



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### OFFICIAL REPORT

#### Second County Assembly – Fourth Session

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

*[Hon. Speaker (Mr. Benson Mutura) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

**QUORUM**

**Hon. Speaker:** Clerk, do we have the quorum?

*(The Speaker consulted the Clerk-at-the Table)*

I Have been informed that we have the quorum. So proceed!

**PAPERS**

**Hon. Peter Wanyoike:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 191 6 I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2020: The report of the Sectoral Committee on Education Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training, on inquiry into the arranged transfer of the Nairobi Early Childhood Education training center to Nairobi Milimani Secondary school. Thank you.

*(The Paper was laid)*

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Hon. Peter Wanyoike:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I beg to give notice of the following Motion: That this Assembly adopts the reports of the Sectoral Committee on Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training on inquiry into the arranged transfer of the Nairobi Early Childhood Education training center to Nairobi Milimani Secondary school laid on the table of the Assembly on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. Thank you.

## STATEMENTS

### REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING POOR CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE COUNTY SPECIFICALLY LUCKY SUMMER WARD

**Hon. Fredrick Omondi:** I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Work regarding poor condition of roads in the county specifically Lucky Summer Ward.

Hon. Speaker, road infrastructure is one of the integral aspects that play a role in economic transformation in the Country. It facilitates the mobility of not only people, but also goods and services. Of note, is that roads and transport functions have been vested in the County Governments by the constitution, hence there is belief by the electorate that the Country Government of Nairobi has anchored road infrastructure development in its city transformational agenda, plans and initiatives. This is against the backdrop of poor roads in the County that affect the day-to-day lives of residents in one way or the other.

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

1. Steps that the County Government and the Nairobi Metropolitan services (NMS) have put in place to ensure that roads in Lucky Summer are rehabilitated for the convenience of the users and;
2. Measures, both short term and long term, that the County Executive and NMS have put in place to ensure that roads in poor condition in the County are rehabilitated. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. You can proceed to read the next statement because they are more directed to the same Committee.

### REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING STREET LIGHTING IN THE COUNTY SPECIFICALLY IN LUCKY SUMMER MAIN ROAD

**Hon. Fredrick Omondi:** I am comfortable Hon. Speaker. The second statement pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Work regarding street lighting in the County specifically in Lucky Summer main road.

Hon. Speaker, there was excitement among the people and particularly the businesspersons when the County took the path towards transition to 24-hour economy that would otherwise revolutionize commerce and market-based structures. One of the catalysts of this initiative was lighting and more so, street lighting to enhance security of both people and goods as well as facilitate secure mobility. It is notable that the Constitution vest this function in the County Governments with the hope that businesses will operate without reluctance for fear of insecurity.

However, Hon. Speaker, a random stroll along some streets in the county, especially in those wards that are distant from the CBD for instance Lucy Summer reveals a picture of lack of proper lighting and early closure of businesses for the obvious reasons of fear of insecurity.

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

1. Steps that the County Executive and Nairobi Metropolitan service are taking to install and restore street lighting in Lucky Summer Ward
2. Measures that the County Executive and Nairobi Metropolitan Services have put in place to install/repair street light in area that either lack or where the lights are non-functional and
3. Milestones of the partnership between the County and the Kenya Power for street lighting in the County.

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Can I have the chairman of Transport Committee to respond. If he is not available Majority leader.

**Hon. Peter Wanyoike:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. We can be given two weeks so that we can respond.

**Hon. Speaker:** I hopefully these two weeks Members are complaining - like it is a standard procedure - but hopefully this time round maybe we will give the response faster. Thank you. Hon. Fredrick, are you content with the answer from the Majority leader.

*(The Member spoke off-record)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member am sorry you are not audible. Clerk I think we have issues with the ICT. Therefore, we can go to the next order.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members the Chairman had requested that the matter be deferred to the next sitting.

*(The Bill was deferred)*

### MOTION

#### ENFORCEMENT OF NOTICES FOR REPAINTING OF BUILDINGS IN THE COUNTY

*(Resumption of Debate on Motion deferred during the morning Sitting)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members you can recall in the morning the Motion was proposed and seconded so my role is just to propose the question.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member you can debate on it now.

