



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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Third County Assembly – Second Session

Thursday 29th June 2023

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

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

PRAYER

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

Hon. Petit, please take your seat. Clerk.

NOTICE OF MOTION

CONTROL OF AIR POLLUTION FROM VEHICLES AND MOTORBIKES

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Whip.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, I want to applaud you just like what other Members have done in the morning. I don't know why but it seems they are happy to see you, maybe you gave them something which I would wish to be given.

I wish to give notice of the following motion:

THAT, aware that Paragraph 3 of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya gives county governments the mandate of controlling air pollution; concerned that according to the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), Nairobi City's air quality breaches all limits set by the World Health Organization (WHO), further concerned that air pollution represents the largest environmental risk to public health in the City and contributes to the increase in the number of cases of respiratory diseases such as asthma, lung and throat cancer and damage to vital body organs such as blood vessels, liver and kidneys; acknowledging that the City's air pollution is particularly attributed to emissions from old vehicles, including cars, buses, motorbikes and trucks; noting that the area along Landhies Road has been identified as the most polluted area in terms of air quality due to the high number of pollutant emitting vehicles using the said road--- Hon. Speaker, the Leader of Majority is disturbing me here. Please protect me.

Hon. Speaker: You are protected and you may proceed. Majority Leader, please!

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Hon. Moses Ogeto: Thank you. Hon. Speaker, further noting that the County Government has failed or refused to take any remedial measures to address this public health threat in the City; now therefore, the County Assembly resolves that the County Executive: -

1. Imposes a ban on all vehicles and motorbikes emitting pollutants particularly those discharging fumes and smoke to the environment from using all roads in the City: and
2. Invests in infrastructure that promotes the use of other greener forms of transportation such as bicycles and electric cars across the entire City.

Hon. Speaker, when it will be allocated time by the House Business Committee, I will expound more so that you will understand what is really affecting the Nairobians. I don't want to contribute to the Motion, but I am trying to enlighten the House. When we will debate on the Motion, we will be able to see how serious diseases are really taking money from our loved ones until they die. I am urging Members to be there for debate. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Whip. Clerk, proceed.

STATEMENTS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING DEPLORABLE STATE OF KAHAWA SOCIAL HALL

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, you may proceed.

Hon. Eutyachus Muriuki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 47 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Culture and Community Services regarding the deplorable state of Kahawa Social Hall in Kongo area of Kahawa Ward.

Hon. Speaker, the construction of the said social hall commenced in the term of the First Assembly under the Wards Development Fund program. However, the contractor did not conclude the works due to lack of payments hence construction stalled and the hall was left in a bad state. Hon. Speaker, the building has since started falling apart and there is need for it to be rehabilitated.

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

- i. A report of the tendering and awarding process:
- ii. Proof of inspection by the County Executive of the social hall and the total amount of money paid to the contractor:
- iii. Whether the project was handed over from the Wards Development Fund to the Social Services Sector; and
- iv. Whether the County Executive has put in place any plans for the rehabilitation of the social hall.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Chairperson Culture, give an undertaking on the period you would want to respond.

Hon. Samson Ooko: Hon. Speaker, since the matter seems to be weighty, I request that he give us three weeks to respond.

Hon. Speaker: The Hon. Member, are you in concurrence with the period of time the Chair is requesting?

Hon. Eutyachus Muriuki: Much obliged, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING WELFARE OF THE STAFF OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Hon. Chairperson of Health, you may proceed.

Hon. Maurice Onyango: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No.47 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the welfare of the staff of the County Executive.

Hon. Speaker, Section 27 of the Employment Act defines interdiction in the Public Service as a period where the employee or an officer is temporarily removed or relieved from his/her duties pending investigation and/or disciplinary action.

Hon. Speaker, there is alleged interdictions and summary dismissals of various County employees, particularly in the Outdoor Advertisement Subsector, where Development Control Officer named Mr. Wilson N. Kanani of employment No. 19990010341 was allegedly interdicted on 6th March 2023 for six months without any prove of gross misconduct sited for the said interdiction.

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

- i. The grounds for the said interdiction;
- ii. Whether any investigation was conducted for any gross misconduct and a report on the same done;
- iii. Criteria used in the interdiction of the said County officer;
- iv. Details list of all officers under interdiction in the said subsector; and
- v. Measures the County Executive is taking to ensure the said officer is reinstated.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The Chairperson of Labour Committee, kindly give an undertaking on the same.

Hon. Allan Gathuku: Hon. Speaker, I beg to be given two weeks.

Hon. Speaker: The Chairperson?

Hon. Maurice Onyango: Hon. Speaker, this matter needs urgency. He can do it within one week because the officer is really suffering without any good reason.

Point of Information

Hon. Speaker: Okay, you want to inform the chair. You may proceed.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. My information to the Hon. Member and to this House is whether this House is allowed to discuss a staff under investigation by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission. If indeed, then this shows a conflict of interest because Mr. Wilson Kanani---

Hon. Speaker: Order! That is not good information, Hon. Member.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: It is, Hon. Speaker because---

Hon. Speaker: You are out of Order!

Hon. Mark Mugambi: It was in the mainstream media.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members! Hon. Chair, please take your seat. You are out of Order, Hon. Minority Whip! Member, is it in order you are able to give an undertaking within a period of one week?

Hon. Allan Gathuku: Hon. Speaker, I beg for two weeks because that is a serious issue and it needs more investigations.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. You will bear with the Chair. Clerk, proceed.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

REDUCTION OF PUBLICATION PERIOD OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 2023

Hon. Speaker: Majority Leader!

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move:

THAT, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 131, this Assembly resolves to reduce the publication period of the Nairobi City County Appropriation Bill, 2023 (Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2023) from seven days to one day.

I ask my counterpart to second.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I know the urgency and enormity of work at hand. I beg to second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: I have some requests. Hon. Hashim Kamau.

