



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### OFFICIAL REPORT

#### Second County Assembly – Third Session

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[Hon. Beatrice Elachi (Hon. Speaker) in the Chair]

### PRAYERS

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I have the following Communication to convey;-

#### WELCOMING THE DELEGATION FROM GAUTENG PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA

Honourable Members, our sitting this afternoon is graced by a visiting delegation from Gauteng Provincial Legislature, South Africa, who are here with us on a benchmarking exercise.

Accordingly, I wish to recognize the presence of;

1. The Hon. Ntombi L.H Mekgwe, - Speaker of Gauteng Provincial Legislature
2. The Hon. Dulton Adams – Member of Gauteng Provincial Legislature
3. The Hon. Refiloe Ntselche – Member of Gauteng Provincial Legislature
4. The Hon. Lesego Makhubela – Member of Gauteng Provincial Legislature

On the Administrative side;

5. Mr. Peter Skosana – Secretary & Clerk of Gauteng Provincial Legislature
6. Mr. Mali Bongwe – Kanjana Executive Director, Leadership and Governance
7. Ms. Lunga Hogan-Msunang – Manager, Parliamentary Exchange Program
8. Ms. Jenny Sign – Principal Procedural Advisor, House Proceedings

Honorable Members, the delegation is with us on a Benchmarking exercise and during their stay, they will seek to learn amongst others;

- a) The role of the Speaker in managing the House in the context of multiparty democracy including; instances of contempt of the House;
- b) Models for financing the work of the legislature in an environment where the demands on the public purse are on the increase; and,
- c) Visit to some of the projects and programs at various Wards.

Hon. Members, Nairobi County shares a number of similarities and challenges with Gauteng Province. In a Legislative set up, every experience, good or bad, is an equal learning experience. Similar with the unfortunate incident experienced yesterday, you will agree with me, that the Speaker is mandated by the Standing Orders to, at all times maintain order in the Assembly or Committee of the Whole.

So for my counterpart Speaker, Hon. Ntombi L.H Mekgwe, - Speaker of Gauteng Provincial Legislature, when we fall, we quickly stand, dust ourselves off and move in a wiser direction. That is why we are able to hold this sitting today, regardless. I know we will be sharing more.

#### ADDRESS OF THE ASSEMBLY BY A VISITING DIGNITARY

Additionally, Hon. Members the Assembly tomorrow will have the honors and privilege of the address by the Speaker of Gauteng Provincial Legislature, Hon. Ntombi L.H Mekgwe Pursuant to the Provision of Standing Order No. 26 on Address by the Senator or visiting dignitary.

For purpose of clarity Hon. Members, Standing Order No. 26 provides that, and I quote;

*(1)“The Speaker may, in consultation with the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, allow the Senator of the County or a visiting Governor or other such visiting dignitary, to address the County Assembly on such occasions as may be appropriate.”*

*(2) “Standing Order 24 (Governor entering or leaving Chamber) and paragraphs (1), (3) and (4) of Standing Order 25 (Governor’s address to County Assembly) shall, with necessary modifications, apply to the Senator, visiting Heads of State and such other dignitaries.”*

Therefore, Hon. Members, the only business for tomorrow, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 will be the address by the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Ntombi L.H Mekgwe, Speaker of Gauteng Provincial Legislature. It is our Honor having you here with us.

Honorable Members, on behalf of the Nairobi City County Assembly family, I wish to extend a warm welcome to the Gauteng Provincial Legislature’s Speaker’s delegation. May your endeavors benefit the residents of

your Province and your Countrymen and women at large. Feel welcomed and enjoy your experience in Nairobi.

#### ORDER IN THE ASSEMBLY

You will sincerely agree with me Hon. Members, that in the recent past, the Nairobi City County Assembly has hit headlines for what might appear to be out of a “dishonorable” behavior from Honorable Members in an Honorable House. Whereas it might not be justifiable, its was necessary for the institutional reform. Sometimes, disorder invites Order.

Hon. Members, in the words of the Minority whip, Hon. Peter Imwatok, *“Injustice Committed yesterday, is an injustice committed today!”* I believe in some instances, the only way out, is way through, hence Hon. Member, whatever reforms you are witnessing, is necessary for the long-term interest of the Assembly.

Hon. Members, the aforesaid notwithstanding, as the Speaker of the Nairobi City County Assembly and the Chairperson of the Assembly Service Board, I would like on behalf of all Members of this Second Assembly, to apologies whole-heartedly to the great residents of Nairobi City County, our stakeholders, our partners, the nation at large and our esteemed visitors for the underserving theatrics we subjected you to.

Our commitment and bottom-line as an institution remains; *“to advance economic, social, cultural and political aspirations of the people of Nairobi City County through robust legislation, prudent oversight and responsive representation.”* Hon. Members, in a communication that I issued in this Assembly on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2019, I assured you that all shall these unrest shall come to pass. Hon. Members, the storm is over! Walter Breuning, the American supercentenarian, the oldest recognized living man said, and I quote; *“Embrace change, even when the change slaps you in the face.”*

Hon. Members, you will agree with me that sovereign representation of the people heavily relies on Public Trust and so does the Assemblies and Parliaments. As peoples servants our doors remain open. The Office of the Speaker and the Office of the Clerk remains open for any public engagement and submission of Public Petition on issues within your Wards for its subsequent Committal to the relevant Committee.

Hon. Members, the Office of the Speaker does not whatsoever expect or anticipate any disruption of plenary sittings in the Assembly or Committees. While the majority of you remain committed to your mandate, I know a few are not comfortable. The Assembly is a house of Honor and Respect; Rules and Regulations. Hon. Members, I direct that any political dissatisfaction henceforth, be channelled to the respective political parties for arbitration.

It is so directed!

## SERVICE DELIVERY BY THE EXECUTIVE ARM

Hon. Members, you will equally agree with me that, our brother, the Executive is equally facing challenges, Hon. Members, please note that; failure by the Executive to offer service to the residents on Nairobi, is similarly a failure to you all as Legislators. Success by the H.E the Governor in Service Delivery is in an equal measure a success to you as a grassroots leader.

Hon. Member, with Two Years and Eight months to our next general Elections, its never late to do the right thing for the great benefit of your constituents. Lets stand with a purpose for this County is for us all.

## ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FY 2020/2021

Hon. Members, you will recall that, the Nairobi City County Annual Development Plan for FY 2020/2021 was tabled in the Assembly on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Pursuant to the provision of Section 126 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, (amended 2015), which provides that every County Government shall prepare a development plan in accordance with Article 220(2) of the Constitution of Kenya for approval by the County Assembly.

