



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

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Tuesday 13th June 2023

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Diana Mwangangi) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Members, you may be seated.

QUORUM

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Clerk, confirm the status of quorum. Sergeant-at-Arms, ring the bell for ten minutes.

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

(Quorum bell was rung)

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

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Order, Hon. Members! We are ready to proceed now that we have quorum. Clerk!

PETITION

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Chairperson, Committee on Planning and Housing? Sergeant-at-Arms, kindly look for the Chairperson, he seems to be outside there. Clerk, you needed to inform the Chairperson, Committee on Planning that he is supposed to be requesting for leave of extension on a petition.

Are you ready?

Hon. Alvin Palapala: I am ready.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Kindly proceed.

Hon. Alvin Palapala: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As you are aware, this matter came before the Committee of Planning and we are pursuing it. We seek for an extension of two weeks to bring it back to the Assembly.

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Hon. Temporary Speaker: The same is granted, Chairman. Clerk!

(Petition deferred)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

SUBMISSION OF WDF PROJECTS

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Members, we are reverting back to Order No 2 now that I have received the communication from the Chair. I will proceed to read it as follows;

Hon. Members, I have the following communication to convey:

My Office is in receipt of a letter REF. NCC/WDP/VOL.1/061/2023/JMK dated 8th June 2023 from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Nairobi City County Ward Development Programme.

Hon. Members, in the letter, the CEO notes that a majority of the projects already submitted by Hon. Members following the earlier request are being undertaken by other agencies. This is as a result of proposals made by the respective area Members of Parliament through the Constituency Development Fund.

Consequently, Hon. Members, you are requested to resubmit other priority projects for the financial year 2023/2024 for your respective wards on or before close of business, Wednesday 14th June 2023. Hon. Members, while doing so, kindly note that each ward has been allocated Kshs.23 million. You may liaise with the office of the CEO should you need any clarification of this particular matter.

I thank you, Hon. Members and you are so guided. This is a communication from Kennedy O. Ngondi, Speaker Nairobi City County Assembly. Clerk!

PAPER

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY REPORT ON THE TASKFORCE ON HEALTH REFORMS

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Deputy Minority Whip, kindly proceed.

Hon. Joyce Kamau: Madam Speaker, pursuant to Article 183 (3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 13th June 2023:

The Nairobi City County Report on the Taskforce on Health Reforms.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Temporary Speaker: The same is committed to the Health Committee. Clerk!

NOTICE OF MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF SACCOS FOR WASTE COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Sospeter Mumbi.

Hon. Sospeter Mumbi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, aware that Article 42 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides for the right of every person to clean and healthy environment; further aware that solid waste management, which is a function of the County Government, remains a serious challenge to the Nairobi City County Government and residents; concerned that the implementation of waste management faces numerous challenges ranging from

inadequate capacity to handle the challenge, corruption within and beyond the County Government, cartels, and lethargic nature of staff and citizens faced with apathy and collective responsibility for waste management; acknowledging that solid waste is an emerging health threat to both levels of government and underscoring its effect on the lives of the people living in Nairobi and the environment and well-being of the city; further acknowledging that the County Government enacted the Nairobi City County Solid Waste Management Act, 2015 whose operationalization has not been realized; this Assembly urges the County Executive to urgently develop the Solid Waste Management Regulations pursuant to Section 38 of the Nairobi City County Solid Waste Management Act, 2015 to provide for establishment of waste collection and management of SACCOs in every ward in order for them to be registered and authorized to collect garbage in an organized manner across the city.

I beg to give notice. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Clerk!

STATEMENTS

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT REGARDING DELAYED COMPLETION OF EARMARKED ROAD PROJECTS

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Chairperson, Transport, you have a response to make to Hon. Redson Otieno's Statement.

Hon. Musango Maithya: Madam Speaker, on 1st November 2022, Hon. Redson Otieno, MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 47 (2) (c) requesting the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works for a Statement regarding delayed completion of earmarked road projects in the County, particularly Sokoni and Kibicho road projects in Ngei Ward.

