



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Second County Assembly – Sixth Session

Tuesday 22nd March 2022

The House met at 9.30 a.m.

[Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker (Ms. Emily Oduor) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Kindly check that we have quorum to commence.

(The Clerk-at-The Table confirmed there was no quorum)

We do not have quorum. Sergeant- at- Arms, ring the bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell was rung)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: We have quorum.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

RESUMPTION OF PLENARY SITTINGS AFTER SHORT RECESS

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I take this opportunity to welcome you all back from the short recess. I trust you had a wonderful and fruitful break together with your families and electorates. It is good to see you all back rejuvenated and ready to execute duties bestowed upon you under public trust. Honourable Members, the Sixth Session presents us with an opportunity to effectively carry out our mandate. It is also during this Session that shall have an opportunity to deliver our promises to the people of Nairobi. I therefore call upon Members to adopt bipartisan approach in considering business that shall come before the Assembly so that we can be able to achieve what is best of this great County.

Hon. Member, as we commence our sitting today, let us be reminded of the busy schedule ahead of us. As you all know, we are in the middle of the budget making process. The Assembly has already approved the Annual Development Plan for the financial year 2022/2023 and the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) for the financial year 2022/23 that is pending consideration by the Assembly. In addition Hon. Members, in this period, we are expected to consider budget estimates for the financial year 2022/2023.

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Lastly Hon. Members, I implore upon all chairpersons of committees to fast-track all pending businesses before their committees especially, proposed legislation that are in various stages of consideration, inquiries and statement requests so that our output as an Assembly can be felt. With that, I wish you a good time as you expedite your duties to the best of your abilities. God bless you.

PAPERS

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Deputy Majority Leader!

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday 22nd March 2022: The report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company Limited for the year ended 30th June 2020. I beg to lay.

(The Paper was laid on the Table of the Assembly)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Clerk!

BILLS

First Reading

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY HARM REDUCTION BILL 2022, ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2 OF 2022

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Clerk, continue.

Second Reading

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY POLYTECHNICS AND HOMECRAFT CENTRES BILL 2021, ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3 OF 2021

Hon. Samuel Mwangi: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion: That, the Nairobi City County Polytechnics and Homecraft Centres Bill 2021, be now read for a Second Time. Hon. Speaker, the Bill was read for the First Time on 7th September 2021 and committed to the relevant sectoral committee pursuant to the provision of Standing Order Nos. 130 and 131.

Hon. Speaker, education as we know has become the center of knowledge acquisition which is crucial for individual and county development. The essence of vocational training and home craft center education in the development of not only the county but globally cannot be overemphasized. However, with the devolution, the County Government needs to address the core problem confronting them to leap the full benefits of technical vocational training or home craft centers. The infrastructural quality of tutors and leadership need to be improved at the decentralized level. A good starting point would be the enactment of the reform and development oriented legislative framework.

Hon. Speaker, Paragraph nine of Part Two of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya 2010 gives county governments powers to regulate village polytechnics and home craft centers within the county. Furthermore, since the Bill seeks to regulate vocational trainings centers within the county, it will help in addressing some of the challenges facing the education sector which includes unregistered educational centers that offer unapproved courses within untrained teachers.

Hon. Speaker, the specific objectives of TVETs are to:

- (a) Provide adequate and appropriate skilled artisans, craftsmen, technicians and technologists at all levels of the economy through practical training and work experience;
- (b) Transfer technology continuously through collaborative approach between TVET institutions and relevant industries;
- (c) Promote dignity and decency of labour particularly manual work;
- (d) Provide increased training opportunities for the increased school leavers and other trainees to increase employability;
- (e) Provide continuous upgrading of skills and knowledge at the pace and the ability of the trainees;
- (f) Provide a dynamic curriculum responsive to manpower needs of a dynamic economy; and
- (g) Impact marketable skills, technical knowhow and attitude that responds to contemporary labour market demands by the industry, informal sector and self-employment.

Hon. Speaker, the principal objective of this Bill is to provide a legal framework for the establishment, classification, governance and management of county vocational training and home craft centers in the county.

The Bill provides for the responsibilities and role of the County Government in the establishment and management of the public vocational training centers in the county. The Bill sets out provisions relating to the establishment of promotion of vocational training in the County. The Bill further contains provisions for registration and administration of vocational training centers and home craft centers in the county.

Hon. Speaker, I am confident that the implementation of this proposed law will go a long way in improving the technical vocational training and education in the county.

I call upon Hon. Wanyoike to second the Bill.

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I beg to second the Bill.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members who are online, you are now free to debate. Hon. Matara.

Hon. Silas Matara: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. I would like to welcome my colleagues from the short recess. I know those who are seeking elective positions and perhaps those who are hoping for nominations for Third Assembly, are busy on the ground trying to woo voters. So, for Members to find time to come here, we truly thank them and appreciate that we have had no incidence that our members have been involved in.

I rise to support this Bill and thank Hon. Samuel, who is also the Chair for Education, for this well thought out Bill. When you look at the dynamics of our respective wards, not many youths or students proceed to university or mainstream colleges. This Bill will come in handy in terms of ensuring that the youths on the ground find an opportunity to hone their skills therefore expanding their avenues of getting opportunities to uplift their wellbeing by finding economic opportunities.

Hon. Speaker, we were elected by these youths. Whatever the idea that comes in place to be able to support them in whatever small or big way as Members of this House, is much welcome. I know Nairobians at large are going to benefit from this Bill.

You have seen the world of today with the problems that are going on from National Government to County Government. This Bill when implemented I hope through the House business you will get to schedule it speedily when it comes to the Third Reading and possibly God willing it will be passed by this House and then it comes law and the executive will put the effort in terms of implementing the same. This is because you will realize we get to pass a lot of Bills and Motions here but the Implementation part of it is quite wanting, Hon. Speaker.

With those few remarks, I beg to support thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: We are still checking if we have any other Members, online. Mover!

Hon. Samuel Mwangi: Hon. Speaker, I wish to acknowledge the gratitude of the office of the Speaker and Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistic support accorded during the drafting of this proposed law. Appreciation is also extended to all stakeholders who contributed to developing this law. Finally, my gratitude to the County Assembly for the support in consideration of this Bill. I beg to reply, thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was read Second Time and committed to the committee of the whole House by leave of the Assembly)

BILL

Second Reading

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY CIVIC EDUCATION BILL 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL NO.8 OF 2021

Hon. Silas Matara: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I have been made aware by the Clerk that there is an issue that needs to be sorted out by the Budget Committee and they were requesting a day to be able to resolve the issue and be able to proceed. Therefore, I seek an extension of time for them to sort it out so that it can be committed to the House. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Noted. I will take it back to the House Business Committee for the reallocation and we will inform you when it is coming up.

(Bill deferred)

Member, just before we finish we go back to the Report of Auditor General on the financial statement of Nairobi City and Water Sewerage Company limited for the year ended June 2020, this report will now be taken to Public Investment Committee. Kindly note.

The next one is a Bill of Nairobi City County Harm Reduction Bill 2022, Assembly Bill Number 2 of 2022. This goes to the Health Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: There being no other business the Assembly stands adjourned until today at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 10.40 a.m.