



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Third County Assembly – Second Session

Thursday 10th August 2023

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Kennedy Ng'ondi) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Hon. Speaker: Clerk, can we proceed?

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

THREATS TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon Assembly sitting. I have got the following communication to convey in regard to the threats to Members of the County Assembly.

Hon. Members, you recall during the Assembly sitting yesterday, the following two Members rose under Standing Order No. 92 on personal statements to bring to the attention of the Assembly of threats to their security: Hon. Waithera Chege, MCA, on threat to personal security on her interventions on grabbing of public land in Nairobi South Ward, and Hon. Joyce Muthoni, MCA, on threat to personal security stemming from her legislative proposal on Nairobi Water and Sewerage Services Bill.

Hon. Members, in view of the foregoing, I direct the Clerk, through Director of Security Services, to assess the threats and examine whether the threats warrant assignment of security to the Members affected. Consequently, the Clerk to present to my Office a report on the same in one week for further action.

Hon. Members, you may stand guided. Thank you.

PETITION

PETITION BY NAIROBI SOUTH RESIDENTS ON STOPPAGE OF GRAPPING OF PUBLIC LAND LR NO. 209/12621

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Waithera Chege.

Hon. Waithera Chege: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise pursuant to Standing Order No. 213. I wish to read a petition written by Nairobi South residents on stoppage of public land LR NO. 209/12621 from grabbing by a private developer in South B Shopping Centre in Nairobi City County.

We, the undersigned citizens of Kenya, who are the residents of Nairobi South within Nairobi City County, draw the attention of the County Assembly of Nairobi to the following:

AWARE THAT, Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 vests the legislative authority and oversight of the County Government in the County Assembly;

THAT, Article 62 of the Constitution mandates the County Government to hold in trust public land on behalf of County residents;

THAT, the Kenya National Land Use Policy, 2017 recognises the need for social development that takes cognizant of provisions of basic infrastructure and services;

THAT, whereas Section 5 Part E of the National Land Commission Act, 2012, requires the Commission to initiate investigations into present or historical land injustices and recommend appropriate redress;

THAT, whereas Section 116 of the County Governments Act, 2012 imposes an obligation on the County Government and its agencies to deliver services within its designated area of jurisdiction, and Section 117 (10 (a) of the Act provides that the County Government shall give priority to the basic needs of the public to ensure that all the members of the public have access to basic services;

THAT, the land LR NO. 209/12612 located in South B Shopping Centre, Makuti area is a public land where the Government had initially allocated for the construction of a modern market;

THAT, the modern market would benefit the locals mostly by increasing employment opportunities, increasing quality of production, creating an environment for a healthy competition and increasing consumer status;

THAT, a private developer has allegedly invaded and grabbed the said piece of land that was meant for the construction of the said modern market that would benefit the Nairobi South residents and Nairobian at large to better their lives;

THAT, whereas petitioners confirm that efforts have been made to have the matter addressed by the relevant body, it failed to give a satisfactory response;

THAT, all the matters in respect of which the petition is raised, is not pending before any court of law or any constitutional body;

HEREOF, your humble petitioners pray that the County Assembly of Nairobi County intervenes and ensures that: -

1. The National Land Commission and the relevant bodies furnishes the Nairobi City County with the deed plans to facilitate and solve the dispute here in;
2. The Nairobi City County Government, in conjunction with relevant organs, to bring down the illegal structure being developed on the said land;
3. The said land be surrendered back to Nairobi City County Government and give appropriate deed plans in respect to the public utility land in issue herein; and

4. The Nairobi City County Government to secure the said land and hold it in trust on behalf of the traders and Nairobians at large.

And your petitioners, Mr. Speaker, will forever pray and be grateful.