#### AMENDMENTS TO MOTION

**Hon. Joseph Komu:** Thank you Hon. Speaker and I intend to move the following amendments to the Motion on enforcement of notices for repainting of buildings in the county by Member for Kilimani Ward Hon. Ogeto Nyangaresi. That the Motion be amended as follows:

- a) By deleting the words 'move with speed to enforce' and substituting with the words 'to commence enforcing' therefore and;
- b) By adding the words 'after six months of adoption of this Motion' immediately after the word 'county' in the last sentence to read as follows: That aware Part Two of the Fourth Schedule

to the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the functions and powers of the County Government among others covers public health. Further aware that section 118 (b) of the Public Health Act Cap 242 identifies as nuisance any dwelling or part of construction in such as status to be dangerous to health. Noting that Nairobi County is the entry point to the Country by the international guest; further noting that aesthetic characteristics of the city gives the first impressions about its general organization and national character. Cognizant that the County Government and the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS) have separately issued public notices to owners of buildings to repaint in line with the Nairobi City County Beautification Initiative; concerned that to a large extent the property owners have ignored to comply with the said notices. Realizing that the County has a responsibility to make laws and policies in people's interest, which they hold in trust. This Assembly resolves that the County Executive and Nairobi Metropolitan Services to commence enforcement therefore the aforementioned notice on repainting buildings in the city county after six months after of adoption of this Motion.

Hon. Speaker, this amendment is based and premised on issue, according to Hon. Ogeto, my senior from Kilimani, that the owners of the buildings have ignored. However, I would like to inform him that they have not ignored the notices because we have no proper publicity upon the matter. As an Assembly, we ought to be accountable on how we implement the framework in such a case as this one and as important as it is we must take interest over the Nairobians as the same. One of the major issues involved in this is the cost effect and given that we are in post Covid 19 session, most of this buildings have already been deserted by the tenants and therefore the owners of the buildings may need to go to the banks to get loans to be able to paint the same.

On the same what we know and I am speaking now as the chair of Justice and this relates to the enforcement. Immediately we pass this Motion and we start effecting the same then we will see our team starting harassing the Nairobians. However, all we need is smooth implementation of this Motion. I therefore, want to request Hon. Wanyoike to second these amendments.

**Hon. Peter Wanyoike:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the amendments.

**Hon. Speaker:** You do not have to second as amended, for record purposes. You second it as amended.

**Hon. Peter Wanyoike:** Sorry Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the Motion as amended Mr. Speaker and my counterpart Hon. Ogeto Motion was a bit harsh, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member you do not use such words against Hon. Member and for guidance the Motion is now the property of the House as it has now moved from Hon. Ogeto.

**Hon. Peter Wanyoike:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, the word 'move with speed to enforce', as you are aware that Nairobians are facing several challenges. We are aware that we are going through tough times of Covid19. Nairobi will not be counted as CBD only; even Dandora - those people who own premises there- will be included, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we are going through hard times because some of these tenants have not been able to pay their rent and with that I can see and congratulate the Hon. Member for bringing these amendments to this Motion to commence or been enforced after six months. Thank you Mr. Speaker as I second.

*(Question of the Motion as amended proposed)*

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, let me take this chance to inform Members who are on Zoom to click the 'raised hand button' so that they can be able to contribute. Thank you. Proceed, Hon. Member.

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Hon. Speaker as you had earlier proposed the amended Motion and paragraphs with facts, my Motion was very clear that the Nairobi City County and the Nairobi Metropolitan to move with speed and implement the notice that they had issued. The notice was first issued by the Governor of this city H.E Mike Mbuvi Sonko before even the Covid 19 pandemic. The Nairobi Metropolitan Services also issued the same on July 2020.

Hon. Speaker, there is a circular dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from the Head of Public Service and I want to read it for purposes of clarity. It instructed all Accounting Officers of government institutions to comply with painting of buildings in this city. As long as we are still having the Covid 19 pandemic, government officials including Hon. Members cannot neglect their responsibilities.

