



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

(Hon. Anthony Kimemia, Temporary Deputy Speaker, in the Chair)

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: It has been brought to my attention that there is no quorum. Please ring the bell for 10 minutes.

(Quorum bell was rung for 10 minutes)

We still do not have a quorum. Please ring the bell for a further 5 minutes.

(Quorum bell was rung for 5 minutes)

We now have a quorum. Clerk, proceed.

STATEMENTS

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT ON DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Chairman, planning? Deputy? You have responses from the committee. Hon. Ndumi? Hon. Ngengi?

Hon. Daniel Ngengi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. This is a response to a statement requested by Hon. Patrick Karani, MCA. On Thursday, 12th July 2018, Hon. Patrick Karani, MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c) and requested the Chairperson Planning & Housing

Committee for a Statement regarding the ongoing demolition of structures around Fedha area in Utawala Ward.

According to the Member, the county-led demolition exercise being carried out in Fedha area is adversely affecting the livelihoods of proprietors who for decades have been relying on the structures to eke out a living by selling their merchandise.

The Member further asked the Chairperson to inquire into and report on;-

- (i) The overall objectives of the demolition exercise;
- (ii) Why the demolitions were carried out without adequate prior notice being issued to the proprietors;
- (iii) Who will compensate the affected proprietors;
- (iv) Why are the demolitions carried out selectively; and
- (v) Who sanctioned demolitions in Fedha area?

Hon. Speaker, the Committee wrote a letter to the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Lands, Urban Renewal & Housing on 26th July 2018 where the contents of the request were outlined. Further, the CECM for Lands, Planning & Housing delivered a written response to the Committee on 28th May 2019 on the issues raised.

In this regard, Hon. Speaker, I wish to report to the Assembly as follows. On who sanctioned demolitions in Fedha area and the overall objectives of the demolitions - The Directorate of Planning, Compliance, and Enforcement has neither organized nor participated in demolitions carried out in Fedha Estate effected on 13th August 2018.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to table this response. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: The next response.

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT ON APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION OF SEEFAR APARTMENTS

Hon. Daniel Ngengi: Hon. Speaker, on Tuesday, 16th October 2018, Hon. Kennedy Oyugi, MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c) and requested the Chairperson Planning & Housing Committee for a Statement regarding the approval of construction of buildings in Nairobi City County and in particular, the approval of construction of Seefar apartments in Highrise estate within Highrise Ward.

According to the Member, Edermann Property Ltd, the developers of Seefar apartments, was served with a 14-day demolition notice by National Environment Management Authority on grounds that the apartments have encroached on Nairobi Dam embankment.

The Member further asked the Chairperson to inquire into and report on;-

- i) If Seefer apartments in Highrise is erected on riparian land;
- ii) Plans put in place by the County Executive to ensure that the innocent buyers get compensated since the City Planners approved the construction of the apartments.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee wrote a letter to the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Lands, Urban Renewal & Housing on 2nd November 2018 where the contents of the request were outlined. Further, the CECM for Lands, Planning & Housing delivered a written response to the Committee on 28th May 2019 on the issues raised.

In this regard, Hon. Speaker, I wish to report to the Assembly as follows. On whether Seefer apartments in Highrise is erected on riparian land, the Nairobi City County received an application Ref. No.CPF AC 102 on 22nd November 2012 for construction of Seefar Apartments on Plot L.R No.209/12108. This application was received together with a technical report that recommended construction of gabions to secure the Nairobi Dam. The architectural proposal was approved by the Nairobi City County Technical Town Planning Committee on 22nd November 2012.

The County approval had attendant conditions which include the proponents securing NEMA and WARMA approvals which were deemed to have been obtained before the commencement of works on the site. The County has not raised any substantive issues about the above developments hence is not a party to any planned demolitions.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to table this response. Thank You.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Akama, you have something to say to the House? Please go on.

