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(Hon. Deputy Speaker (Mr. Kennedy Ng'ondi) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member the attention has been raised that there is lack of quorum in the House. I therefore, direct the Serjeant-At-Arm under Standing order 31(2) to ring the bell for 10 minutes, as I direct the Whips to whip their Members to come in the House because there are several Members at the members lounge. Thank you

(Quorum bell was rang for 10 minutes)

Please order Members! Ladies Members please! Serjeant-At-Arm please can you make sure that there is order in the Assembly. Please! Members you should be consulting in low tone. The Standing Order 34 does not allow you to be loud in the plenary.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members we now have a quorum in the House and we may proceed. Kindly get seated and let us be orderly please. Clerk! Order Members please! Serjeant-At- Arm make sure those Members get in and they are orderly please!

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MOTION**ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALENDAR OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

Hon. Leader of Majority (Mr. Elias Otieno): Good afternoon Mr. Speaker,

Hon. Deputy Speaker: My afternoon is okay.

Hon. Leader of Majority: You know you have used me as a punching bag today, to go and mobilize people to come inside that is the reason why I should remind you all the time. Hon. Speaker, are you ready so that we start?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You may proceed.

Hon. Leader of Majority: Hon. Speaker, I am here to move Motion 8 on adjournment of the Assembly in accordance with the calendar of the County Assembly.

That, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 24 (1), this Assembly adjourns until Tuesday, 9th May, 2017, in accordance with the calendar of the County Assembly (Regular Sessions).

Hon. Speaker, I think it is a common practice for this Assembly always to go for short recess, but this time I know most Members are going to contest in various parties or seats. They are going to have humble time to campaign and those who are going to come back as nominated in different parties I wish you all the best. But all in all may I just call Hon. Hashim Kamau to come and second the procedural Motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Hashim Kamau, please!

Chief Whip of Minority (Mr. Hashim Kamau): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the Motion and also wish the Members the best as it has been put by the Leader of Majority. I second the Motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order Members, we have request from Hon. Anthony.

Hon. Member for Waithaka Ward (Mr. Anthony Kirangu): Thank you Speaker, I support that Motion. That is a very good adjournment because we need to go and I wish everyone well. May you come here in peace and may you all win your elective positions. Thank you.

Hon. Jacqueline Nyangala (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker, looking at the mood of the House I don't think we have any issue with this. Can you call the mover to reply?

Hon. Karen Wanjiku (Nominated Member): Probably I am speaking for the last time before I am elected. Mr. Speaker, I want to support this Motion because I want to go to the ground together with other Hon. Members. I don't want to be called Ward-less again. I want to have a Ward together with my fellow Nominated Members.

So that we can come and push whatever we have passed. We want to use that budget and make sure that it has been implemented. I wish you all the best and if we don't see each other here again in this Assembly... all the best. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I think Karen is not in order to say she is making her last comment in the plenary. Because the Assembly is actually adjourning for a short recess and Members will be back here on 9th of May, 2017. Hon. Margaret Sewe!

Hon. Margaret Sewe (Nominated Member): Mr. Speaker sir, in the foot step of Hon Karen, I also want to wish everyone well and I believe we shall meet some of us in the National Assembly, myself and Jacky Nyangara, pray for us and we pray for each one and I think let us go ahead with brotherhood and sisterhood. Thank you. I support the Motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Warutere!

Hon. Member for Roysambu Ward (Mr. Peter Warutere): Thank you Mr. Speaker for catching my eyes. Allow me also to air my voice in the same matter. I want to say that for the past four years or so, the terrain might not be as good as we wanted but I am sure as an Assembly we have left a serious mark. We might not be exactly where we wanted to be, but we are not where we were in 2013.

For that, I want to say that we have done our bit, the nomination are just around the corner and we are looking forward to get probably 60-70% of the Members who are in this founding Assembly. We have done relatively well and I hope at the end of the hour, the voters at least will have a reason and a good reason indeed to ensure that at least we are back to finishing what we have not done. With this I second the Motion and I wish all the Members well and we hope we will meet again in the near future.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You were in support of the Motion, not seconding the Motion. Thank you. Hon. Nancy Luchiri!