Presented and signed by myself, Member representing Nairobi South Ward. Attached, are over 1000 signatures from the traders. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

PAPER

REPORT ON RECRUITMENT PROCESS OF TWO EXTERNAL MEMBERS OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Susan Makungu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Section 12 (3) (d) of County Governments Act, 2012, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Thursday 10th August 2023:

The report of the Nairobi City County Assembly Service Board on recruitment process of the two external Members of the Nairobi City County Assembly Service Board and the recommendation for approval of appointment of Maurice Ochieng Owino and Mary Njeri Ndege as the two external Members of the Nairobi City County Assembly Service Board.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

NOTICE OF MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF MR. MAURICE OWINO AND MS MARY NDEGE AS EXTERNAL MEMBERS OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Susan Makungu: Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, pursuant to Section 12 (3) (d) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and Section 8 and 9 of the County Assemblies Services Act, 2017, the County Assembly notes the report of the Service Board and approves the appointment of Mr. Maurice Ochieng Owino and Ms Mary Njeri Ndege as the two external Members of the Nairobi City County Assembly Service Board.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Susan Makungu.

STATEMENT

REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT REGARDING STATUS OF ROADS IN PUMWANI WARD

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Paul Ndung'u.

Hon. Paul Ndung'u: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Kindly protect me from the former Mayor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 47 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works regarding the status of completions of all contractors who have completed their projects across the City, and in particular Pumwani Ward.

Hon. Speaker, the County Executive recently embarked on major renovation works to tarmac roads across the City. Whereas various projects have been implemented, some areas of the County have neither started nor completed road works, for instance, Blue Estate Road and Moyale Road in Pumwani Ward. The two contracts awarded for constructing the said tarmac roads began, but the contractor reported to the said site in the year 2018 but abandoned the site without any further construction works. The contracts were to be terminated and re-advertised. So far, nothing has been done by the County Executive.

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

1. Whether the County Executive has set aside a budget to complete these roads;
2. Whether the said contracts were terminated, and if yes, what are the name of the new contractors; and
3. Steps that the County is taking to ensure that all contracts awarded are completed across the County.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Paul, I am sorry to let you know that there was a bit of a mix up. Your request for statement has not been captured by the Office of the Clerk. So, we will have to defer it to a later day when the Chair will do an undertaking. For now, please you will just have to bear with us. Thank you, Hon. Member.

Hon. Paul Ndung'u: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, but I am aware this will take a whole month. How am I going to my electorates without any answer? We are heading for a recess, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Maybe you should take a portion of the blame because you did not bring it in good time and that is why we were not able to process.

Point of Information

Hon. Peter Imwatok: In the absence of the Minority Leader, the welfare of my Member takes precedence. Standing Order No. 1 gives you express powers to validate anything that has not been validated to the Clerk's Office or any other office under your jurisdiction. For the interest of Pumwani people, where I schooled in Eastleigh High School, I believe your power vested under Standing Order No 1 can override all those illegalities.

(Applause)

You can pronounce this statement as it is a key statement for the people of Pumwani. Mr. Speaker, as the Leader of Majority of this House, I beg for your powers, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority, that is well noted. Hon. Paul, you have been saved by the Hon. Majority Leader. I direct the Chairperson of Transport and Mobility to give an undertaking in regards to the request by Hon. Paul. Chairperson, please, you may proceed.

Hon. Musango Maithya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I request for 2 weeks after the recess.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Paul, please take your seat. We have not decided whether the committees shall be running when we are going for the recess. I think two weeks after recess is much in order.

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(The Clerk consulted the Speaker)

Okay, I am advised by the Clerk that the committee shall actually be on. So, for that reason, please bring down the dates to a second week after we reopen.

Hon. Musango Maithya: Mr. Speaker, if the committees will be sitting, I request for 14 days.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Paul, are you okay.

Hon. Paul Ndung'u: Mr. Speaker, I oblige but not 14 working days, two weeks kindly. He should elaborate on that.

Hon. Speaker: It should be 14 working days. We don't work over the weekends. Clerk, proceed.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON SITE INSPECTION VISIT TO MAMA LUCY KIBAKI HOSPITAL

Hon. Speaker: Health Committee Chairman.

Hon. Maurice Onyango: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to move:

THAT, this Assembly adopts the Report of Sectoral Committee on Health Services on the site inspection visit to Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital to ascertain the allegations as raised in the statement by Hon. Redson Otieno, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday 5th July 2023.

Hon. Speaker, on 1st November 2022, Hon. Redson Otieno requested for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services regarding the increased cases of negligence in the County health facility.