Hon. Hashim Kamau: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion. In line with the PFM Act, the Bill has to be applied by 1st of July. That means the Bill has a timeline of approval, which is today. Therefore, Hon. Members to move on, we need to pass this Bill today. I support and I am urging the Members to support.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Silas Matara.

Hon. Silas Matara: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I had pressed to inform our senior Member, Hon. Ronaldo, that the issue is not sub judice, but you have already dispensed on that matter. I rise to support. Thank you.

Hon Speaker: Hon. Robert Alai.

Hon. Robert Alai: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to support but I pressed my button on because I wanted to inform the House that we don't have the correct Order Paper because some of the businesses are missing. Nevertheless, I beg to support. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Clerk, kindly circulate the Order Paper to all the Members. Last one, Hon. Chege Mwaura.

Hon. Chege Mwaura: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the said Motion and on the same breath inform the House that usually it is a good practice not to get ourselves reducing the period. But that being the first budget process we are in, then we allow because at least the team is working on it. In future, I think with the guidance of the Chairperson Budget, maybe they will be able to push the Executive side to be giving us in good time so that we are able to take enough time to process these things. The reason why seven days is put is so that the House do not jump steps and for Members to be able to be taken through the process by

process. If there is any need to make amendments, then we are within time. But because tomorrow is the end of financial year, the House has no option but try to reduce so that we are within the stipulated time.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, I was waiting for your communication with regards to a lot of guests in the Speaker's Gallery, most of them being government officials. You could at least invite them so that they should be coming here often and see what business we transact in the House; not just when we are dealing with them in the committee level.

(Applause)

I think it will be good that you urge them to be passing by so that they understand the procedures of the House. By the time we are aligning our ducks in terms of oversight, they are also clear on how the procedures of the House moves. With that, Mr. Speaker, I beg to support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you for sighting that, Hon. Mwaura. We have allocated time when to recognize our dignitaries. Allow me to call the mover to reply, please.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, I will not waste time aware that we have a task ahead of us. I want to premise my argument that we must be prepared and hope that the Clerk has prepared some tea and snacks at the entrance so that one can go and take then come back. Prepare yourselves because we have a lot of businesses to execute today.

All said and done, Hon. Speaker, I want to inform the House that the Nairobi City County Assembly shall not adjourn because of influence from other assemblies. We are on until our Calendar dictates so. Anyone who dreams that Nairobi County Assembly will adjourn to follow other small county assemblies, it will not be possible. I beg to reply.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, the mover.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILL

(First Reading)

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 3 OF 2023

(Order for First Reading read accordingly)

Second Reading

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 3 OF 2023

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

THAT, the Nairobi City County Appropriation Bill, 2023 be read a Second Time.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in the morning sitting, the County Assembly adopted 10th report of the Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee on consideration of the Revenue and Expenditure Estimates for the Nairobi City County Government and the County Assembly for the FY 2023-2024. The approval is meant to

advance the motto by His Excellency the Governor, Hon. Johnson Sakaja of "Making Nairobi Work". In the approved budget report, the County Assembly had granted authority for establishment of boroughs, payment of pending bills, operationalization of Nairobi Revenue Authority, jumpstarting the feeding programme in the schools within the City among, others things.

The County Assembly has also set aside resources for mitigating and management of disasters, enhanced allocation for the development projects, as well as day to day activities related to actual service delivery that affects the lives of residents of the County.

In the budget approved by this County Assembly in the morning, the allocation for Ward Development Fund stands at Kshs.23million per ward; ward bursaries stand at Kshs.7million per ward; each ward has a development project; and the school feeding programme is supposed to kick off without any hitches. Further, allocation for garbage collection has been increased by Kshs.200million; allocation for gender mainstreaming has been increased by Kshs.50million; and Kshs.1.5 billion allocated for staff medical insurance.

We urge the stakeholders involved in the budget utilization to ensure it is implemented to the latter for the benefit of Nairobians. The Committee once again urges the County Executive Committee Member for Finance, Mr. Kerich to ensure that the payment for the Ward Development Projects is given priority so that the projects are rolled out and completed in time.

(Applause)

The approved budget, Mr. Speaker Sir, shall also guarantee timely payment of salaries, efficient operations of the County Executive and adequate facilitation for the County Assembly to perform its key functions.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this Appropriation Bill therefore intends to provide a legal foundation for spending of funds approved by the County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Budget Committee has examined the submitted bill and confirmed that it is in consonance with the figures approved in the Revenue and Expenditure Estimates report and further that the recommendations have been incorporated as resolved by this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to urge Members to support this bill and give the County the leeway to utilize the funds for the stipulated priorities and other lines of expenditures outlined herein for the next financial year 2023-2024.

Hon. Speaker, allow me to call the Minority Whip to second the Motion as he is one of my best Members. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you, Chairperson of Budget the only Doctor we have in this Assembly. Chair, we are proud of your work in the Committee. I being a Member of this Committee that came up with this first budget of His Excellency Governor Johnson Sakaja, indeed this is a great milestone that we are going to take and a legacy that we are going to leave behind as Members of the Third Assembly. This is because we are so lucky that the feeding programme is a brainchild of this Third Government and Third Assembly. As we were growing up, we remember the former president Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi because of the famous "Maziwa ya Nyayo."

Hon. Speaker, this great County being led by the Governor is Excellency Johnson Sakaja will be remembered in years to come for feeding our school going children. This food and kitchen initiative, “*Dishi na County shuleni*” is going to improve the attendance of pupils in our public institution especially in the informal settlements. I was privileged to carry food to school during my days and eat it while cold and my books would be stained with soup as a result. Same is experienced hundreds of thousands of pupils that are currently going to school. By the 28th of August after we shall have passed the budget, then I believe that this will be a thing of the past. Students will be having warm food and their books will no longer be stained with food and soup.