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

1. Reasons the contractors left site and abandoned road projects mid-way;
2. Reasons the contractors failed to erect billboards or put up road works sign before commencement of construction works;
3. Timelines for completion of Sokoni and Kibicho roads projects; and
4. Measures that the County Executive is putting in place to ensure all pending road projects in the County are completed in good time.

Madam Speaker, the Committee wrote to the County Secretary on 22nd May 2023 inviting him to inform the CEC Member for Mobility and Works to a meeting with the Committee that was held on 25th May 2023. Hon. Redson Otieno was also invited to attend the said meeting and was in attendance during the deliberations.

In this regard, Hon. Speaker, I wish to report to the Assembly as follows:

Reasons the contractors left site and abandoned road projects mid-way

Hon. Speaker, the Committee was informed that Sokoni and Kibicho road projects are among the projects initiated by the defunct Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS) under the Deed of Transfer. The process of transferring the two roads amongst others is currently on course, particularly for Kibicho and Sokoni roads.

The contractors abandoned the projects midway upon the expiry of the Deed of Transfer. The contract sum of the two roads was Kshs. 16,819,536 and had been done to about 20%.

Madam Speaker, the County had allocated funds in the current financial year for the completion of the said NMS initiated projects but the process of transferring the contracts from the National Government to the County took longer than expected and the money was reallocated in the Supplementary Budget Estimates FY 2022/2023. However, the Committee was assured that once the transfer process is concluded, the County will resume works on the said roads.

Reasons the contractors failed to erect billboards or put up road works signs before commencement of the construction works

Hon. Speaker, with respect to the sentiments, the contractor had already fabricated the publicity signboards and will be required to erect them immediately the works resume on the projects.

Timelines for the completion of the Sokoni and Kibicho road projects

Further, Madam Speaker, Ssokoni and Kibicho roads projects had completion timelines for 6 months which lapsed. The timelines were affected by the transition of the NMS to the County and outstanding works are supposed to take 3 months to completion once the works commence.

Measures that the County has put in place to ensure all pending road projects in the County are completed in good time

The County has put in place measures to ensure all pending projects are completed in time, including provisions of budget and fast-tracking the process in transferring the project contracts to the County from the National Government for implementation.

Hon. Speaker, a copy of the detailed response has been shared with the Hon. Redson, who requested for the Statement and a further copy is hereby attached to this report. Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay this Statement. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Proceed with the next Statement.

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT REGARDING POOR STREET LIGHTING IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Musango Maithya: Madam Speaker, in November 29th 2022, Hon. Joseph Ndung'u, MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 47 (2) (c) requesting the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works for a Statement regarding poor street lighting in the County, particularly on Juja Road.

In the Statement, the Member requested that the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. Steps that the County Executive is taking to install and rehabilitate street lights on the said road;
2. Whether the County Executive has set aside a budget for installation of street lights on the said road;
3. A report on the measures the County Executive has put in place to ensure that street lighting in the County is improved; and
4. Any challenges being faced by the sector in implementation of the County Integrated Development Plan on street lighting.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee wrote to the County Secretary on 22nd May 2023 inviting him to inform the CEC Member for Mobility and Works to a meeting of the Committee that was held on 5th May 2023. Hon. Joseph Ndung'u was also invited to attend the said meeting and was in attendance during the deliberations.

In this regard, I wish to report to the Assembly as follows:

Steps that the County Executive is taking to install and rehabilitate street lights on the said road

The committee was informed that the sector has been facing shortage of maintenance materials for street and public lighting in the County. However, the sector placed a requisition for procurement of the said maintenance materials and spares which the sector said would be delivered in the coming three weeks. Thereafter, the sector will draw a work plan covering the entire County for maintenance of the street and public lights. The same will be shared with the committee and the Assembly for the notice of all elected Members.