The Hon. Member is saying that the Motion be implemented in six months. If we pass this Motion today, we add another six months, we will be talking about 2021 around April. This is a design to derail government agenda in this House. There is no way that the government issues a directive to Accounting Officers and then Hon. Komu who is my Chair---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, so that I can be on the same page with you, are you supporting or opposing?

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** I am opposing on those facts.

**Hon. Speaker:** So it goes on record that you are opposing.

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Yes, I am opposing Hon. Speaker. In the morning, I was so sure that you want Nairobi to be a beautiful city. In the morning, I talked about a country called Albania which is in the south Europe and is next to Greece and Italy, there is a culture that if people see that the environment is clean they will change to a culture of not littering in the streets.

The amount that is fixed by the County Government of Nairobi for property owners to paint their buildings is only Kshs. 5,000 and we are talking about buildings in the central business district only. It is very unfortunate for this House to start opposing the government agenda in this House. The Government is very clear; these can be the sympathizers of *Tangatanga* in this House. We have seen---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, you are now trending on dangerous ground because you may not be able to substantiate some of these things. Kindly, stick to your Motion.

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Hon. Speaker I am sorry because the same problem, which was in Karen is the same one in this House. Then the President and the Governor of this city will not be able to develop this city. With those facts, I beg to oppose this Motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

**Hon. June Ndegwa:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg to give my submissions on the same. This Motion brought by Hon. Nyangaresi is very important and the amendments being sort by my colleague do not hold any water. Reason being, we have seen NMS and the national government moving with speed to sort out issues of Nairobi overnight in 24 hours.

If it was not for the government and the NMS doing the non-motorized pavements and pathways, we would have given the same reason as Covid 19 and the same excuse that we are not ready. I think that these amendments are a cause to derail something that has been proposed. I am sure, when the head of public service was doing a letter to all government agencies, it was not something easy. He was not seated by himself and he was not mad when he made that decision. He already knows that as a government they are prepared for the post, pre and during Covid to do this.

Hon. Speaker, if we sit in this Hon. House and start giving excuses without facts and blaming the Covid pandemic, then we will be doing Nairobians a disservice. We will not be doing government business. I am ashamed that it is my side, the government side, that is trying to stop and bringing these amendments in order for us to derail this Motion and they are supposed to have sat.

I am aware of a meeting that happened between Major General Badi who is heading NMS and Members of this House and they agreed on this Motion. The leadership of this House both the Jubilee and NASA side agreed on this Motion. Hon. Speaker, please do not be the one to give a verdict of Nairobians that we cannot be able to do this and derail it for another six months for reasons we have not been told.

I would like to oppose the Motion in the strongest terms possible. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Member. Can we have Hon. Mbugua Kabiro on Zoom?

**Hon. Mbugua Kabiro:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker sir. I would like to start by saying that I am grateful to participate in this debate. I respectfully disagree with the amendments to this Motion, I therefore oppose the amendments being sort by the Hon. Joseph Komu.

In the year 2015 12<sup>th</sup> April, Dr. Evans Kidero ordered that the repainting of buildings in the city be done which was not done. In July 2017, H. E Mike Mbuvi Sonko ordered that buildings be repainted within one month, it was not done. Major General Badi of NMS has ordered that buildings be repainted which has not happened. As an assembly we want to say that this cannot happen. These three great minds have seen it fit that buildings are repainted, why are we trying to derail the process? Let the buildings be repainted.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention that the reason why buildings are not being repainted is because partly we are also to blame as an assembly. The by-laws that now stands repealed after the coming of the county governments used to say that every building in Nairobi should be repainted within every two years. Those by-laws are now obsolete; they cannot take effect. We have come up with a Motion that they should be repainted, it has been so many years ever since the by-laws became obsolete, and we have not taken any steps or bold move as an assembly to create laws that should replace the by-laws according to what the County Government Act and the Constitution said.