Hon. Jared Akama: It was a point of order, Hon. Speaker. But since the Member has read the statement, I wanted to say that it was important that the Hon. Member from Highrise would have been here based on the weighty matter concerned with Seefar apartments. I remember two weeks ago when residents of Seefar Apartments were here purposely to get a response and all that. So, I just wanted to recommend that it was important for the Hon. Member to be here. That way, we can know if he is satisfied.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. member. The respective Member will go to the Table office and get the responses from there and if he is not satisfied, he will then raise it from there. Thank you.

Health Committee, we have a response from you. Chairman, health? Deputy or any Member from the committee?

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT ON STALLED CONSTRUCTION OF UPENDO DISPENSARY

Hon. Pius Mbono: Hon. Speaker, on Wednesday, 10th April 2019, Hon. Patrick Mbagura, MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c) and requested for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services regarding the stalled construction of Public Health facilities in Nairobi County, for instance, Upendo Dispensary in Hospital Ward, Mathare Constituency. In the statement, the Member requested that the Chairperson should inquire into and report on;

1. When the construction of Upendo Dispensary will be completed
2. Plans put in place by the county government to equip the hospital with drugs and medical equipment, and
3. Measures put in place by the county government to ensure contractors are paid in time and to avert such delays going forward.

Mr. Speaker, the committee wrote to the CECM responsible for health services on 23rd April 2019 inviting him to a meeting of the committee on Tuesday 25th April 2019 and further a reminder on 19th June 2019 to a meeting on 25th June 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to enable the CECM to furnish the committee with the response to the statement requested by the Member.

In this regard, I wish to report to the Assembly as follows;

1. When the construction of Upendo Dispensary will be completed – Mr. Speaker, the committee was informed that the work stalled as a result of a delay in payment to the contractor and the dispensary is among the projects that have been earmarked for completion in the next financial year 2019/20. The payment was among the pending bills that had been forwarded to the Lumumba Committee which has since finalized its work. The sector has embarked on paying these contractors subject to the availability of funds. This will enable the resumption of the construction work with a view to completing the projects.
2. Plans put in place by the county government to equip the hospital with drugs and medical equipment – Equipment for the hospital was procured and was stored at the medical store waiting for the completion of the construction. Upon completion, the facility will be among the pool of facilities that will receive drugs from the county.
3. Measures put in place by the county government to ensure contractors are paid in time to avert such delays going forward – Delays in payment of construction have largely been due to change of leadership in the county where the new county government inherited colossal debts from the previous government. Since the sector now has a substantive leadership, it has already factored in payments for contractors for various stalled projects in the supplementary budget estimate so that this project can be carried on to completion.

Mr. Speaker, a copy of the detailed response has been given to Hon. Patrick Mbagura who requested for the statement and a further copy is hereby attached to this report. Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay this response. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Pius. Clerk.

MOTION

A POLICY ON CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF COUNTY FORESTRY

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mbugua.

Hon. Mbugua Kabiro: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move the following motion.

That, aware that Article 42 of the Constitution provides that every person has the right to a clean and healthy environment which includes the right to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations through legislation and other measures; further aware that Article 69 of the Constitution provides for the State to encourage public participation in the management, protection and conservation of the environment, and eliminate processes and activities that are likely to endanger the environment; acknowledging that the County Government is empowered to implement specific National Government policies on natural resources and environmental conservation including forestry as provided in Part Two of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution; concerned that since independence Kenyans from all walks of life have been demonstrating and picketing most using tree branches and twigs whenever there is a matter to be addressed by the relevant authority, such demonstrations and picketing ends with destructions to the environment and more specifically to unscrupulous and indiscriminate destruction of indigenous and exotic trees, which may cause flooding and erosion during rainy seasons, global warming amongst other harmful effects to the environment; noting that it is an offense for any person to fell, cut, take, burn, injure or remove any forest produce as provided for in Section 64 (a) of the Forest Conservation and Management Act, 2016, this Assembly urges the County Executive to develop a policy on conservation and management of County forestry to safeguard the City's greenery from wanton destruction and spur the development of a greener Nairobi City.

Hon. Speaker, according to the Forest Conservation Management Act, 2016 it is an offense for any person to cut, fell, cut, take, burn, injure or even remove any part of a forest or a tree. They say that a tree has not been planted until it is five years old. This is to mean that His Excellency the Governor of this great City of Nairobi good environmental initiatives, especially that of tree planting a motion has been passed in this House to create the Nairobi City County Tree Planting day. With only be planted during that time will only be planted after five years.