Whether the County Executive has set aside a budget for installation of street lights on the said road, and measures the County Executive has put in place to ensure that street lighting within the County is improved

Further, the Committee was informed that the budget for installation of the street lights in the County has been set aside and it includes street lighting along Juja Road. In addition, in order to enhance human resource capacity in the electrical works sector, the sector through the County Public Service Board, has embarked on recruitment of electrical engineers and technicians to ensure that electrical works proceed without hindrances by internal personnel incapacity.

Any challenges being faced by the sector in implementation of the County Integrated Development Plan on street lighting

The Committee resolved that the sector had planned to install 73,000 street lights in the current CIDP. However, the sector has achieved 17% of the same. There has been a challenge of inadequate allocation of the budget and vandalizing of the existing public and street lights. In the 2023-2027 CIDP, the sector plans to install approximately 70,000 lights. To curb vandalism, the sector is working with the County Enforcement Department and National Police. In addition, the County is transitioning from concrete and metallic poles to eco-poles to curb vandalism.

Madam Speaker, a copy of the detailed response has been shared with Hon. Joseph Ndung'u, who had requested for the statement and a further copy is hereby attached to this report. I beg to lay the statement. Thank you.


RESPONSE TO STATEMENT REGARDING DILAPIDATED MAKONGENI ROAD IN RUIAI WARD

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Kindly proceed with the other statement requested by Joseph Ndung'u regarding the dilapidated roads across the city and particularly in Makongeni Road, Ruai Ward.

Hon. Musango Maithya: Madam Speaker, on 1st November 2022, Hon. Redson Otieno, MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order No. 47 (2) (c) and requested the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works for a statement regarding dilapidated roads across the city, particularly Makongeni Road in Ruai Ward.

In the statement, the Member requested the Chairperson to inquire into and report on:

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1. Measures that the County Executive has put in place to rehabilitate the said road; and
2. Steps that the county is taking to ensure that all informal roads/link roads within the County are constructed;

The Committee wrote to the County Secretary on 22nd May 2023 inviting him to inform the CEC Member for Mobility and Works to a meeting of the Committee that was held on 25th May 2023. Hon. Joseph Ndung'u was also invited to the said meeting and was present during the deliberations.

In this regard, Hon. Speaker, I wish to report to the Assembly as follows:

Measures that the County Executive has put in place to rehabilitate the said road

The Committee was informed that the sector had put in place elaborate measures to rehabilitate and maintain roads in the County to ensure that they are passable even during the current long rain season. These measures include; deployment of in-house team, contracting, Road Fuel Levy Fund and Ward Development Program. Specifically, the Mobility and Works Sector has drawn programs based on the recently passed County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) covering all transport infrastructure needs collected across the County during public participation.

Steps that the County is taking to ensure that all informal roads/links are constructed

Hon. Speaker, the Committee was informed that the sector has been facing a challenge of road maintenance and construction materials. However, this challenge has been partially overcome and materials are now available. Therefore, the sector is seeking to optimally utilize the Kangundo Road Asphalt Plant to generate sufficient asphalt to rehabilitate roads within the County.

The Committee also observed that indeed because of the recent procurement of the road maintenance materials, work has started being done in some wards and the same will spread across the County. Therefore, the sector is in communication with the Member not only to rehabilitate Makongeni Road by the in-house team in the coming days but also other roads in the said Ward.

Hon. Speaker, a copy of the detailed response has been shared to Hon. Joseph Ndung'u, who had requested for the statement and a further copy is hereby attached to this report. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to lay the statement.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: That is noted. Clerk!

MOTION

CONSTRUCTION AND RETICULATION OF SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Minority Leader, can you sit at your designated seat. Hon. Joyce Kamau.

