



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Third County Assembly – Second Session

Wednesday 27th September 2023

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

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

PRAYER

QUORUM

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, the attention of the Chair has been raised for lack of quorum in the Assembly, under Standing Order 37 (2) (b). I direct the Serjeant-At-Arms to leave the door open as he rings the Bell for 10 minutes.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members! Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISIT BY STUDENTS FROM KABIRO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, good afternoon. I would like to recognize the presence of the future honorable Members at the Galley. These are our young upcoming students from Kabiro Ward, led by their able teachers. Let me give you the privilege to be upstanding as you wave to the Hon. Members of the Nairobi County Assembly.

(The students stood and waved)

(Applause)

As the Speaker of the Nairobi County Assembly on behalf of the Assembly, we are so much delighted for your visit. Feel most welcome and you may come on several occasions. Thank you, and feel at peace.

IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS
BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

I have a communication to relay in regard to pertinent issue as raised by Hon. Member, the Chair of the Implementation Committee. Hon. Members, I urge you to be keen listeners and to take matters of the Assembly seriously because most of the time we have witnessed back and forth on issues that we have already communicated to the Assembly coming up repeatedly. So, we need to take the business of the Assembly and the communication from the Chair seriously.

Hon. Members, good afternoon. I welcome you to this afternoon sitting of the Assembly. Hon. Members, you recall at the Assembly Sitting held yesterday, 26th September 2023, I gave an undertaking to give directions on the Statement made by the Chairperson of the Select Committee on Implementation on challenges the Committee is facing in the course of conducting its business.

Hon. Members, in the said Statement, the Chairperson informed the Assembly as follows:

1. That, since the Second Assembly hitherto, numerous Motions, Reports and Acts have been passed and it is within the scope of the Committee's mandate to monitor and report on their implementation;
2. That, the County Executive Officers have constantly failed to give reports on the implementation status of the foregoing business despite several reminders; and
3. That, the Committee invited officers from the Executive to its 1st Quarter workshop in order to undertake a comprehensive review of the said business and agree on a way forward. However, the said officers dispatched junior officers whose engagement with the Committee was unsatisfactory as they could not conclusively address the issues raised.

Hon. Members, in view of the foregoing, I wish to guide the Assembly as follows:

1. Section 14 of the County Governments Act, 2014 gives County Assemblies latitude to regulate their own procedures and establish committees which are at the center of the oversight role over the conduct of the Executive;
2. Despite the specificity of mandate of sectoral committees to oversight respective Sectors at the Executive, in its wisdom, the Assembly established the Implementation Committee to monitor and report on implementation of Plenary resolutions; and
3. That it is incumbent upon the County Executive Committee Members to provide regular reports to the County Assembly in line with Article 183 (3) of the Constitution of Kenya. They do so by sending such reports on request of Committees or by physically appearing before the respective Committees on request.

Hon. Members, this Assembly is not limited in sanctions it can invoke on hurdles in the course of its work. Indeed, courtesy of the Constitution, County Assemblies Powers and Privileges

Act, 2017 and the Standing Orders, the Assembly and its Committees has an array of unique powers, privileges, instruments and recourses during the conduct of our business. These instruments can be applied to overcome and address any impediments that stand in the way of conduct of our business.

Hon. Members, to strike home, for instance, Standing Order 207 (3) gives the Select Committee on Implementation powers to recommend to this Assembly, any action on County Executive Committee Member who, without justifiable reasons, fail to cooperate with the Committee. This is not limited to summons, censure motions, removal from office and engagement of external support institutions.

(Applause)

Therefore, Hon. Members, I want to call upon the Select Committee to make use of the foregoing provision as they bring the matter to the attention of the Assembly. Nonetheless, Hon. Members, as the Speaker of this Assembly, I am sending a stern warning to the Executive officers who refuse to cooperate or work with Committees within the laid down structures, that my Office and indeed the Assembly Leadership will not be available to protect them when this Assembly resolves to take action courtesy of their insolence. Indeed, Hon. Members, it would not be the first time for this Assembly to bite. For those who were here during the First Assembly, you reminisce what happened and can attest that this Assembly can bite, and bite hard.

Hon. Members, we are not engaging in conduct of legislative business for self-aggrandizement or to serve the interest of the few, but for the common good because tax payers' money is involved and that it is our Constitutional duty, the same Constitution that binds the County Executive. Therefore, we shall not relent to carry out oversight because few officers are demonstrating laxity in their Sectors and are not willing to be accountable.

Hon. Members, since this matter threatens the effective execution of the core mandate of the Assembly and the efficient conduct of business of Assembly Committees, I direct the Deputy Speaker, who is the Chairperson of the Select Committee on Liaison, to take up this matter with the Committee and make recommendations to my office within three weeks for further action.

You are so guided. Thank you, Hon. Members

(Applause)

NOTICE OF MOTION

HARASSMENT OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE STAFF

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Peter Imwatok to give notice of Motion under Order No. 6.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, the Members of the Nairobi City County Assembly, the Members of the fourth estate, and distinguish guests seated before us, the future leaders of this Republic of Kenya, allow me to give notice of Motion on harassment of County Executive staff

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

THAT, aware that Article 235 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides for the County Executive to establish a County Public Service and appoint persons to serve in that said service; further aware that Article 236 of the Constitution protects public servants from victimization, harassment, intimidation, or dismissal by any person for performing the functions of their offices in accordance with the Constitution or any other enabling laws; noting that in the recent past, several staffs of the Nairobi City County Government have expressed increased intimidation, harassment, suspension and even irregular dismissal occasioned by one Osman Khalif Abdi, the immediate former Member of the County Assembly for South ‘C’ Ward; further noting that the said Osman Khalif Abdi and his accomplices, while pushing their personal agenda that borders on corruption and unethical practices, have been invoking the name of His Excellency the Governor, Arthur Johnson Sakaja in order to drive fear among the county staffs; concerned that the County Assembly is not aware of any position or portfolio the said Osman Khalif Abdi holds within the County Executive hierarchy; recognizing that when confronted with a similar situation, the Second Assembly on 13th February 2018 resolved to bar one Simon Mbugua, the former East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) Member from issuing orders, directives and executing any functions in the name of the County Government and operating within the City Hall; this Assembly therefore resolves as follows:

1. Osman Khalif Abdi be barred from issuing orders and directives in the name of the County Executive of Nairobi City, and that immediately ceases operating within City Hall precincts until his role in the County Public Service and the County Government hierarchy are clarified by the appointing authority.