Hon. Speaker, Nairobi faces environmental challenges just like any other developing city on this globe. This motion, which I bringing today and which I urge the Hon. Members in this House to support is developing a policy, that will then conserve and manage County forest in this great city.

Hon. Speaker, the challenges of a Nairobi tree are many, let take an example of a demonstrating Kenya because of a right that has been granted within the constitution. This person will come and will not carry that tree from where they live so that we can say this is a private tree. They will come in a matter without a tree; they will come alight and at the beginning of the demonstration or picketing, they will plank a tree.

Hon. Speaker, this is a Nairobi tree that has been planted by public resources this person has planked, that tree and this tree has been injured and wounded. Hon. Speaker, the challenges of a tree that has been planted in Nairobi are not just small problems, I would never wish to become a Nairobi tree because I would have been destroyed and it would have been difficult to exist with people around. These are some of the city problems, that we do planking of a tree leads to indiscriminate destruction or wanton destruction of trees and properties. The trunk, branch or the crown. It does not matter because it leaves the tree with an injury a wound that will never ill.

Structurally a tree is supposed to be surrounded otherwise during the raining or the windy seasons that tree will fall. Hon. Speaker, we have experienced this several times and countless times whenever there is a rainy season some of the trees fall and they fall on people, cars, houses just because of this risk that some demonstrator initiated in this tree.

Hon. Speaker, I am a biotechnologist and it is the technology that you utilize the biological system and living organisms to create products that can be used in real life. My professor Eliude Njagi of the Department of biochemistry, biotechnology in Kenyatta University would be mad at me if I had this opportunity to speak before this Hon. House and an opportunity to talk science and miss it. Hon. Speaker, I would like to explain a concept that is called the conduit. A conduit is an acronym name, which is called the compartmentalization of decaying trees. This is a concept that describes the process or the challenges of the reaction that place when a tree is injured or wounded.

Hon. Speaker, when a tree is injured first it activates defense mechanisms and surrounds it selves to protect from the fungi that cause decay. The second thing that happens is the surrounding tissues that provide up to the scene and other chemicals that protect the tree from any form of decay. The third thing that happens is that the surrounding tissues as well form a clear membrane that protects the tree from the wound. This wound can be small or big if it is a small wound it will take years, months or weeks. If it is a big wound it may take years to heal and sometime it may never ill.

Hon. Speaker, I would not want anybody to confuse a tree wound and that of a living organism. When you are wounded, you heal and it is the regeneration of that cell or tissues that have been destroyed. A tree never regenerates, heals in that places that have been wounded. Instead of another outer region of the tree, or rather tissues surrounding the tree that supports the tree carving the inner rotten areas.

Hon. Speaker, I would be a happy man today if I would say that all the trees in Nairobi are protected and that they will never rot or decay because then we can say that there will be no unnecessary hurting of anybody on the streets.

In conclusion, Hon. Speaker, I would like to say that trees are of immense aesthetic and ornamental value. They protect the environment and they lighten up the streets, they act as our lungs and

more so, they reduce the rising risks of the climatic change that we have. Hon. Speaker, it is my sore honor to ask this Hon. House to support this motion that we may start to initiate this process of conserving and managing our trees for a greener Nairobi. Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker and I would like to call upon Hon. Akama to second this motion. Thank you.

Hon. Nicholas Akama: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I want to assure the House that I am not going into details as my colleague as done but simply to second this motion. I would like to second this motion from a very layman perspective, in the sense that as we grew up we were told that the trees are the lungs of the earth. The trees what they simply do is to beautify the environment and that gives our people the strength and based on that I want to second and support this motion.

However, I just want to inform you something small because as we were going up in the village and during the Moi era I was a little grown up and there was a motivation that we have a responsibility to take care of our trees. We have the responsibility of ensuring that if we cut a tree we replace it with five or more.

There is a reason why in Kisii land where I come from it is very green and today I want to give this House the secrete of the reason why it is ever raining and every green it is because we bought the concept of planting trees without a lot of seriousness.