I find it very queer that we should push the implementation of such an important Motion to six months and I don't think it is necessary not unless that each Member of the County Assembly has buildings in town and that is why they are fearing to repaint. If you are a Member of the County Assembly and you have a building, then you are very rich, you should be able to repaint the building.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to reject the amendments that is the end of my submissions. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Rose Ogonda:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to oppose the amendments. This is the third year of this assembly and the Motions that have been passed here none has been implemented by the Executive. Secondly Mr. Speaker, last week we were in Mombasa and all the buildings within the CBD have been repainted through the directive of Governor Joho. As my Deputy Whip has put it, Nairobi is the entry of tourists. If we do what the Hon. Member has suggested it will not help this city, let us not use Covid 19 as the scapegoat. Let us repaint the buildings a per the notice issued by NMS.

This should be done urgently; I stand to oppose the amendments.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Member. Can we have Hon. Millicent Mugadi on Zoom?

**Hon. Millicent Mugadi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker---

*(Technical hitch on the virtual platform)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Can the ICT work on the connection, meanwhile we can Hon. Maurice Ochieng who is in the House.

**Hon. Maurice Ochieng:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to oppose the amendment of the Motion. I am very surprised that a Hon. Member who is a legislator in this House can rise up and oppose the interests of the people. The interests of Nairobians is to see the city very clean. That is everybody is congratulating the NMS for the good work they done on our roads. Why do we as Hon. Members oppose the beautification and repainting of buildings? On that ground, I rise to oppose the amendments. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Member. Can we go back to Hon. Millicent Mugadi?

**Hon. Millicent Mugadi:** I rise to oppose these amendments, Mr. Speaker, because it does not make sense and by implementing the Motion we are going to be supporting businesses of people who are selling the paints, we are going to make our city beautiful so that we can be able to market our city more to tourists. I rise to oppose and I wish that the dream and the request of the three leaders who had seen it for repainting to be done, be implemented. Thank you.

**Hon. June Ndegwa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just want to read in part the letter that was written by the head of public service because it also gives a time limit. It says---

**Hon. Speaker:** The letter was---

**Hon. June Ndegwa:** Sorry.

**Hon. Speaker:** I did not get what you were saying.

**Hon. June Ndegwa:** I am saying that I would like to inform the House and read in part the letter that was written by the head of public service to all accounting officers, principal secretaries---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, I beg to defer because you could have mentioned that concern when you were contributing.

**Hon. June Ndegwa:** It is not a concern. It is just information and has nothing to do with concerns; I said I want to inform the House Mr. Speaker. It is not something that you need to put into consideration. It

says; 'That, subsequently you will now be expected to submit your progress reports every Tuesday covering the work in the previous week'.

He was talking to everyone. They are supposed to give reports every Tuesday after the date of this letter. We cannot take this lightly and I beg that you do not accept these amendments.

**Hon. Clarence Munga:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this Motion. I want to oppose the amendments brought by Hon. Komu. We have the good will of the national government to assist the county in beautification and ensure that Nairobi residents get good services. This proposal of repainting of buildings in the city will spur the economy, will attract investors and create employment opportunities to our young people as painters. We will be empowering our youths to ensure that they have something in their pockets.

Having said that Mr. Speaker, it is inappropriate for a Member to oppose this Motion brought by Hon. Ogeto because the building's owners do not have money to repaint. These are people who charge their clients a lot of money compared to other areas in the city, they have money. We need to ensure that they repaint these buildings to attract more investors, beautify our city so that the investors will be charged even more.

I rise to oppose the amendments and support the earlier version of the Motion by Mheshimiwa Ogeto. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Emapet Kemunto:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to oppose the proposed amendments. I also want to congratulate Hon. Ogeto for bringing this noble Motion. As Nairobians we need to think about the legacy that we leave behind. This Motion is very substantive, and for me as a young lady, I need to see Nairobi clean such that when you come to Nairobi it is flamboyant and not a rustic Nairobi.

I oppose the amendments and I am here to support this Motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** I think we should have the final Hon. Member to debate on this so that I can then put the question.

**Hon. Millicent Jagero.** I rise to oppose the amendments that have been brought at the floor of the assembly. If you walk downtown Nairobi some buildings are so dirty. They have not been repainted the longest time. Nairobi is the center or the core of this country and if it is dirty definitely the other counties will do the same. Because they will say that if a city is not clean, then who are we to clean our county? Nairobi should act as an example to the rest of the city.