I also wish to thank the Governor for his wisdom in increasing bursary allocation. Going forward, we shall be issuing bursaries to our constituents on a termly basis. This is something that the four governors we have had before were unable to do. As I conclude Hon. Speaker, I also wish to thank him for the increment in the WDF allocation. He has done his job and today as an Assembly, we are doing our part. The ball is now in the Executive arm of this Government to make sure that Nairobi *inawork*, and if it does not work, then the blame shall be on them. With this, I beg to second. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Minority Whip.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. DNG

Hon. Davidson Ngibuini: Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker. I would like to bring to the attention of this House the document that has been supplied to us by the Serjeant-at-Arms is titled Appropriations Bill, 2023. Allow me to take your attention to page No. 3 on Ward Development programmes. I do not know whether this is a clerical error but it is indicated that Ward Development programmes is Kshs. 92,375,466---

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Member! The Standing Orders does not allow you to introduce any form of amendment. Are you in support of the Bill?

Hon. Davidson Ngibuini: I am in support of the Bill, but seeking clarity.

Hon. Speaker: Do not highlight on areas that have errors, please. Order, Hon. Whip! Hon. Perpetua

Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to support this Bill. As I said in the morning, as the women of this County Assembly and the current Beijing of our generation, we are glad that the gender department was given some allocation to help assist our younger sisters in matters sanitary pads because monthly periods is no shame. This is something that we are grateful that the gender department will be going around Nairobi to support the young girls who really need this.

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Member! You are out of order because you cannot be repeating the same things.

Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa: I stand guided, although I was just emphasizing---

Hon. Speaker: You spoke on the Bill in the morning hours and so if you do not have anything further to add, kindly take your seat

Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa: Hon. Speaker, I support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Allow me to call upon the mover to reply

Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa: I wanted to--- Okay. Thank you

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Perpetua, please take your seat! Hon. Member who moved the Motion, please reply.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you. Hon. Speaker, protect me from the Minority Leader.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chair you are protected, proceed.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: It must my pleasure to thank the entire Assembly for this far we have reached. It is time that I encourage all the chief officers to have a rapport and borrow a leaf from the Chair, Budget and CFO, Asha. She has been with the Committee here and there. It is also important for the CEC members to have a very good rapport with their respective committees the way Mr. Kerich is walking with the Finance team. Last but not least, one Martha Wambugu is just a phone call away for Committee Members. All Chief Officers should borrow a leaf on how to deal with Members. Without many words, Mr. Speaker, I beg to reply.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Petit, please!

(Question that the Bill be read Second Time put and agreed to)

(The Bill was read a Second Time and committed to a Committee of the Whole House by the leave of the House)

Hon. Speaker: Clerk!

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY

(Order for Committee read)

(Mr. Speaker left the Chair)

IN THE COMMITTEE

[Hon. Chairman (Mr. Paul Kados) took the Chair]

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL 2023
(ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3 OF 2023)

Hon. Chairman: Thank you, Hon. Members. We are now in the Committee of the Whole Assembly to consider the Nairobi City County Appropriations Bill 2023, (Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2023). We shall start with Clause 2.

Clause 2

(Question that Clause 2 be part of the bill)

(Question put and agreed to)

Clause 3

(Question that Clause 3 be part of the bill)

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(Question put and agreed to)

Schedule

(Question that Schedule be part of the bill)

(Question put and agreed to)

Title

(Question that Title be part of the Bill)

(Question put and agreed to)

Clause 1

(Question that Clause 1 part of the Bill)

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Hon. Chair, I beg to move that the Committee do report to the Assembly its consideration of the Nairobi City County Appropriations Bill, 2023, (Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2023) and its approval thereof without amendments.

Hon. Chairman: Thank you, Chair.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The House resumed)

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

REPORT

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS BILL 2023 (ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3 OF 2023)

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

Hon. Paul Kados: Hon. Speaker, I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole Assembly has considered the Nairobi City County Appropriations Bill 2023 (Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2023) and approved the same without amendments.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move that the Assembly do agree with the Committee in the said report.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Any debate arising from that? Hon. Members, there being no debate, I request the mover to reply.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you Hon. Members for agreeing with the report of the Committee in totality. I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

THIRD READING

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS BILL 2023 (ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3 OF 2023)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Odalo, proceed.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the Nairobi City County Appropriations Bill 2023, (Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2023) be now read for the Third Time.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Any debate on this, Hon. Members? Leader of Majority.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Allow me to expound on a few issues, Hon. Speaker and thank you and the entire House. We must appreciate the Committee of Budget, Dr. Wilfred Oluoch Odalo for a job well done. I may not clarify his specialty in the doctorate, but I am sure it is a profession that we may not want to describe on HANSARD. It is great that we are passing the Appropriations Bill in the presence of the Executive, led by the County Secretary, Mr. Patrick Analo. Let it go on record that this Assembly has done its part from the first and second supplementary budget and now the inaugural budget of Governor Arthur Johnson Sakaja. For those who do not remember, this is his first budget, and as a Leader of Majority in the House, I say that Arthur Johnson Sakaja will not fail from this end but maybe from the Executive. As a leader of this House, we will do all that is necessary to make sure that anything that is of good interest to the people of Nairobi stays true to this House.

The Chair of Budget has read an increment in the Wards Development Fund. I want to say this as the Executive are listening, that we will not entertain shady games on the WDF, from the CEOs Office, the County Secretary, the CEC Finance to the Chief Officer, Finance.

(Applause)

Allow me Hon. Speaker to thank the Chair for Budget and the budget team on the Executive team for allowing the bursary to go up. This is a plus to the needy children in this town and we applaud you for that. We implore upon all public service staff to look at the budget as one that defines the future of this County. By this I mean that we expect professionalism in executing of this budget to finality. The error of absorption rate is zero because of other technicalities and bureaucracies. I say this as I address the County Secretary as the Head of Public Service to take charge on the Executive side.