Today I am privileged to come from a Ward, where we also take the serious aspect of trees by virtue of work. Simply what this motion tries to emphasize is that for us to return this City to its former glory **because the City was known as "City under the Sun"**, a very green city, and a very health City to live in. However, with the rise of demand for housing and lack of seriousness in planning because there is something like tenderness, which we are developing that if the City has to look developed we need to have many buildings. That is not planning because if you go to developed Cities there have always emphasized that some parts of the city are conserved purposely for growing trees this means that some areas in the City cannot be touched.

Take an example of Finland, which is the best Country in terms of the environment in the world, because they took seriously the issues of logging. What they have done in their City because this Assembly will need to go for benchmarking and we will learn from them. What they have done is to ensure that some parts of the City can never be touched and what they do is to plant trees and conserving the trees. Why, because they want to ensure that the people are healthy and the earth is equally sustaining and therefore creating a sustainable City.

Therefore, with those few remarks Hon. Speaker, this is a motion, which needs support and is equally very happy to see that young leaders in this House are putting a lot of consideration in terms of the future generation. The future generation will judge us harshly if we do not give them an inheritance and the only inheritance we can give them is good health through ensuring that we conserve the environment.

Therefore, the aspect of conserving the environment cannot be watered without planting trees, Hon. Speaker, I, therefore, support this motion and I am sure that Members in this House will support this motion with passion because this is where our life lies. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much, seconder, Hon. Akama with those wise words and that is why we call you wisdom. Serjeant-at-Arms I do not want an more movement outside because this is a very serious motion and I do not know if I am out of order because I want to say that the CITY is known as the city in the sun and I should also say that the trees have aesthetic value, which means that they provide beauty. They also provide us with shelter for all creatures and it has been used as medicines.

Therefore, Serjeant-at-Arm this is serious motion no more movement and every member that is in this house must contribute those are the orders from the Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Joseph Wambugu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity to contribute to this very noble cause of conserving our county's forestry. In fact, having been elected the Member of the County **Assembly for Karura Ward, the first thing that comes in everyone's mind when you mention the name Karura**, in Karura Forest and those who can remember the late Prof. Wangari **Mathai's cause to safeguard** the forest and its ecosystem. Today if you take a drive from the CBD towards that side, the moment you start going down the road towards Gigiri where Karura forest is, you will notice that even the air there and the environment is totally different. It changes, it is much fresher and cleaner.

I would like to urge all of us to support this very important motion and also touch on something that I think that has been forgotten, we have an area known as City Part still in Karura Ward. City Park is owned by the Nairobi City County and that is how it got the name, City Park. It is an area we have seen suffer a lot through the development and most of the destructions that have happened there has been through the erection of billboards from advertising companies. I think that is one thing that my Hon. Member here once we are through with passing the motion, we should come up with a way we should coerce the County government to ensure that no billboards are erected in areas regarded to **be county's forestry**. **With those** few remarks, I beg to support.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mheshimiwa. I have noticed that *Mheshimiwa Musili* has something to say about the forests. *Mheshimiwa, karibu*.

Hon. Patrick Mbangula: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Hon. Kabiro for this nice motion that you have brought before this able House. Hon. Members, when you look at the city, the CBD of Nairobi, you see it is green and this initiative was done by the former Town Clerk the late Gakuo. This is the time the city started changing and started becoming green. I can see that this motion is taking the same direction. I would like this House to support this motion and the Executive to come up with a proper policy framework and if possible any legislation that would be proposed will be supported to ensure that our city is green.

My other suggestion for this motion as it goes to the Executive for them to take action is to also spare some land that can be set aside for planting trees. We should not only be planting trees during Christmas and after every five years but we should have days set aside for planting trees in this county. Mr. Speaker, I beg to support this motion. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much *Mheshimiwa* Musili. It seems you are very knowledgeable. I can see you have raised your hand *Mheshimiwa* Jagero.