Hon. Nancy Luchiri (Nominated Member): Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity, I am also supporting the Motion and I can see above us are Members from the Executive and I would also wish they implement whatever we passed in the morning and only that I am a woman of few words, thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Alexina Moddy

Hon. Alexina Moddy (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir and good afternoon. I am here in support of the Motion and to say that I wish all the best for the period that we have been around and

the friends we have made and for the friendship we have not made. I want to believe that with time we are going out there to meet...

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Alexina is it that you are making your closing remarks and the last sentiments in the Assembly? The Assembly is on up to 7th August, 2017 at midnight. Please!

Hon. Alexina Moddy (Nominated Member): Mr. Speaker sir, I am not giving the final speech as I know we are going outside there on a competitive process. We are not just going there for a normal recess that we normally go and come back in a short recess. We are going to compete among ourselves and I believe the people that will come back, the ones God has anointed to come under the new leadership of NASA government at State House, they will do the best.

(Applause)

I therefore support thank Mr. Speaker.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Order Hon. Members! Hon. Gari

Hon. Member for Nairobi West Ward (Mr. Maurice Gari): Thank you Mr. Speaker

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Member is on the floor. Order Members!

Hon. Maurice Gari: Mr. Speaker protect me

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You may proceed.

Hon. Maurice Gari: I am in support of the Motion Mr. Speaker. We are not adjourning for good. I hope that the Members will put their points clear and wait to put their last speeches in May when we will be making preparations to go for elections. In the meantime we will still be here conducting our various businesses so that we can have a good sendoff package from both the Assembly and the Executive. Let them work on the Budget and have Nairobians feel that we left something behind. I support the Motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Allow me now to call the mover of the Motion to reply

Hon. Majority Leader: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I believe that Hon. Karen thinks that she is not going to come back which is not the case. This is normal practice where in April we have our short recess for about a month. I hope that as we all go out we will strive to be good ambassador to the Assembly

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Majority, please do not try to provoke Members of the Assembly

Hon. Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker I am not provoking them---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You should confine yourself---

Hon. Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker I am not provoking them. All I am saying is that there are some Wards such as Kware Ward which is going to have their own as Member of the National Assembly.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you for that

Hon. Majority Leader: We also have two Member of Parliament aspirants who are Hon. Margret Sewe and Hon. Jacqueline Nyangala. I want to wish them the best

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order Hon. Members

Hon. Majority Leader: Ms. Beatrice Kwamboka is also an aspirant for the Women Representative of Nairobi

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order Hon. Majority. Don't turn this---

Hon. Majority Leader: I thank you Members and after the reading of the Budget then you will all have time to mingle with members from the Executive.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order Majority Leader!

Hon. Majority Leader: Thank you Mr. Speaker

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Your time has run out. Hon. Members, the House is in agreement that we stand adjourned to Tuesday 9th May 2017. I so direct that Committee sittings proceed after a two day's break; that is Monday and Tuesday. Hon. Members, we expect to revert to Committee of the Whole Assembly on Budget committee in order for us to have the budget pronouncements and so we are not to leave the House after adjournment.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASEMBLY

(Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair)

IN THE COMMITTEE

(Hon. Chairman Mr. Michael Ogada took the Chair)

COUNTY BUDGET STATEMENT FOR FY 2017/2018 READ BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING MR. GREGORY MWAKANOGO

PRAYERS

Hon. Chairman: Thank you Hon. Members. We are in a Budget meeting and we have a presentation from the Minister of Finance, Nairobi County. He is going to share with us what he has for us, what he has for the people of Nairobi and what he has for the Nation in general. Without taking much time, let me straight away invite him to take us through the Budget speech, after he will be done I will maybe

allow one or two people to make some observations and then we will be done. Thank you and welcome Bwana Minister.

County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning (Hon. Gregory Mwakanogo): Mr. Chairman it is my honour to present to you in this Assembly the policy highlights of the budget for the fiscal year 2017/2018. The reading of this budget statement has been brought forward due to the forth coming general election in August 2017.

