



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### OFFICIAL REPORT

#### Third County Assembly – Second Session

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

*[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kados) in the Chair]*

PRAYER

#### QUORUM

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Serjeant-at-Arms, ring the bell for 10 minutes. Members, you cannot move out when the bell is ringing. Please!

*(Quorum bell was rung)*

Clerk, can you confirm whether we have a quorum.

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

Serjeant-at-Arms, ring the bell for further five minutes.

*(Quorum bell was rung)*

I do not see the Chief Whip or the Minority Whip. The deputies are, however, around. Hon. Stazo, can you go and mobilize the MCAs to come to the House. Where is your counterpart, Hon. Muthoni?

*(The Clerk-at-the-Table consulted the Deputy Speaker)*

We have attained quorum. Clerk, proceed.

#### PAPERS

THIRD QUARTER BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR THE FY 2022/2023

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Leader of the Minority.

**Hon. Antony Karanja:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 166 (4) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly, today, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023:

Third Quarter Budget Implementation Report for the financial year 2022/2023.

I beg to lay.

*(The Paper was laid on the Table)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Was it only one Paper?

BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
FOR THE FY 2023/2024

**Hon. Antony Karanja:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 129 (2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly, today, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023:

The Budget Estimates of the Nairobi City County Government for the financial year 2023-2024.

*(The Paper was laid on the Table)*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SANITATION  
ON A WORKSHOP HELD AT MAXLAND HOTEL

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Chairman, Water Committee. Can you use the next microphone?

**Hon. Redson Onyango:** Pursuant to Standing Order 196, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly, today, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023:

The report of the Select Committee on Water and Sanitation on a workshop held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Maxland Hotel, Kiambu County.

I beg to lay.

*(The Paper was laid on the Table)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Clerk!

### NOTICES OF MOTION

PROVISION OF OUTDOOR SECURITY LIGHTING IN THE COUNTY

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Deonysias.

**Hon. Deonysias Mwangi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, aware that Article 29 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 grants every citizen a right to freedom and security; further aware that Paragraph 5 of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides for street lighting as a function of the county government; noting that recent years have witnessed a marked increase in the number of insecurity incidences across the country, and more so in Nairobi City County; concerned that most of the streets in the County are in darkness due to a lack of proper lighting, which has contributed to an increase in crime within the country as evidenced by muggings and other violent crimes; further concerned that some buildings and plots across the County have no adequate lighting

as per standard practice worldwide; noting that for the County to realize a 24-hour economy, security for business people and residents is indispensable; acknowledging that Paragraph 8 of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides for a county planning and development, including housing as a county function; this Assembly urges the County Executive to:-

1. Formulate a policy to provide for the installation of outdoor security lighting in all buildings, gates, plots, and streets to provide a safer environment for the community; and
2. To ensure all building plans for residential buildings have provisions for installation of outdoor security lighting.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. I refer it to the House Business Committee for allocation.

#### CONSTRUCTION AND RETICULATION OF SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Joyce Muthoni.

**Hon. Joyce Kamau:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The subject of this notice of Motion is construction and reticulation of sewerage system in the County.

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

THAT, aware that Article 43 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 guarantees every person the right of accessible and adequate housing and reasonable standards of sanitation, and the Constitution in Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule apportions water and sanitation functions to county governments; acknowledging that Sustainable Development Goal 6 seeks to achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations. cognizant that despite lack of a proper legal framework, the Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company on behalf of the County, administers the services of reticulation of residential, commercial, and industrial entities to sewerage disposal, but the company is facing the challenge of adequately covering the entity and the entire County in terms of the provision of sewerage disposal services; noting that some entities and residential operate private sewer holding facilities and pit latrines within their compounds which fill up during the rainy season and begin to spill to the environment, exposing the residents to the risk of contracting hazardous diseases; concerned that the County's informal settlements are facing serious challenge of management of sewers where waste is directly released to the rivers which often passes through the settlements, and those that have private arrangements for sewer end up filling up and leaking onto the surface, exposing residents to diseases because of a lack of proper sewerage facilities and trunks passing through the areas. further concerned that as the population continues to grow, the County will face even bigger problems if it does not put in place proper measures, including the installation of sewerage tunnels, expanding the existing infrastructure and connecting as many entities as possible; this Assembly urges that: -