(Applause)

2. The County Executive officers and members of the public should henceforth ignore any orders or directives issued in the name of the County Government by Mr. Osman Khalif Abdi or any other orders or directives that offend the law and immediately report any case to the relevant authorities as and when it arises.
3. The County Secretary and the Public Service Board to prepare and submit to the County Assembly within 21 days of the adoption of this Motion, a policy paper on the measures for protecting county staff from harassment and intimidation, and action taken to remedy staff who have reported or faced intimidation, harassment, irregular suspension, deployment, or dismissal.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker I beg to lay the Notice of Motion with a rider, Hon. Speaker, if allowed. Hon. Speaker, when history is written by this young generation at the Gallery, question will be asked, “when Nairobi City County staffs were huddled out of offices, who was the Leader of Majority?”

When history will be judging the performance of the right Hon. Speaker in this County, the question will be asked, “who was the Majority Leader?” When history is written of a budget

Kshs.42 billion being read before this Chamber, question will be asked, “who was the Majority Leader?”

When the contractors in this County are crying about the 30% inducement for payments, the question will still be asked, “who was the Majority Leader in charge of the political wing?” When history is written and the Architectural Association of Kenya has written to the Government asking the Government to release their plans for construction where it employs informal young men and women in construction industry, the question will be asked, “who was the Majority Leader?”

Hon. Speaker, yesterday I said here in a very simple way, tighten your belt. Last time I said, the plane must land. Today, I am saying, tighten your belt. It is better to sleep without food for two days than for seven days. Hon Speaker, the County is coming to a halt where staff that stand for the truth and justice are removed from their offices like dogs and pigs. It cannot continue, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, I leave this Motion before your wisdom and the House Business Committee to slate the quickest possible date so that this House can be full and send the message to the Executive. If you know you are a public servant and you are paid money from the Exchequer, your days are numbered if you don't respect the County Assembly of Nairobi. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. I hope it has been captured by the Committee Clerks that the Motion will be considered by the House Business Committee in appropriate time or timelines. But again, you remember it has also touched on the Nairobi City County Public Service Board on the issues to do with employment. So, you stand guided.
Clerk!

STATEMENTS

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY EXECUTIVE STATE AND PUBLIC OFFICERS CAR LOAN AND MORTGAGE SCHEME FUND REGULATIONS

Hon. Speaker: Hon Nasra, please.

Hon. Nasra Nanda: Thank you, Hon Speaker. I rise to make a request for a timeline extension for the consideration of the Nairobi City County Executive States and Public Officers Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund Regulations, 2023.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 46, and on behalf of the Select Committee on Delegated County Legislation, I rise to seek a one-month extension for the Committee in consideration of the above named regulations.

Hon. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention that last weekend, the key state and public officers from the County Executive, in particular the County Executive Officer for Finance, the Chief Officer for Finance, the County Attorney, and Chief Officer of Lands, who were key figures listed as part of the Management Committee under those regulations, did not appear during the scheduled joint workshop whose primary objective was to scrutinize the Nairobi City County Executive States and Public Officers Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund Regulations.

As they have done in the past, Hon Speaker, they sent in junior staff, as highlighted by Hon Majiwa and due lack of attendance by key personnel from the Executive, the said workshop did not proceed because their input and submissions were quite fundamental.

The Committee has noted with concern the lack of participation from the Executive, which has continuously frustrated its operations and thus the Committee cannot proceed with the aforementioned Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund Regulations until such a time the County Executive Officers take their job seriously.

Based on the foregoing facts, it is therefore my humble request that you grant a further one-month extension to the Committee to proceed with and execute for consideration the above said regulations. Hon. Speaker, I also wish to highlight that as it stands, the staff on the Executive side, through their union, have already sent a letter indicating their dissatisfaction that is causing County staff.

Hon, Speaker, this is a matter grave concern for Kenyan citizens, and I would like to remind the Executive be they so big, the law is still above them. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon Nasra. As the Chair, I grant your request. But again, you must also acknowledge that this is now the third time you are bringing up request for the extension period. But your cry has already been addressed from my earlier communication which I have directed the Office of the Deputy Speaker, as the Chair of the Liaison Committee, to take up the matter so that he can navigate it and get us the appropriate way to deal with the situation.

Hon Clarence Munga, who happens to be the representative of Kabiro Ward, while you were away, the Assembly acknowledged the presence of our young leaders. But you have requested the Chair to give you an opportunity to make some remarks as you welcome them. Permission granted.

Hon. Clarence Munga: Thank you, Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members. Allow me to take this opportunity to welcome the students of Kabiro Secondary School. Kabiro lies squarely in Kawangware informal settlement. These are our young upcoming leaders. I am proud that today they chose to come here to see how the elected leaders of Nairobi are exercising their duties to legislate and oversight. Allow me, Mr. Speaker to welcome students of Kabiro Secondary School to this County Assembly Hall.