Mr. Chair before I proceed I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Budget and Appropriation Committee and other Sectoral Committees of the Nairobi City County Assembly for chairing the review of the 2017/2018 budget estimates. Mr. Chairman under the strong and wise leadership of H. E Governor Dr. Evans Kidero we have confronted challenges facing Nairobi with determination and confidence in trying to make Nairobi a City of choice to invest to work and live in. The people of Nairobi of Nairobi want good schools, better jobs, live healthy lives, efficient transport and affordable food, etc. To achieve this this requires bold leadership and everyone working hard to deliver a common vision of the County.

Mr. Chairman over the last four years we have endeavored to make Nairobi the City of choice for all to invest, work and live in. To this end, we have taken deliberate and strategic investment in the critical sectors so as to achieve this goal. Today I am pleased to report that we have made significant progress in each of the seven pillars of socio-economic transformation that H. E the Governor Dr. Evans Kidero promised Nairobians.

I am pleased to highlight some of the milestones achieved to this end. We promised to deliver water and better sanitation. In this regard we have made tremendous strides in development, expansion and modernization of our water and sewer infrastructure. We have invested in developing health infrastructure, acquisition of modern diagnostic equipment and beefing up staff in our health facilities to match the population requirement. Specifically the following outcomes have been recorded in this regard.

A pragmatic water master plan and policy are now in place. Water production has grown from 520, 000 cubic meters a day in 2013 to over about 570, 000 cubic meters presently. 57, 267 additional households are now accessing safe water in informal settlements. We have 67 automated dispensers that have been rolled out in areas like Kibra, Mathare, Korogcho and other areas serving 300, 000 inhabitants at a cost of 57 cents per 20 litres jerrican up from Ksh. 30 for the same capacity previously. 6 boreholes have been rehabilitated with new one drilled in Nyayo highrise, 40 boreholes are set to be drilled before June 2017 in collaboration with the Ministry of Water and Irrigation.

The health workforce has been enhanced from 389 in 2013 to presently 3695. We attend to more than 4, 400, 000 cases annually in our facilities. A modern 268 new maternity bed capacity has been put up in Pumwani, Mbagathi and Mutuini health hospitals and the rehabilitation of 3 operating theaters at Pumwani maternity hospital.

We have 6 additional facilities offering maternity service in Marurui, Korogocho, Dandora 2, Mukuru and Babadogo. 17 health facilities have been upgraded to offer 24 hour services and purchase of 5 ambulances, a modern state-of-the-art 112 capacity mortuary at Mbagathi hospital.

With respect to pillar two-better enterprise development and employment opportunities. In this regard, we have improved the business and investment climate leading to accelerated economic activities in the City. We have eased business regulatory regime through making the concept of single business licensing a reality. Specifically, we have operationalized e-payment system leading to growth of local revenue by 30% and enhanced the ease of doing business. We have 43 old markets rehabilitated and 8 are ongoing. We have rebuilt 2 markets after fire tragedies resulting in 5 additional stores serving an additional 2000 traders. We have 130 multi-storey garden, others have been established in the County. 5 milk dispensers have been installed in Kasarani, Kamkunji, Westlands, Dagoreti South and Roysambu Sub-Counties. 17 green houses and water tanks, construction of 100 fish ponds has been done, the business environment improvement has led to massive investment in retail and real estate including the Two Rivers, Rivera and Garden City. We have had 4 major international events and conferences hosted in the City in the last two years.

In respect to the third pillar which we promised to deliver better education for our children. In this regard, we have invested intensively to improve access to education for our ECD learners and youth. Emphasis has been laid in developing market drives education and training to boost the competitiveness of our graduates. Access to education by learners from needy families has been financed through annual bursary scheme. Specifically we have given close to 85, 000 needy students that have benefited from the County Bursary Scheme since 2013, 923 youths have been trained in ICT entrepreneurship and public health, ECD centers constructed with 40 more set to be completed in 2017. We have 10 primary schools that have received infrastructure support through partnership with other stakeholders.