Subsequently, Hon. Members, the Annual Development Plan for FY 2020/2021 committed to the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations for considerations pursuant to the Provision of Standing Order No. 199 (3)(e). Committees are therefore advised to work alongside the Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee in consideration of the same, through Public Participation, Stakeholder engagement and thereafter table its report with or without amendments therein.

You are so directed!

## CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN THE JUBILEE PARTY

Hon. Member, I trust that you recall that on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019, I conveyed changes appointment of the following leaders form the ruling party;

- i) Appointment of Hon. Charles Thuo Wakarindi, MCA & Member for Dandora Area III Ward as the new Leader of the Majority Party;
- ii) Appointment of Hon. Millicent WambuiMugadi, MCA & Member for Ziwani Kariokor Ward as the new Deputy Leader of the Majority Party;
- iii) Appointment of Hon. June Juliet Ndegwa, MCA as the new Majority Whip; and,
- iv) Appointment of Hon. Hassan Abdikadir Mohamed, MCA & Member for California Ward as the new Deputy Majority Whip; and,

As such Hon. Members, the Jubilee Party, has confirmed and validated the above changes as per the Communication vide letter from the Jubilee Secretary General, Hon. Raphael Tuju, EGH dated 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 addressed to the Speaker.

Hon. Member, I wish to refer you to the Provisions of Standing Order No. 243 on the sitting Order in the Chamber, which inter alia provides that; *“There shall be reserved seats in the Chamber of the County Assembly for the exclusive use of each of the following;*

*(a) the Chairperson of Committees & Deputy Speaker;*

*(b) the Leader of the Majority Party;*

*(c) Leader of the Minority Party;*

*(d) Members with disabilities.*

This including the Majority Whip.

In that regard, I request the Majority Leader, Majority Whip and their deputies to take their seats forthwith.

*(Applauses)*

Hon. Members take your seats.

*(Loud consultations)*

Order! Order Hon. Members! Be seated. The Speaker is on her feet!

Hon. Members, for the interest of the newly appointed leaders, allow me to refer you all to the Provision of Standing Order No. 163 (1) providing for the establishment of the Assembly Business Committee with its membership amongst others the Leader of the Majority Party and the Majority Party Whip.

Similarly, Hon. Members, Standing Order No. 164 (1) for the establishment of the Committee on Selection, consisting the Leader of the Majority party who shall be the chairperson.

In addition, Hon. Members, Standing Order No. 196 (1) provides for the establishment of the Select Committee on Appointment consisting of the Speaker as a Chairperson and the Leader of the Majority party amongst other Members nominated by the Assembly Business Committee.

Hon. Member, on the forgoing, you will appreciate that all the aforementioned Committees; Assembly Business Committee, Select Committee on Selection and the Select Committee on Appointments, prescribe the Leaders of the Majority Party as a default Member of the said Committees and does not rely on the Assembly's Approval or otherwise. Consequently, Hon. Members, I direct that the Membership of the said Committees be effected forthwith.

It is so directed!

#### APPOINTMENT OF THE AN ACTING CLERK OF THE ASSEMBLY

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Hon. Member, you may also recall that the Assembly on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 passed a motion establishing an ad hoc committee that will look into the procedure used in the appointment of one Jacob Ngwele and tabling of its report.

It is in light of the above that the Nairobi City County Assembly Service Board, pursuant to the provision of Section 11 (1) of the County Assemblies Services Act, 2017 which provides for amongst others; the board to direct and supervise the administration of services and facilities provided by and exercise budgetary control over the Assembly Service; including, to determine and review terms and conditions of services of persons holding or acting in the offices of the service.

In the above regard Hon. Members, the Nairobi City County Assembly Service Board, at its sitting held on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 appointed Ms. Monicah Muthami as the acting Clerk of the Assembly. You will recall the said officer was previously working at the Tables and Journals Office as the Principal Clerk Assistant.

Hon. Members, I request that the officer be accorded the necessary support for effective and efficient running of the Assembly.

You are so informed!

Thank you Hon. Members.

*(Applauses)*

## STATEMENTS

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, the Chairperson, sectoral committee on Finance. Is the Chairman around? He is unwell.

**Hon. Emily Oduor:** Sorry, Madam Speaker, I have the responses.

**Hon. Speaker:** Okay.

**Hon. Emely Oduor:** I have quiet a number. I don't know if I have to go through all of them.

**Hon. Speaker:** Have you agreed with the Member? The person you are supposed to be replying to is Hon. Redson Otieno of Ngei.

**Hon. Emely Oduor:** I have the response. Can I read it?

**Hon. Speaker:** Proceed.

### RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT REGARDING DELAYED PAYMENT OF CONTRACTORS

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**Hon. Emily Oduor:** Thank you Madam Speaker. On Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, the Hon. Redson Otieno MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c) and requested the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations for response to a statement regarding delayed payment of contractors working on County Infrastructure.

In the Statement, the Member requested that the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- i. Why the payment for contractors and suppliers take longer than expected even after they deliver as per the agreed terms;
- ii. What is the County doing to make the process expeditious in the wake of contractors abandoning sites and suppliers shying from business with the County; and
- iii. When the certificates for the contractors (Suntech Construction Company) working on drainage works in Ngei Ward will be paid to have the works completed seamlessly.

Hon Speaker, the Committee wrote to the County Treasury to seek for answers on the issues raised and the following were responses received. The Committee has reviewed the submissions and wishes to report to the County Assembly as follows;

- a) Why delays are experienced on payment to contractors.

It is not the intention of Government to delay processing payments due to contractors as the consequences of any such delays are counterproductive on Government development agenda. The Government has made a demonstrable effort to clear backlogs of unpaid services, goods and works in two years that surpass any other period before.

However, a number of factors hinder a more efficient resolution of contractors and suppliers, dues immediately when the fall due. These include underperformance of local revenues, delays in release of exchequer by National Treasury and inadequate capacity in administration of contracts particularly within the project management cycle.

- b) What is the Government doing to resolve delays:

- i. There has been ongoing restructuring in public financial management that has seen decentralization of budget implementation to sector level with the appointment of respective County Chief Officers as Accounting Officers for their respective sector budgets.
  - ii. Rafts of strategies have been put in place aimed at enhancing local revenue to ease fiscal inadequacies. These include enhanced enforcement, tightening controls to eliminate pilferage and the impending finalization of the County Valuation Roll, 2019.
  - iii. County Governments nationally are engaged in a discussion with the National Government for a more equitable share of national revenue. This is expected to translate to better revenue outturns from the exchequer.
  - iv. There is an ongoing capacity development targeting technical staff engaged in project management to ensure all requisite processes that hamper timely payment of contractors and suppliers are eliminated. The Government plans to recruit critical technical staff in the near future.
- c) When Suntech Contraction Company will be paid;

The Government is committed to resolve this contractor's bill alongside many others whose payments are pending as and when the appropriation bill is enacted subject to fiscal capacity and other attendant administrative formalities.

