about integrity not only integrity of the personnel in the County but also integrity of the Members and the Executive. It will be very key. As I was sitting and listening to the speeches of my colleagues yesterday we were lamenting that the previous House came up with a lot of policies, laws and they were never implemented. For me, to add on this, I would say integrity will be very key especially to continue with the good revenue generation as hinted when the Governor was speaking to this House.

As I conclude the maxims of equity say he who seeks equity and justice must come with clean hands. It is a call to all of us not only to say it out there but also to think, to act and do it. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mbugua Kabiru.

**Hon. Mbugua Kabiru:** Thank you very much Madam Speaker for allowing me this opportunity to address this Assembly for the first time and register my contribution to the Motion on the floor of the Assembly which is discussing the public policy that is contained in the Governor's address. While preparing for this, I took time to actually watch the National Assembly proceedings to understand what is expected of me and in doing so, I saw an age-long tradition that has been inculcated in the House to allow Members of Parliament to do their maiden address to the House and it is something that I was prepared to do until yesterday when I discovered it is not here. So, I will try and I think it is a tradition that we can carry forward to the next Assembly.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, I believe we have it in this House. It is for you to tell us when you want to do your maiden speech and we shall give you your exact 15 minutes to do that without being interrupted. But we are speaking on the speech of the Governor. Proceed.

**Hon. Mbugua Kabiru:** Well guided. Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I would like to talk about the Governor's speech. First of all, the youth are well taken care of in the Governor's speech. I would very much agree with him in the implementation of the 7 pillars that are contained in his address and I would like to just make a comment and say if only he implemented 10 percent of what is contained in the 7 pillars, all Nairobians will see a noticeable difference in the way of life of Nairobi.

The other thing that I would like to talk about is the issue of traffic management and transportation which is so bad. The traffic situation in Nairobi is something that we all dread whenever we are crisscrossing the City come to this Assembly or to run to a meeting somewhere. We are always barred by the traffic situation. And the phrase that Kenyans are always poor timekeeper is not true in my opinion because I want to believe they say that because of the traffic situation since whenever you plan for a meeting at 2, you arrive at 3, it is not because you did not plan but you arrive late because of the traffic situation. And I want to believe the reason why some of the seats are empty here is because some of them are stuck in traffic and I think when the Governor addresses the traffic situation in Nairobi we will save a lot of time and money. Thank you very much Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Geoffrey Ng'ang'a Mbutia.

**Hon. Geoffrey Mbutia:** Thank you Madam Speaker. First I would start by congratulating you for your election as the second Speaker of the Nairobi County Assembly. I would also want to congratulate our Governor. And on his speech, I would want to highlight some few points to agree with his speech. First, there is this issue that has been frequently mentioned about *mama mboga* but I will not emphasize on that. I have also realized that there are those people who masquerade as County Government officers who collect money using manual receipts. I would recommend that every payment to the County Government be done through the bank and we digitize every payment in the County Government. There is also this issue of fast-tracking the developments that are required to be done in Nairobi because we realize that many of the capital developments have stalled due to lack of enough machinery and equipment. Therefore



I recommend that the County Government of Nairobi through the enactment and amendments of new laws it will be able to purchase new equipment.

I also realized that there are so many people in Nairobi who masquerade as Nairobi Water Company officers and they are harassing our people. Yesterday I almost got late to attend this Assembly because I was dealing with a cartel that had disconnected water for my people in Mwiki Ward. They had disconnected the water because they said that my people in Mwiki, that particular one was a lady. She had delayed to open the gate so that they can read the meter. And we realized that the shortage of water in Nairobi is not because we don't have sufficient water in our pipes. It is because we have some officers who are there to disturb our people. I would also want to touch on education. Early childhood education falls under the County Government. In most of our Wards we realize that we don't have nursery schools. I recommend that in every Ward, we should have one so that we have public nursery school for our children's early education.

Madam Speaker, as I finish, I also would like to say that there are many stalled projects. I know our Governor is up to task. The former County Government of Nairobi left a lot of stalled capital projects. I therefore recommend that the contractor who is given the service to be paid first so that the project restarts. Thank you Madam Speaker. As I finish, I want to thank my people in Mwiki who enabled me to be in this Assembly. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Samuel Muchene.

**Hon. Samuel Muchene:** Thank you Madam Speaker. First is to thank the Lord on behalf of each and every Member in the House. Secondly, I thank the people of Uthiru/Ruthimitu and to let them know that their vote is not a spent cartridge. Thirdly, is to thank the Speaker and her panel and we pray for you to give guidance to this House. I take this opportunity to tell the Hon. Members that unity is strength. To the majority and the minority, we are here to work for the people of Nairobi. About the Governor's speech, we have heard the good policies on roads, health but my main focus is on water. Water issues in Nairobi are caused by pre-colonial colonial pipes that have caused the perennial water shortage. And I would wish for additional improvement of water lines from 4 inch to 8. Improvement of the pumping system because the lower parts of Nairobi depends on water through gravity. And we would wish for the increase of reservoirs.