In the statement, the Hon. Member requested that the Chairperson inquire into and report on:

1. Detailed report and chronology of events that led to the loss of life of one Maureen Anyango at Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital;
2. What the hospital has since done for the family of the deceased as part of taking responsibility for breach of duty of care and causing injury to the family;
3. Challenges the County health facilities face in provision of high quality health care services; and
4. Measures that the County Executive is putting in place to prevent recurrence of medical negligence in all County health facilities.

Hon. Speaker, in the exercise of its mandate, the Committee wrote to the sector to report on the aforementioned concerns raised by the Member. The sector responded vide letter dated 1st November 2022. The Committee considered the sector's submissions and further resolved undertaking an inspection site visit with the sole intention of allowing Members to ascertain the alleged cases of medical negligence in the said County health facilities.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee conducted the said site visit to Mama Lucy Hospital on Wednesday 9th November 2022 in order to ascertain the raised the statement by the Hon. Member, Redson Otieno. The Committee Members arrived at the hospital facility and were met with the hospital superintendent, Doctor Emma Mutio who took the Members through the chronology of events from the time the late Maureen Anyango was admitted and when the patient had her last breath.

Hon. Speaker, the hospital superintendent Dr. Emma Mutio began by stating that Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital Reproductive Health Department has the third largest maternity facility in Kenya by workload. Despite having only 71 beds, the facility had average of 30 deliveries each day. For example, in July to September 2022, there were 2,770 deliveries. This was only exceeded by Nakuru Referral Hospital, which had 2,954 deliveries and Pumwani Maternity Hospital at 4,780 deliveries for the same period.

Hon. Speaker, on 5th September 2022, there were 16 normal deliveries and 12 caesarean deliveries. There were also other emergency gynaecological procedures. The nurse to patient ratio in the postnatal ward is 1:40 against the recommended World Health Organization ratio of 1:6.

The late Maureen Anyango was 28 years old at 39 week's pregnancy and five days with a twin pregnancy referred from Kayole Level II Hospital to Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital. Hon. Speaker, on 5th September 2022, with a diagnosis of malpresentation and preeclampsia, and a blood pressure of 172/96. The patient was brought in by an ambulance and escorted by a nurse.

Hon. Speaker, following the site inspection visit, the Committee observed as follows:

1. The mother and the newborn twins had been attended to despite the health care system gaps occasioned by lack of clear and structural communication channels.
2. There is a shortage of nurses at Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital. The ratio of nurse to patient at the said health facility is 1:40 as opposed to the recommended World Health Organization report of 1:6. In this regard, it was noted that nurses could not work efficiently to give maximum care to the patient.
3. Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital had no machinery for ICU services hence had requested for intensive care unit machineries in proper condition particularly in cases of emergency.

Hon. Speaker, following the findings together with the submission obtained from the site inspection visit to Mama Kibaki, the Committee urges the Assembly to resolve as follows:

1. The County Executive Committee Member of Health, Nutrition and Wellness to ensure efficient institutional arrangements are urgently put in place to accommodate and respond to the needs of expectant mothers and other isolated cases.
2. The County Executive Committee Member for Health, Nutrition and Wellness to ensure capacity building for health workers, particularly in customer care and management before the end of financial year 2023/2024 as it was passed in the annual development plan 2023/2024.
3. The County Executive Committee Member for Health and Wellness Sector needs to ensure that there is periodic reshuffle of staff at Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital and indeed all other County hospitals to avert compliance and enhance quality services.
4. The County Executive should purchase equipment needed for the ICU and should ensure to develop a policy on the maintenance of the existing machineries. This will enable efficient service delivery to patients, particularly those admitted for emergency services.
5. The County Government should hire more nurses in order to adhere to the ratio as recommended by the World Health Organization. As such, the County Sector for Health, Nutrition and Wellness should liaise with the County Public Service Board to ensure recruitment of more nurses before 30th December 2023.

Hon. Speaker, I urge Members to support this. I beg Hon. Kimani Mugo to second the Motion.

Hon. Stephen Kimani: Hon. Speaker, having sat in the Committee, participated in the sessions, gone through the submissions and taking part in the site visit, I beg to second. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon Speaker, thank you very much for this opportunity. I want to assure the Leader of Majority that I have a lot of faith in the Chairman of Health. I have listened to this report which he has not read in full. It is very comprehensive, and I want to request Members to go and read it in full. It is very detailed, which is very important. However, it has steered clear of blaming any human error, which I don't think is fair for the departed lady who was very unfortunate not to have benefited from the services that she deserved.