1. The Nairobi City County, in conjunction with Athi River Water Works, constructs sewer trunks through informal settlements within the County;
2. Nairobi City County seeks partnerships with non-governmental organizations to install sewer lines within informal settlements and embark on a drive to connect entities and residential housing units to the sewer lines; and

3. Formulate a sanitation policy to guide the provision of sanitation services within the County to provide a framework for accessible sanitation services and to provide a basis for a law to guide sanitation services in the County.

Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Joyce. I refer it to the House Business Committee for allocation. Hon. Kennedy Swaka.

#### DESIGNATION OF TERMINI FOR PSVS IN THE COUNTY

**Hon. Kennedy Swaka:** Hon. Speaker, the notice of Motion subject is designation of terminus for operation of public service vehicles (PSVs) in the County.

I beg to give notice of the following motion:

THAT, aware that Article 46 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that consumers have a right to protection, health, safety, and economic interest. The Constitution in Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule, apportions the parking and traffic aspects of transport functions with the county governments; cognizant that Section 27 of the Nairobi City County Transport Act, 2020 prohibits PSVs from picking up and dropping passengers at undesignated bus stops, and Sections 46 and 47 of the Act prohibits persons from parking on public roads in a manner that impedes traffic flow and strictly restricts parking to the designated areas. The sections particularly prohibit PSVs from using undesignated areas as parking prior to obtaining authority from the County; noting that in pursuant of the County beautification initiatives, the County has from year to year allocated and appropriated funds towards rehabilitation, greening, and decoration of the roundabouts, including entering into maintenance agreements with private companies for the purposes of environmental aesthetics; further noting that the County has been putting in place measures to decongest the County but PSVs continue to operate in undesignated areas along the roads, for instance, the Outer Ring Road, Jogoo Road, among others; deeply concerned that in persistent use of roundabouts and roads shoulders by PSVs as termini continue causing heavily tailbacks of traffic on key roads such as Outer Ring Road on a daily basis, leading to loss of productive time and loss of value for the money and investment; this Assembly urges the County Executive to:-

1. Issue a public notice prohibiting PSVs from using roundabouts as termini around shoulders, lay bays and or parking areas in contravention of the law;
2. Continuously enforce the foregoing prohibition notices using enforcement officers at the County and sub-County levels, and
3. Formulate regulations under the Nairobi City and County Transport Act, 2020, further to provide for punitive measures for operators who illegally use roundabouts as termini, lay bays or parking.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Swaka. The Motion is referred to the House Business Committee for allocation.

#### REMOVAL OF BROKEN DOWN VEHICLES IN THE COUNTY

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Sospeter.

**Hon. Sospeter Mumbi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. the subject of my notice of Motion is removal of broken down vehicles in the County. I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, aware that that Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 apportions traffic and parking functions to the county government; acknowledging that Section 14 of the Nairobi City County Transport Act, 2020 prohibits any activities on road reserves and spells out the sanctions for violation of the same; cognizant that there are many vehicles in the County that are broken down and whose owners are unknown, and that such vehicles are often parked and left along main roads in estate roads and public spaces; further cognizant that car yard opening along major roads in the County also illegally park their units on public spaces, resorting to obstruction of public pedestrian walkways; concerned that such abandoned vehicles present obstructions to flow of traffic, mostly along pedestrian walkways, and that such vehicles provide inadvertent hiding spaces for criminals hence pre-exposing residents to security risks; further concerned that such activities on road reserves constitute encroachment onto road reserves that are meant for road construction related activities; noting that removal of such vehicles from public spaces will go a long way towards clearing up the most needed public spaces for the activities they are proposed for; now therefore, this County Assembly resolves that the County Executive:-