(Applause)

This Assembly under your leadership Hon. Speaker will not relent on its oversight role and any other issue that needs us to oversight on. I must applaud the Chair of PAC for sending home Jairus Musumba, Sahal and Agwena, who decided that his son could run the Liquor Board. The iron has fallen to a stick and he must face the law. The Chair has said that this Assembly will not entertain any County Executive employee who jokes around in this Assembly. We have done before and we are not scared of doing that again and again. To the Chief Officers seated in the gallery, take note that our chairpersons, vice chairpersons and

committees must be respected and there is no choice to this. The tendency of calling MCAs mere MCAs should not be heard ever.

(Applause)

Lastly, it does not exclude the Executive or its staff to petition this Assembly on anything that they feel is contrary to the law. You are free to do so to the office of the Speaker and the Clerk, and my office. We listen loud and clear on what is happening on the other side. County Secretary, take charge of your staff before we take charge on this side. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon. Speaker, I pressed the button by mistake. Nevertheless, I have something to say.

Hon. Speaker: You may proceed.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: The Leader of Majority has said what I wanted to say in exact words. So, I beg to support.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Perpetua, your mic is on.

Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa: Hon. Speaker, I did not press the mic. Nevertheless, if you allow me, I would like to appreciate the leadership led by you Hon. Speaker and the entire Assembly. We are quite grateful that we get to do our roles which are representation, oversight and legislation. This is good legislation and good practice and the law says that good law is a law where there is equity, equality and parity. What has been exhibited today is the law and we are proud. We are also proud of the new gender department and public participation led by CEC Silantoi for making it known that the women in this Assembly exist. The women are proud of her. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Emily Oduor.

Hon. Emily Oduor: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As the Vice Chair of this great Committee, I will not say much but thank Members. We have come a long way from the CIDP, ADP, CFSP and several public participations but God has seen us through. Thank you to the Chair and Speaker for giving us security on public participation. Members, this is not the end as we are just starting, the Finance Bill is coming and it is never easy. Thank you Hon. Speaker.


Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was accordingly read the Third Time and passed)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

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PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS AND REVENUE RAISING
MEASURES FOR THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR FY 2023/2024

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Hon. Wilfred Odalo and Hon. Emily Oduor left the Chamber)

Chairman, please. Serjeant-at-Arms, reprimand the Chairman and the Vice-Chair. The Speaker is on his feet and it is for their consumption.

Hon. House, I have a communication to make in regards to pronouncement of the budget policy highlights and the policy raising measures for the County Government of Nairobi for the financial year 2023/2024.

Hon. Chairman, you did not notify the Chair that you are about to usher in the CEC Finance. I can allow you, but you do not walk in like a mad man, Budget Chairman, please.

(Laughter)

Please proceed.

(Applause and loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members! Hon. Members, I hope the CEC Member for Finance is safe because he has taken forever. Hon. Whips, please can you find the location of the CEC Member for Finance because we may be seated here and he was hijacked long time ago.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members! You may be seated. The CEC Member for Finance is just to walk in. Hon. Alvin Olando, please.

(Applause as the CEC Member for Finance entered the Chamber)

Thank you, you may be seated. Hon. Perpetua, Order! I know Education Committee is well taken care of under your leadership. Hon. Member, I hope you are now in order.

I have got a communication to make; this is in regards to pronouncement of the Budget Policy Highlights and the Policy Raising Measures for the County Government of Nairobi for the financial year 2023/2024.

Hon. Members, Section 132 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Standing Order No. 232 requires the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Finance to make public pronouncements on the Budget Policy Highlights and Revenue Raising Measures for the County Government for each financial year. In this regard, the CEC Member will be making these pronouncements shortly.

Hon. Members, I wish to recognize the dignitaries present in the gallery today. May you be upstanding and wave.

(The dignitaries stood at the Gallery and waved)

(Applause)

Thank you, you may be seated. The dignitaries include members of the County Executive Committee, the Acting County Secretary, Chief Officer for Finance and colleagues, and various Directors of the County Government. On behalf of the County Assembly and on my behalf, I welcome all of you to the County Assembly.

Before I invite the CEC Member responsible for Finance and Economic Planning to make his pronouncements, I wish to remind the House that, in accordance to provisions of Standing Order No. 232 (3), the CEC Member shall be heard in silence without questions or clarifications and thereafter the House will stand adjourned. Further, the provisions of the County Assembly Powers and Privileges Act, 2017 shall apply to the CEC Member during this sitting.

Hon. Members, I now invite the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning to make public pronouncements on the Budget Policy Highlights and Revenue Raising Measures for the County Government for the financial year 2023/2024.

The CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning, Mr. Kerich, you may now proceed. Thank you.

(Applause)

CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning (Mr. Charles Kerich): Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a great privilege to present to this Hon. Assembly, the people of Nairobi and Kenyans at large, the Budget Highlights and Revenue Raising Measures for the County Government for the financial year 2023/2024. This is in fulfillment of provisions of Section 132 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and premised on Article 201 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 on the Principles of Public Finance, which among others decree that management of public resources shall be done within the realm of openness, accountability, public involvement, equitable society, prudent use of public resources and clarity in financial reporting.

Mr. Speaker, this being the first budget following the completion of the General Elections held in August 2022, allow me to congratulate all Hon. members who were re-elected and those who are serving for the first time in the Third Assembly.

(Applause)

I look forward to working closely with all of you in promoting County economic recovery for inclusive growth of Nairobians and Kenyans at large.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to His Excellency the Governor for appointing me as the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning Affairs and entrusting me with the privilege of overseeing the management of Fiscal Policy and the Public Financial Management in the County. I also wish to extend my sincere gratitude to County Executive and the Assembly for the wise counsel during the preparation of these Budget Policy Highlights and Revenue Raising Measures that will lay a strong foundation for our socio-economic transformation.

Mr. Speaker, before presenting the fiscal and revenue framework, let me start by highlighting the economic context in which this budget has been prepared. During the Financial Year 2022/2023, both the

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domestic and global economic environment recovery has been slow, therefore impacting on service delivery and threatening the survival of many businesses. This impacted negatively on performance of own source revenue. This in effect, affected service delivery due to the emergent resource constraints.