Hon Chair, I think we can let it go today but it is important to not just blame equipment and systems, we must put names on such a report so that we can crack the whip and make sure that people will use what they have where they are to make sure that our people get services.

I have been a witness when you came to the Budget Committee and you were very hard on the Budget Committee Chair to make sure that he retains the budget for the Health Sector. We need people to back that up with going an extra mile to work without all the new equipment that they are requesting. It is clear that even in the olden days we did not have these ICUs and sophisticated equipment but people were getting services. So, I would want to support it today but in future, we should have names of people who causes a life, which is not fair. I would wish that we do not go back to it because it is very painful experience for the family and it is shameful observation for this House and for the County that in the year 2022 and 2023 that people are still losing lives.

On top of that, I want to say that I have found a very important word which I would have been sad if I did not find; complacency. Complacency should be followed by a name. I have been witness when we walked around with the Governor and found coats hanged on seats. We realized that people come and hang there and go on to do their businesses when patients and people of Nairobi are waiting for services. Periodic reshuffle may not work in the long run because there are so many factors. For example, a doctor may want to live somewhere around Mama Lucy Hospital and not Mutuini Hospital may be because of school for children. We need to push this capacity building to ensure that people are human and we want to ensure that they give people of Nairobi services that they deserve

As Members of this County Assembly, it is upon you to visit some of this hospitals and make sure that not only there is attendance but also services reach the people as they should. I want to support this report and hope that we will improve in future and make sure we do not just come here and say we support the report. Let us make sure these recommendations and the observations are implemented in not just Mama Lucy but all hospitals. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon Speaker, the Leader of Minority has woken me a bit. Thank you my brother for waking me up. I must also support the Leader of Majority in congratulating this doctor. Hon Speaker, as you are aware, we have about four doctors in this Assembly who are known. But one of the most known doctor within our corridors is Hon. Maurice. He is known to prescribe for us any medicine. One week

ago, I could not speak but Hon. Maurice prescribed for me medicine in my office which I took and today I can speak.

Hon Speaker, I want to rally behind the Minority Leader on the issue of Mama Lucy Hospital. When we were young, I remember Kenyatta Hospital was the only referral hospital in Kenya. But the smell when you arrived in Kenyatta Hospital those days could make you get well or make you die. During the Kibaki era, he transformed Kenyatta Hospital and now, you can go there and there is no any smell. The hospital now also has a private wing.

Hon Speaker, the essence of devolution was to replicate the same from the National Government to the County Government. To date, the only hospital which smells is Mama Lucy. I wonder who is the Chief Officer of Public Health in this County. I am told that this so called Chief Officer likes travelling. He travels to Kisumu this week, Naivasha next weekend, Mombasa next month, Dubai next week, but the public health issues are not a priority to him. So, Hon. Chair, you have a role to make sure Mama Lucy Hospital is performing like Kenyatta Hospital.

Hon. Speaker, my boy got an accident and admitted him to Mama Lucy Hospital. I had to remove him at night and took him to Metropolitan Hospital. The smell only in that hospital is not conducive for human being. Therefore, I ask the Chair the entire Committee to look first into the hygiene of the hospital. I am aware the second phase Mama Lucy Hospital, I don't know how far it is. During the time of the NMS, we commissioned it. I believe the Chair and the entire Committee, and the Government is keen to make sure phase two comes to a completion. I want to visit the hospital one day and not get that smell. It is dirty and something must be done. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Katile.

Hon. Diana Mwangangi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this report of the Health Committee. I would wish the Chair of the Health Committee, Hon Maurice to note that indeed Mama Lucy Hospital has a lot of work to be done. I know that because I stay in a neighboring ward just across the hospital. I have heard of the many cases of negligence and complacency of the officers there. It is all about humanity, but they lack that.