The reason for repainting the buildings is for beautification purposes so that even when tourists comes to the city, they will see that it is a city on its own and can be identified with. We do not want the city to look like an estate or an informal settlement, we want it to look like a city. We want it to look more beautiful, it should be modified so that when one comes to the city, they will see the modification of this great county.

Let Nairobi act like an example and let it be a city on its own. I oppose the amendments.

**Hon. Speaker:** Let me now call the mover to reply.

**Hon. Joseph Komu:** Thank you Hon. Speaker and Hon. members for your sentiments. But I want to say that some of the members are opposing these amendments blindly. It is not that we are opposing the repainting of buildings; we are saying we need to have a time frame. It is clear from this Motion as Hon.

Nyangaresi has said, that he is bringing this Motion to ensure proper implementation. In his own words he has said that the property owners have ignored to comply.

Basically what we need to do is to enforce, do we have laws that say that. Mr. friend Hon. Rose Kula has indicated that this has been attempted in the city of Mombasa. Hon. Joho tried this and ran into trouble. What we are doing is to cure this Motion from the so many legal battles that we are going to experience from the owners of the buildings. We are not opposing the Motion but amending it so that we have a time frame to inform these people because of the cost involved.

I really don't want to dwell on the political bit that my senior has indicated. I belong to the Jubilee Party, a party that implements slowly but surely and without any innuendos. What I want to say is, when you say the head of public service ordered, I agree with that but we must have a proper formula to assist the Jubilee government to implement this. That is why I came up with the amendments. We must also sensitize people and tell them what we need because this has failed in the past. Why are we so much in a hurry? Nairobi City is over a hundred years; sixth months delay will not cause any havoc.

Thank you Hon. Rose Kula. Apparently, when we talk about the cost, everyone including the CS of Treasury knows the pain that we are undergoing. If we wake up and tell people to start painting from tomorrow and then we start harassing them, we are not fair. I represent Kahawa Ward and the people of Nairobi and as a legislator in this House, I must give guidance in issues of legislation. We are not legislating here to fail tomorrow.

Hon. Speaker, I am worried that if we go on with this trend and even if we vote and the majority carries the day, we are faced with legal challenges and that is what we were trying to cure. Hon. Speaker, I want to reply by saying that I request that we move on with the amendments as pronounced so that we can make this Motion implementable. Thank you.

*(Question of the Motion as amended put and negatived)*

*(Debate on the original Motion resumed)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, since now we are already done with the amendments, we revert now to the original Motion, and it was moved and seconded, so Members can debate.

**Hon. June Ndegwa:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. You have done such an incredible thing and I know Nairobians wherever they are will be grateful for what you have done. Am saying thank you Mr. Speaker, you have done such an incredible job, thank you for being non-partisan and for listening to all of us, our dissenting and assenting concerns.

Speaker I rise to support this Motion, it is a very important Motion in this city at this time, it could not have come at a better time because it is a time when we are changing our city, we are changing our country, a city at a time. Mr. Speaker we have seen the changes that have happened in Nairobi County as a whole and we are all appreciative of the works that are being done by Nairobi Metropolitan Service, the people that they are using are our people, 'ni vijana wetu wa mtaa', Mr. Speaker. We have seen the changes that are happening especially in places like Grogon and even down town and even right across our Assembly, we have seen the NMT works that has been done.

Therefore, I want to thank Hon. Ogeto for seeing this as part of the requirements of the developmental changes that are happening in this country. Mr. Speaker I know we are going through Covid

and some people may call it post-covid because our numbers are not rising anymore and therefore for health purposes I am sure that once this Motion starts to be implemented, it will start with government buildings; they will have to fumigate and clean even before they start painting. I would like to see a city that is a gateway of Africa, Nairobi is a gateway of Africa, and other than the aesthetic beauty we need to see an organized city. There is no way you can have a road that has been repaired, well done, very nice, passable, without potholes, and then you have a building and a wall that looks shabby, and is peeling.