Hon. Joyce Kamau: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

THAT, aware that Article 43 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 guarantees every person the right of accessible and adequate housing and reasonable standards of sanitation, and the Constitution in Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule apportions water and sanitation functions to county governments; acknowledging that Sustainable Development Goal 6 seeks to achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and

girls and those in vulnerable situations. cognizant that despite lack of a proper legal framework, the Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company on behalf of the County, administers the services of reticulation of residential, commercial, and industrial entities to sewerage disposal, but the company is facing the challenge of adequately covering the entity and the entire County in terms of the provision of sewerage disposal services; noting that some entities and residential operate private sewer holding facilities and pit latrines within their compounds which fill up during the rainy season and begin to spill to the environment, exposing the residents to the risk of contracting hazardous diseases; concerned that the County's informal settlements are facing serious challenge of management of sewers where waste is directly released to the rivers which often passes through the settlements, and those that have private arrangements for sewer end up filling up and leaking onto the surface, exposing residents to diseases because of a lack of proper sewerage facilities and trunks passing through the areas. further concerned that as the population continues to grow, the County will face even bigger problems if it does not put in place proper measures, including the installation of sewerage tunnels, expanding the existing infrastructure and connecting as many entities as possible; this Assembly urges that: -

1. The Nairobi City County, in conjunction with Athi River Water Works, constructs sewer trunks through informal settlements within the County;
2. Nairobi City County seeks partnerships with non-governmental organizations to install sewer lines within informal settlements and embark on a drive to connect entities and residential housing units to the sewer lines; and
3. Formulate a sanitation policy to guide the provision of sanitation services within the County to provide a framework for accessible sanitation services and to provide a basis for a law to guide sanitation services in the County.

Madam Speaker, the rainy seasons have always exposed the old, clogged and damaged drainages that can no longer serve Nairobian due the large population in Nairobi. Most informal settlements are not connected to sewer lines provided by the County and therefore they release their waste to the roads and rivers. This is a health hazard and is causing health risks to Nairobian.

Madam Speaker, Nairobi has 50% coverage of the sewerage system, however, most buildings and households are not connected due the high cost of connection and maintenance of the sewer lines. According to the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census Report, only 18% of households in Nairobi County have functional septic tanks, and a report from Athi Water Works Development Agency shows that other upcoming suburbs in Nairobi, especially in the Eastern Bypass do not have sewerage connections. Despite having sewage connections in Nairobi, most buildings and houses are still not connected. For the 18% of the households with septic tanks, we do not know where they take their waste.

Madam Speaker, for the areas that are connected, the sewerage connections are still non-functional due to vandalism, manhole covers being stolen and blockages. Nairobi County is not doing good maintenance on the sewerage systems. Some areas are partially covered and rely on temporary measures like the exhausters but we do not know their final destinations after they have collected the waste from households. Areas that are fully covered but densely populated are forced to deal with constant sewer bursts and overflows especially during the rainy season. This leads to health and sanitation hazards.

I urge the Assembly that we need to act and form partnerships with stakeholders to construct, expand and rehabilitate sewerage systems across the city. We need to provide frameworks such as reducing connection fees of sewer systems and introduce heavy penalties to people who do not comply with the resolutions provided by this Assembly.

Madam Speaker, I urge this Hon. House to support this Motion. I request Hon. Anthony Kimemia to second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Antony Gathumbi: Thank you very much. Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate the mover of this Motion, Madam Joyce Muthoni. She has come with a Motion that our forefathers and the people who fought for our independence have been telling us that the first thing they fought for in this country after independence was health, *yaani magonjwa*. So, if it can take a leader many years after independence to come up with such a Motion, you can see the embarrassment that is there in the council and even the National Government.

Madam Speaker, the population of Nairobi in the 1980s was a million people. Today, we are speaking of 5 million people during the day and maybe 6 million during the night. I will speak to this Motion on different prongs; on issue of health, economics, social aspects, environment and even the responsibility and accountability of our leaders. Where my Deputy Speaker comes from, Ruai, it is an area where we find many trucks going around and carrying these wastes. We need to move from that kind of waste management to newer exhausters

I am calling upon Athi Water, Nairobi Water, and NGO's, as Mheshimiwa has put it, to come in to help Nairobians by having major sewer trunks that will help connect new estates to Ruai, where mostly the wastes are taken. The estates we have now are always in trouble with sewer bursts and we are putting our money into it. When a sewer is blocked, the residents come to us the Members of Assembly and we give money to young people there to unblock.