(Applause)

Two, as you all know, we have a lot of challenges in informal settlements. These students undergo difficult challenges in the informal settlements. After this session, I will have lunch with these students to encourage them so that they also aspire to be leaders of tomorrow.

Lastly, let them feel at home at Nairobi County Assembly. The leaders who are here really represent the interest of the larger Nairobi. So, feel welcome, and Hon Speaker, I am honored for invite them at the Gallery. Thank you very much and May God bless you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon Sospeter.

BUSINESS APPEARING BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE WEEK

Hon. Sospeter Mumbi: Thank you, Hon Speaker for this great opportunity to address this House as a designated Member from the House Business Committee to update the Members on the business ahead of us. But before I get there, Hon Speaker, allow me to note with thanks the communication that you made.

Thank you for moving with speed to update this House. Yesterday, you promised that you will be pronouncing yourself on a concern that was raised by the Chair of Implementation Committee. Indeed, you have been able to share that communication. As House Business Committee we feel honored because that is what encourages the Members to feel welcome in the House. More importantly, allow me to also thank the Members who have continued to bring Motions in this House because that is what we are called for and that is our core duty and mandate. So, we continue to encourage the rest of us to kindly let's have that burden of bringing Motions, Bills and Statements. Having said that, allow me to go straight to address this House on the business that lies ahead of us.

Hon Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 47 (2) (a), on behalf of the Assembly Business Committee, I rise to give the following Statement regarding the business appearing before the Assembly for the week beginning Wednesday 27th September 2023.

Hon Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee met on Tuesday 26th September 2023 to allocate business for the week for consideration by this Assembly. In that regard, Hon Speaker, allow me to brief the assembly as follows; that: -

1. Today Wednesday 27th September 2023, under Order No. 8 and 9, we will be considering the under listed business item respectively:
 - a. A substantive Motion by the Chairperson of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations to extend the considerations of the County Finance Bill, 2023. So, Hon Odalo, I know you are prepared for that.
 - b. A Motion by Hon Perpetua Mponjiwa, MCA, urging the County Executive to;
 - i. Develop a comprehensive policy that will promote sustainable solutions to child headed households; and

- ii. Develop programs which will create awareness and address needs of child headed households, skills training on issues of reproductive health, child rights, drug abuse, home management, and conflict resolution for children in child headed households within the County.

I wanted to acknowledge the presence of Hon Mponjiwa. Thank you. I hope you are prepared for that. Just be ready.

2. Further, on Thursday 28th September 2023, under Order No. 8, the Assembly shall be considering the Motion by Hon. Paul Kados, our Deputy Speaker. The Motion shall be urging the County Treasury to adopt a service payment system that will shield service seekers from unnecessary delays. Again, about the physical planning development, it will be focusing on the County Executive Committee for Finance and Economic Planning in conjunction with the Nairobi City County Revenue Administration Authority, where he is urging them to expedite the drafting rules and regulations pursuant to Section 44 of the Nairobi City County Revenue Administration.

This is quite an engaging Motion and it has strings attached to the concerns that have been raised by a number of us in terms of laxity in payment of pending bills and our contractors who have continued to raise concerns of delayed payment. So, this Motion is trying to look on how maybe we can ask the Executive to fast track such processes. Again in terms of revenue, we have had problems in revenue collection in this country, which has gone further to delay the development in this County. Again this Motion is also trying to look into ways of enhancing or creating a smooth process of revenue collection in this County. Further, it is calling on the Executive to execute their mandate and do that which is expected of them in their respective offices. In advance, I want to congratulate and appreciate Hon Deputy Speaker for that particular Motion.

3. Lastly, Hon Speaker, on Tuesday 3rd October the Assembly will be considering the following:
 - a. The Second Reading on the Nairobi City County Climate Change Bill, 2023 (Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2023).
 - b. The Chairperson of the Select Committee on Public Accounts will move a Motion to adopt the report of the committee on the consideration of the report of the Auditor General on the financial Statements of Nairobi City County Assembly Service Board Car Loan Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June 2018.

Hon. Chege Mwaura, thank you for that. I know you are prepared for that particular Motion.

Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee urges Members of this Assembly to familiarize with the aforementioned Motions and prepare accordingly for debate, through the help of our Research Department. Details of the Motion can be obtained in the Notice Paper being the last page of the day's Order Paper.

Hon Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee shall be informing this assembly every Wednesday, through its designee, the allotted business every Wednesday during the Statement Hour for timely preparation.

Finally, Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee will again meet on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at the rise of the Assembly to ballot business for the subsequent week.

Hon. Speaker, I now wish to lay the Statement on the Table of this House. Thank you very much, Hon Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The Chairperson of Lands, Planning and Housing.

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT REGARDING STALLED PROJECTS
ON PUBLIC LAND IN KIBRA SUB-COUNTY

Hon. Alvin Palapala: Thank you, Hon Speaker. I have a response to Statement requested by Hon Samson Jera. I hope the Hon Member is in the House.

Hon Speaker, on Thursday 8th June 2023, Hon Samson Jera, MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 47 (2) (c) and requested the Chairperson of Planning and Housing Committee for a Statement regarding stalled projects on public land in Kibra Sub-county.

According to the Member, a Gazette Notice dated 25th March 2023 was published by the County Secretary declaring 288 hectares of Kibra Nubian Community land a special planning area. The former County Secretary further issued a letter barring any development on the said land for a period of 2 years starting from---

(Several Members walked out of the Chamber)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chair, please. Hon Members, please may you come back. I don't know whether Hon Members present in the House have gone through the Order Paper so that you get to understand what is before the House to transact. We have the Finance Bill which is coming up and I am worried of the mass walk out from the plenary. Let's be a bit sensitive to what is to be transacted before the Assembly.

(Hon. Moses Ogeto raised a point of Order)

Hon. Speaker: Declined. You may proceed, Chair.

