



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Hon. Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have quorum.

(Clerk-at-the-Table confirmed there was quorum)

We have the quorum. First Order!

STATEMENT

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE IN NAIROBI COUNTY,
ESPECIALLY IN MUTHURWA AND MARIKITI MARKETS

Hon. Speaker: I understand that we have a statement. Hon. Daniel Ngengi!

Hon. Daniel Muturi: Thank you. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Environment and Natural Resources regarding the collection of garbage in Nairobi County, especially in Muthurwa and Marikiti Markets.

Hon. Speaker, the two markets are vital as they aid in the supply of substantial amount of food consumed in Nairobi. Notably, the place has been left stinking with food, clogged drainage systems and littered waste depict the unapologetic state of the market, where garbage collection activity is scarce and a clear demonstration of disparity in the work done by the garbage collectors, thereby creating a major conduit for graft.

Hon. Speaker, regrettably, the garbage collectors have since destroyed the only road by the excavators and later big pits that are risky to both the pedestrians, lorries and matatus plying the Central Business District and terminating at Muthurwa stage. A case for instance was witnessed a couple of days ago where near death scenarios were reported in relation to the risky site.

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Hon. Speaker, despite numerous complaints since 2019 and several meetings with the Nairobi City County officials in 2018, and now with the Nairobi Metropolitan Services in the last two years whose main objective was to take action and redeem the situation there, it seems that no positive action has been taken by the County. There were attempts by the Nairobi Metropolitan Services to build the material recovery facility which has since been abandoned and left incomplete.

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

- i. When the NMS will complete the material recovery facility, cover the pits and fix the road in the market and ensure effectiveness when it comes to garbage collection in the said areas; and
- ii. The policy measures that the County has put in place to ensure proper monitoring of the garbage collection in the County in order to enhance efficiency.

Hon. Speaker, with a bit of leeway, you will indulge me on this issue---

Hon. Speaker: Before I indulge you, let me see whether we have the Chair. Is the Chair online? Deputy Majority, you will do an undertaking?

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Mr. Speaker, let me take the undertaking and report back within two weeks.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, do you have further statements as he takes notes on what need to be done to his statement?

Hon. Daniel Muturi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. It is a bit discouraging having been in this House for the last four years and we have done a lot of work for Nairobians, we have done roads, NMTs, clinics among others, yet markets – I speak for Muthurwa and all markets in Nairobi where our food is sourced from – the garbage remains uncollected. It has become a risk place, where not only accidents happen but we can also get diseases because of poor drainages.

Hon. Speaker, two days ago, we almost had a near death experience. Thanks for your indulgence, Hon. Speaker because we have been coming here and making statements. I made few statements some time back about matatus, and a girl got crushed. Till today, no action has been taken. So, when you see me begging for your indulgence, it is because this is an emotional issue. Not only that, it is also life threatening. If indeed within two weeks – because last time I asked questions and was told two weeks by the various committees but I have never gotten a reply, but due to the risk to the risk to our lives, to the pedestrians, and to the Marikiti and Muthurwa markets – kindly let it be within that time. I will be okay with it. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Also, do a follow up of what the Deputy Majority Leader has said. I believe the report will be ready in two weeks. Can we go to the next Order?

PROCEDURAL MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: THAT, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 163 (1), this Assembly approves the appointment of the following Members to the Select Committee on Assembly Business, in addition to those specified under paragraphs(a), (b), (c), (d) (e) and (f):

1. Hon. Geoffrey Majiwa, MCA – Deputy Speaker
2. Hon. Peter Gitau Wanyoike, MCA – Deputy Majority Leader
3. Hon. Esther Waithera Chege, MCA – Deputy Majority Whip

4. Hon. Moses Ogeto Nyangaresi, MCA – Deputy Minority Whip
5. Hon. Jeremiah Themendu, MCA.
6. Hon. June Julliet Ndegwa, MCA.
7. Hon. Peter Muriithi Warutere, MCA
8. Hon. Jacinta Wanjiru, MCA
9. Hon. Peter Wahinya Kimuhu, MCA
10. Hon. Wilfred Odalo, MCA
11. Hon. Rose Ogonda, MCA
12. Hon. Emily Oduor, MCA
13. Hon. Esther Nyangweso, MCA

I call upon Hon. Ogeto, the Deputy Minority Whip, to second.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Before I second, I want to wish you and the Hon. Members a happy new year. I want to give my sincere condolences to the late Hon. Ogola's family. May his soul rest in peace. As Nairobi City County Assembly, it is very unfortunate to lose our own in this session, and I believe he is resting with the angels in heaven.

Hon. Speaker, as I second this Motion, the Members who have been appointed to this committee, are men and women of integrity, and they have been performing. You may realize that we have not changed the leadership or membership of that committee, especially from the ODM side. Those hon Members have been working tirelessly to ensure that the calendar of the last year and now becomes the last calendar which is the House business that will be introduced in the Third Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, we pray for each other so that in the Third Assembly, we will be here for the relaunch of the Third Assembly of the Nairobi County Assembly. We believe that during this session, they have made the Assembly peaceful. Hon. Speaker, since you came in as a Speaker this Assembly has been very peaceful. We believe that as we clear this last session of this Assembly, it will continue to be peaceful until we finish.

Hon. Speaker, in that composition where you are the Chair, you will now lead this Assembly to ensure that the Bills which were subjected before this House will be finished before you adjourn this House for *sine die* in May or earliest June. The Members of the House Business will ensure that they will bring all the Motions and Bills before this House and ensure that we clear everything with no backlog.

Hon. Speaker, we also thank your secretariat for giving you maximum guidance on how we will be dispensing these Bills in this House.

With those few remarks, I would like to urge all Members of Jubilee and ODM to remain committed in ensuring that we get our Fifth President of our Republic of Kenya, Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga. I beg to second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngengi.

Hon. Daniel Muturi: Hon. Speaker, I wish to support the Motion. We have a lot of pending Bills and it is only prudent that within the remaining period, we finish all the pending business and leave a good legacy for the next Assembly to start on a clean slate. Most of these Bills are very critical in the running of the County

and with the enforcement; we shall be making Nairobi a better place and destination. With those few remarks, I beg to support.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, there being no other request, I call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to thank the whole House for their support towards this procedural Motion. I hope that the selected Members will be resourceful to the committee for the betterment of this House and Nairobi County as a whole. I beg to reply.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the House stands adjourned to Thursday 10th February 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.20 p.m.