This Motion is not timely but it has come as a lesson to the County, to institutions like Athi Water and the main government. I was speaking with my colleague, Mheshimiwa Racheal, she told me that women are more affected when sewers break because it becomes the responsibility of women to clean, and this becomes a health hazard. When a sewer breaks, nobody wants to step on the dirty waters, therefore taking up space. I want to thank Mheshimiwa Racheal for the few remarks that she gave me. I second this Motion. Thank you very much, and God bless you.

(Applause)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Peter Maina Mwangi.

Hon. Peter Mwangi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I congratulate Hon. Joyce Kamau for coming up with this Motion because she is so concerned with the current situation and for the future generation. It is timely because the sewerage system is inadequate. Many areas in Nairobi, for example Ruai and Dagoretti South have no sewer infrastructure. If the County Government, Athi Water, the National Government and the NGO's come up with proper sewer system, many people will move to those sides hence easing congestion and reducing health hazards. I support the Motion. Thank you. Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Antony Kiragu Karanja, the Minority Leader.

Hon. Antony Karanja: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to support the Motion and congratulate Hon. Joyce for that. It is worth noting that almost 60% of ailments in Nairobi are water-based and only about 30% of Nairobi has access to a sewerage system. I think this Motion is timely. I would want to urge her not to stop here and to push the Implementation Committee, the Nairobi Water and the Water Committee to ensure that this is implemented. This is brilliant, and I beg to support.

Hon Temporary Speaker: Hon. Musango Maithya.

Hon. Kennedy Swaka: Madam Speaker, I have not received my card. I request that I use Hon. Musango's card.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Sergeant-at-Arms, why is the Hon. Member not having his card in place? Kindly proceed.

Hon. Kennedy Swaka: Hon. Speaker, thank you very much. I really appreciate the timing of this Motion by Madam Joyce. It is a very important Motion, especially at this time when we are approaching the rainy season. When we talk about informal settlements like my ward Gatina, the kind of drainage systems are in pathetic state. The main trunks of the system were constructed long time ago and you find that they may not fit into the current system. There has been an increase in population and so many buildings have come up with no proper plan for the sewer system. In areas like Gatina, you will find water pipes connected alongside these drainage systems, which is a health hazard. Sewer leakages cause pollution to the environment, most particularly soil pollution. You will find children playing on grounds that have been polluted, exposing them to diseases. Also, some people release sewage into the environment during rainy seasons without following the right procedures.

This Motion is very important and the House should consider it. After considering it, the Executive should come up with a proper plan on how they can control the drainage system and the sewer system in informal settlements in a way that it can accommodate the big population.

There should be a law put in place to ensure that every building should have a proper connection to the sewer. With those few remarks, I beg to support this Motion. Thank you very much.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah Themendu.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me first thank the mover of the Motion, Hon. Joyce Muthoni. It is timely because Nairobi is the Capital City and it should be very clean. The problem of sewerage is affecting almost all the 85 wards, particularly Eastlands. The truck that is there is about 30 or 40 years old yet the buildings have more than 4 storeys. The population is big and the sewer system is inadequate.

I support Joyce's suggestion that the County should come up with a legal framework to help every area and also partner with those governmental organizations to build bigger trunks of sewer lines to Ruai. This will help avoid diseases which affect our people like dysentery, cholera and many others. Like in my ward, we are using a lot of money by unblocking sewer lines, which would have been used on more important projects. Bigger trunks of sewer lines should be build where necessary, not particularly in informal settlements but all over the county. Even if you go to Kileleshwa or Muthaiga, you can see a broken sewer

line. So, there is a problem and I hope it can be addressed by the County administration. In future, I think Nairobi shall be better place everyone to live in. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Silas Matara.