Hon. Alvin Palapala: Thank you Speaker. These two actions have subsequently prevented the Kibra Community from developing the aforementioned public land thereby restricting the ability to have basic public utility within the reach.

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

1. The legality of the Gazette Notice and the letter from the former County Secretary;
2. Reasons as to why the County Executive have not revoked the letter written by the former County Secretary; and

3. Measures the County Government has put in place to revoke the Gazette Notice that hinder development in the County.

Hon Speaker, the Committee wrote a letter to the Ag County Secretary on 6th July 2023 requesting for a response to the issues raised. Further, the CECM for Build Environment and Urban Planning, who was copied the said letter, delivered a written response on the Statement requested vide the letter reference dated 4th August 2023.

Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Samson Jera having been invited to a meeting of the Committee on Thursday 29th August 2023, gave his feedback as having been satisfied with the response. In this regard, Hon Speaker, I wish to report to the Assembly as follows:

- 1. The legality of the Gazette Notice and the letter from the former County Secretary;**

The Kibra Nubian Community was issued with land title and part development plans approved for the area in Kibra covering 288 hectares. From this issue, the Nubian Community embarked on a process of developing a masterplan for the development of the said land, an initiative that was purely community driven and the County was not part of it. The Nubian Community thereafter approached the State Department for Housing and Urban Development to seek support in planning for the development of the area. The State Department consequently gazetted vide Gazette Notice 1414 of 10th February 2023, a taskforce to assist in the operationalization of the development and affordable housing project for the Nubian Community Land Trust.

- 2. Reasons as to why the County Executive has not revoked the letter written by the former County Secretary;**

The County Executive Committee Member for the Build Environment Urban Planning suspended only private developments until the preparation of a local, physical and land use development plan for the Kibra Nubians special planning area is complete. The former County Secretary's letter barring any development on the said land for a period of two years starting from the date of the Gazette Notice is in line with the provision of Section 52 of the Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019 and therefore the question of revoking the letter should not arise. It is also prudent for the Hon Member to note that developments relating to public amenities on the land in question have not been suspended and may hence be carried on.

- 3. Measures the County Government has put in place to revoke Gazette Notice that hinder development in the County;**

This query has been sufficiently addressed under normal above.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to table the response together with supporting documents attached from the Build Environment and Urban Planning Sector.

I believe that the Hon. Member from Lindi Ward is satisfied with the response because we called him to the Committee and he was satisfied. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Char. Is the Hon. Member for Lindi Ward in the House?

Hon. Samson Ooko: Hon. Speaker, yes I am in the House. With all the respect and dignity that I have for the Chair of Planning, I wish to thank him for what he has done.

Hon. Speaker: Were you briefed earlier?

Hon. Samson Ooko: Yes, I was briefed very well, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Okay, thank you.

Hon. Samson Ooko: I wish to thank the Chair of Planning and the entire Committee for the wonderful job done. Hon. Speaker, I represent a ward called Lindi in the slums, and this letter was affecting us from Laini Saba, Makina, Highrise and partly Sarangombe. As leaders, we tend to develop the areas where we are elected in, but unfortunately, we were not allowed to do that because of the letter that was signed by the then County Secretary. I am glad that it has been elaborated very well and that we are allowed to put up public amenities and not private developments. As a person who came before this House to request for an intervention, I wish to say a big thank you to the Speaker, Chair and his Committee.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jera. Clerk, we may proceed.

MOTION

EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNTY FINANCE BILL

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Issues of money are a bit broad, but today I will take less than two minutes.

THAT, Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 133 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Standing Orders 235 and 236 and pursuant to the provision of Section 90 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, this Assembly resolves to extend the consideration of the Nairobi City County Finance Bill, 2023 by a period of 30 days from 28th September, 2023.

Hon. Speaker, about three months ago, this County Assembly approved a budget Statement for the financial year 2023/2024 with a budget outlay totaling about Kshs. 42.3 billion. The budget as approved, was contingent on the County Government realizing her revenue potentials. The approved estimates projected that the County shall collect total revenue of Kshs. 42.33 billion, with approximate of Kshs.19.99 billion being revenue to be realized from our own internal source of revenue.

Hon. Speaker, an approved budget without commencement of resources to fund the earmarked activity is an academic exercise that the Committee has been on the lookout against. It is for this reason that the Committee has taken time to interrogate the submitted the Finance Bill with a view to determine the nexus between need to fully fund the budget and the ground call not to out tax the citizens of Nairobi.

The County Treasury and the County Assembly have been jointly taking public participation in the Bill across the 17 sub counties, with a variety of submissions and memorandums already received. The public hearing exercise having ended this afternoon, it is impractical to finalize review of submissions and table a report of the Bill in the County Assembly in time for the Second Reading.

Consequently, Mr. Speaker, Sir, to ensure that the process of consideration of the Bill is an exercise all-inclusive as possible with the process, it will therefore not be realized within the

limited time available for consideration of the Bill. Hence the need to extend the deadline to make it possible to have the Bill that meets the aspirations of the Nairobi county government while maintaining the spirit of the Public Finance Management Act (PFM) Act, 2012 and the County Governments Act, 2012. In doing this, Hon. Speaker, I am guided by the provision of Section 90 of the PFM Act, 2012, which allows this Assembly to extend timelines for consideration of the document submitted under that specific statute. The recent ruling on the Nairobi City County Finance Act, 2018 has indeed confirmed this fact.

In this regard, Hon. Speaker, I wish to beg that this Assembly agrees with the Committee on the extension of time as proposed for this Assembly through the Finance Committee, to do just to the Finance Bill, 2023.

Hon. Speaker, a rider on that, during the public participation, we faced a lot of hostility. The Nairobians are not happy with the Finance Bill.

