



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Second County Assembly – Second Session

Wednesday 14th November, 2018

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

(Hon. [Hon. Deputy Speaker (Mr. John Nyumu) in the chair]

PRAYER

QUORUM

Hon. Deputy Speaker: We don't have quorum. Sergeant-at-Arms please don't allow anybody to go out as you ring the quorum bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for 10 minutes)

I think we now have the quorum. Clerk, proceed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

DEATH OF MR. KAVEMBA, CHIEF OFFICER, PUBLIC WORKS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon members I wish to convey the following unprecedented communication that at this morning at around 2.30 a.m. we lost one of our Chief Officer and I know most of you know him. He was a councilor some time, with me, and he was CEO of Public Works, Hon. Kavemba.

Since he passed through this house I want to bring to the attention of the house that he has left us. We have just transferred the body to Lee Funeral Home and we should have another communication later. With those few remarks I would like us to observe one minute of silence so that we proceed from there. Thank you and God bless.

(The House observed one minute silence)

May his soul rest in peace, be seated. Clerk, proceed.

PAPERS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chairman, Environment?

Hon. John Kamau: Pursuant to Standing Order 191 (6) I beg to lay the following papers on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday 14th November 2018, the Report of the Sectoral Committee on Environment and Natural Resources on the status of waste disposal mechanism of NEMA livestock slaughtering and investment limited and Kimayiko abattoirs.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Hon. John Kamau: Hon Speaker I beg to give notice of the following Motion: THAT this Assembly adopts the Report of Sectoral Committee on Environment and Natural Resources on the status of waste disposal mechanism of NEMA livestock slaughtering and investment limited and Kimayiko abattoirs laid on the Table of the Assembly today 14th November 2018.

STATEMENTS

STATEMENT REQUEST REGARDING ILLEGAL CONNECTION OF SEWER LINE IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Samuel Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 45(2) (c) I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation regarding the illegal connection of sewer line in the County.

Hon. Speaker Virona Contractors Limited was awarded a tender by the County Executive to construct a sewer line in Bidii area of Kayole North ward and hand over the project upon completion to the County but in breach of the terms spelt out in the tender awarding agreement. The contractor went ahead and connected the area residents to the sewer line, charging them a connection fee thus denying the County Government of Nairobi revenue.

Hon. Speaker in the statement the chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. What measures has been put in place by the county executive to ensure that the contractor stops the illegal connections forthwith and the county gets revenue from the said connections;
2. Measures put in place by the County Executive to protect Nairobi residents from such contractors;
3. Measures put in place to ensure residents who were disconnected from the water supply line during the construction of the sewer line are reconnected;
4. Measures put in place by the County Executive to ensure the contractor repairs the roads and walkways he dug out working on the sewer line; and
5. Measures instituted to ensure the contractor is held liable for breach of contract.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chairman of Water? Vice chair, Water Committee?

Hon. Leah Supuko: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, we would like to request for 14 days.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Are you comfortable with 14 days Hon. Mwangi?

Hon. Samuel Mwangi: It is OK Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Chairperson Committee on Transport?

Hon. Member: I have the response to read.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Anybody who knows where the Hon. Okeyo is? I think we defer the response to tomorrow, because he is not there. Let's give him another chance. Clerk, proceed.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE INSPECTION VISITS TO ASSEMBLED GREENHOUSES AND INSTALLED FISH TANKS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Jagero.

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to move the following Motion: THAT, this Assembly adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries on the inspection visits to assembled greenhouses and installed fish tanks in the County, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday, 24th October 2018.

Mr. Speaker, the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries undertook a random inspection visit to assembled greenhouses and installed fish tanks within the County. This visit was to enable the Members verify that in deed such materials were duly delivered before any payments to suppliers could be made by the Sector. The visit was also informed by the fact that Members needed to familiarize themselves with the various County installations falling within the Food, Agriculture and Forestry Sector.

Hon. Speaker, In the course of the inspection visit, the Committee visited the Nairobi Primary School, Meta Meta Children's Home, Kabiria Youth Group, Lenana School and Ruthimitu Action Group which were beneficiaries of either greenhouses or fish materials. It was established that most of these materials were actually supplied by various contractors whose payments were still pending.

Hon. Speaker, It is our prayer that the County Government moves with speed and agility to try and clear the pending bills which hinder seamless operations and actual service delivery. It is unfortunate that these pending bills literally cut across various Sectors.

Mr. Speaker, indeed we did a site visit to the areas that I have mentioned. Suppliers and contractors haven't been paid for the work they did.