1. Issues a public notice asking the owners to remove all broken down vehicles and road construction equipment from any public spaces in the County or they be removed by the County at the owners cost at the expiry of a period of two months;
2. Issues a public notice to all car yard owners to vacate any public spaces they operate within a period of one month at the expiry of which the County will enforce compliance through an operation of toying away the vehicles; and
3. Through the County Executive Chief Officer for Security and Compliance, put in place measures for countywide operation to enforce the foregoing vacation notices to the specified timelines and continuously monitor any further violations for action.

Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Sospeter. It is referred to the House Business Committee. Clerk.

## STATEMENTS

### BUSINESS APPEARING BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE WEEK

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Daktari Ng'ang'a, you had a Statement on the behalf of House Business Committee.

**Hon. Clement Kamaru:** Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 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 starting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.

Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee met on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 to allocate business for the week for consideration by this Assembly. In that regard, allow to brief the Assembly as follows: -

1. That, today, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 under Order No. 8, the Assembly will be considering the Motion by Hon. Sospeter Mumbi, MCA, urging the County Executive to develop a

program to identify and train youth in every ward in repairing and maintenance of public/street lights within the County as a way of improving security and achieving a 24hr economy in the County.

2. Further, on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 under Order No. 8 and 9, the Assembly will be considering the under listed business items respectively: -
  - a. Motion by Hon. Diana Katile, MCA urging the Executive to initiate an annual program for screening of lifestyle chronic diseases such as cancer, diabetes and hypertension in all the wards at affordable fees or at no costs, and establish a prevention and mitigation program against lifestyle chronic diseases including awareness campaigns, sensitizations forums and other sustainable measures in all the wards; and
  - b. Motion by the Leader of Majority adjourning the Assembly to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in accordance with County Assembly Calendar.
3. Lastly, on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the Assembly will be considering the Motion by Hon. Anthony Kimemia, MCA urging the County Executive in conjunction with the office of the Auditor General to conduct a special audit on the compliance and operations of the Build Environment and Urban Planning Sector with a view to establish an effective and efficient reliable department that can better plan and organize the City and report within six months upon approval of the 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 Motions 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, allotment of business during the Statement hour for timely preparations.

Finally, Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee will again meet on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023, at the rise of the Assembly to ballot business for the subsequent week. I now wish to lay the Statement on the Table of the House. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ng'ang'a.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING ONGOING BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM  
ALONG ROADS IN VIWANDANI WARD BY THE PRIVATE ENTITIES.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** There is another Statement to be laid on behalf of the Chairperson of Environment. Hon. Emmy.

**Hon. Emmy Isalambo:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47 2 (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectorial Committee on Environment and Natural Resources regarding ongoing beautification program along roads in Viwandani Ward by the private entities.

Hon. Speaker, county governments have a mandate under the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution to conserve the environment, which include implementing beautification programs and initiatives.



However, private entities have taken up this role by commercializing beautification programs, planting flowers on road reserves and turning them into advertising avenues without any control from the County Government. This has resulted to violations of outdoor advertising policy which is aimed at protecting both the government and the public.

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

- i. Whether the County Executive authorized the ongoing commercialized beautification program by private entities within Viwandani Ward, and if yes, provide terms of engagement between the County Executive and the private entities on this matter;
- ii. Whether the private entities have been remitting revenues to the County Executive for utilizing public space for private use; and
- iii. The control measures the County Executive has put in place to ensure coordinated beautification programs along roads within the city and subsequent protection of the environment.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Emmy. Chair, Environment? Deputy Chair? Do we have any Member of Environment Committee who can do an undertaking? If we don't have, then Minority Leader, can you take an under taking on behalf of the Chair of Environment?

