



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

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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.

QUORUM

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, the attention of the Chair has been raised for lack of quorum in the Assembly. I direct under Standing Order No. 37 (2) (b), the bell to be rung for 10 minutes and the door to remain open.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

Hon. Members, as required under Standing Order No. 37, after the bell has been rung for 10 minutes, we are still unable to realise the quorum. I direct the Serjeant-at-Arms to ring the bell for a further five minutes.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

Majority Whip, please proceed and your Deputy. The House has finally realised the much needed quorum to transact the business. I direct the Serjeant-at-Arms as you let Members in, the door to remain closed.

(Several Members walked into the Chamber)

Clerk, we may proceed.

PAPERS

REPORT ON THE PETITION BY KMPDU ON MEDICAL INSURANCE
FOR ITS MEMBERS IN NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Do we have Chair of Labour Committee in the Assembly? Okay, please.

Hon. Allan Gathuku: Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 96, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Thursday 26th July 2023:

The Report of the Sectoral Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on the petition by Kenya Medical Pharmacists and Dentists Union (KMPDU) on medical health insurance for its Members in Nairobi City County Government.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(The Paper was laid on the Table of the Assembly)

REPORT ON THE PETITION BY DAM ESTATE RESIDENTS ON LAND GRABBING
BY HELICOPTER CHURCH IN LANGATA SUB-COUNTY

Hon. Speaker: The Chair of Lands, Planning and Housing? The Vice Chair Lands Committee? Can we have a Member who is able to undertake on behalf of the Committee?

Hon. Lily Kidenda: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 96, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Thursday 26th July 2023:

The Report of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Planning and Housing on the petition by Dam Estate Residents on land grabbing by Helicopter Church in Langata Sub-County.

(The Paper was laid on the Table of the Assembly)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Member. Clerk!

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Hon. Speaker: The Chairperson of Health Committee.

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

THAT, This Assembly adopts the Report of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services on site inspection visit to Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday 5th July 2023.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON SITE INSPECTION TO PUMWANI MATERNITY HOSPITAL

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

THAT, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services on site visit to Pumwani Maternity Hospital to determine the status of the said health facility for corrective action in regard to its operations in service delivery to the citizens of the County, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday 5th July 2023.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, the able Chair. Clerk, Order No 7.

STATEMENTS

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT ON ALLEGED INCREASE IN CASES OF CHOLERA
IN ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE IN NG'ANDO WARD

Hon. Speaker: The Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Health. This in response to a statement requested by Hon. Paul Wachira, MCA, regarding alleged increase in cases of cholera, especially in St. Joseph's Health Centre in Ng'ando Ward. Do we have the Hon. Member in the House? Hon. Member, are you in receipt of the said response?

Hon. Paul Kariuki: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am in receipt of the same and I concur with their findings and the pandemic has since been contained. So, I am contented. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Chairman you have any reservations or highlights on the report that maybe you can share with House?

Hon. Maurice Onyango: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Don't read the entire report.

Hon. Member: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. The Hon. Member appeared in the Committee and was satisfied with the response. The Member rose to know the status of cholera outbreak in the County, especially Ng'ando Ward which has experienced the highest number of cholera outbreak cases.

The measures the County Executive is taking to ensure the residents get safe---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chair, please can you give us the conclusion of the matter.

Point of Order

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, point of Order under Standing Order No. 43.

Hon. Speaker: Granted. Hon. Chair, you may be seated, the Majority Whip is on the floor.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, I request that we change the proceedings of this Assembly so that we can move Motion No. 10 on Adjournment. Hon. Speaker, looking at the Assembly today, I am seeing only one senior most Member around to move this Motion. So, I am begging to move this Motion because you realise tomorrow we have a very serious day called *Saba Saba*. I expected Hon. Bishop or Hon. Roro to be around so that as move this procedural Motion. Hon. Speaker, please.

Hon. Speaker: Majority Whip, can you convince the House as it is not the prerogative of the Speaker. Under which Standing Order you want the sequence of the Order Paper to be changed.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, under Standing Order No. 1, it gives you powers, that is why I am requesting if we can change.

Hon. Speaker: That is on matters which are not provided for.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, proceedings of the House lie on you under Standing Order No.43, it is within your mandate if you may allow or I may request my Members of Azimio Party to stand in the support of the proceedings of the House.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Whip, this is a House of honour and has two divides which must make a decision on behalf of the County. So, when you go have reservation to specific political party, then it becomes abusive, given your status of standing. Kindly correct that.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, if you look this Assembly, you can just see the Members who are Majority in the House. I am trying to look the other aisle to see my co-leadership, they are not in. That is why I requested so.

Hon. Speaker: I have been reminded by the Clerk that we have a quorum to transact the business of the House.

(Applause)

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, I am requesting for the proceedings because if you look at the Motion No.10, it is the Leader of Majority moving it, in his absence, it is the Leader of Minority who should move, In the absence of the Leader of Minority, it is the Deputies or the Whips. I think the Clerk may be misleading you, Hon. Speaker, because it could have been allocated to any other Member, like Motion No. 8 by Hon. Brian Itenya. Hon. Speaker, I am begging you. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, the Chair is not privy to any form of information whether the Majority Leader is present or not. The Chair is blind. I really don't know which Member is not in the House. So, Clerk, can we proceed?