Hon Speaker, the Members has been provided a more comprehensive response as received from the County Executive. Hon. Speaker I beg to lay this response.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Redson, are you satisfied?

**Hon. Redson Otieno:** Hon. Speaker, I was not satisfied with the response because I wanted to know when the contractor will be paid because since August last year when the contractor raised the first certificate of 2.5 million, up to date, he has not been paid.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Emily.

**Hon. Emily Oduor:** Hon. Speaker, I think the answer is very clear. We were waiting to pass the appropriation bill which was passed a few weeks ago and I believe as soon as the Executive puts its hands in order, they will pay.

**Hon. Speaker:** So, you mean you will have a supplementary budget for the same? Is the payment there and they are lacking the appropriation bill or what?



**Hon. Emely Oduor:** The payment has been factored in. they are actually waiting for the appropriation bill to be passed.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Redson, I think you will have to wait for the bill to be passed. Hon. Emely, I know Hon. Benson is not in the House. Hon. Waithera is also not in the House. But we have the Minority Whip in the House. I hope you have his statement. And Hon. Njihia is also in the House. Welcome back after the long struggle in Kibra. We salute you on that. Do you want to proceed with Hon. Minority Whip?

**Hon. Emily Oduor:** Hon. Speaker, on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019, the Hon. Peter Imwatok, MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order no. 45 (2) (c), and requested for a statement from the Chairperson of the select committee on finance, budget and appropriation regarding the unveiling of a new revenue collection system after the termination of Jambopay contract and the role of National Bank in running the new system. In the statement, the Member requested that the chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- a. The role of the new system and its operations especially the role of National Bank of Kenya
- b. Who currently holds the system and where
- c. Auditability of the system for purposes of ensuring accountability
- d. Amount collected since the system went live on termination of Jambopay services, and
- e. Amount wired to the county's revenue account by Jambopay on the day of termination and switching to the new system.

Hon. Speaker, the committee held a meeting with the county treasury...

**Hon. Speaker:** What is it Minority Whip? What is your point of order?

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker, thank you. I wanted to inform the Member reading the statement that the questionnaire of the statement, I have not received any response to be able to interrogate it. I spoke with the clerk a minute ago and told him that I have not received the response so far. So, it will be prudent for me to have received the response to substantiate it. I feel this statement is cued to arm-twist my thinking capacity. Therefore, this statement should wait until I get a copy. Even as they read, I don't have a copy. It is a well choreographed strategy to arm twist my intelligence.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Emely, did you share with your leader a copy?

**Hon. Emely Oduor:** Madam Speaker, you are aware that we were away for quite a while. That is the time when the response came and we tried looking for the Minority Whip but he was not available.

So, we thought instead of having a backlog, we can read, and if he has a problem, he can come to the committee.

*(Point of order)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kabiro, what is your point of order?

**Hon. Mbugua Kabiro:** Madam Speaker, I constantly walk in to Minority Whip's office and I find him always there. There is no any one point that I have gone into his office and never found him. I think the member is not well informed about the schedule of the Minority Whip. In that regard, she should withdraw and apologize for insinuating that he is never in the office.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Emily, is it true?

**Hon. Emily Oduor:** Madam Speaker, it is very true. That particular time when we were looking for him, he was in Eldoret for games. Being a member of CASA, we were not going to pull him out of the games to come and listen to this reply.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Whip, you were in CASA? Agree on that so that we can proceed.

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Madam Speaker, I appreciate my member because she is a very intelligent lady. But she forgot to call me the president of CASA. While I was away, the Assembly was on a recess. Therefore, there was no way they could look for me in Nairobi while the entire Assembly was in Uasingishu. The member ought to eat the humble pie and accept that she is trying to misdirect this House. I ask her to apologize and withdraw the remarks that I was absent in the Assembly.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Emily, withdraw that. I will order that you sit down with Minority Whip and agree with the statement before it comes to the House.

**Hon. Emily Oduor:** Madam Speaker, before I withdraw, I will give an explanation. My Whip went earlier because there were preparations that were being done. Being a CASA President, you went earlier, and that is when we were looking for you. I apologize but you understand the situation.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Do you have the statement for Hon. Njihia?

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT REGARDING RATES AND RENTS WAIVERS GRANTED BY THE  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**Hon. Emily Oduor:** Madam Speaker, I am probably out of order, we might start reading then he says that he was never informed. I think for a while he was busy in Kibra and did not show up in the Assembly. I want to ask him whether I can go ahead and read or he wants to come and meet the committee first?

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Njihia?

**Hon. Abraham Njihia:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I can confirm that this morning I met with the Clerk and he gave me the response. I was somehow satisfied. May be she can go ahead because it concerns all Nairobians.

Hon. Speaker, before I sit down, I would like to send my greetings to Julius Malema. When the visitors go back to South Africa, pass my greetings to him.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I think my guests have heard that. Wherever he is, he is also hearing. Hon. Emily, you can proceed.

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**Hon. Emily Oduor:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I would like to congratulate Hon. Njihia for the good work he did in Kibra. I hope when we will meet in 2022, it will even be better than what you have done.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Speaker, on Tuesday, 27th June 2019, Hon. Mwangi Njihia, MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c) and requested for a statement from the Chairperson of the Select Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations regarding the rates and rents waivers granted by the County Executive, both formally through advertisements and informally through declaration by the Governor.

In the statement, the member requested that the chairperson should inquire and report on:

1. Status of both formal and informal waivers made by the way of declaration by the Governor and their enforcement;
2. Measures taken by the officers of Planning Department to enforce the Governor's declaration. And if none, reasons for the failure to do so;
3. Actions taken against officials who continue to harass and intimidate tenants on waived arrears despite directive by the Governor.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee wrote to the County Treasury to seek answers on the raised issues.

The following were responses received:

The committee has reviewed the submissions and we should report to the County Assembly as follows:

1. Status of both formal and informal waivers made by the way of declaration by the Governor and their enforcement;

That the declaration of waiver on rent arrears by His Excellency the Governor was meant to ease the burden of poor households that owe the County Government rental incomes within county estates as at the month of April 2019, totaling to Kshs. 130 million. The affected arrears stand frozen pending the finalization of formalities---- Madam Speaker, protect me from *Mheshimiwa* Okeyo, he is interrupting me.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Okeyo, consult in low tone.