(Applause)

It needs our immediate and personal intervention as elected and nominated leaders so that we will not be in bad books during election time.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, I will also like to say that as the Chair of the Budget Committee, I should be in line with the Committee. But as Azimio Coalition, we will not like to put more baggage to the citizens

(Applause)

Some of the proposals which have been---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chairman, may be you are doing a lot of disservice to this Assembly given that you are the Chair of the Budget Committee. It is something that you have cooked and brought to the table for consumption.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Hon. Speaker, let me quote the Standing Order 95...

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Member! if by extension...

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Hon. Speaker, let me quote the Standing Order No. 95 that I have interest Everybody originates from a house, I originate from the Azimio house and we do not...

Point of Information

Hon. Speaker: Granted, Whip

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I strongly disagree with the Hon. Chair because he stood to move a notice of a Motion to extend the time and not to ventilate on the same. We are also elected leaders representing the Government of the day. It is by privilege that he is the Chair of the Budget Committee and we respect that. As the Whip of the Government side, let us have free will in going through the said Finance Bill. Hon. Speaker...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Whip, Order!

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Let me finish.

Hon. Speaker: Order! you rose on a point of Information.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: The point of information is; he is the Chair of the Budget Committee that brought to this House a Kshs. 42 billion budget...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Whip, let us put that matter to rest.

Hon Mark Mugambi: This budget need to be financed, Hon. Speaker. And it would be hypocrisy...

Hon. Speaker: Take your seat, please! Chairman, Budget Committee, can you call a Member to second your Motion.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Hon. Speaker, I am not challenging your Chair, but as senior Member of this House, he should have quoted the Standing Order...

Hon. Speaker: Order, Chair! please do not anticipate the Motion.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you. I call upon Hon. Whip, who happens to be a Member of the Committee, to second the Motion. Thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Mark Mugambi: I still challenge...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Whip, please.

Hon Mark Mugambi: I am not seconding, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Can you please take your seat?

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: You have made a pronouncement. Hon. Chair, the Standing Orders allows you to choose another Member.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, though that is not a good practice because as a Committee, we agreed that we will request for the extension.

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Member!

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Nevertheless, I request Hon. Ogeto to second the Motion.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First and foremost, I wish to thank the Chair of Budget for giving me an opportunity to second this Motion. I stand here to second on principle of understanding Article 118 of the Constitution which the Chair has quoted to give guidance to public participation. Hon. Speaker, the same Article has given guidance on how a parliament shall conduct public participation and get the view of the members of the public.

Hon. Speaker, I sincerely thank the Committee of Budget for extending this wide idea and ensuring that the public's views have been taken into consideration. I know that the Chair tried to ventilate into the issue. I want to dare my counterpart by saying that if this Bill will not go in line with the Constitution, the cost of living...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Whip, why don't you have kind words. The word dare seems to be a bit hostile.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, then want to invite...

Hon. Speaker: Can you invite or persuade?

Hon. Moses Ogeto: I replace it by saying that I will invite my counterpart in saying that if the Committee will bring things that members of the public have said, I can assure you that the

Azimio la Umoja Alliance will ensure that the Bill captures the aspirations of Nairobians. The cost of fuel in this country is at Kshs. 200. When you wake up in the morning, you find out that they want to increase Kshs. 300 on your rent. We do not want to discuss the Bill but we will choose to be men and women who will stand with Nairobians,

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, please restrict yourself to the Motion which is about the extension of the calendar.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: The extension of time will give these Hon. Members time to look at the yellow book extensively so that we can ensure that the price of...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, we are talking about the extension of the period of the Finance Bill. Do not anticipate debate as Standing Order No 93 does not allow you to do so. While seconding the Motion, please restrict yourself.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, I am seconding on timelines so that we can give members of the public...

Hon. Speaker: Yes, but do not touch on the substantive Motion.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, protect me.

Hon. Speaker: You are protected but then again, restrict yourself.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Thank you for protecting me. This extension of time will ensure that Members take note of Article 118 of the Constitution has been observed.

Hon. Speaker, with those few remarks, I hope that Hon Speaker you do not give Members of Azimio foreign trips during that day. Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I beg to second.

(Applause)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members. Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, as the Leader of Government Business, I have heard the Minority Whip saying he is in the Government which is partially agreeable because the Leader of Government Business is now standing to defend the Government's position. In view of the Chairman's the Committee of Budget extension, which I support fully, that does not close the window for the Executive to engage the Budget Committee fully with the understanding of Azimio Coalition's stand on the issue of public interest. Therefore, as the Leader of Majority, I am taking a very keen interest on the debates across on how we can bridge the gap especially on public interest. I want to assure you that the Chair of Budget and the entire Azimio La Umoja Coalition will do something to ensure that this Bill...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Leader of Majority, are you for the extension of the period?

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, I am for the extension but I have to defend the Government business.

Hon. Speaker: Please do not pre-empt the debate.

Hon Peter Imwatok: I am defending the Government's position that was not pre-empted enough.

Hon. Speaker: Standing Order No. 33 prohibits you, Hon. Member from anticipating debate.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: I want to assure the Committee of Budget that Azimio La Umoja - Kenya Kwanza Coalition is in support of the extension. As the Leader of Government, I am going to take necessary measures to ensure that this Bill captures the aspirations of the people of Nairobi. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, this Motion was not sponsored by any arm of political party, please.

Hon Peter Imwatok: I was assuring...

Hon. Speaker: No, don't influence the debate!

Hon Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker...

Hon. Speaker: You are not the mover of the Motion, take your seat please! Hon. Mark Mugambi.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Hon. Speaker, I rise to oppose the extension. The Chair of Budget Committee, of which I am a Member and a proud one, not long ago did a very good job in giving us a good budget that has a lot of development projects that are supposed to serve Nairobian, including the Feeding Programme. As we speak, we are under collecting the revenue as per the targets set as a County.