So I would like to urge the Members of this house, even those on the dissenting side to rise and support this Motion, let's pass it, let us see Nairobi getting to greater heights because once we deal with the problems of the roads and electricity, then we go to the beauty and aesthetics. Then somebody else will come with another Motion, of maybe our parks and even planting more trees and stuff like that. That is what I would like to see this honorable August House stand for, and especially the government side, I think we need to stand for what is our own. Thank you and I stand to support.

**Hon. Esther Nyangweso:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this Motion that Nairobi needs to look different. When you go to Mombasa you get to know that you are in a different city, but when you come to Nairobi, each building is painted in its own colour, and there are buildings that since the first paint, they have never seen another shade of paint. I grew up in this city and when we were growing up, the then City Council used to paint the houses. What changed? So it is very much possible for this county to paint and every landlord to come up and take up their responsibility of painting the houses. Let us not be afraid of change. I beg to support this Motion.

**Hon. Emamet Kemunto:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. On a lighter note, today you have been gender parity and I appreciate that. I want to support this Motion with a heavy heart and I want to be guided by Hon. Ogeto on the measures put in place for those who do not comply so that enforcement can be opted for. This is under the housing and planning department. So what are the measures for those who do not comply? For me I raise to support it and am so appreciative. Thank you.

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Thank you so much Hon. Speaker. First, I want to thank this honorable House by having trust in me to bring a Motion which will ensure that Nairobians do comply. I also want to thank the Hon Members who saw the sense in opposing the amendment Motion, which was brought by Hon. Komu. But I want to educate him that this Motion will give the impetus to Nairobi Metropolitan Service or the County Executive to start at least even enforcing. Hon. Speaker enforcing is to the Executive and I know they are aware that there is Covid; they will not start running in this city to start arresting people.

The other day I was walking on Kenyatta Avenue, very good pavements, with red colours and very good grey colours, but the next building is looking tattered. That building has tenants and I can tell you, Hon Speaker, per square feet in this city, if you want to get a house or an office, is not less than Kshs 10,000, is not less than Kshs 20,000. The minimum in this city especially in the CBD is over Kshs 50,000 rent payment and we have never seen any building within the CBD saying that they have waived the rent for tenants because there is Covid. Normally if you do not pay they chase you out. So now, we are telling them that if they are able to chase away the tenants who are unable to pay then paint for us, as a government we want your building to look clean.

I want to request you to ensure that Hon. Komu travels to Albania so that he can understand my Motion. It is not about forcing Nairobians to paint, and they will feel ashamed themselves and paint. If you see on Kenyatta Avenue painting has started, then you will start painting your building because yours will be the odd one out if you do not paint it. Not painting the building can even discourage the tenants from coming in. I also want to remind Hon. Komu that beauty gives people protection.

Hon. Speaker if we ensure that the painting is done all the way from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Westlands, you will feel happy. I do not understand what the timelines Hon. Komu wanted are going to change the green city in the sun. It is very discouraging. For example, next to Nyayo Stadium there are some animals there which do very mysterious things but the owners of those building are not painting; the [buildings] look very ugly. When tourists come to this city, they need to find a city which is clean so that it makes doing business in this city comfortable. It is like us when you travel out of the country, you go to some cities, in others you do not want to go there because they are dirty, it is ridiculous.

My colleague has reminded me and in today's discussion in your office you told me that during 'Kanjo time', during Nairobi City Council time workers from the council used to come and paint the buildings. When did that culture stop? That is the culture we want in this city. Because you even told me that during Corona, very strict guidelines were given on how people are to live in buildings. You even told me that you were given notice to leave then after two days you come back after the house has been painted. That is the culture we want to bring to this city, that houses must be painted after a period of time. The Minority Leader said that he will bring that a Bill to ensure that buildings be painted after every three years so that this city looks clean, and becomes attractive for everyone.

I also want to thank Hon. Members who have supported me in this Motion and I believe that if all goes well, you can ensure that Hon. Komu gets a visa and visit other cities. Hon. Speaker I beg to reply.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, there being no other business, the House stand adjourned to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 2.30pm.

***The House rose at 3.20 p.m.***