If I can give an example, there was a time a child was being treated in that hospital and because you know children can be a bit weary or scared because they fear injection and all, the doctor told that child, "you are wasting my time." Imagine a four-year-old child. Honestly even as you tell them to do their jobs, ask them to add a bit of humanity. If you add humanity and competence, then everything else will flow. I think as a woman, we don't need to lose lives just because we are reproducing and giving birth to the leaders of the next generation. It should not be a punishment to be pregnant and you don't have a place where you can get decent services just because you do not have money to afford the expensive private hospitals. That should not be allowed.

Chairman Health, we will support you but ensure that you stand firm on your ground. We do not want to hear that our sisters and our mothers are losing their lives there because of lack of lack of decorum, lack of commitment and incompetence. If someone does not know how to do their jobs, then they should just go home and let the ones that want to do their jobs to do it. So, Hon Chair, please we are looking up to you. I

am supporting your Motion, but stand firm. That facility must function. It is not just about the building; it is about the services that are offered there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion. You have spoken about putting in place equipment like machineries and hiring more staff, if that would bring back sanity, then it will be good. Most of the women who are still giving birth had lost confidence in the hospital. If the recommendations are implemented, the sanity of Mama Lucy Hospital will be restored. With those few points, I support the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Helen Okello: Ahsante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ili niweze kuchangia mswada huu. Kwanza, nampongeza Mwenyekiti wa Afya kwa huu mswada ambao ameleta.

Ningependa kumuunga mkono Kiongozi wa walio Wachache ambapo alisema chochote ambacho kilifanyika katika hospitali ya Mama Lucy hakina uhusiano na vifaa. Mara nyingi tumeshuhudia wauguzi hawana muda mahali ambapo wameandikwa kazi. Wakienda kazini, wanaharakisha ili waende katika hospitali za kibinafsi maana huko ndiko wanasema wanalipwa pesa mingi. Bwana Spika, nataka hii iwe funzo kwa wengine ili wawajibike kufanya kazi kwa sababu wameandikwa hapo. Wasifanye kazi wakilalamika kuwa wanalipwa pesa kidogo, hakuna vifaa au ni wachache na wagonjwa ni wengi.

Ninaongea kama mama ambaye amezaa. Ukienda kwa wauguzi, wanakuambia unawasumbua na wewe si wa kwanza kukufa na hata ukifa, bado wengine wako. Kwa sababu hii, tunafaa tuwachukulie hatua. Akina mama wanapoenda kujifungua, huaminia maisha yao kwa hawa wauguzi. Tungekuwa tunajifungua nyumbani lakini tunawaamini na ndio tunaenda hospitalini. Kwa hayo machache, ninakushukuru sana, Bwana Spika.

Hon. Speaker: Could you have pressed your button, Hon. Themendu?

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I did not press the button by mistake, I wanted to say something concerning the Committee of Health. First, I congratulate the Chairman and the Committee for the good job.

Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital is doing well for now, but I would like the capacity of beds to be increased because, for example, there are seven beds in the delivery room and more are required. Things have changed although it is not good enough but we appreciate whatever small that has been done. When Madam Mutio was the superintendent, things were very good, though there was that one incidence that happened during her tenure. Thank you, Hon. Chair and thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the report.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Petit, the last one and then the mover to reply.

Hon. Paul Ndung'u: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion. I want to tell my colleagues who have hospitals in their wards to be passing by these hospitals to see if they have been cleaned and check if the doctors are working because we have very few hospitals in our wards.

Mr. Speaker, if you happen to go to Pumwani Hospital, you will be happy because the doctors are working and the hospital is clean because I usually pass by to check whether it is clean. If the area MCA is here, he should kindly pass by Mama Lucy Hospital and check if the hospital is working and whether the nurses and doctors are there. Let this be a unifying factor between the Member and sick patients who have been admitted in these hospitals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The mover please?

Hon. Maurice Onyango: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate Members who have supported this Motion, more so the Health Committee Members. I also congratulate Hon. Redson Otieno for coming up with this statement which has yielded very good results.

When we went to Mama Lucy Hospital for the first site visit, it was quite embarrassing to see a Level V hospital without an ICU. Right now, we have a working ICU. Lack of an ICU might have caused the death of Maureen Anyango because she had to be transferred to Kiambu Hospital which is in another county. Members as you all aware, Mama Lucy Hospital serves more than three counties i.e. Machakos, Kiambu, and Nairobi and we have a lot of walk ins.