Hon. Speaker, the budget that we passed need to be financed. We cannot bring a budget and instead of looking of ways of financing it, we are pretending. This money is not going to anybody's pocket; it is supposed to go back to the same tax payers in terms of infrastructure development...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Whip, for your guidance, nobody is opposing the Finance Bill. What is being discussed here is on the extension of the period of implementation of the Finance Bill.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: That is where I am heading, Hon. Speaker.

Point of Order

Hon. Speaker: Deputy Speaker. The Hon. Member is on a point of Order.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Which point of Order?

Hon. Speaker: Let him state. Please, take your seat.

Hon. Paul Kados: The Minority Whip has signed for the extension of the period as a Member of the Budget Committee but has come to mislead this House. Is it in order?

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Deputy Speaker, may be you are privy to the information which we don't have as an Assembly. We are not aware whether the Member assented to the...

Hon. Paul Kados: Hon. Speaker, what we are asking is the extension and I thought that is what the Member was talking about and not whether we are going to do away with the whole Bill.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, he is much guided.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: The allegations being made by the Deputy Speaker are null and void. At no point did I sign for the extension of the same. It is good to...

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa, you are protected by the Chair.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you. I humbly ask that the Deputy Speaker withdraws the same because he is victimizing me for something that I have not done.

Hon. Speaker: He has got no reason to withdraw because...

Hon. Mark Mugambi: I have a very clear stand on the same. Hon. Speaker, we need finances for us to start implementing these projects. We are almost four months into the new financial year and we are still under collecting revenue. Where are we going to get money to fund these projects? We should not be masters of double speak. As much as we represent Nairobians, we need also to make them understand that they are the consumers of these monies. They pay taxes for infrastructure improvement where they stay and they are the same people who complain of dilapidated roads and garbage collection. We cannot do this through magic.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, are you aware that the public participation on the Finance Bill is ongoing even today?

Hon. Mark Mugambi: I am aware that it is still going on. As elected leaders, it is our mandate to educate them during those public participations...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mark Mugambi, what is being spoken of here is the timelines; the time constraint.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Exactly. Hon. Speaker, we are extending by a month and then we shall be five months short of the financial year.

Point of Information

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chair Budget, please.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Hon. Speaker, let me give some clarity here because maybe some of us want to make what we usually call '*kipindi*'. What is before us is within the law. After passing budget estimates, within three months which is ending today, we are supposed to pass a Finance Bill. Nobody is opposing the Bill, and for those who are trying to make a *kipindi* should also know that the Governor of the day is in agreement with what we are doing. The timelines and the views of the wananchi must be considered. Let it not be like a...

Hon. Speaker: Order! Leave it at that, please

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Next time you should not use unparliamentary language.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: I withdraw the word '*kipindi*.'

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Mheshimiwa Fathiya.

Hon. Fathiya Mohamed: As a Member of the Budget Committee who today participated in a public participation, I want to support the Motion. For the last three days, I have gone for the public participation and the public have raised so many issues and written many memorandums that need to be considered. They feel that the Finance Bill does not serve their interests as it is now.

We are asking for an extension simply because we need to consider the public interests. We are not opposing the Finance Bill. We are in the Budget Committee and we supported the budget, we cannot now stand to oppose the Finance Bill. We are only requesting for the extension of the period so that we can consider the public interests. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Chege Mwaura.

Hon. Chege Mwaura: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to be here when the House is very lively. I stand to oppose the extension on three primary issues. I was consulting my counterpart who we usually agree on many things.

Hon. Speaker, first, the public participation is ongoing as we speak. Therefore, I would have expected that the process concludes and then we now ask ourselves what are the issues that the Mheshimiwa is raising that will ask us to recall the Bill in itself so that may be we relook at it. The public participation does not alter the Finance Bill; it just gives views. If the views so far collected are not favorable – By the way, I come from Ngara Ward and the increment that the Bill has proposed such as parking on estates, I oppose. But now, we are not discussing the Bill, we are asking for extension. What informs the extension? I hope the Chair will respond to it when giving his reply.

Second, what is the 30 days' extension supposed to do? If we allow them the 30 days, are they going back to the Committee to relook at the Bill or is it 30 days for the members of the public to give more views?

Finally, the Majority Leader, the Majority Whip and the Chairman spoke from partisan positions. They have already pre-empted debate on the position of their parties. Hon. Chairman, we need to dissect; and I am saying this without looking at any party's position. If the position of the party is to fail the Bill, no problem. But the debate as we speak is for extension of public participation. We need to make it very clear, are we extending so that we can get more views from the public or are we recalling the Bill and reorganizing? When I hear my colleagues talking, they are saying that wananchi are not happy with the Bill. So, if they are not happy with it, what is the point of continuing getting more views on the Bill? Why don't we recall and reorganize it and then bring it back?

(Applause)

I hope they understand where I am coming from on that position. I oppose unless I am otherwise encouraged by the response from the Chair. As it is now, Hon. Speaker, I beg to oppose. Thank you.

Point of Information

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Majority Leader.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, allow me to inform this House that public participation is not a cosmetic process, it is a mandatory and expressed by the Public Participation Act which we passed in this House. Currently, as a House, we are faced with the abolishment of the Vetting and Control Bill because the Court expunged it by saying that there was no adequate public participation done. It is therefore inherent for us to do a proper public participation on this Finance Bill. As the Leader of Majority, I want to concur with my brother, Hon. Chege that the window is not yet closed for the Government of the day, which I lead here, to take the necessary measures to consider what the public is saying. I beg to give the point of Information to the House, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Majority Leader. Hon. Matara.