**Hon. Antony Karanja:** We have Members.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I have not seen any Member who has stood up.

**Hon. Joyce Kamau:** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee, give us 10 days after recess.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Are you comfortable, Hon. Emmy?

**Hon. Emmy Isalambo:** Hon. Speaker, that is perfect. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Okay, thank you. Clerk!

## MOTION

### DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM TO TRAIN YOUTH ON REPAIR OF STREET LIGHTS

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Sospeter.

**Hon. Sospeter Mumbi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. Subject of the Motion is a program to train youths on repair of street lights.

THAT, aware that County transport, including County roads, traffic and parking, street lighting, public road transport is the function of County Government under Part Two of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya, 2010; further aware that the Nairobi City County Government has invested heavily in installing high mast lights in various parts of the County to improve security in the County; concerned that most of the installed high mast lights have been vandalized and some have failed to function thus leaving many parts of the County in darkness for long periods due to poor and/or slow repair and maintenance of the public/street lights; cognizant that Nairobi City faces a major insecurity threat due to high rate of youth unemployment; acknowledging that the County has plans to light the entire City and turn it into a 24 hour economy, this Assembly urges the County Executive to the develop a program to identify and train youth in

every Ward in repairing and maintenance of public/street lights within the County as a way of improving security and achieving a twenty-four (24) hour economy in the County.

Hon. Speaker, may I begin by enlightening Members that street lighting falls under the Transport, Roads and Public Works Sector, but currently that sector has been divide into three.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member, are you debating or?

**Hon. Sospeter Mumbi:** Sorry, I am only trying---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Oh, that is part of the moving notes?

**Hon. Sospeter Mumbi:** Yes, Hon. Speaker. I am doing that because I am assuming not all of our Members have interacted with that sector so that they understand where this Motion is coming from.

As I said, currently we have Mobility, we have Works and now Street Lighting. As we are aware, Members, we have not vetted the Chief Officer. As it is, we need to have a Chief Officer for Street Lighting.

May I also enlighten all of us that in Nairobi City County, we have divided the 85 wards into 6 divisions. The least division which only has like two wards is Western; it has Westlands and Dagoretti. Like in the case of my ward Roysambu, we are under Upper Northern, which combines Roysambu, Ruaraka and Kasarani.

With those three sub counties, we only have one platform. When I talk about platform, it is that vehicle with the team which fixes the lights. Looking at the three sub counties, that translates to 15 wards. With the 15 wards, once a schedule is developed to attend to street lights in the respective areas, it means we will have each ward being visited twice a month. When this team visits the ground, the much they can do is to fix an average of eight street lights. But with availability of resources, this team can fix 15 lights.

As a County, we have been able to fix 68,000 street lights, but in total we require a 130,000 street lights. This was since independence; we are not able to tell how long it has taken us to install the 68,000. So, that leaves a lacuna of when are we likely to achieve the 100% street lighting within Nairobi by fixing the 130,000 street lights.

Going further, I take a scenario of a city like Vienna which has 414km<sup>2</sup>. Nairobi has 696km<sup>2</sup>. Surprisingly, Vienna which is less by 282km<sup>2</sup> as that of Nairobi, has installed 160,000 street lights. The docket of street lighting in our County has 32 employees who are manning seven platforms. However, their desire is to have a platform for each and every ward. As we are speaking, we have 32 technicians and four of them are going for retire in June, so that leaves us with only 28 employees managing street lights.

This Motion is aimed at increasing the maintenance of the said street lights. What is happening? We don't have a reliable team on the ground; people who can be counted on as technicians to come and fix our street lights. What this means is that, in case you have a street light that needs to be fixed and the community is willing to buy even a bulb or even to buy lights, like in my area, Thome 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Residents Association have approached me, they are ready to facilitate purchase of street lights. But then, it has taken us two months waiting for the platform from the County Government to come and assist them in fixing the said street lights. Again, I have had a number of calls from voters who are even will to buy bulbs and have them fixed. But it takes us like a month or two to have a bulb fixed.