The Committee observed that:

- a) The greenhouse and fish tanks provided to Kabiria Young Stars were totally underutilized, lying idle and there existed no plans by the Sector to revamp such projects;
- b) The poorly done sewerage system around Meta Meta Children's Home produces stench and affects the health of residents living on the lower parts and no effort has been undertaken by the Nairobi City County Sewerage Company Limited to address the issue; and,
- c) Most learning institutions have enough space for more tree planting activities geared towards conserving the natural environment.

Recommendations that the Committee made were:

- i. The County Government clears all pending bills of the Sector for goods and services supplied in order to instill confidence of suppliers/contractors. You will find that that pending bills have not been cleared yet we already did a site visit;

- ii. The Director, Fisheries Department need to re-designate to other institutions with fish pond projects the fishing posts idling at the central stores. We went to the central store and confirmed that the fish pond materials are still lying there. They are not doing anything yet we have spaces at public institutions where fishponds can be installed; and
- iii. Advice from the technical Officers of the Sector be continuously sought whenever any project (s) falling within its mandate is initiated by the County Government.

I hereby call Hon. Maurice Gari to second the Motion.

Hon. Maurice Gari: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise to second this Motion. As you are aware, this is a new sector which was introduced by the County Government so that the County can manage and have food basket. We went through all these inspections of green houses and we found out that they were installed. The fish tanks like in Nairobi Primary was doing well. Another one was in Lenana and the other in Kibera.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage this House to increase budget allocation of Agriculture sector so that people can practice urban agriculture and we will have food security in our County. If we do this and prompt payment on the projects that have been installed, it will encourage more investors to come in. I beg to second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the opportunity to contribute towards this report. I beg to support the report, thank you.

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I am rising to support the Motion which is properly articulated to the interest of the citizens of this great County. Hon. Speaker, in respect to the right to proper environment, I want to make a prayer that you direct the Chair of Environment. In Villa Franka, in Imara Daima Ward, for the last 4 days, residents have been complaining of smelling very interesting fumes in the air.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let me cut you short. It is not related to this Motion but tomorrow, you can issue that statement.

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: Hon. Speaker, I stand guided. I also wanted to say that in respect to that, tomorrow I will submit a statement before the House and I need your guidance.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You don't have to give a notice.

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: I stand guided. Thank you. I support the Motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Obuya. Hon. Ondieki.

Hon. Jared Ondieki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of motivating farmers and encouraging this sector, I think the Committee has not indicated the duration in which this work was done in terms of supplies towards these greenhouses etc. it has been a while and so to speak, I think I was in this Committee and we did follow ups in terms of ensuring that these people are paid. It has been a while and it seemed that there was some sort of no commitment towards paying this. Perhaps it is the Executive is not taking this sector seriously. And for the purpose of clarity, this is the sector which is feeding Nairobians. And in terms of encouraging food security, and especially focusing on urban

food security, I want this House to fully support this sector and motivate it by ensuring that these bills are paid so that farmers and these suppliers. So, I rise to support this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kabiro.

Hon. Mbugua Kabiro: Mr. Speaker, Nairobi is one of the counties which have been really underrated when it comes to agriculture. This is a report that talks about what Nairobi can do and has done in agriculture. These youth groups who are doing good jobs with regards to fish ponds and others should be encouraged to do more and they should be used as examples of youth groups that are performing very well. I really support this report and urge that the Committee of agriculture try and take other measure that can be used to implement such innovative agricultural practices so that Nairobi can be in the map when it comes to agriculturally sufficient counties. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kiragu.

Hon. Anthony Kiragu: I stand to support this report. I have seen we have groups in Kabiria where I represent. Groups I have never heard of but it is a good thing if they are assisting them and am very happy about that. However, I would also ask the Chairman and the Committee to think wider and ask themselves whether we want fish ponds in Nairobi, whether that is the only agriculture that we can do. I think they need to diversify and know that there is a huge market for dogs in the City and encourage dogs not for eating but as pets and guard dogs. I support this report and challenge them to be more creative and more responsive to the market. And for clarity, I think it is important to note that a dog costs more than a bull in this City. A properly trained and well-fed dog costs a lot of money. So, they need to diversify and think brighter. Thank you. I support the report.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Further debate? Can I call the mover? Hon. Jagero?

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Thank you Mr. Speaker. One of our key mandates is to oversight, which we should always remain committed to in order to realize tangible milestones in the provisions of essential services to the residents of Nairobi. The recommendations that have been made by two Hon. members on the pending bills which we already recommended and the other one on diversifying instead of focusing on the fish ponds, as a committee, we are going to look on it. I thank the Hon. Members of this Assembly for adopting this report. I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, there being no other business for the day, the House stands adjourned to tomorrow, Thursday, 15th November at 2:30 p.m. Thank you and God bless you all.

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