**Hon. Emily Oduor:** The affected arrears stand frozen pending the finalization of formalities as per the Nairobi City County Tax Waivers Administration Act, 2013.

2. Measures taken by the officers of Planning Department to enforce the Governor's declaration. And if none, reasons for the failure to do so;

That the department of Housing in which collection of rental income is domiciled, has enforced the directive and has since ceased collection for the waived arrears. However, the arrears will remain in the books pending conclusion of formalities to have the same written off from the book. Nonetheless, it is the official government position the affected amount is deemed uncollectable.

3. Actions taken against officials who continue to harass and intimidate tenants on waived arrears despite directive by the Governor.

No officers have been authorized to enforce recovery of the affected arrears as they are deemed waived. Further, no complains have been registered from any affected tenants by the alleged harassment and intimidation. Firm and decisive action shall be taken against such officers in the event the County Executive receive credible evidence on the same as it violates government policy position on the affected rental income arrears. It is however important to note that rental income due with effect from the month of May 2019 remains collectable together with any other arrears arising thereof.

Hon Speaker, the member has been provided a more comprehensive response as received from the County Executive. I beg to lay this response.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Njihia, I think you are satisfied.

**Hon. Abraham Njihia:** Yes, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Emily, we have a statement for Hon. Kennedy Oyugi. I hope you discussed with him because I have seen it is a long response and also you have the summary of the same.

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF STADIA ACROSS THE CITY OVER  
PRECEDING TWO FINANCIAL YEARS

**Hon. Emily Oduor:** Madam Speaker, we will just read the summary since he already has the document.

Hon. Speaker, on Tuesday, 11th June 2019, Hon. Kennedy Oyugi, MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c) and requested for a statement from the Chairperson of the Select Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations regarding the construction of stadia across the city over preceding two financial years.

In the statement, the member requested that the chairperson should inquire and report on---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Emily, I want you to leave the rest of the request and start with where there is 'The total sums---' on page two. Proceed from there

**Hon. Emily Oduor:** I wish to report to the Assembly as follows:

- i. Total sums set aside for the construction of the stadia over the last two financial years;  
The County set aside Kshs.375million in financial year 2017-2018 and Kshs.235million in financial year 2018-2019 for the purposes of construction of stadia.
- ii. Status of the projects, including the sums paid out thus far and certified completion certificates;  
That the works at Dandora are at 80% and the works at other stadia are yet to begin. As at 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019, the County had paid Kshs. 123,773million with a further Kshs.73.162million being expected to have being paid before the close of the FY2018-2019. Copies of the interim payment certificates have been attached.
- iii. Names of contractors and sub- contractors working on the four projects;  
That the Contract for Dandora Stadium was awarded to Scanjet Construction Ltd, P.O BOX 88290 – 80100 Mombasa.
- iv. Number of contractors signed and awarded in the FY 2018-2019;  
That in FY 2018-2019 the County awarded the Contract for City Stadium to Lexus Company and the Contracts for Woodley/Joseph Kangethe were advertised in June 2019.

v. Overall absorption rate in so far as the development vote is concerned for the FY 2018-2019; That as at 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 the sector had total payments and commitments of Kshs.45,905,449. Hon Speaker, the Member has been provided a more comprehensive response as received from the County Executive. I beg to lay this response.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon Oyugi?

**Hon. Kennedy Oyugi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, I am contented with the response.

*(Point of order)*

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Madam Speaker, I want to seek your indulgence. Could you allow us to congratulate the newly appointed officials of Jubilee Party? It is important that it goes on HANSARD that in the opposition side, we are always full house. Last week, we were thinking if we can switch to the other side and take the leadership role of the Assembly. I am happy that the Jubilee Party were able to make decisions decisively to bring to rest the tussles that had been in this House.

On that note, I want to point clearly that the leaders have an enormous task to bring this House to order. The Majority Leader should now be the father of the House. I urge the leaders that it is not those who appointed you who you are leading. You are now leading the House, both the Majority and Minority sides. In the spirit of the handshake, let us bring that tranquility and harmony. Let us also give the Speaker ample time to be able to guide us as a House. The Speaker has pointed out that what we have shown is not good for the Assembly.

Hon. members, the Bible says there is time for everything. There is time to eat and there is time to feel hungry; there is time to frown and there is time to be happy; there is time to fight for justice and there is time to enjoy justice; there is time to fight for equality and there is time to see that equality. Therefore, I urge, on behalf of my team which is always full house, to make sure that Nairobians get services. We are remaining with two years yet there are still hospitals, clinics and ECDE to be completed. Kindly, we request that you take the leadership role and unite the entire Jubilee side; those who liked you and those who didn't like you. Let us now tone down on this rhetoric and deliver to Nairobians.

Madam Speaker, it has been itching me to say these statements. I am a Seventh Day Adventist and if I keep quiet, I might not get sleep tonight. Thank you, Madam Speaker for the opportunity.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kabiro.

**Hon. Mbugua Kabiro:** Madam Speaker, I would also like to congratulate the Hon. Charles Thuo Wakarindi, Hon. Millicent Mugadi, Hon. June Juliet Ndegwa, and Hon. Abdikadir, for taking over the mantle of leadership of our party. It is a honour bestowed on them by the ruling party to take the leadership from where it is right now. We have had shaky leadership and problems in the past, but the fact remains that proceeding forward, you are our leaders and we would want to treat you with the honour that you deserve. We promise to be led by you and that we will forever support you whenever you want.

In the letter that was written by the Jubilee Party, the author of the letter cited that in the Commonwealth traditions--- It goes on and on. I would like to remind the House that I am still waiting for my Commonwealth trip.

*(Laughter)*

I think with the new leadership, it will come quickly. I thank the members for accepting them. I have seen a heap of congratulatory messages on our social media platforms. That is the spirit that we should go by. I encourage everyone to encourage the other and let us be brothers. Thank you, and congratulations.

**Hon. Patricia Mutheu:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for this opportunity. I think this is my maiden speech since you came back. I congratulate you for bringing sanity to this Second Assembly. I also congratulate our able leaders; Hon. Thuo Wakarindi, Hon. Millicent Wamboi, Hon. June Ndegwa, and Hon. Hassan, for the opportunity you have been given to serve Nairobians. We believe and we are behind you. Indeed, a new dawn has come. We are excited. I would also like to acknowledge the congratulation message via WhatsApp from our former Majority Leader and the team. Slowly, we are uniting our team and House, and we look forward to bright future. God is great.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Maurice Gari.