Hon. Silas Matara: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. First, I would like to appreciate the Hon. Member for this well thought out Motion and also appreciate my colleagues for showing up and ensuring that the House achieves its quorum for proper dispensation or transaction of our business despite the SRC deducting the plenary allowance. It is my prayer and also the prayer of the Members that they submit to our prayers of reinstating the plenary allowance.

Hon. Speaker, I stand before this House ashamed, just like Mheshimiwa shared during his presentation, that in the year 2024 we are discussing about sanitation. In this County, we build roads, social halls and resources centers, and all the advances that we will be able to achieve, but there are people in this County whose major problem is a toilet. It is so shameful.

Two, this is an issue about dignity. As leaders we must see to it that we prioritize on sorting the basic needs of Nairobians. This water and sanitation issue must be taken with the importance and urgency that it deserves because it will inform especially the current program that is ongoing of budgeting. Today, we were looking at the budgetary provisions for the Environment, Water and Agriculture as a sector. You realize due to reasons not known to me, budget for Water have been drastically reduced. It will be hard to implement such programs that Mheshimiwa has brought to this House without having and prioritizing funds to be allocated to the Water Sector.

Three, we should be alive to the fact that in as much as we are speaking about reticulation issue and expansion of the sewer network of Nairobi, there is a very important aspect, which is protecting and recovery of all the sewer way leaves around the city. Of most important is the recovery, protection, fencing and ensuring that the sewer land in Ruai is protected. During the tenure of the last regime, Nairobi Water and the NMS took the initiative of fencing that land which had been grabbed many years back from high offices of this country. We are not sure whether it is still owned by the Nairobi Water. So, in as much as we are speaking about reticulation, we should ask ourselves; after we build all that sewer network, then where are we going to dispose the final waste? When you look at the terrain of Nairobi, Ruai is the lowest side. So, even if it takes hundred years from today, it is important that that land is protected. Whoever has encroached should be put into question. This also goes to the Planning Committee to be able to table a report to this House on the status of all the way leaves and the status of the Ruai land.

Four, if we are able to sort this sewer issue, it will have an effect on the reduction of the provision we make on the Health Sector because most the people who seek services in these hospitals get infections; children who play in this neighborhoods in Nairobi after sewer has blocked and it spills over to the environment, get sick. So, if we are able to sort environmental and water sanitation issue in Nairobi, the budget for the Health Sector is going to be reduced.

Five, we need to prioritize on making payments to Nairobi Water. I was being made aware that we have a debt of over Kshs.600 million. This Assembly has a debt for Nairobi Water because you pay for water and the cost implication you get to defray with the sewer cost once you pay for you water bill. The Assembly owes Nairobi Water money, the Executive, through its installation and its entities likes the markets and the

schools, owe Nairobi Water money. It is important that the Budget Committee, and I wish the Chair was here, to prioritize and also the CFO to make a provision and make an allocation to Nairobi Water pay its debts so that we can be able to urge Nairobi Water to develop infrastructure and have an effect on this reticulation infrastructure.

Lastly, Hon. Speaker, there is a current issue of Corona, so we don't have to wait for the numbers to rise. This is an urgent issue that needs to be sorted out and prioritization by the Executive in terms of making its budget to ensure that by the end of our tenure in this House, we don't end up making the mistakes that the previous regimes made. From the days of the Nairobi City Council, the councilors did not think about increasing the water infrastructure. Ndakaini Dam was done in 1999. It is only through in the last regime that other infrastructure likes dams and cleaning infrastructure was put into place.

I therefore submit to this House that they support this Motion. The Executive, headed by the Governor, should make sure that implementation and the import of this Motion sees the light of day. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Brian Itenya. Kindly facilitate Hon. Brian Itenya's communication device.

