



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Second County Assembly – Fifth Session

Tuesday 16th November 2021

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[Hon. Deputy Speaker (Mr. Geophrey Majiwa) in the Chair]

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Millicent Jagero, proceed.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING ENCROACHMENT OF ROADS IN THE COUNTY AND PARTICULARLY MUYUYU STREET IN EASTLEIGH WARD

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2)(c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral committee on Planning and Housing regarding encroachment of roads in the County and particularly Muyuyu street in Eastleigh ward.

Hon. Speaker, urban street design is undertaken to take into account mobility needs including pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles. Nairobi City is currently experiencing congestion on most roads because of encroachment onto carriageways and walkways by traders. This is particularly rampant in the estates. The importance of these roads to mobility of people, goods and services cannot be overemphasised especially because by design, roads provide a network along with goods and services move and provides access to estates for fire engines in case fire outbreak and ambulance in emergency cases etc

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

1. Whether the County Government and NMS have authorised the encroachment along the said street in Eastleigh North and if not;
2. Measures that Nairobi Metropolitan Services has put in place to remove encroachers from the street for smooth traffic flow?
3. Steps that the NMS has taken to remove all encroachments onto public road reserves across the County.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Is the Chair Planning online? Any Member around?

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, on behalf of Planning Committee, we request for two weeks. Hon. Member if you are comfortable with that.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Jagero, are you okay with that?

Hon. Millicent Jagero: No, Mr. Speaker because last week on Thursday the residents had to demonstrate because of the said street and the developer is saying that he has a letter purporting to have been awarded that street. We know that everything that is taking place on a public facility has to undergo public participation. So it is an urgent matter Mr. Speaker.

There are hospitals, businesses and therefore will pose a challenge to even the ambulances that will ferry people to those hospitals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Mr. Speaker we are requesting for your interjection because such a matter requires a site visit and we have to report properly to the House. Kindly allow the Hon. Member to give us two weeks please.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Jagero, I hope ten days will be okay with you?

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Yes Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Next, Clerk.

MOTION

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Is Hon. John Muthiga Kamau online? Hon. Ogeto, you are already on your feet and I have not even heard what you are talking about.

(Point of Order)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Did he send you?

(Hon. Moses Ogeto spoke off the record)

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, I believe Hon. Speaker Benson Mutura once made a ruling before this House that all hon Members who have Motions to be in the House. My chairmen of Health is saying that the hon Member is outside there. When such Members fail to come to this House, you return to House Business for reallocation.

Some Members bring Motions to this House because of *vipindi*. You may find a Member, like Hon Mugambi one time responded via Zoom that he is driving, but at the end of the day it was a *kipindi*. If that matter can be differed to House Business, it will be prudent before this House because we have serious Motions which should be allocated. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, Hon. Warutere.

Hon. Peter Warutere: Hon. Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to also weigh on this very important matter. About five minutes ago I was out there and I saw Hon. Kamau. He is a Member of House Business. Interestingly, he knew that the Motion was coming in. So, it fails us and majority of serious Members that probably he has chosen to go and have lunch at carnivore (*laughter*). I remember in House Business we had agreed that all chairmen should be available at all the time. There was a statement from Planning, the Chairman is supposed to be here and I think it is high time we start taking the business of the House seriously as we have a substantive Governor.

The Member was at the pool table; he had time for the pool table but he cannot have time to come to this Assembly, which is not right and I think it is high time we sit at the House Business or Liaison and basically with all Members and ask them to take the business of this Assembly seriously. It does not make sense to go and have lunch at the Carnivore at the expense of us who are serious and probably wasting our time. Thank you.

Hon. Daniel Muturi: Hon. Speaker, as much as absenteeism is becoming a norm to this Assembly I think you should direct Mheshimiwa Ogeto to expunge out the issues of Motions and *kipindi* in this House for the record, I beg.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Members, I have directed that this Motion be suspended indefinitely and let the chairman of House Business decide on what to do with it.

(Motion deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Members there being no other business the House stands adjourned until Thursday, 18th November 2021 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you.

The House rose at 3.00 p.m.