I shall now move on to the policy priorities and economic outlook in the medium term;

POLICY PRIORITIES AND THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN THE MEDIUM TERM

Mr. Speaker, Nairobi City County operates within the global and national macro-economic framework thus directly and indirectly influencing the County's fiscal decisions and operations. The global dynamics impacted the grants and loans that are targeted at supporting counties. Unstable global economic performance also results in the lower National GDP growth that trickled down to the county levels. This calls for the County to explore alternative financing for its developmental programs such as enhancing PPP and sourcing for grants. The real interest rates reflected the real cost of borrowing, savings and return on investment for both the County Government and Nairobi Business Communities.

Mr. Speaker, despite the challenges, both the global and the domestic economy is projected to be on a growth path in 2023. We remain optimistic that the growth trajectory is expected to translate to better outcomes to the economy and the County in terms of uptake of our services, translating to increased revenue and increased fiscal space.

Mr. Speaker, the budget estimates for the financial year 2023/24 submitted to the County Assembly on 28th April 2023, seeks to entrench institution transformation for better efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery, as well as bring the County and its residents to a path of recovery through entrenching the new County Government's mission of Order, Dignity, Hope and Opportunity.

Additionally, as we are beginning to implement the new CIDP 2023-2027, we are committed to achieve development goals by actualizing our motto "Let's Make Nairobi Work".

Hon. Speaker, the economic growth strategy underlying the budget for the next financial year and the medium term includes:

1. Increased own source revenue mobilization;
2. Timely payment of bills to ensure debt sustainability;
3. Effective implementation of the development initiatives;
4. Effective implementation of the various County restructuring strategies and enhancing accountability by officers; and
5. Support for the private sector by reducing the cost of doing business.

Hon Speaker, to support the above growth strategies, the Administration will be focusing funding and efforts towards the following key areas:

1. To reverse negative trend on own revenue sources, the Nairobi Revenue Act, 2021 will be implemented starting with institutionalization of the Nairobi City County Revenue Authority.
2. Over-reliance on own source revenue and exchequer releases has tethered the County to underfunding and underperformance, the Administration will pursue a radical shift in other sourcing of funding such as grants donations and private public partnership.

Thank you Commissioner, Mama Network.

(Applause)

3. To support this, the Administration has come up with a directorate to coordinate the efforts.
4. The County Treasury will be enforcing the fiscal responsibility as stipulated in Section 107 Public Finance Management Act, 2012. This will bring sanity in funds appropriations and expenditure control.
5. Despite meeting the provisions of Section 107 (2) (b) of the PFM Act, 2012 the County has not been able to honor its obligation towards development. The only solution to this is re-in-fencing the allocations towards development with reduction of non-rein-fencing the allocations towards development, with reduction of nonessential recurrent expenditure and increasing County revenues to accommodate non-discretionary expenditure.
6. The Administration will be reducing the cost of doing business by actively implementing the Unified Business Permit and implementing the Trade Licensing Act.

Mr. Speaker, in seeking to achieve our medium priorities, and in fulfilment of the requirement under the Constitution on Public Participation, we accorded Nairobianians the opportunity to share their views on issues that need to be addressed in this budget. Mr. Speaker, we received many useful proposals and suggestions that have informed the priorities outlined in this budget statement. Broadly, these challenges were infrastructural, social economic and other emerging challenges which prove even more complex to handle. However, Rome was not built in one day and the Government remains committed to ensuring concerns of all residents are addressed.

Mr. Speaker, infrastructural development has not been commensurate to the rapidly growth demands, the population growth in Nairobi City is on an upward trend, demand for water and sewerage far outstrips the supply, traffic congestion continues to bedevil the City, sprouting of slums coupled with high levels of inequalities, intermittent flooding, and insecurity has been an ever persistent concoction of challenges encountered by Nairobianians, consequently hampering the achievement of our medium term development targets.

Mr. Speaker, in our quest to be a globally competitive city, we have continuously remained committed to overcome this challenge. A lot of effort and resources have already been invested towards this end. In the medium term infrastructural development has remained a key investment area of the County where new roads have been constructed and existing ones maintained, non-motorized transport systems build, public transport expanded and improved, daily waste management of 3,000 tonnes achieved, beautification of our City and improvement of our public parks done, affordable housing units' project continues, fire stations and equipment's installed, market and modern kiosk build, huge investment in the health sector for maintenance and construction of health facilities done, quality basic education provided, transition rates to school going children improved, construction of school feeding kitchens began, and our vocational training centers improved school feeding kitchens began, and our vocational training centers improved.

SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mr. Speaker, the County Government has continued to redevelop County rental houses to support the development of affordable housing for the residents of Nairobi. Two projects are ongoing under phase 1

(Pangani 1,562 units and Jeevanjee 1,830 units) while another seven projects are under procurement for phase 2 and are expected to deliver 14,000 units. These include Woodley (1,700 units), Kariobangi North (1,000 units), Bahati (3,000 units), Ziwani (2,500 units), Maringo (2,000 units) and Jericho (4,000 units). Other phases will be identified after phase 2 commences.

Mr. Speaker, The County has also embarked on renovation of County owned rental houses not earmarked for redevelopment in the near future. We have therefore witnessed renovations of flats in Buruburu, Jamhuri, Kariobangi North, Huruma and Uhuru estates. These renovations will continue to ensure that tenants living in County owned houses live in conducive environments.

Mr. Speaker, the World Bank through the State Department for Housing and Urban Development is also currently supporting Nairobi City County Government in upgrading informal settlements through planning, tenure regularization and infrastructure upgrading. Settlements that will receive immediate infrastructure support in FY 2023/2024 are Kayole Soweto, Kahawa Soweto, Embakasi and Kambi Moto. Kshs.400 million will be disbursed in FY 2023/2024. Nairobi City County Government has set aside 10% as the mandatory counterpart contribution.

INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS TO SUPPORT RECOVERY

Mr. Speaker, while we celebrate the achievements so far made, we are aware that a lot remains to be done in order to conclusively deal with the pressing socio-economic challenges; first, to reverse the effects of the recent past negative shocks; and second, improve and accelerate the betterment of the livelihoods of Nairobians. Consistent with this goal, the Government will scale up implementation of policy priorities and structural reforms outlined in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2023. The strategy will involve increasing investments in Health, infrastructure, education and environment management.

Mr. Speaker, the County has made steady progress since the onset of devolution in improving the business environment and improving efficiency and accountability. Notably, the County has continued to use Integrated Financial Management System (IFMIS) in the management of expenditure thus enhancing accountability in management of public resources. Leveraging on ICT, the County will be undertaking reforms to enhance the revenue administration, procurement through the implementation of an Enterprise Resource Program (ERP) that is intended to ensure full integration of all the sub-systems. The planned ERP platform is expected to be a panacea to maximize revenue collection and halt perennial outsourcing of revenue collection services thus helping on reducing the cost of collection.

PENDING BILLS

Mr. Speaker, pending bills accumulated to a proportional level over many years. Statutory debts which dates back more than 10 years have affected the welfare of our retirees who should be enjoying the sunset years after working hard for Nairobians. This has also affected service delivery. Mr. Speaker, the delay in payment of these pending bills has led to serious economic and social disruptions as most service providers suffered financially.

In addition, allocation of resources towards debt resolution constraints our fiscal space. The Supplementary Budget for 2022/23 has accommodated quite a number of pending bills owed to suppliers

and contractors who were cleared for payment by the Internal Audit Team. In effect, by the end of the financial year, the Government expects to have cleared majority of pending bills owed to suppliers and contractors.

To further check the growth of pending bills in the coming financial year, and comply with the National Government directive, the County Treasury will roll out expenditure management policies and sectors will be required to ensure all their pending bills are fully cleared before closure of every financial year.

(Applause)

FISCAL FRAMEWORK FOR FY 2023/2024

Mr. Speaker, I will move on to fiscal framework for FY 2023/2024. Over the years, the County has continued to experience fiscal deficits due to the underperformance of own source revenue. The fiscal policy to support the estimates for FY 2023/2024 is aimed at reversing this trend by focusing on revenue mobilization of own source revenues.

To this end, the County established its own revenue authority, the Nairobi City County Revenue Authority, in order to address the structural and administrative reforms necessary to achieve the set revenue targets. The County also introduced digital pay platform in January 2023 where Nairobians are conveniently able to pay for the services at the comfort of their location.

On expenditure, the County will undertake reforms to enhance prudent management of the available resources in order to reduce expenditure on non-core activities and create space for development expenditures.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PROJECTIONS FOR THE FY. 2023/2024

Mr. Speaker, the total revenue projection for the FY 2023/2024, including both National Government transfers and own source revenues amounts to Kshs.42.3 billion. Out of this, the projected national transfers amount to Kshs.21.3 billion and grants Kshs.1.2 billion, while the total projected own source revenues amount to Kshs.19.9 billion.

Mr. Speaker, the total projected expenditure amounts to Kshs.42.3 billion, made up of both recurrent and development expenditures at Kshs.28.3 billion and Kshs.14 billion respectively. The allocation of development is equivalent to 33% of the total budget, which is in line with Section 107 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 that requires at least 33% be allocated to development. Mr. Speaker, the revenue and expenditure projections are in accordance with the approved budget ceilings in the approved County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2023.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE FY 2023/2024

Mr. Speaker, allow me to highlight the budget details for the FY 2023/2024 as tabled before this House. As aforementioned, the driving theme for the budget is to transform our institution and its processes and strategically redirect the County and its people to economic recovery. The County budget for FY 2023/2024 stands at Kshs.42.3 billion.

Mr. Speaker, in order to bring services closer to the residents, I have allocated Kshs.400 million, for construction of Borough offices, Sub-County and Ward offices.

(Applause)

The Boroughs will be the focal point for planning and will provide a one stop shop where the residents can access all the services offered by the Nairobi City County. This will ultimately reduce the time taken for Nairobians to get the services and ultimately the cost of doing business.

In the recent past, we have witnessed destruction of property due to fire, I will also be requesting that this House approves Kshs.120 million towards construction of fire stations in Kangemi and Gikomba.

(Applause)

WARD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Mr. Speaker, the Ward Development Programme (WDF) is aimed at reducing disparities in resource allocation and development across all wards. The impact of the programme has been felt all over the County. However, the implementation of ward programs has been faced with various obstacles leading to delayed implementation of projects and therefore denying Nairobians the much needed services. The County Treasury has embarked on payment of completed certificates paving way for a seamless implementation of ward projects in the coming financial year.

Mr. Speaker, the projects to be implemented under this programme will be ward based, depending on the priority of individual wards. The proposals from wards are development oriented, mostly in infrastructure development. I have proposed an allocation of Kshs.1.95 billion as the budget allocation to the WDF for the FY 2023/2024.

(Applause)

IMPROVING EFFICIENCY IN PROCUREMENT

Mr. Speaker, implementation of various programs and projects will require an efficient procurement system. To this end and in line with the Government Policy on e-Procurement, the County will take implementation of e-Procurement in line with the National Government Policy. This will not only enhance efficiency but also ensure the County gets the best services at the best prices possible due to increased competition.

ENHANCING QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

Mr. Speaker, in an effort to achieve Universal Quality Health Care, during the FY 2022/2023, ICU, Renal Unit and Satellite Blood Bank were opened in Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital. Repairs, rehabilitation and equipping of various medical facilities were implemented. To continue with the spirit of affordable health care, I have allocated Kshs.400 million for equipping and stocking of sufficient drugs and non-pharmaceuticals to the County Health Facilities. I have also allocated Kshs.1.1 billion for construction, equipping and rehabilitation of Health Facilities.

(Applause)

Ensuring affordable health services are accessible to all remains our key priority.

SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM

Mr. Speaker, to take care of the school going children in Nairobi, I have allocated Kshs.1.2 billion in recurrent budget for public primary schools and ECD centres feeding and Kshs.500 million in development for construction of kitchens and serving sheds.

(Applause)

This program will improve the nutritional status of the learners and also encourage students to attend school, leading to an increase in enrolment, performance and transition to higher levels of education. The County has targeted to feed about 250,000 children.

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Speaker, the priority area for this Sector will be to enhance pedestrian safety and connectivity through construction and rehabilitation of roads, street lighting, storm water drainage and bridges. Completion of ongoing road works will be targeted as a key priority, together with rehabilitation of already completed works. I have allocated Kshs.2.6 billion to facilitate implementation of the development projects in the Sector.

ENHANCING ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Speaker, in order to enhance access to education, and to support the National Government's effort to ensure transition to secondary schools at 100%, the County Government has been providing support to the needy students through the provision of bursaries. The County is continuing with this endeavour, and in this regard, I have allocated Kshs.857 million for provision of bursaries to the needy students. Out of this, Kshs.7 million will be allocated to every ward and the balance will be available to sponsor all continuing students under the Executive Scholarship Programme.

In order to develop talent among the youth, I have further allocated Kshs.554 million for the construction and rehabilitation of stadiums which serves as recreation centres' for the youth.

CREATING A CONDUCIVE BUSSINESS ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Speaker, in order to create an enabling environment for traders and investors, I have allocated Kshs.730Million for construction of various markets within the County and Kshs.100 million for reallocation of informal traders from main streets for maintaining order and dignity in the streets of Nairobi.

(Applause)

SUSTAINABLE ENVIROMENT MANAGEMENT

Mr. Speaker, supply of water remains a constitutional right to the public, and management of sewer is unavoidable responsibility. Management of solid waste and sewerage is a challenge we continuously seek to overcome. We have procured 27 tippers, 10 skip loaders, 24 refuse compactors, 3 bulldozers and 4 backhoes trucks. We have also increased human capital by employing 3,000 support staff to undertake cleaning in the City. We are therefore planning to increase the daily waste management to 3,200 tons per day.

For beautification and greening of Nairobi, we planted 365,000 trees, 38,000 flowers and installed 11 air quality monitors in FY 2022/2023. We have programmed to plant additional 1 million trees, continue

with beautification of parks, complete construction of Uhuru Park, Jevanjee and Dumpsite Weighbridge, as well as install litter bins in the City.

ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY & SUPPORT FOR THE YOUTH

Mr. Speaker, in order to enhance food security among Nairobians, the County Government is taking deliberate measures to improve food production through promotion of urban farming across the whole value chain. These measures include provision of extension services and training the youth on modern farming methods. Towards this, I have allocated the Food and Agriculture Kshs.123.96 million for the installation of greenhouses, water harvesting tanks, vertical vegetable gardens and promotion of broiler farming.

(Applause)

COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Mr. Speaker, the County Assembly plays an important role in all legislative functions within the County, including approval of County laws, policies, budget and expenditures, integrated development plans, tariffs rates and service charges, as well as playing an oversight role on the County Executive. To achieve this role, I have proposed an allocation of Kshs.3.25 billion to the County Assembly for recurrent and development.

(Applause)

REVENUE RAISING MEASURES AND SUSTAINABILITY

Mr. Speaker, I now turn to the fiscal projections and the revenue raising measures for the FY 2023/24. The FY. 2023/2024 budget estimates will be financed from transfers from National Government and own source revenues. As highlighted earlier, the total resource projection for the FY 2023/2024 stands at Kshs.42.3 billion up from Kshs.39.6 billion in FY. 2022/2023. The budget is balanced and therefore no borrowing is envisaged.

To ensure the County targets are met, the County Treasury projects an income of Kshs.19.9 billion from internal sources and Kshs.22.5 billion from external sources. We remain hopeful that the diminished revenue due to the harsh economic period will be reversed in the coming financial year. In order to realize the projected own source revenue, the Government has established a County Revenue Authority (NCCRA) amongst other revenue raising strategies.

STRUCTURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS

Mr. Speaker, for a long time, the County has lacked requisite legislation for key revenue streams. This weakened the administration and mobilization of revenue collection. In the coming year, the County Government will be pursuing this agenda through NCCRA to ensure every revenue stream has an enabling legislation. And with the help of this House, we expect better performance henceforth. We will also continue using the digital pay service platform for convenience and broadening our revenue base.

Mr. Speaker, completion and capturing of Geographical Information System (GIS) based valuation roll remains our key strategy to boost our rates collection. Land rates are currently charged based on new valuation roll of 2019. The number of rateable properties is expected to increase from the current 181,000 to

approximately 241,000 properties. We will also introduce sectional properties rates targeting individual houses on a block of apartments. Cumulatively, this measure will increase rates income by approximately Kshs.1 billion.

Mr. Speaker, we intend to restructure the single business permits codes by introducing new parameters (hyper, mega, large, medium, small and mini) for classification of business in order to enhance fairness and compliance. This will bring on board small traders who previously defaulted due to higher charges. We expect to collect an additional Kshs.1 billion after implementation.

We will also be mapping revenue streams and setting targets for each stream, sub-county, ward and individuals. This will increase revenue base which will ultimately increase actual revenue and form a logical basis for setting targets.