**Hon. Maurice Gari:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I didn't want to go off the record because we are revolutionary men and women. We served together with Hon. Thuo Wakarindi in the last Assembly and we wanted justice for members. Today in history, I will go and sleep well knowing that I have achieved something in this Assembly. I will not forget Hon. Millicent Mugadi, the iron lady. Change has come seven years down the line. We are here today with new leadership which will give you, Madam Speaker, an ample time of working. It doesn't matter who you are, when were you born, and when did you come here, you have a purpose or reason why you are here, whether you are elected or nominated. We are all members of County Assembly of Nairobi.

*(Applause)*

Madam Speaker, I want to remind my friend, Hon. Charles Thuo Wakarindi, Hon. Majority Leader that at a point when you see things are going of your hands, seek for guidance. Bring your people together and don't ever try to punish any member because we don't want to walk in the same path.

Madam Speaker, the previous regime didn't see this coming. I told them one day that if they win this one, I will give them one of my shoes so that they can put in the cupboard. You will remember me with that. I saw they will not win.

**Hon. Patricia Mutheu:** Madam Speaker, what is cupboard?

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Maurice Gari:** Protect me, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, Hon. Patricia! You know what to do, not shouting.

*(Loud consultations)*

*(Point of order)*



**Hon. Patricia Mutheu:** I would like my hon. member, Hon. Gari to clarify what cupboard is. Honestly, I am lost.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Gari, what is cupboard?

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Maurice Gari:** Madam Speaker, English came through aero plane. We are not good at it. Cupboard is where you put your shoes and clothing. May be it is a slip of tongue, but Hon. Mutheu, just know what cupboard means. Madam Speaker, many members are requesting for a point of information but I don't want to be informed.

Madam Speaker, I hope the NASA Coalition will follow the footsteps of Jubilee Coalition. From there, we will work hand in hand. We have handshake, and I encourage Majority Leader not to take it all, but share a little bit with us. We are together. Give our members at least Chair and Vice Chair positions and we will appreciate. I will not forget to congratulate Majority Whip, Hon. Juju, my neighbor and my voter---

**Hon. Speaker:** Order! Who is Whip Juju? I have no idea what you are talking about.

**Hon. Maurice Gari:** Hon. June Ndegwa, aka Juju.

**Hon. Speaker:** Okay. Hon. Mark.

**Hon. Mark Mugambi:** I wish to congratulate you, Madam Speaker. I apologize for your ouster last year. I would also like to congratulate the new leadership, Hon. Wakarindi, Hon. Mugadi, Hon. June Ndegwa, and the rest. These members should thank you for your spirited fight for the reforms.

I was in the other side during the fight but it reached a point that you had to decide against fighting our party or toying the line. The last time I heard you speaking when you came you said *itakuwa ngumi kwa ngumi* and true to your word you kept a spirited fight. Congratulations Madam Speaker. You had your way.

For us Members this is a wakeup call to the leaders in this house. We have witnessed that nothing is permanent. This goes all the way to where we were elected. It matters how you treat your juniors. At one time during the meeting Hon Thuo rose and told us it does not matter the numbers behind you. And true to his word it has come to pass. They were the minority, we had the numbers and they have had their way and we have had our say.

With the new leadership I expect nothing less than satisfaction of this great assembly. Let the injustices that have been there be a thing of the past. Let these members enjoy what brought them here. If it is about the privileges they are supposed to enjoy as hon members let us enjoy equally. Hon Speaker there is no sense in some members travelling more than ten times while some have gone once. It is than sanity that a few fought for it. They fought for the 122 members of this great city of Nairobi. As we restore order and sobriety of this house let us go back into serving the great Nairobians that made sure we are here. It is not good scene we see on television a house of chaos. Thank you Madam Speaker and congratulations to the new leadership. Lastly I urge all members for unity of purpose. Let's not take this fight outside the assembly precincts. It's sad that some of us have been attacked outside there at our businesses. As we speak my brother Defao had an incident that happened in his business. It is absurd that we came here and instead of fighting ideologies we went to fight members' business. Let not enjoy when a members' business is being

attacked because you never know that outside this house there is the other life out there. We might need each other.

**Hon. Mwaura Samora:** Thank you Madam Speaker for this opportunity. First and foremost, I want to congratulate the new leadership led by the new Majority Leader and his team. I do believe that this is the new dawn. As we begin a new journey where the house is more free, members will express themselves free without being threatened with punishment. I beg the Majority Leader to be guided with a few principles; one of them being let justice be your road and wisdom be your guide. Congratulations to those who started the liberation war. I know you were few; some of us joined along the line but I believe it was good of everyone because even in the history of this country very few fought for independence but the whole country is now enjoying the fruits of those few. Thank you.

**Hon. Kennedy Obuya:** Thank you Hon Speaker, it is interesting that indeed God rules, reigns and it's a God of miracles. I rise to congratulate the new leadership of the Nairobi City County Assembly led by my brother, my age mate, my comrade Hon. Charles Thuo. Many years ago, as young boys in Embakasi, we never knew we would be sitting here today. I congratulate you my brother.

I congratulate my beautiful sister, our dear Majority Whip June Ndegwa, our new deputy Majority Leader and beautiful sister Millicent Mugadi. I also congratulate the few members of Jubilee who stood with the voice of reason and suffered a lot.

Hon Speaker allow me to congratulate the spirit of the handshake through my team ODM members who though it wise to give, in the spirit of handshake, the few members of Jubilee who put their lives at risk to liberate service delivery to citizens of Nairobi in this assembly. Our members salute (*Applause*).

Hon Speaker allow me to appreciate the members from South Africa and I want to make an appeal, as an ambassador of the citizens of Imara Daima where I am elected, that when they go back home, that as citizens of Nairobi and citizens of Kenya, we love peace and South Africa. Be our ambassadors when you go back home and please make like it was before that when we travel to South Africa, like when you travel to Kenya, we remove the issue of visa applications.

As a nation we relate with South Africa well, however, there are few instances that happened and regrettable. I know it is not your wish but I pray on behalf of the citizens that I represent that they make it better and more habitable for citizens that come from republics in Africa.

I also wanted to condemn the incident that happened yesterday. For some time now about three years I have been partially blind but yesterday I almost lost my sight because a very senior member sprayed, right at close range, at me and I condemn it. I forgive in the spirit of moving forward. I condemn the incident and forgive whoever did that to me and my colleagues. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Jeremiah Themndu:** Thank you Madam Speaker for catching my eyes, for the first time let me congratulate you and welcome you in this assembly and also congratulate the new team. Although the way was not smooth, we had casualties on the way, it was messy but God is great and He has done his ways.

For now, what we shall look forward is service delivery because Nairobi is bigger than us. Let us serve our people. We had casualties, my house was destroyed but for the sake of Nairobians let us work together and embrace peace and we forget the past although it is painful for someone sleeping at 2 p.m. and the house is destroyed. But let us leave that to God.