We promised better attention to our rights and needs. In this regard, structural and legal and administrative reforms targeting to improve attention to the rights and needs of women, children and persons living with disability. This has led to better gender parity in the government structure, specifically we have rehabilitated 4 centers for street children that have been refurbished housing about 682 children. 524 children have been rescued from streets, 381 children placed in charitable institutions for care and protection. 453 children offered non formal education, 330 children re-integrated with their families, initiated a cultural change program among ourselves, decentralization of key services to our Sub-Counties and 85 Wards, enactment of NCC Persons Living With Disability Act and in the process of operationalizing the same.

We promised to offer better management of our City resources and in this regard we have made a paradigm shift towards policy driven fiscal regime in the management of City resources. Specifically we have embraced evidence based learning through the adoption of the County Integrated plan of 2013-2017, investment in efficient public utilities, service and facilities, established a sustainable framework for financing development, formulated and operationalized Strategic Plan for 20115-2025, operationalized the

new plan of 2014-2030, automation of revenue collection, efficient water supply and waste management facility, 16,000 water and sewer connections have to date been made.

We promised to deliver better security in our neighborhood. In this regard, measures to improve security have been undertaken specifically 38, 000 public and street lighting installed with 6, 000 high mask floodlights in informal settlements, enhance community dialogue to promote cohesion, public rehabilitation of street children, purchase of 3 water boosters to enhance firefighting capacity. Crime instances have dropped from 1200 per month in 2013 to 200 per month in 2017.

We promised to deliver better transport, housing and infrastructure and in this regard we have invested in transport and housing sector in order to improve living outcomes for residents and improve the mobility of people and goods across the City. Specifically 1300 kilometers of roads have been repaired and are being maintained, 6 new roads have been completed including Mathare 4A, Kabiti, Njiwa, Vanga, Musohe and South C shopping center. 6 bridges have been built, 200 kilometers of drainage works done since 2013. The urban renewal program is underway targeting 6 old estates expected to yield 10583 housing units in the medium term.

The Dandora dumpsite has been upgraded with completion of John Osogo Road, 1.2 km perimeter fence and procurement of heavy plants and equipment so as to enhance the performance of the dumpsite.

Mr. Chairman, we have achieved this in spite of fiscal constraints presented to by our operating environment. This include the rising recurrent expenditure, a huge wage bill, aging human resource capital, inadequacy of National government transfers, high population, rapidly expanding informal settlements and inadequate employment opportunities for our youth. Mr. Chairman the programmes we are undertaking in fiscal year 2017-2018 aim at building on the gains we have made so far. In particular the strategies to be employed in the coming years include completion of ongoing infrastructure projects, improving access to quality and affordable health care and improving the business environment, promotion of urban agriculture to enhance food security and clean environment.

Mr. Chairman the County Fiscal and Strategy Paper CFSP was approved in 2017 by the County Assembly in developing the County Strategy Paper. We consulted the public widely, the report on the public views and possible interventions were circulated to all sectors in order for the sectors to include in their proposals sector plans for the coming year. Mr. Chairman I want to salute Kenyans for showing a great interest in the way public resources are managed by coming out in large numbers during these consultations. In the coming year, we wish to expand our level of public involvement by making this consultative process a continuous process to be undertaken by the Ward Administrators. The highlights of 2017-2018 budget estimates;

Mr. Chairman the County relies on transfers from the National government and revenue collection from rates, business permits, parking and other fees and charges. The increase in these fees and charges has a direct impact in the course of doing business in this County. In 2017-2018 fiscal year, I will not be proposing any review of this current fees and charges but rather be outlining measures aimed at improving

and enhancing efficiency in collecting revenue collection to finance our budget. Mr. Chairman the population in Nairobi has been on an upward trend and this means increased demand for services, this means that the cost of service delivery is growing at a faster rate than the growth in revenues, this call for deliberate measures to use the resources available in the most efficient and effective manner to achieve results.

Mr. Chairman, faced with the prospects of a receding global economic growth, we shall seek to exercise restraint in expenditure and focus our energy in optimization of resources at our disposal. Mr. Chairman, to strengthen devolution and enhance service delivery, the County government is committed to taking service delivery closer to the people. In 2017-2018, the County will continue with the decentralization programme in order to deepen the gains of devolution of services to the Ward level. This will be done through construction of ten new Ward offices that will house all the decentralized departments. In this regard, a 100 million has been allocated towards this programme.