Mr. Speaker, we have proposed minor adjustments and new charges through the Finance Bill, 2023. The key areas of interest in this bill are: -

Reductions

1. Reduction of originating and terminating charge (seasonal tickets) for public service vehicles (PSV) terminating outside the Central Business district (CBD) by reducing the current charge by 50%. This will enhance compliance by the PSV who operate outside CBD with potential of increasing the collections by Kshs.500million.
2. Review and graduated the fire inspections and certificates as per the sizes and activities in order to enhance compliance level. The old charges were too high that led to many clients to seek the same services from neighbouring counties that are charging lower fees.
3. Reduction of the annual licenses and permits for water bowsers and exhausters to enhance compliance. The old charges are too high resulting to non-compliance by many operators. This will also enhance the safety of the water and clean environment.
4. Reduced charges for complementary education institutions in informal settlement areas to as low Kshs. 3,000 for small centres with less than 200 pupils, payable in instalments in line with the Nairobi City County Trade Licensing Act, 2019 to recognize and encourage the services given to the vulnerable people in the society.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

EXTENSION OF ASSEMBLY SITTING TIME

Hon. Speaker: Briefly, kindly hold on CEC Finance. As earlier indicated and communicated by the Chair under Standing Order 232 (3) that you shall be heard uninterrupted, but we have got the hours of the meeting which I will request the Majority Leader to move procedural Motion seeking extension of hours of the meeting. Majority Leader, please.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As you have said we should listen to CEC for Finance in silence, but nature calls and we ought to respond.

THAT, pursuant to provision of Standing Order No 33 (3) (a), this Assembly resolves to extend its sitting until the conclusion of the sweetest speech given by the CEC for Finance.

I ask my counterpart to second.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon. Speaker, I beg to, in the interest of time, second and reiterate the importance of the document he is reading and the importance of the budget to the County.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members. As I recommend under Standing Order No 33 (3) (a) on the extension of hours of debate, Hon. Members, are you in agreement the mover to reply?

Hon. Members: Yes!

Hon. Speaker: The mover, kindly reply.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: You have the field day up to midnight.

(Applause)

(The CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning resumed presenting the budget policy highlights)

CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning (Mr. Charles Kerich): Mr. Speaker, thank you for your generosity. I intend to utilise the time you have given me until midnight. So, Members, let us not be in a hurry.

INCREMENTS AND NEW CHARGES

5. Restructuring of the Single Business Permit codes by introducing new parameters (hyper, mega, large, medium, small and mini) for classification of business in order to enhance fairness, compliance and revenues. The new parameters will be charged as follows;
 - Hyper - supermarket at Kshs.40, 000
 - Mega supermarkets at Kshs.30, 000
 - Large butchery shop or retail service at Kshs.4, 000
 - Kiosk at Kshs. 1,000
 - All shops and retail services in Nairobi City County owned markets at Kshs. 2,000
6. The introduction of new charges following the improvement and installation of modern new facilities in the County hospitals and health facilities. The increase of existing charges to cover the cost of service delivery with direct impact on the quality of service given to the citizens. All the funds collected will be used to improve the County Health facilities and put them at par with the private health centres.
7. Introduction of hiring of County equipment and machinery under the Mobility and Works whenever they are not in use. The proposal would make full use of the County assets and staff and bring in revenue as opposed to having them lying idle in our yards.

8. Introduction of environmental levy charge capped at 2% of the annual rates for all properties within the County. The revenue will be used for improvement of our environment and making the City regain its glory as the “Green City in the Sun”.
9. Increase betting shops and pool tables charges to control betting activities and enhance revenue.
10. Regularization of unauthorized developments and imposition of penalties for the same.
11. Review the planning charges and increase County revenues by inclusion of various advertisement forms that had not been captured in the previous Finance Acts, small increments in fees by small percentage to encourage compliance and remove ambiguity and properly classify all advertisements to differentiate each type and category e.g. on motor bikes, 3 wheelers, mobile advertisement and street displays.

Mr. Speaker, to boost the above mentioned strategies, we will be creating awareness on all the County levies for citizens to pay, how to pay, deadlines and consequences of being in default. We shall also ensure prompt billing and serving of demand notices combined with continuous inspections and enforcement to ensure compliance. We shall provide necessary tools to facilitate collection, inspection and enforcement of revenue.

As I conclude, Hon Speaker, I cannot fail to reiterate that the County Government remains focused and steadfast to ensuring that the development targets are met, consequently transforming the County into glorious City in the Sun, a competitive City globally, bringing Order, Dignity, Hope and Opportunities to Nairobian, with its people benefitting from a high quality of life.

The budget making process was consultative, crafted on the backdrop of limited resources and trade-offs have been done to ensure that the County only pursues areas of optimal gains. This could not have been possible without the support of the office of H. E Excellency the Governor, Sakaja Arthur Johnson, your Office, Mr. Speaker and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly. I thank you for having granted me the opportunity to present this budget highlights and also for the support this far received throughout this process. I am also grateful to the Finance, Budget and Appropriation Committee led by the very able Chairman, Hon Wilfred Oluoch Odalo, all other Sectoral Committees, The Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Peter Imwatak and the Leader of the Minority Party Hon. Anthony Kiragu for their commitment to see this process end successfully.

I cannot forget my fellow County Executive Committee Members, County Chief Officers, staff at the County Treasury led by the County Chief Officer for Finance and Economic Planning, Asha Abdi, who I call my right hand man. I don't know whether that is appropriate. The Chief Revenue Officer, Bwana Gakuya, who has jointly and individually worked hard to ensure that the budget and all supporting documents met the legal timelines. I also recognize Martha Wambugu and all the staff of the County Treasury. Our friends in the media, we appreciate the role you play in educating and informing.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank Nairobian in general for their continued involvement in County affairs through Public Participation, their unwavering fulfilment of their civic duty which finances the County operations and pledge that as a County we will focus on the priority areas they helped us identify. Let us make Nairobi work.

Thank you all and God bless Nairobi City County. Thank you Hon. Speaker for your continued support.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to submit the Finance Bill, 2023 and the Budget Statement for the FY 2023/2024 to this House for consideration. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

(The CEC Member handed the documents to Hon. Speaker)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, on Adjournment of the Assembly, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning, Mr. Charles Kerich for effectively making a public pronouncement of the Budget Policy Highlights and Revenue Raising Measures for the Nairobi County City County FY 2023/2024.

Hon. Members it is my pleasure to invite all Members, the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning and all invited guests to reception at Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club for cocktail party.

Hon. Members the time being 5.04 p.m., the House stands adjourned until Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

House rose at 5.04 p.m.