Madam Speaker let us continue to develop our wards. Let us push for the implementation of our projects in our wards and for that few remarks I say thank you and wish the best for the new team.

**Hon. Mary Arivisa:** Thank you Madam Speaker for the good afternoon and the atmosphere in this place is wonderful. I am looking forward to being able to discharge what I was brought here to do.

Thank you our guests from South Africa. Winnie Mandela has been a great inspiration to many women in Africa. She fought and sometimes didn't eat so much of the cake. With her we are encouraged to move on and to soldier on. Madam Speaker from South Africa congratulations for that position because it is not easy. The patriarchal part of Africa always makes sure that women have it harder when they get to position but we shall shoulder on. We shall not shoulder on without our men. We want our men to honor and respect women. We want men who will be good role models for our children. We don't want men who demean women on television, social media and so I congratulate the two great women that we have: our Madam Speaker here in Nairobi and the South African Speaker from Gauteng. Congratulations to the two of you.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the new team that has come in, our Hon Thuo and Hon Mugadi, Hon June Ndegwa and I want you to listen to what I say because it is very important. It has been a very bad experience. I have grown in this city. My primary school was Waiyaki way called Muguga Green primary school. I went to Moi Girls in Nairobi in Kibera. I want us to know that I am a Nairobi citizen and we cannot bring dishonor to this great nation especially when we have got international visitors in this city. It was very disturbing yesterday but the Kiswahili say Imani *haji ila kwa njia ya upanga* that peace does not come except through fighting. We are taking on this and say Nairobi must change.

I want you to know that this is not the first time. With the prayers we are going to offer here and taking Psalms 89:13 and 14 'Justice and righteousness are the foundation of God's throne'. We want this place to be a place where justice flows. We want this place where our children will come here and say there is a change because Nairobi has always this fight to here.

Hon Thuo, Hon Mugadi, Hon June Ndegwa I want us to start a new position. I know on our side we have things cooking and we will go and stand for justice and righteousness in this city. Nobody will be able to stop us. I am looking forward for us to deliver. As a professor who has taught at University of Nairobi I have not been able to pass any Bill! I participated in the constitution making at Bomas. Way back from 1999 until when we inaugurated it in 2010. I have not been able to pass a Bill here not because I don't know but we are busy fought left, right, center. Can we grow up, and do what brought us here! Some of us cannot be fought and go down. We will be fought as we stand up. Even this leg that makes me to limp so that I don't go fast. I am looking forward to doing what brought e here. I am going to work with both sides – the Jubilee and ODM. I am happy at what has happened.

There is a change atmosphere and we are going to make sure there is no fighting here from henceforth. I am Mary Arivisa and you cannot be me. Some of you wonder why a beautiful woman like me cannot get married; that is me! (*Applause*). Some of you have been wondering why you can't approach me and you are married... you cannot get it (*Laughter*). I am me and stand for the right thing. There is no one who can stand here and say I defrauded somebody of a wife or husband. I am here for divine appointment. We will pray until there is a change. Madam Speaker take your position. You are a role model not only here.

That is why when the South Africans wanted to benchmark they came here because you have fought and prevailed. God bless you all.

**Hon. Margaret Mbote:** Madam Speaker I want to thank you this afternoon for giving me this opportunity. It is a great honour for visitors from South Africa to be in this house. We welcome you and say that when you go back tell South African people that you met people of dignity in Kenya.

I am so grateful and I want to thank you and congratulate my big team – the new Majority Leader Charles Thuo, Millicent Mugadi who is my chair of Education and now deputy Majority Leader, my friend Majority whip June Ndegwa, Hon Hassan the Majority whip. It has not been easy. It has been a very tough journey. I was there from the beginning. I want to say that in the beginning we didn't see that we were going to make it. We started these journey eight of us and I want to say God has brought us this far. We have seen God at work and walking with us. Today we have fought a good fight and a blessed one. I want to thank everybody especially from the ODM side, if it were not for you the fight would have been hard for us but when you came we made it. I thank every person. I advise the leadership that we have seen discrimination in this house. we feel we are not moving and don't matter but from now every person will feel important. We will work as a team.

It a new beginning and change. Everything will change. We have the Speaker and a new team. Let prayers be our portion. Only prayers can change things. I thank our Governor for standing and being with us.

**Hon. Mellab Lumallah:** I stand here to congratulate Jubilee party for nominating women in leadership. A big congratulation to the Majority Leader. I want to say thank you to Speaker and ask you to forgive us what we did for the guest who were here yesterday. We ask the entire Nairobi to bear with us. In our village there is a saying that a new broom sweeps better. This new broom will always sweep better until it softens the water. The leadership that has taken on should sweep well; let us enjoy the cleanliness of our new broom and embrace everyone who is in this house. I would like to tell members that nothing comes free. In every fight there is always injuries but we need to wake up, dust ourselves and move on together to achieve what we have come to do in this house.

I welcome the members from South Africa and sent my regards to the DA party of South Africa together Rebo party. Tell them the Kenya people and Nairobi county assembly together with ODM party love you so much. Thank you.

**Hon. Julius Njoga:** Madam Speaker thank you for giving me this opportunity. First I want to congratulate you for your comeback to the house. secondly I want to congratulate the new leadership led by our Majority Leader Hon Thuo Wakarindi and his deputies.

The struggle was not so easy; many we have been called names. For the past one month we have not been able to make babies because of this war (Laughter) but I thank God the war is over and Majority Leader and the leadership have a great task before them. We hope and pray you will unite this house and that together we shall go far. Thank you much Madam Speaker for showing that prayers do move mountains because without prayers we would not have achieved this war. Thank you.

**Hon. Rose Ogonda:** Thank you Madam Speaker, first I must say it is Almighty. Without God it wasn't easy. First and foremost, I say thanks the new Majority Leader, a great fight. Hon June Ndegwa, a great

silent fighter. Hon. Millie Mugadi and my son who has not coming this house. he joined the fight and we succeeded.

The advice I can give the new Majority Leader is that it is my happiness because you come from Dandora. You are a fighter. what happened yesterday is bygone but ask God to guide you in that seat. When anybody comes to you for assistance act as Majority Leaders of this county. Madam Speaker what I have seen is that there is light at end of tunnel and I know many things are coming. Changes are coming. I am happy to stand here. I always said in the first assembly I was not able to stand and speak. But I know through leadership there is no any intimidation. Let us join hands together. Let us make Nairobi happy. Let us remember tomorrow is a prayer day. Let us meet and pray for Nairobi County Assembly. Let us not forget to pray for the Governor of this great city. *Heko* Madam Speaker and may God guide you when you are serving Nairobians and MCA serving at large. Thank you.