On the other matter that was raised by my neighbor, Mr. Mukiri, is agricultures. 60% of Nairobi is covered by bare land, forest and land that is good for agriculture. This Hon. House in the last Assembly passed a Bill, Nairobi County Urban Agriculture Promotion and Regulations whose objectives were to contribute food security and also as a way to promote jobs for our youth. Implementation of this act will help the County to increase the employment rate from the possible 5000 to maybe more than 100,000 in areas that have land to do agriculture. Taking into consideration hat my area, Degorietti and other eastern areas, 80% of their land is agricultural. I would request the Governor and the Executive to see on how to implement the Nairobi County Urban Agriculture and Regulation Act so that we can increase jobs through agriculture. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Muthami Grace.

**Hon. Grace Muthami:** Madam Speaker, mine is to congratulate you for being elected as the Speaker of this Assembly. And secondly, I congratulate all Members that were elected in this Assembly to serve in different places. Mine is to support the Governor's speech and my prayer is that this speech will be implemented. I want to congratulate him for the slogan, *Ngarisha Jiji*. We can all see the cleanup that is going on. I would also like to congratulate him for the matatus that have been congesting the town. God bless you and God bless this Assembly.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. John Kamau.

**Hon. John Kamau:** Thank you Madam Speaker. First is to say *hongera* for being elected into this Assembly. Secondly, to my people, the great people of Komarock. Thank you very much for seeing that I can achieve what people have been saying. Thirdly is to my Governor. *Asanti sana Bw. Gavana*.

I want to highlight two very crucial points. One, in my Ward, we have Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital. For the last 4 years, Madam Speaker, we have been telling our women to get pregnant so that they can go to the maternity and get kids. And you see, for the last regime, there is no single penny that was paid to Mama Lucy Hospital. For the last 4 years, Nairobi County Government paid 52,171,235 shillings. The deficit that Nairobi County is supposed to give Mama Lucy for those women that are supposed to get their kids there is 81,483,765 shillings. Madam Speaker, I wouldn't wish this County government of Nairobi to go that way. Kidero administration frustrated Mama Lucy Hospital. Right now, women in my Ward are not getting pregnant because people have been told that maternity is free while the County Government is not making the payments to that hospital. I would wish the Governor and your office facilitate so that health in Nairobi County is smooth and our women can go knowing their money for giving birth is already there.

My next highlight is about the Inspectorate Department. Our governor is very articulate that Nairobi people have been for all these years under Kidero's watch harassed, killed and we don't want to see our administration led by Gideon Mbuvi Sonko, our Governor, going that way. He has said that he is going to shape that department. Madam Speaker, the corruption that we are talking about is not only in lands or cash office. Madam Speaker, go to the Inspectorate Department. We have three vehicles that have been roaming this City of Nairobi harassing our people. People are not taken to court. Madam Speaker, I would wish for those officers to be reshuffled. Because every day the people who elected us are telling us that there are those vehicle--- Thank you Madam Speaker. My time is up. But I would wish that you would consider those points. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Mover, my Deputy, you reply on behalf of the Leader [of Majority].

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Madam Speaker. As I reply, I also wanted to contribute but since the House is halfway, I think I will get an opportunity. There are some few things that I would like to say when everybody is onboard. Let me contribute on the Governor's speech.

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate you on your election. I think it was very tough but you made it through the grace of God. I am sure the experience that you got while you were a senator will take us far. We are new in some of these things that we are seeing today. And I see that we shall be with and we shall give you the best we can.

Secondly, I would like to thank His Excellency the Governor of Nairobi. Actually, I don't want to go deep into the speech because all of us were here when he was giving his speech and of course we have heard what he said. The governor said that he would like to work with all the Members of this Assembly. I came here first in 2002 and we had Ward money that was set aside. We used to call it LAZDAP and that made most of us come back in 2007. The issue of Ward fund is crucial. The fund is exactly what we told our people in Wards that we shall do what the governor has already highlighted. Therefore, I support him 100% and I would like the Hon. Members to support the Governor because he is a man of his words. So, with those few remarks, I would like to reply. It is notified that the Assembly at the last meeting approved the following tentative business to appear on the Order Paper for Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2017. I beg to reply.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I hereby adjourn the House to tomorrow, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 2.30 p.m.

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