Hon. Silas Matara: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. I rise first to support the Motion. I would like also to inform Members, especially the senior Members who are arguing over the Motion. The import of Order No. 8 is, *'This Assembly resolves to extend consideration of the Nairobi City County Finance Bill, 2023.'* It therefore calls that we do not spend time in creating a storm in a cup of tea. If the Bill to be considered by this House is not ready and the Chair of Budget has informed the House that they are not ready, and it is a requirement of law that it has to be passed today, they are beseeching this House to make an extension. It therefore calls that the Members support so that we give them adequate time. The issue concerning public participation is a requirement of law and a dictate of the Constitution of Kenya.

Hon. Speaker, in the interest of time and in your own wisdom, put this matter to finality and allow the Budget Committee to go and have the extra 30 days that they are asking from this House so that we are able to move to another business. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Heho.

Hon. Carrington Heho: Hon. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion that was brought by the Chair of Budget. We are gallantly giving our people time to deliberate upon what they see best for them. We cannot hurry our people because we want to hear everyone's voice. Furthermore, we are here to treat those who are voiceless and those that are at the base of the pyramid of the economic ladder. The work of the Government is to uplift the human life. But at times we are like punching and choking them. Someone said that, *"There is a very thin line between the word 'therapist' and the 'rapist'".* And that is now the 30 days' extension; are we giving them the economic therapy or are we raping them even harder? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause and Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mwangi Waithera.

Hon. Deonysias Mwangi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the opportunity. Fortunately, or unfortunately, Hon. Chege Mwaura had copy pasted what I had in my oblongata and transferred

to his. But what I would urge my fellow Members is that we are still going through the Finance Bill. Personally, I have listened to my Directorate and that is what I will stand with during that time when it comes because it is only today that there are some differences. We don't know about tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: So are you for the extension?

Hon. Deonysias Mwangi: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Themendu.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me the chance to say something concerning the Bill. I think the Bill is not bad, but how it has been given extension, it becomes suspicious. All of us here were elected. Although some were nominated, but they were nominated with interests of the people on the ground. We are here for the interests of electorates. Just as Hon. Whip said, we are not going to allow our people being burdened by tax. We have the budget that we passed the other day and we need money to go and finance our projects on the ground...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Themendu, please confine yourself within the limits of the Motion.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Hon. Speaker, what I am saying is that, 30 days is a very long time. 15 days or 10 days would have been better. Yesterday, we were with our people on the ground during the public participation and they had their views and opinions which they brought to us. So, if they we need to amend here and there, who are we not to take their views? We need money to finance the projects in our wards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Dabar.

Hon. Dabar Mohamed: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the Motion. I think the Chair of Budget has put this matter clear, the time to debate will come. The area I come from contributes largely to Nairobi County, that is why I am much interested in the Finance Bill. So, I support the Motion for the extension so that we have many considerations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kados.

Hon. Paul Kados: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand here to support this Motion. First, we should bring the public interests first whenever we are doing these things. Today, the Committee which went for public participation encountered hostile public in Dandora because of this Finance Bill. The day before yesterday, they also encountered hostility in Karanja. So, when the Committee of Budget is asking for extension, maybe it wants the issues raised by the public to be considered. Nobody is fighting this Finance Bill.

The other thing I would want to say is that the collection of finances is still going on. People should not tie themselves with Finance Bill that our projects are tied on this Finance Bill, that is irrelevant. Since I joined this House in the First Assembly, the targets we got for Kshs.12 billion has never been realized even when this Third Assembly started. Ten years back, we have never collected what was collected by Hon Kidero. This County even without increasing, has always collected less than Kshs.9 billion. I know there is a lot of laxity in the Executive.

I support the extension of the timelines because we should be overlooking the Executive not to increase whatever they want to increase, but they go and start where Kidero left ten years ago. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Geophrey Majiwa.

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu wa kuongeza muda kwa huu Mswada wa Fedha ambao wenyeji wa Nairobi wanaendelea kutoa maoni yao. Yangu ni kidogo kwa sababu jinsi ninavyounga mkono huu mswada, naona upande ambao unafaa kuunga ndio unapinga. Kidogo sielewi mchezo wao ni gani. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika upande huu, sisi tuna serikali ya Bunge, lakini Serikali ya Kaunti uko upande ule. Hii yetu ni jiko tunapika, upande ule mwingine watapakua wenyewe. Wanapopakua, pengine hawatatueleza wanapakua kwa jinsi gani. Lakini ajabu ni kuwa, wale ambao wako mstari wa mbele kupinga ni wale wanaofaa kuwa mstari wa mbele kuunga mkono. Sielewi mchezo huo unaenda namna gani. Kulingana na mujibu wa sheria kwa hii nyumba ya sheria, tunafuata sheria ambazo zimewekwa na sisi ni Wabunge ambao kazi yetu ni kutunga sheria na kufikiria maslahi ya raia waliotuchagua. Tuna majukumu matatu; kuwakilisha, kudadisi na kutunga sheria.

Hon. Speaker: Kindly, Hon. Member, while supporting the Motion...

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Nikiunga mkono...

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Majiwa! While supporting the Motion, don't point fingers or apportion blame. Please!

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Mheshimiwa Spika, duniani tumepewa kipawa cha kuona na kusema. Nisiposema, nitakua nafanya dhuluma kwa raia. Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Point of Order

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member.

Hon. Chege Mwaura: Mr. Speaker, with tremendous respect, there is nothing wrong with opposing or supporting the Motion. So, let not aspersions be cast...

Hon. Speaker: The Member has been reprimanded by the Chair.