**Hon. Millicent Jagero:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the new leadership of Jubilee party Hon Charles Wakarindi, Hon June Ndegwa, Hon Millicent Mugadi and Hon Abdikadir Hassan. It has been one of the longest and toughest journeys in the making but together we managed to sail through. I will only pray for wisdom to come from God that it may guide them in all the things they will be doing. We are positive that they will bring unity in this house and forge forward in ensuring everything will run in a manner that will be in favour of each and every person. Inclusivity, equity, equality and transparency will be their core for this house. this is a new dawn for us in this assembly and to the future generation that will come in this house. I pray for more wisdom to come to them and for God to guide them in their work. Thank you.

**Hon. Millicent Okatch:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I will like to congratulate the new leadership Hon. Thuo, Hon. Millicent Mugadi, Hon. June Ndegwa and Hon Abdikadir Hassan. This assembly has been very difficult but when the Speaker came back I knew we were going to have change. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Doris Kanario:** Thank you Madam Speaker for this opportunity. First and foremost, I would like to thank God for this far. It has not been easy but in every step I believed God was involved. It is a new dawn for us. Let's embrace it and let every member be happy about this new dawn. Madam Speaker thank you for leading from the front. We have seen changes since you came back to this assembly. I pray to God that it will continue and when I look at you I am encouraged because I remember in the bible the story of Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego when they were put in the burning furnace.

God was with them and they prevailed until the king asked everyone to worship the God of Shadrack, Mishek and Abednego. Madam Speaker, today, I would like say that let everyone worship your God because he is a true God. What has prevailed in this Assembly is through the prayers that you have led us and through things that we have believed. We can now see the results. To the new leadership, I wish to congratulate you. It has been a journey for you. You are there finally. The Bible says that when the time is right, I the Lord will make it happen. This is the right time for you. Work for us. Work for the entire Assembly. Let their wounded souls recover and I believe in months to come, results will be experienced and everybody will be happy. I wish you well and God bless you. I also take this opportunity to welcome you all tomorrow for our Wednesday prayers at 7.30am. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Geoffrey Ng'ang'a:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to congratulate our new leadership. I would also like to congratulate those who started the war of redemption. It is now clear to all of us that anyone of us can take leadership positions. And it has been confirmed that the positions of leadership from both parties and even from the committees that they are not meant for special people. All of us can be leaders and I request my new leadership. All of us went through what we went through for the last few years. We are expecting many changes from you. We expect better leadership than the former leadership. We will be praying for you and we shall give you moral support. We believe that you are equal to the task ahead of you. God bless you. God bless Nairobi County. God bless our Speaker and Governor. Thank you.

**Hon. Joyce Muthoni:** Thank you Madam Speaker for this opportunity. Mine is very brief. First I would like to thank God and congratulate the new leadership of this house from our side, the Jubilee Party. I would like to remind them that leadership is not about serving themselves. It is about serving others. Our Majority Leader, Hon. Thuo, I want to ask you to bring our house together and serve us with diligence and wisdom. I believe in all of you. Congratulations. Thank you.

**Hon. June Ndegwa:** Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank the Almighty Lord for bringing us this far. I want to thank His Excellency the president, Uhuru Kenyatta, his deputy, William Samoi Ruto, our governor, Mike Sonko, all the Hon. Members in this House and not forgetting Jubilee Party. This year's theme at my church when we were ushering in 2019 was Isaiah 43:18-19 that says in part that forget the former things, see I am doing a new thing. And I believe this is the new thing for Nairobi. Madam Speaker, a change is as good as a rest. But we must not forget that our mandate here is to satisfy the welfare of the Members to leave or come back to an institution that is truthful, transparent and that we are accountable and not forgetting that this is a house of rules and procedure, and to have equity for all Members. So, as I speak as the Majority Whip, it is not a win for the leadership only. It is a win for all the Members including the members of staff. What we want is equity for Members. In the letter, Jubilee Party said that we need to use internal dispute resolution mechanisms which I know and I am sure that you have used. It is a discussion we were having with Hon. Mofire. He said I am a nominated Member. I am a proud nominated Member because I know the work that I put in for Jubilee Party. I also know that you were a nominated Senator and you were still the Majority Whip at the Senate. So, as I follow in your footsteps, may we not be cowed as women leaders in this country. I am so proud and happy to have a Speaker who is a woman who has a heart of the people and Members.

As I finalize, I would sincerely like to apologize to all Nairobians that is House is not a battlefield. Wars have been won on this floor of the House without throwing stones. Without calling each other names. I want to apologize on behalf of all of us, both from the former Majority Leader and our side and even from your side. We have turned Nairobi to be a battlefield and maybe that is why we see a lot of chaos and wrangles in Nairobi. Everyone is striking. It should start from here. We have said no to chaos and to teargas. Let it start from here. For sure, it will trickle down to the rest of Nairobi. Thank you.

**Hon. Mwangi Njihia:** Asante Mhe. Spika. Kwanza, ni shukran kwa urejeo wako. Pia nachukua fursa hii kupongeza waliochaguliwa kwa nyadhifa mbalimbali. Mhe. Spika, kama unavyojua, mimi sijua kwa hii ukombozi. Walipokuwa waking'ang'ana na ukombozi wa waheshimiwa, mimi nilikuwa najaribu kuingia chumba cha kulala lakini nikapata ilikuwa ngumu. Sikuwa nimejipanga sawa sawa. Najipanga kurudi hicho

chumba mwaka was 2022. Ningependa kuomba mandugu zangu waliochaguliwa watuletee uwiano katika hii bunge. Tukipata tuwe tumepata sisi wote, si kwa wachache. Kwa hivyo, nawatakia kila la heri mnapotuongoza kwa muhula iliobaki. Asante Mhe. Spika.

**Hon. John Kamangu:** Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I take this opportunity to welcome you back. I know it has been a hard time for us for the one year that you have been away. I want to bring to your attention that when you left, I was offered the position of the Speaker and I declined with a reason. Because I was not interested in the Speaker's position. I know your capability and I am sure that with you, we shall go far.

Secondly, let me take this opportunity to thank the new leadership. Hon. Wakarindi, Hon. June, Hon. Mugandi and Hon. Hassan. I know your capacity. I am sure, with you, we shall shine. Let me assure you of my full support and tell you that we shall be together and anytime that you feel that you cannot climb, I am there for you as your father. I will stand with you and grow with you. Hon. Majority, I want you to take care of the Liaison Committee. It has been dead. We could not move anywhere because we could not do anything. Hon. Speaker, give us a chance so that we can constitute that committee tomorrow so that we can chart the way forward. With those few remarks, I thank you very much.