Mr. Chairman the County government has continued to invest heavily in maintenance and upgrading of our infrastructure. In order to achieve this objective of having a world class infrastructure, the County government will continue to invest heavily on public roads, traffic management and non-motorized transport facilities. The county government will also continue to co-operate with road agencies involved in this sector to improve the conditions of our roads, this includes KeRRA, KenHA, KURA and KRB. Mr. Chairman, to decongest the City, the National government is undertaking the expansion of our major roads. Currently the dualing of Outering Road is near completion and the works on Ngong Road are ongoing. Further, we are working in partnership with the National government to fast-track the Nairobi Mass Public Transport System. To ensure completion of the ongoing road projects, up to this end I have allocated 3.4 billion for the Fiscal year 2017-2018.

Mr. Chairman, safety of our motorists and pedestrians remain a top priority of the government, therefore I have allocated 322 million for the development of public transport and non-motorized facilities. Mr. Chairman, the people who live in informal areas are always faced with risks of river crossing and reduced interconnectivity. To deal with this, I have allocated 321.9 million for construction 31 foot bridges and motorable bridges in the various Wards. Mr. Chairman the Information and Communication Sector is the key foundational enabler towards accelerating growth and development. Indeed it has been identified as one of the least exploited sectors in the County's economy. In the current fiscal year, we have done data cabling in the entire City Hall to enhance internet connectivity. Access to the County ICT will increase the County's productivity and therefore the County is committed to investing resources as well as providing a conducive environment and for the ICT Sector to thrive. I have therefore allocated a 153 million for development of ICT infrastructure.

Mr. Chairman, tackling insecurity remains a top priority both for the National and County governments if we are to sustain the growth momentum of our economy. Insecurity continues to undermine investments, climate leading to loss of jobs and declining tourism. Mr. Chairman, to underscore the importance of the County government attaches to security; we have committed substantial resources in

lighting up of our streets, informal sectors and estates. We do believe that a well-lit City will be a deterrent to criminals. Additionally, as we embrace the 24 hour economy concept in our County, the importance of street and public lighting cannot be overemphasized in relation to security. In this regard, in the fiscal year 2017-2018 I have allocated 523 million for maintenance and installation of streets and public lighting system.

Mr. Chairman to enhance the capacity of our security officers to deal with the insecurity, the County has committed resources to improving our Inspectorate staff, specifically I have allocated 250 million to hire additional County Askaris. Additionally, we have allocated 121 million for the purchase of specialized Inspectorate vehicles to enhance mobility of our security men. Mr. Chairman the impetus of devolution was of greater political self-determination and participation. To enhance this, the County has allocated 1.7 billion towards Ward Development Fund projects in the Fiscal year 2017-2018. The purpose of the fund is to address various development challenges at the grassroots in consultation with the public. The responsibility of identifying these projects lies with the people at the grassroots level.

Mr. Chairman, agriculture sustains the economy and the livelihoods of our people. Across the County many residents and especially the youth have taken to agriculture for production and generation of income through agri-business and other agricultural interventions. This has not only created jobs for the youth but also enhanced food security. In this regard Mr. Chairman, we need to continue investing more resources to provide extension services, training of farmers and value addition, thus leading to lowering the cost of agricultural production. In support of this, the Agricultural, Livestock, Veterinary and Fisheries, Sector has been allocated 154 million for the installation of green houses and water tanks, construction of poultry units, establishment of animal shelter, clinic laboratory and animal burial facility, construction of fish ponds and the installation of milk dispensers. These projects will largely benefit the youth as a form of employment and income generation.

Mr. Chairman, provisional trade facilities to our people will go a long way in creating jobs ultimately improving the quality of life. In this fiscal year 2016-2017, the County allocated substantial resources in rehabilitating all the markets. To sustain this momentum in the year 2017-2018 we have allocated a further 450 million for the construction and rehabilitation of markets. In addition Mr. Chairman, as we continue to improve the existing markets, we need to increase the capacity by expanding the existing ones and developing new markets in the County. This will provide a trading platform for all our people for the exchange of goods and therefore spur growth for employment opportunities. To this end, I have allocated 350 million for the development of new markets in the current fiscal year; City Park and Karen markets are being constructed.