This Motion is looking forward absorbing a team of technicians who are going to be identified from every ward in the all the 85 wards. Talk about 3 or 5 qualified people trained in electrical engineering. Once



there is an issue relating to streetlights, we can call on them to come and fix them in consultation with the County.

So, we will have a structure that will bring that partnership to fulfilment. We are not asking the County Government maybe to facilitate them fully, but an arrangement can be made at the community level whereby this people can be appreciated by the community and later maybe have them absorbed by the County and perhaps get some stipends from the County.

Finally, I wish to state a few advantages of street lighting: -

- They go a long way in curbing accidents because well-lit roads lead to less chance of accidents;
- They also promote economic empowerment within our areas as mama mboga relies greatly on this lighting system; and
- They bring life and beauty to a city. You can imagine what happens when we do not have lights in a city, it becomes dull and there is no life. Any development of a city is attributed to its lighting system and especially during the evening hours.

It is my prayer and request that this House will see the need to embrace this Motion. I request Hon. Maragu to second my motion. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Antony Maragu:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the opportunity and Hon. Sospeter for this wonderful Motion. Let us make Nairobi work, and for that to happen, our city must be lit. For Nairobi to work, our traders must trade in light, with order and dignity. By us having a well-lit city, it will spur economic growth and we will realize opportunities.

Hon. Speaker, the figures that have been outlined by the Hon Member of the straining department of street lighting is not new. We may not have known the numbers ourselves but the terrible experiences that we have had in our wards when the lights are not working has made us feel the impact. It is also good to learn that the truck I see around is called a platform. Thank you, Hon. Sospeter for that. Members of this House have taken it upon themselves to repair broken lights in their areas. We pay electricians from our own pockets to deal with failed lights.

Hon. Speaker, did you know that for you to get a county staff who is mandated to repair broken down streetlights, you must fuel their car, pay them an allowance and buy lunch? That is the life Members are going through in order to try keep our people safe, secure and operating in light. I am sure the rest of the Members will bear me witness that this is one of the challenges we go through. Therefore, this Motion gives us an opportunity to reduce the burden that is on us as Hon. Members in an effort to ensure that our people are living as has been committed to by the leadership of this County in city of order, dignity and opportunities.

The government's mandate, Hon. Speaker is to protect life and property. You will forgive any Kenyan who thinks that this has changed into something else given the prevailing circumstances that I do not wish to delve into. A well-lit street ensures that people's properties and their lives are protected from thugs.

Hon. Speaker, I take note that this House has discussed Motions before and you may forgive my ignorance because I am interested in getting to know what happens after we deliberate on the beautiful Motions that are for the benefit of our people. We would want to see the Implementation Committee furnishing this House with reports so that we are encouraged to know that business transacted in this House and the

debates are not in vain. Only then will we feel motivated to come here and even raise quorum. Let us see a more vibrant Implementation Committee so that our mandate of serving the people is realized. I beg to second the Motion.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Samora.

**Hon. Samora Mwaure:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to support this Motion and congratulate Hon. Sospeter for bringing such a beautiful and important Motion. Security lights are paramount not only for our daily conduct of business but also in improving the well-being of an estate. For example, if a street is lit, it improves business and becomes secure from crime. If you add streetlight in a place where shops close by 10 p.m., you have basically added them one or two hours of business. Lighting is important to business, security, beauty and many other things.

One Member noted that maintaining and installation of streetlights in Nairobi is one of the biggest challenges to an elected MCA. Personally, I have a team of five technicians that I pay to service my ward streetlights because if you engage the County team to come to your ward, they will hardly visit, and if they do so, they are always in a hurry to leave. You have to buy them lunch and entice them. It is therefore my humble opinion that this Motion be followed through and we train the technicians locally and find a way of remunerating them through the County so that they can help in maintenance and installation of streetlights.