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion. As we all know, trees play an important role in climate change mitigation. They also improve the quality of the air that we breathe. With a healthy environment where trees are grown, we know that even the air is usually conducive **as compared to our dusty roads where you wouldn't even want to pass by.**

Some few years back there used to be a program on tree planning which was carried out by the Forestry Department and the Ministry of Youth, it is no longer there. This is a good motion by Hon. Kabirot and we are hoping that the county government will initiate such programs to continue not only during the cleanups but it be a continuous program in schools and estates so that everybody can know the importance of growing trees within our county. It is also good again to sensitize our people on the same as you will find so many people cutting trees to use as firewood or charcoal which is illegal. If they can all be sensitized on the same in schools and estates, then we will have a greener and a healthier city. I support the motion.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much *Mheshimiwa* Jagero.

Hon. Esther Nyangweso: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for catching my eye. I rise to support this motion and I also want to congratulate my brother Hon. Mbugua for this wonderful motion. We all know the importance of trees around us. They give us oxygen and they take the carbon dioxide from the air and thus helping our environment. Trees provide homes for birds and other animals. You notice in the city you rarely hear the sounds of birds when you wake up in the morning like you are in the countryside. When we plant more trees we would at least wake up to hear the sound of birds which is very good in the morning.

I would encourage every member in this house to support this motion. I support.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much *Mheshimiwa* Esther Nyangweso. I catch the eye of Hon. Wanjiru.

Hon. Jacinta Wanjiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for catching my eye. I just want to support the motion and one thing I would like to note is that trees give us beauty around our communities where we live. Trees also conserve water and reduce soil erosion. They also save energy and reduce noise pollution, which is very important to us. I beg to support, thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much. Hon. Patrick, your time will come or I just give you time right now? I thought I saw you raised. Okay, *Mheshimiwa* just go ahead.

Hon. Clarence Munga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. Let me start by congratulating *Mheshimiwa* Kabirot for coming up with this great motion. We are all aware of environmental conservation that is being championed by the international community, whereby we are told to ensure that we plant a lot of trees. This is done as other members have said to ensure that we have fresh air because of the pollution that is being done by a human, our industries and all other things that pollute the air and our environment.

For environmental conservation, I concur with *Mheshimiwa* Kabirot to ensure that we plant more trees but at the same time we come up with a policy as a county and I hope that the county; either the

Assembly or the Executive should come up with a policy that will guide this environmental conservation through tree planting and also ensure that we also conserve our forests. I support this motion fully and I urge the other members to support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much *Mheshimiwa*.

Hon. Margaret Mbote: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this chance to support this motion. Thank you very much, my colleague, Hon. Kabiro Mbugua for bringing such an important motion to this assembly. I think much has been said because with trees we have everything. We water, good environment and many things that I will not even repeat.

What I would probably add, is that when trees are planted, it is also good to come up with a policy that each person to take care of those trees especially in schools all students and headteachers should see to it that trees are taken care of. Residents should take care of the trees because once they are planted sometimes they are destroyed by animals; nobody takes care of them. I think it is also good to emphasize that when trees are planted, we should take care of them. I stand to support.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much *Mheshimiwa* Mbote. I call upon *Mheshimiwa* Wanjiku and give your maiden speech.

Hon. Eunice Marimbi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion. As you all know that trees prevent soil erosion plus drought. The help in making land fertile and add to the beauty of nature. So, I rise to support the motion.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much. You have raised a very important issue about drought.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this chance to support the motion. The motion is very important for us here in Nairobi County and I would like to say something small. I admire the way the Tanzanian government protects their trees and I would like the Nairobi County government to emulate Tanzania. I saw a video of a Provincial Administrator harassing a lorry driver who had destroyed a tree somewhere and he ordered the driver to be arrested and taken to a police station then the area District Officers to go and do the valuation of the tree, and then the driver is punished

What I am suggesting is that Nairobi County should emulate Tanzania and give the Provincial Administrators like chiefs, DOs and whoever is on the ground to protect trees. Trees have medicinal value and we get rain because of trees. Like now it is dusty is Nairobi, if it was rainy we could walk feeling well and nice. I rise to support the motion and I hope nobody should hesitate to support this motion.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Themendu. Hon. Rose Matista