When we had gone there, the doctors especially the in charge had some excuses. As we are speaking, I think most of those excuses have already being fixed. On the ratio of nurses and patients, Members can attest to that because if you go to the portal there was recruitment of medical officers including nurses and other cadres. As the Chair, I urge Members to tell your electorates who are qualified to go to the portal and apply so that there will be no excuse of not having enough staff.

The other thing that the Majority Leader has mentioned is the issue of cleanliness and staff not only in Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital but in the whole County. We urge the relevant Chief Officer, Tom Nyakaba to move with speed to look into all hospitals that are in unhygienic conditions in the County. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to reply.

(A Hon. Member raised a point of Order)

Hon. Speaker: Declined. The Member has already replied.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to provisions of Standing Order No. 31 (3), this Assembly adjourns until Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 2.30 p.m. in accordance with the Calendar of the County Assembly Regular Sessions.

Hon. Speaker, I must thank the Hon. Members of this House for this quarter, we have done a lot in this Assembly from the budget to CIDP. It is time now for us to have a break for about 30 days, half of these days, as you are aware, from 15th of this month, we will be attending the Devolution Conference in Uasin Gishu County for five days. All the Hon Members have been invited, led by the Speaker and also the Clerk. Thereafter, the CASA Games will be taking place in Nakuru County from 19th to 27th of this month. Therefore, we will only be left with a week or so to connect with our electorates before we come back here on 12th September 2023.

I want also to urge the House and especially the Clerk that as the Governor said at the City Stadium, that as a House, we are heading to Nakuru---

(Noise heard outside the Assembly precincts)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, could a Member be in breach of --- Where is that noise coming from?

Hon. Peter Imwatok: From outside. Those are the remnants of the Hon. Speaker's team.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: You may proceed.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, you alluded to be a representative of Ward No. 86. I think that is the ward that is making noise outside. The Speaker should put them into order. Ward No. 86 is becoming naughty, Clerk and the Speaker. As the owner of this ward, you must own up and put your house in order.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Matach, are you watching some videos?

Hon. Absalom Onyango: No. I am calling members of your ward.

(Laughter)

Hon. Peter Imwatok: He is trying to notify the ward that their chairman is offended by the noise. Hon. Matach was the patron of that ward, thank God he is taking charge of it.

Hon. Speaker, what I was saying is that the Governor spoke with you today at the City Stadium and we appreciate that you handed over the flag of the County Assembly. Thanks to your Office and the Clerk's Office by making sure that the entire assembly will be closed so that we can celebrate this together with our staff. When we come back, we will be in celebration mood.

I wish all those who are going to carry our flag in different disciplines all the best. Those who are going to cheer our teams, all the best. Those who are going to connect with their constituencies and their families, all the best. More so let us pray to God's health that we come back safely and sound in Jesus name.

I request Hon. Kiogora, the Chairman of the 'black seat movement'.

Hon. Speaker, before I pen off with your authority, you forgot to say this. I want to confirm, as we go for recess, that the Office of the Speaker and the office of the Clerk cleared all the imprests for the Members. And one of them---

(Loud consultations)

Just a minute, relax. What is pending is the imprest for the ward office, ward managers and ward staff. But in terms of imprests for travel, my Chairman can attest to this, he received his entire imprests in his account, so do I. I had the highest with Kshs. 869,000 and I received in totality. What we are left to sort, which the Clerk is working round the clock, is the issue of ward imprests, the staff imprests and the rent for the ward offices. That is what we agreed with the Clerk and the Speaker is working on it as well. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Kiogora.

Hon. Eric Murigu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With the respect that I have for this House, and the leadership, more so the Majority and Minority leaders, I second. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members, as I propose Motion No. 9, I would like to encourage the House that as you break for recess, we will be having a lot of activities going on in Eldoret, Nakuru and in Meru. We expect you, Hon. Members to carry yourselves with a lot of dignity as you move around and look into your security because you will be going to unfamiliar environment.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members please. Hon. Majority Leader, you may proceed to reply.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. For purposes of time, I thank you for supporting the Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, the Assembly stands adjourned till Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.56 p.m.