Hon. Brian Ndavua: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion and to let my colleague, Hon. Joyce know that I am so proud of her for coming up with such a Motion that will not only make Nairobi clean and have a healthy livelihood, but also to save the lives of our people. We all know late Tom Cohen was killed and thrown to a septic tank. If that house was connected to a sewer line, maybe we could have a different story. That case is still in ongoing in court.

I want to advise the mover or the owner of the Motion together with the Nairobi Water Committee and the leadership of the County to sit down and come up with a mechanism of reducing sewer connection fee so that to encourage more people to connect their sewers to the sewer line. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Emmy Kathemeshi Isalambo.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am really honored to stand and support my colleague who has brought this good Motion. It is an encouragement; being nominated doesn't mean what was said the other time, it means we also can do something.

I am just imagining the city in the sun saturated with that wastes. If Ruai has a proper mechanism, our waste products can be recycled and we can get useful end products.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Hashim Kamau, we have enough seats.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Hon. Speaker, let them sit down so that they can hear what I am saying. Hon. Hashim Kamau, listen to what I want say so that when it comes to your committee, at least you--- In other countries, they have really embraced recycling of wastes to become fertilizers and clean water. I think the committees involved should be taken for benchmarking, especially the Environment Committee so that they can study sewerage systems in other countries. They create jobs, make fertilizers, produce pig food and other stuff.

It is important that the Executive implements this Motion as it will create jobs. I understand during Kidero's time, there were investors who wanted to recycle our sewage. Let us encourage our Governor to

seek for investors. Let them come here and sell us what they can do to our end products. We don't mind because we have the Ruai land.

Thank you, Hon. Madam Speaker and the Madam who brought this Motion. I beg to support.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Joy Muthoni.

Hon. Joy Mwangi: Madam Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. I want to congratulate Hon. Joyce Muthoni for bringing this important Motion at the right time. I think it is something that should have been passed back then because right now we are talking about a city. It is the 4th richest city in Africa and also the 74th globally. We should not be talking about what we are about to pass right now for such a city; we should be talking about these areas where we have minimal development. We know of areas that are relying on exhausters for them to be able to use their washrooms, which is sad.

I am happy that we are here discussing this Motion and not taking pictures close to the exhausters and posting them for the sake of getting votes in informal settlement areas. It is a high time people live up to standards from whichever area they live in, whether from rich or poor areas, everyone deserves to access the basic needs.

I think recently some of you came across a letter I had written that was addressed to the Sub County Administrator on an issue affecting residents of Komarock, that is the drainage. A month ago someone named Patrick almost died. There are some people who have connected sewer line direct to the storm water drainage and when it rained, the sewer blew in large volumes and people had nowhere to pass.

When Patrick tried to jump over the drainage, he fell in. No one saw him fall in until he stretched his arm out the drainage. That is when people came to rescue him, otherwise he would have died. That is why I wrote the letter to address that issue once and for all. So, our Minority Whip, we really appreciate the Motion you have brought to us. It is the right time to pass it and to implement it as well.

As *mheshimiwa* Matara has said, there are challenges we have but they should be addressed as well because this is a basic thing that should not be of discussion. All these things should be available in every area where people are living where people are bringing up development. We should be having sewer line connections directly, drainage connections and water connections.

It is sad that there is an area within Komarock that lack access to water, no drainage system and no sewer line connections. It is shameful and it is a high time we solve that problem once and for all. I support this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Members: Mover!

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Members who are saying mover, I can see we still have three requests. In the interest of ensuring Members are motivated to contribute, I will allow these three Members and we will call upon the mover to reply after they have spoken; that is Hon. Nasra Nanda, Hon. Gerald Irungu and Hon. Hellen Awuor Okello.

Hon. Nasra Nanda: Good afternoon, Madam Speaker. It gives me a great honour and privilege to contribute to this Motion by the Minority Whip. Access to clean water and sanitation is a fundamental human right. For me, it is not just a government issue but a humanitarian issue. This Motion is close to my heart because it targets a few issues that are key in ensuring Nairobi works.