Hon. Chege Mwaura: But he refused your reprimand. He said he has a view and he has to bring it out. So, he has to withdraw and apologize. My position has been very clear, let us know what the extension is for. We don't mind. If it is the Leader of Majority to recall the Bill and reorganize it, the better. Even if we increase time and they have gotten hostile reception in Dandora and in Kasarani, you are going to get hostility everywhere. Recall the Bill and reorganize it.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, are you asking the Member to withdraw?

Hon. Chege Mwaura: Yes. Let the Member for Baba Dogo Ward cast aspersions on my position to refuse or reject the Motion.

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Mheshimiwa Spika, sielewi ni lipi anataka nikiuke lakini najua ya kwamba kulingana na yale nimesema na yale yamesemwa, anahitaji sababu ambao huo muda unaongezwa.

Hon. Speaker: *Sikiliza Mheshimiwa.* You are not supposed to question why people are objecting to the Motion. That is not your responsibility.

(Hon. Moses Ogeto raised a point of Information)

No! Declined.

(Loud consultations)

Kindly, Hon. Majiwa... Order! You can't direct other Hon. Members on way to vote. Order! Order, Hon. Member! Please, can you sit down! Hon. Member, please can you sit down! Hon. Whip, please.

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Mheshimiwa Spika, hatuko kwenye uwanja wa mpira, ni muhimu tujue hii ni nyumba ya miswada...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, the Chair has directed you not to direct Members on...

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Mheshimiwa Spika, nipe lile unataka niondoe.

Hon. Speaker: You have made reference to other Members *kuwa wako na michezo ambayo haiieleweki.*

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Mheshimiwa Spika, sijataja mtu. Wale ambao wanainuka, sielewi wanainuka kwa nini. Sijataja mtu binafsi.

Hon. Speaker: You have made reference to the Hon. Members.

(Hon. Peter Imwatok consulted loudly)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority, please take your seat! No! You will take this debate further. Hon. Majiwa, making such references as '*kuna mchezo unaendelea.*' Can you withdraw that word?

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Mheshimiwa Spika, nimesema nielezwe ni lipi niondoe.

Hon. Speaker: *Kile ninasema, you have made reference, 'huelewi ule mchezo unaendelea.'* Hapa hakuna mchezo. Members are offended.

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Mheshimiwa Spika, sijui lugha ni shida ama ni nini kwa sababu neon 'mchezo' ni--- Tulete kamusi hapa tujue maana yake ni nini.

(Hon. Stazo Omung'ala spoke off the record)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Stazo, you must speak through the Chair! Respect the Chair. Hon. Majiwa, I demand that you withdraw that Statement of *mchezo!*

(Hon. Peter Imwatok raised a point of Information)

Hon. Speaker: Declined!

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Whip, please sit down. Hon. Majority Leader, please sit down.

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Nimeondoa 'mchezo' nikaweka 'kidumbwedumbwe.'

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker. Hon. Members, we may proceed. Hon. Robert Alai.

Hon. Robert Alai: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the extension on grounds that almost half of what the new charges proposed on the Bill are new. So, I think not only Members but also the members of the public require more time to engage the Bill and to give their views which will account in the final vote. On that basis alone, Hon. Chair, I support the extension. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: The last, Hon. Muthoni Maragu.

Hon. Eric Murigu: Mr. Speaker, sorry. I have just been assisted by my friend. My name is Eric Kiogora...

Hon. Speaker: I rule you out of Order. You are not the Member.

Hon. Eric Murigu: Mr. Speaker, my card is not working.

Hon. Speaker: You are not the said Member I have given an opportunity to talk. Please sit down.

(Hon. Mark Mugambi spoke off the record)

Hon. Whip, please sit down! Order! Hon. Whip, please take your seat! Hon. Can you sit down! Order! Hon. Member, we have bypassed that already. It is behind us.

(Loud consultations)

Please, can you sit down? Hon. Kiogora, can you sit down! *Mheshimiwa*, please can you sit down! May the Mover reply.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Very interesting. Before I reply, there are a number of things that I think Hon. Speaker will need to take Members through, one of these fine days, so that they may know what a Finance Bill entails. In the Finance Bill, we had a Betting Bill that was to generate money towards this County. That Betting Bill has not seen the light if this Assembly. It must see the light so that it can be included in the Finance Bill. Also, we had a Regularization Bill that is Bill is part of...

(Hon. Peter Imwatoke spoke off the record)

Kindly protect me from the Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Speaker: You are protected.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you. So, all those Bills must come before a Finance Bill. As you are aware, the two Bills are not yet in this Assembly. Even if you say we pass the Finance Bill today, the Finances will not be realized.

Hon. Speaker, I am also taken aback a bit by some of my Members. They were in this thing, they supported it but now in the Assembly, it is the Chair's thing or the Azimio Coalition thing. In Budget, we don't have those things.

Hon. Speaker: Chair, I hope you won't victimize Members of the Budget Committee.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: I stand guided.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: You are protected.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to reply.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

POLICY AND PROGRAMMES ON CHILD HEADED HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN THE COUNTY

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Perpetua.

Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa: Hon. Speaker, thank you very much. Due to impromptu but mandatory meeting with the stakeholders concerning this Motion that is due tomorrow and Friday, I wish to defer this Motion to next week on Thursday.

Hon. Speaker: Under which Standing Orders?

Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa: I am requesting for deferment.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members of the House, are you in concurrence with the request of the Member?

Hon. Members: Yes!

Hon. Speaker: Do you allow the Member to defer the Motion to a later date to be communicated by the House Business Committee?

Hon. Members: Yes!

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The Motion No. 9 stands deferred to a later date that shall be slotted by the House Business Committee.

(Motion deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members the House stands adjourned to tomorrow, Thursday 28th September at 2. 30 p.m.

The House rose at 4.24 p.m.