Hon. Rose Matista: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to support the motion. We are seated here courtesy of trees and that is why Turkana lacks rain because they do not plant trees and so I rise to support.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Wanjiru

Hon. Wanjiru Kariuki: Mr. Speaker, I do not have any idea why you have caught my eye because I have not requested to speak. However, I will add my voice by saying that I support the motion noting that trees help us beautify and cool areas. Nairobi is urban hence; it will help control temperatures within the city. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: *Mheshimiwa* Ngengi

Hon. Daniel Ngengi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. First, I would like to congratulate the young man **who is also the youth leader for coming up with such a critical motion at a time when Kenya's forest cover is** below the international standards. Hon. Speaker, there has been an increase in respiratory diseases such as asthma and allergies and this is because of the dust. We have been cutting our trees and mishandling them. Nairobi was once known as the green city in the sun but we are far from it and at the rate at which we are going then things will look bad. So as we work on this Hon. Speaker, I would wish to recommend that we go back to the good old days where we used to plant fruit trees which have vitamins and our children get to enjoy. Our children are living their lives between the early hours of going to school, late hours coming home and busy weekends. Therefore, if we make them harvest the fruits it will help improve on their health. I would wish to employ the Assembly to illegalize the use of twigs during demonstrations. The Hon. Kabiro said that he would wish to be a tree in Nairobi because of the damage and hurt caused to them.

Nairobi has become a concrete jungle and as Hon. Akama noted, there were certain areas set aside for certain vegetation but nowadays areas like Lavington and Kileleshwa are losing it because of the upcoming developments in that area. We are guilty as an Assembly because we are the ones who give approvals for all these constructions and one day I believe that we shall be held accountable. Hon. Speaker, we have been told that trees control the quality of air and I am happy that Hon. Wambugu of Karura is here to support this motion. I wish to support this motion. Thank you

Hon. Temporary Speaker: That was insightful *Mheshimiwa*. I wish I let you speak last but all the same, thank you very much. *Mheshimiwa* Joyce Muthoni

Hon. Joyce Muthoni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for catching my eye and congratulations to my colleague Hon. Mbugua for this very good motion. I would like to remind the House that trees provide us with oxygen for breathing and is also a source of food. I support. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you very much. Hon. Patrick

Hon. Patrick Logedi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion. We all know the importance of having trees around us. Scientifically, trees play a critical role in the environment and so it is very important to us as a County. Once upon a time, President Moi said that if you cut down one tree then you should plant two and so it is upon us as a County to take the initiative and make sure that our county is as green as possible and for that to be possible then we need to plant lots of trees. I stand to support

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you very much *Mheshimiwa*. Hon. Alvin

Hon. Alvin Palapala: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I have read the motion though I have come in late and I want to support it. *Mheshimiwa* Kabiro shares the same thoughts as those of the late Wangari Mathae, which is good. Unfortunately, we do not have a quorum

Hon. Temporary Speaker: You are out of order

Hon. Alvin Palapala: I call upon the mover to reply

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Last but not least, *Mheshimiwa* Pius

Hon. Pius Mbono: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. This motion urges the County Executive to come up with a policy guideline, which is in order. For example, if a County adopts a day where the public including institutions take part in tree planting exercises then the heat waves experienced in this County will disappear. I remember when the late Hon. Gakuo was a city clerk, major roads in Nairobi were covered in trees but when the roads were expanded, the trees were cut. I wonder who will replace the trees and when? When you travel to some countries and try to take an aerial view, you can hardly see the buildings because they are covered with trees. Back in Nairobi, we have very few trees. I hope that we dedicate one day as Nairobi to plant trees within the County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker:

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Pius. I call upon the mover to reply

Hon. Kabiro Mbugua: Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I wish to say thank you to Clerk Kevin Wasike for helping me come up with this noble motion, a big thank you to Hon. Akama for seconding this motion and all the members who supported this motion immensely, I say a big thank you. I reply.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: I want to thank every member who has contributed to this motion. it has been lively and I pray that God blesses you and the trees. Thank you

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Speaker: We have come to the end of this session the Assembly stands adjourned to Tuesday 30th July 2019. Thank you.

The House rose at 4.30 PM