**Hon. Patrick Mbangula:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I take this opportunity to congratulate the new Majority side led by Hon. Wakarindi. I also want to say that this is a wonderful team we have. The change we have come at a time when we need to redeem our image as a house. For the last one month, we have been known to be the people of teargas and fight and I know with the leadership of my brother, this House will be seen as a place where Nairobianians can have hope in. madam Speaker, with the new board in place, we are going to put everything in order so that we can move with speed. The expectations are so many for members who have been fighting and advocating for the changes of the leadership. So, the Majority Leader and your team, there is a lot that I expect to hear from you. My last word is this; do not forget that it was not our battle; it is God who led this battalion for this great success. Whenever you face a challenge, please go back to God at your knees.

I know you will go far. We in the Minority side are going to give you full support so that you can lead us and we will follow your footsteps. As my colleague, Hon. Doris has said, with your permission, we need also to celebrate this victory that God has given us.

*(Applause)*

Tomorrow morning, my colleague, Hon. Doris and I will coordinate both sides of the House so that we have our prayers. Please, hon. members, come early so that glory and honour may go to God. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Minority Deputy Leader, please announce to the House also that we have visitors.

**Hon. Patrick Mbangula:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the interest of other believers, I know in the House we have also Muslims, Christians, and a Hindu, we will have an interdenominational prayer



meeting tomorrow morning. We have invited an imam from Islam faith and Archbishop Gitonga from Christian faith. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Naftaly.

**Hon. Naftaly Mathenge:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for catching my eye. First, I would like to thank and welcome you back to this Assembly. I don't know why you were impeached in the first place. Secondly, I would like to congratulate the new team led by Hon. Thuo. We have a lot of hope in this team and I foresee good leadership from them. Madam Speaker, forgive but don't forget. Let us have reconciliation so that Nairobi can move ahead. We as Majority side are behind you fully. This will not reoccur again. Thank you, and God bless our Assembly.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Majority Leader.

**Hon. Charles Thuo:** Thank you Hon. Speaker and hon. members. I am greatly humbled and honoured to the party and the members for choosing me amongst many members of this Assembly to take up the challenging role of being the Leader of Majority. It wasn't easy. I want to tell everyone from my side that we are in this together. The past is behind us and we no longer have two camps. We can't afford to be divided because we have work to do.

For those members that might feel that they were not supporting me, it is their right and it is allowed. For those who might feel it is the end, I want to reassure them that every end is but a new beginning. I do not wish and it is not my intention and the intention of this leadership to punish anyone because of holding views that are different from mine. We are all leaders who have grown up in different environments and think in different ways. That is why God gave us brains. It is not even possible to punish anyone because we are not in school.

I want to urge everyone that we have got a lot of work to do. The people Nairobi are mad at MCAs. We are currently the most hated politicians in Kenya. We must be alive to that fact. We have appeared all over the news for wrong reasons. We are known more for the fights that we make than the bills we pass. They have turned contributions of our colleague, Hon. Njambi into comedy and memes all over the social media. They will laugh at it but deep down they despise us. They are angry. They want us to discuss roads, hospitals, ECDEs, and how we are going to better their lives. That is what is going to happen from now going forward.

Hon. Speaker, I will not forget to congratulate the team of 12. They definitely are leaders because they chose to sacrifice. Those who are not among the team of 12, we understand you. We know all along you wanted to join us, but you didn't believe that we could make it because previously, other people had tried and failed. Fear of unknown kept you that time. But now God as done his will and we are all one.

Hon. Speaker, I would also like to thank you because of your guidance, prayers and humility. I remind people that this change has come as a result of the efforts to bring back the Speaker. I also thank our Governor, His Excellency Mike Mbuvi Sonko because he has been steadfast, more so, for his love of Nairobians. We have a wonderful Governor who constantly thinks about Nairobians. His commitment to change the leadership of this Assembly was because he felt the previous leadership of his party was derailing him from providing Nairobians with the development that they needed.

Therefore, Hon. Speaker, it is upon us, the leadership, to make sure that our Governor delivers. Our in-tray is full. We have so much to do and we don't have time to pick petty fights with anyone. We have time to deliver, to help our Governor and our President because they are from our party.

I have a special congratulatory message to the Secretary General of Jubilee Party. The last time we were called by the party – Hon. Speaker, you were not there – someone reminded us that we were 12. People insisted that we must hold elections because they were convinced that they will beat us. But Hon. Tuju asked us that if we all decided to make decisions based on numbers, those decisions might be popular, but will they be right decisions? He challenged us by asking, "Would I, Hon. Tuju, a person from Luoland be the Secretary General of Jubilee Party that is populated by Kikuyus and Kalenjins, if there was an election?" What does that tell you? That you do not have to go the division way every time. There are several ways of solving disputes.

Without seeming like I am challenging the previous leadership, it was a bit wanting. We cannot stick to one way of solving disputes because we have different lives and we have grown up differently. I don't want to dwell much on that but I want my members to join me on a day that we are going to decide so that we can pay the Secretary General a visit and tell him thank you for intervening to stop the chaos in this Assembly. Madam Speaker, I understand from the letter that you just read from the Governor convinced him to act. Both the Secretary General and the Governor played a big role to stop us members of Jubilee Party from embarrassing ourselves further.

It is a pity that we have an international conference going on with 12 heads of state and more than 500 cabinet ministers across the world right next door. They were registering in the same building that we were having chaos. This week was going to be the most embarrassing week for this House. Registration of that conference would have stopped and the President wouldn't have come to open.

Hon. Speaker, some of us only see the president on TV unlike you. So when you see him, please tell him that we are sorry for that small aspect of embarrassment yesterday. It is not good to happen again. Thank you everyone and God bless you all.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Majority Leader. Clerk, proceed.

### MOTION

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kabiro.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORT POLICY

**Hon. Mbugua Kabiro:** Madam Speaker, thank you very much for this opportunity once again. I had proposed today to move a motion on development of non-motorized transport policy by the Executive. After being informed that that there is one in place that was passed on 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2017, it is just the implementation of the policy that is delayed for so long.

I wish, pursuant to Standing Order No.55 withdraw this motion so that we can pave way for them to implement. But in the event that they do not implement within the next six months, I will present another motion to urge them to implement.

Thank you, Madam Speaker, I wish to allow the House to settle and celebrate the victory of Hon. Charles Thuo Wakarindi.

*(Motion withdrawn)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. members, the House Business Committee to meet tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Speaker:** There being no any other business, the House adjourns to tomorrow, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

***The House rose at 5:20 p.m.***