The problem of using private technicians is that they can sometimes go rogue. Two years ago, one climbed up the masts and stole a very expensive light, but fortunately he was arrested by the members of the public and is now in jail. There is a risk of some of these lights being stolen when we go route. When we formalize this and make it sure that the technicians are uniformed, trained and absorbed in the County system, then the work will be more efficient, they will work faster and install more street lights and it will be safer. Thank you and I support.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Clement Ng'ang'a

**Hon. Clement Kamaru:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand here to support this very inventive and time bound Motion due to the fact that it impacts our young people at the ward level. You are all aware that our youths do not have jobs, this will form an avenue for them to be empowered. It is important to realize that one of the problems why these masts do not work is because the thieves work in cohort with some of these engineers such that when you put a mast, thieves come and steal some of the mast accessories. There exists thuggery in matters relating to street lighting. Thugs would like some places to be in the dark so that they can terrorize people.

These young men and women will also secure these street lights because there is no way a youth will work on something and then let it be vandalized just like that. In essence, this Motion creates an avenue where the youth will be empowered economically and also they will protect the County's assets at the ward level. My humble prayer is that we support Hon. Sospeter's great Motion so that we can also empower our young men and women at the *mashinani*. Thank you so much.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Majority Leader.

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker, allow me to add my voice on this Motion and congratulate Mheshimiwa Sospeter Mumbi. This issue has been a challenge to the County Government of Nairobi. Basically, we are trying to address the issue of insecurity.

Hon. Speaker, in my ward for the last three months we have picked more than three bodies specifically in places where the lights are not working. We proposed to the Executive that they should use these electricians in our wards. Insecurity in our wards is an issue that need to be addressed because if it is only the County Government alone, we cannot be able to address it. We have erected thousands of security lights in Nairobi, and in my ward, I have put about 4,000 security lights. But by the time they were being repaired, half of them were not working. Some of these equipment supplied by suppliers, especially the inverters and bulbs are of low quality and when there is rain they all die.

Hon. Speaker, there is also a challenge in the procurement sector. When they are procuring the electrical items especially the inverters and the bulbs, they must go a notch higher in terms of quality. If we light our streets and our estates, security is no longer a concern to all of us; our kids can play outside, people can go to the markets and shops late, thereby enabling a 24-hour economy.

Hon. Speaker, on the issue of insecurity, this Motion has come at the right time. We may not talk about insecurity in terms of lighting because as we speak, our Speaker, Hon. Ken Ng'ondi has been summoned to appear before the firearm bureau. I don't remember when the Hon. Speaker was found demonstrating in the streets of Nairobi. This Chamber is protected by our Serjeant-at-Arms. I have never seen the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Kados demonstrating in the streets of Nairobi. It is a concern to this House when the Speaker is being told to surrender his firearm. Let us not play politics here because the Speaker of this House serves all of us. I am aware there are more than eight Members of his House who are licensed firearm holders, both in the UDA and the AZIMIO side. But I have not heard anyone with any incidence with the firearm because it could have been brought to the Power and Privileges Committee.

Therefore, Hon. Speaker, as we discuss the issue of insecurity, let us also caution the National Security Committee, the County Security Committee and the Firearm Bureau not to be dragged by the politics that are currently taking place in this country. If the Speaker of this County is not safe, who will be safe? If the Deputy Speaker of this County is not safe, even these lights will not help us. I am perturbed by the fact that the Speaker of this County Assembly can be unarmed while a Member of this County Assembly like myself is armed, it is a serious concern. As we discuss this, let us also discuss the issue of our security beginning with the Speaker and other Members who are summoned right, left and center. Let us show solidarity to our colleagues.