One, we are targeting informal settlements and often overlooked population who unfortunately bear the brunt of a lot of issues within this regime and generally in the past. They do not have access to clean water unfortunately as a result of this faulty sewage systems. They are often prone to diseases that affect children, the elderly and the population at large. When it comes to address this even in an urban perspective, Nairobi is set to be the green capital of Africa. So, if we really want to walk the talk, we have a few things we have to do because well-functioning sewage systems is important for an urban area because it ensures the waste water and human waste must be disposed of or be utilised safely.

Mheshimiwa Emmy talked about looking at waste as a positive thing, and I agree. One of the things that we talked about in a separate forum that is called the 'Waste is Wealth' conference in Africa, is that waste is potentially revenue generator for Africa. It seeks to ensure that people in informal settlements have power and they are not left behind because in the Africa we want, in the Kenya we want and in the Nairobi we want no one should be left behind.

When looking at improving the quality of life, before we talk about prosperity, we need to talk about the health and well-being of populations. We cannot be prosperous if we are not healthy. In this regard, I think we must prioritise this as a policy. I really welcome the focus on informal settlements and also connecting these populations with the key service delivery, which is water and sanitation.

Lastly, I call upon all Members of the County Assembly to lobby in support of this Motion which essentially combines housing issue, an environmental issue and a deliverable from a government perspective so that together we can ensure that no one in Nairobi is seen as a 2nd class or 3rd class citizen. By combining informal settlements with a key solution which is clean water and sanitation, we are ensuring people not only live well but live healthy and are protected as a key fundamental right.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support this Motion fully. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Gerald Irungu Mukuru

Hon. Gerald Mukuru: Thank you, Madam Speaker for this opportunity to support this good Motion that has come at the right time and at the right place because a number of times we have issues pertaining to sewage blockages. I have a feeling that it is done deliberately by those guys who have exhausters. They tamper with the services rendered by the Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company.

It is worth to note that there are those houses like in Ziwani Kariokor Ward designed to cater for about five or six members, but the inhabitants have gone to the extent of building extension houses for up to ten or twelve households. These houses are responsible for the blockages because they are overcrowded and the sewer line that was created was in the early 1950s or 1960s.

It is important that when the government of the day is projecting on the modern houses, the sewerage systems should be put in and the Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company should consider adding more labourers in that sector. I support this Motion; it is timely and it is good. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Finally, Hon. Hellen Awuor Okello.

Hon. Hellen Okello: Asante sana Bi. Spika kwa nafasi ambayo umenipa ili niweze kuunga mkono mswada huu, somo; Ujenzi na urekebishaji wa mfumo wa maji taka katika Kaunti hii. Kama mhadhiriwa kutoka wadi ya Njiru, ni bahati mbaya Mwakilishi wangu, Mheshimiwa Heho hayuko---

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Fiunifu, approach the Chair.

Hon. Hellen Okello: Angeweza kukueleza mahali tunapoishi, Bi. Spika, tunaadhirika kwa sababu maji taka inafunguliwa kwa lengo ya watu wanaopanda mboga ili wanyunyuzie maji taka. Ni jambo la kuhuzunisha sana

Bi. Spika, kulingana na ripoti ya mpango wa maji ya sauti ya Mazingira mwaka wa 2014, inaoyesha kuwa Kenya inatumia milioni ishirini na saba kila mwaka ili kurekebisha hali hii. Juhudi zimewekwa kurejesha mfumo. Kama Mwakilishi Mteule wa wadi ya Njiru, ninaomba tuunge mkono hii mswada ili iweze kupita. Asante.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: I call upon the Mover to reply.

Hon. Joyce Kamau: Madam Speaker, I would like to thank all Members of this House for putting their voices in this Motion, especially Hon. Anthony Kimemia in his absence for seconding this Motion. Thank you so much. I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Members, the Members of the Assembly Business Committee will meet at the rise of the Assembly. The House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 2.30p.m.

The House rose at 4.10 p.m.