Healthcare

Mr. Chairman, the County government continues to invest heavily in improving the health care of its citizens. The health sector has been allocated 20% of the resources available more than any other sector. This underscores the importance the County attaches to delivering quality and affordable healthcare

services. During the public hearings, one of the main requests in regard to health was that the County needs to give priority to non-communicable diseases. In this regard, the County government will continue to address non-communicable diseases through provision of skilled personnel in all health facilities to deal with NCDs and provision of essential drugs to alleviate the suffering of the patients.

Mr. Chairman to enhance capacity and improve service delivery within our health facilities, I have provided the following:

- 484 million for the provision of drugs;
- 50 million for the installation of oxygen plants in Mama Lucy, Mutuini and Mbagathi hospitals;
- 804 million for the rehabilitation and equipping of all health centers;
- Ksh.59 million for refurbishment and equipping of the coroner service at the City Mortuary.
- Ksh.299.5 million for refurbishment and equipping of the three County referral hospitals, that is, Mama Lucy, Mutuini and Mbagathi.

Water, Environment and Sanitation: Mr. Chairman, the importance of access to safe reliable water provision to our people cannot be overemphasized. While the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company has continued to expand the provision of water service, this natural resource remains out of reach to many Kenyans especially in informal settlements. To supplement the efforts of the water company, I have allocated Ksh.350 million to address water and sanitation challenges mostly in informal areas. This will mainly focus on increasing the number of water points and sanitation facilities in these areas.

Mr. Chairman, a clean environment impacts highly on the health of our people. The increase of urban population due to rural-urban migration has led to increase in tonnage of garbage generated in the City. Every year, the per capita cost of cleaning our environment has grown tremendously. The County has however continued to take this challenge by investing substantial resources in cleaning our environment.

Mr. Chairman, we are convinced that time has come for the County to adopt appropriate technologies for waste management. This should include sorting, transportation, recycling and possible value addition of the waste. In this financial year, fiscal year 2017/2018, the following interventions have been made:

- i. Improving of the access to the dumpsite through the rehabilitation of the access road to the dumpsite including completion of John Osogo Road,
- ii. Purchase of specialized garbage collection trucks,
- iii. . Ksh.14.5 million for odometers to control noise pollution,

Mr. Chairman, the County Government is exploring ways of reducing energy consumption and efficient utilization of energy through the use of LED street lighting. In the year 2017/18, County Government will undertake energy audit in the institutional buildings and prepare the County Energy

Development Plants. Implementation of these County Energy Plants will include installation of solar energy and LED lighting in institutional buildings in the medium term.

Mr. Chairman, provision of quality Early Childhood Education is key to ensuring the access to basic education, enhance retention and improvement of transition rates among learners. In this regard, the County is committed to affording all prospective learners an equal chance for a good education. To deliver the outlined outcomes in this sector, I have allocated Ksh.120 million toward expansion and rehabilitation of ECD infrastructure across the County and further Ksh.20 million for the purchase of didactic material equipment for the ECD centers.

In recognition for the enormous potential of women and youth, the County Government will accelerate the ongoing reforms to ensure that 30% of all procurement opportunities for this population segment are realized.

Mr. Chairman, support and development of Sports, Culture and Arts remains a vital priority in order to nurture the talent of our youth, foster cohesion and promotion of peace among Nairobians. Additionally, in order to give our youth a competitive edge in the labour market, it remains important for sustained investment in vocational and technical training. In this fiscal year 2017/18, the following resources have been allocated to this sector: Ksh.55 million for the rehabilitation of the social halls, Ksh.30 million for the rehabilitation of the sports grounds and Ksh.55 million for the construction of model vocational training center at Muslim Primary School.