Hon. Members, let us support this Motion. The Implementation Committee, chaired by Hon. Geophrey Odhiambo Majiwa, should take these resolutions seriously and summon the CEC for Transport, Chief Officer for Transport and the County Secretary for proper implementation. I beg to support this Motion. After this, we will have a Kamukunji to discuss the security of our Speaker. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Hon. Hellen.

**Mheshimiwa Hellen Okello:** Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia fursa hii ili niweze kuchangia huu Mswada ambao ni muhimu sana na umekuja wakati ufaao. Kama vile Kiongozi wa Wengi amesema, tukiungana kama wawakilishi wadi tutapata matunda. Tunapata mshahara mdogo

Bwana Spika, Mswada huu ukitekelezwa ipasavyo, utatuwezeshesha kuajiri vijana. Pili, utaimarisha biashara maana wakati kuna mwangaza wanabiashara wataweza kufanya biashara kwa masaa zaidi. Kwa mfano, ikiwa walikuwa wanafunga biashara saa nne ya usiku, wataweza kuongeza masaa mawili. Kama wawakilishi wadi, hii itatupea amani maana tutakua tumeajiri vijana kazi na itapunguza wizi. Kwa hayo machache, Bwana Spika, nawaomba wawakilishi wadi wenzangu tuunge mkono Mswada huu.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Hellen. Hon. Joyce.

**Hon. Joyce Kamau:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support this Motion. Nairobi is among the best cities in Africa, but I think this sector of lighting and infrastructure is doing so little to keep Nairobi to its standards. Apart from the CBD and posh areas like Kilimani and Karen, you will find that in slum areas like where the Majority Leader represents, Makongeni, Kibera and others, the *Mulika mwizi* lights are not working at all.

I think we should empower our youths since they have been taken through school by their parents. Let us give them these jobs as they are on the ground and are able to know whether the lights are working or not. You will find that in some areas the lights have not been working for years and may be it is a small problem that can be rectified in a few minutes. Let us empower these youths, and by doing so, we will be creating jobs and at the same time improve security in our County. This will keep Nairobi to its standards.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Musango.

**Hon. Musango Maithya:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to speak in support of this good Motion. I congratulate Hon. Sospeter. This Motion will help in bringing security to our people and make our city to be a 24 hour working economy. It will also help in improving our peoples' lives. I support this Motion because Hon. Sospeter is a Member of the Transport Committee---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Chairman, you cannot support because somebody is a Member of your Committee. Just contribute why you are supporting but not because he is your Member.

**Hon. Musango Maithya:** Mr. Speaker, I support the Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Musango. Hon. Mark Thiga.

**Hon. Mark Thiga:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to make my contribution on this very important Motion. First, there will be visibility and our traders will be able to sell their wares during the day and during the night. With proper lighting in our areas, it will provide favorable atmosphere and will instill confidence with the buyers because they will be sure that whatever they have bought at night is what they wanted. There is a fear that when you buy in darkness you may buy something that you did not even intend to.

With proper lighting, there will be ease of movement; locals will be able to move around easily. Just to emphasize what has talked by my predecessors, lighting will eradicate crime and also will make our fellow youths feel included in the running of our society, they will feel that *hawajatengwa*. With that, I beg to support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. I do not see any other request. Mover.

**Hon. Sospeter Mumbi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the inputs and sentiments shared by my fellow Hon. Members in supporting this Motion. The Chair for Transport, may I bring to your attention that since this falls under your docket; we should not have a budget that is separate

from maintenance. The only budget that we have passed is Kshs.378 million which is for maintenance. We do not have a separate budget for new installations. We are still uncertain when our County will realize the installation of 47% because that is the deficit that we have as a county. We have installed 53%, we are yet to install the 47%. In terms of maintenance, we are at 60% as a County. So, 40%, that is 47, 200 lights, we are yet to know how we will deal with that.

I look forward to the Implementation Committee to fast-track the implementation of this Motion. Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

**The House rose at 3.54 p.m.**