Mr. Chairman, cities in the world are well planned to offer competitive edge, more so, in developed countries. Kenya was elevated to a low middle income country when the economy was rebased. To reflect the new status of Nairobi City County being a commercial hub in East and Central Africa, it needs to have a better physical planning to merge cities in the world. In this regard, we have allocated adequate resources for development of District plans, regularization of buildings, open public spaces development, survey of County lands and other lands.

Mr. Chairman, access to affordable and good housing is one of the basic rights enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya. As a County Government, we have obliged to offer affordable and good housing to our residents and tenants in the County Estates. We have faced high default rates from our tenants due to poor housing conditions in these estates. The Government is keen on the urban regeneration program of the six old estates in the Eastlands through an EPC arrangement with other private partners. This program is expected to revolutionize the housing market and conditions in the City and its environments upon successful completion. Up to this end, we have provided Ksh.100 million for the rehabilitation of Buruburu, Kariobangi South, Jamhuri and Huruma flats. Ksh.50 million for Urban Renewal Projects Consultancy fees.

Mr. Chairman, allow me to turn to the fiscal projection for the fiscal 2017/2018. The total revenue projection is Ksh.35.5 billion made up of Ksh.15.7 billion being transfers from National Government and Ksh.20.2 billion from the internally generated revenues.

Mr. Chairman, total overall expenditure is projected to be at Ksh.35.9 billion. Out of this, recurrent expenditure is 24.1 billion, which is 67.1% of the total while development expenditure amounts to Ksh.11.8 billion, which is 32.9% of the total expenditure. This means that the budget is fully financed through internally generated revenues and National Government transfers.

Mr. Chairman, as I stated earlier in this speech and in full realization of the effect of increased fees and charges on the cost of doing business, I will not be reviewing the fees and charges in this financial year of 2017/2018. The focus will be to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of our revenue collection mechanisms.

Mr. Chairman, in order to finance the budget, the County will roll out several intervention measures aimed at increasing the revenue base, improving the efficiency in revenue collection and enhancing technology in revenue management. Among the interventions we intend to pursue in the coming year includes; complete and ensure passage of the Valuation and Rating Act at the County Assembly which will in turn provide a framework for the review of our valuation role. We are in the process of restructuring some revenue streams through creation of directorates to better manage the revenue. These are specifically from rates, parking, single business permit, outdoor advertisements and billboards, building approvals and health certificates.

We intend to incorporate e-citizen database to bring on board more rates accounts in to our valuation role thus further widening our revenue base. We have reviewed our rates track from 34% in 2013 to 25% in 2016 in order to expand the rates bracket through enhance compliance. Decentralization of applicable revenue streams to sub-County and Ward level. We have updated and integrated our database with e-citizen portal. We have enhanced uptake of e-payments to include more revenue streams, this will reduce cash handling with its attendance risks. We are pursuing loading zones arrears and silos from the National Government, institutions and parastatals. We are updating information systems to enhance collection fees on billboards and signage. We have enhanced enforcement on all defaulters on all revenue streams, encourage compliance through public education on their responsibility to pay and in turn demand for services.

Mr. Chairman, the above measures must be pursued with vigor if we are to realize our budget objectives. However, this requires support of all including the Hon. Members of the County Assembly. The citizens must also understand that they have a responsibility to pay what is due to the County in order to offer the much needed services.

The Government takes cognizance of the burden of debts inherited from the defunct City Council. In this regard, we have set aside resources and initiated structured negotiation for resolution of such debts through cash and other near cash arrangements.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, allow me to express my gratitude to all those who have played a part in reviewing the 2017/18 budget estimates. In particular, I am grateful to the Budget and Appropriations Committee, all Sectoral Committees of the County Assembly and my fellow colleagues from the County

Executive. Finally, I thank all fellow Nairobians for their contributions, proposals and suggestions in the formulation of this budget. God bless you all, thank you.

Hon. Chairman: Thank you very much, CEC. It has been a great presentation, precise and Members have really heard what the County Government and the County Assembly in general the milestone we have made. I have realized many Members have got issues to raise and as a result of consultation, these things can be made to the press outside. So, I will allow the Minister to leave the meeting and the rest we can raise outside with the members of the press. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

The House stands adjourned.

(The House rose at 3:50 p.m.)