Hon. Maurice Onyango: Hon. Speaker, I was in support of the Majority Whip but since you have made a ruling, let me continue by giving a statement.

Hon. Speaker: I have not made a ruling, the Majority Whip stood on Standing Order No. 43 and I gave him an opportunity to convince the House so that we can change and alter the sequence of the Order Paper so that I may give him an opportunity to jump to Order No.10. So, Majority Whip, may be you can convince the House.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, under Standing Order No. 43, with your indulgence---

(Hon. Anthony Karanja walked in to the Chamber)

(Applause)

Now that the Leader of Minority has come in, he can move this Motion. He may agree with me to raise a point of Order under Standing Order No 43 to change the sequence of proceedings of this House so that he can go straight away to the Motion of Adjournment. I wanted to bring to his attention and maybe give him few seconds to look at the Order Paper. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Clerk, we can proceed from there as the Minority Leader catches his breath. Chair, I hope you are giving us the highlights on the conclusion?

Hon. Maurice Onyango: Yeah, I will give the highlights regarding the statement that was asked by the Hon. Member. Now that he was satisfied, the measures the County is taking to ensure that cholera outbreak is dealt with include; promotion of health throughout sensitization of community members on water treatment using chlorine, proper use of latrine and maintenance of proper hand-washing and cholera prevention, and engaging of Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company Limited to respond whenever called upon.

Mr. Speaker, herewith, there is an attached submission from the Executive. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT REGARDING YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION
AND VACCINE PREMISES ACROSS THE COUNTY

Hon. Speaker: The Chairperson, you also have a response to statement. Is the Hon. Member Samora in the House? Any Member who was privileged to be delegated on his behalf? That stands dropped.

(Response to statement dropped)

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT REGARDING STORM WATER MANAGEMENT IN GATINA HEALTH CENTER

Also on Health Services, is Hon. Kennedy Swaka in? Dropped.

Hon. Member: I think the Hon. Member is there.

Hon. Speaker: You are sleeping Mheshimiwa? Have you been given the report?

Hon. Kennedy Swaka: I was given the report and I am actually satisfied.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT REGARDING THE DETERIORATING STATUS
OF MAMA LUCY AND MBAGATHI MORTUARIES

Hon. Speaker: Is Hon. Robert Alai in the Assembly?

Hon. Robert Alai: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I engaged the Health Committee plus the Executive and I am satisfied with response I got. Thank you so much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Chair, I hope you will circulate the report of the Committee so that Members get to understand it in detail.

Hon. Victor Omondi Ochola? Hon. Mwaniki Kwenya? Hon. Perpetua?

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT REGARDING ROAD BLOCKAGE AT THIGIRI LANE, KARURA WARD

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa Thuo? You are in the House?

Hon. Kamau Fiunifiu: Yes, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: You may proceed.

Hon. Kamau Fiunifiu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Allow me to pass a vote of thanks to the Committee on Transport and Public Works for the investigation that they carried out in Karura Forest, Thigiri Estate a month ago. I am in agreement with what the Committee has resolved. Hon. Speaker, this Committee has competent Membership unlike another Committee that I will not mention here. This is because the statements we request here must be timely. There is no way you request for a Statement then you wait for eight months before even a report has been brought to this House. That's why I am saying I would want to commend Hon. Musango on behalf of the residents of Karura Ward and on behalf of the residents of this City who use Karura Forest every other day for nature walk and other ecosystem services. I would want to thank you and your Committee, the Clerk of this particular Committee, Mr. Austin, and also your office, Hon. Speaker because you facilitated the Members to come to Karura.

Hon. Speaker, lastly, this report on number five urges the County Executive Member in charge of Mobility and Works to expedite the road classification in line with Section 11--

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, that is a reserve of the Chair of the Committee. Are you satisfied with the report?

Hon. Kamau Fiunifiu: I am satisfied with the report, Hon. Speaker; I have picked on this because this is County wide.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Nicholas Juma you are next. Actually you had requested a statement from the Sectorial Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives and the report is ready.

Hon. Kamau Fiunifiu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. The reason why I picked on number five, it is because it concerns Nairobi as a County. We have people who are highly connected, the elite in this city. Someone would wake up one day and block a public road like how it happened in Karura. Number five gives the Member in charge of that docket to make sure that all roads that have been blocked illegally should be unblocked and that process should be expedited.

Thank you so much and may the good God bless Members of this County Assembly as you proceed to recess. *Tuko pamoja.*

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT REGARDING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EASTLEIGH MARKET

Hon. Speaker: The Chairperson Committee Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives. We have Hon. Nicholas Okwacho in the House. Are you in receipt of the report of the Sectorial Committee?

Hon. Nicholas Okwacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have not gone through as I was not furnished with the report.

Hon. Speaker: The Chair, Trade, the Member who had actually requested for a statement up to now has not received the report.

Hon. Deonysias Mwangi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All the responses for the statement are ready. It is only that Hon. Okwacho was nowhere to be seen by my Clerk, that is why---

Hon. Speaker: What are you saying?

Hon. Deonysias Mwangi: I am saying that the response is ready. It is only that my Clerk was looking for the Hon. Member. Maybe---

Hon. Speaker: Chairman, that should not be an excuse.

Hon. Deonysias Mwangi: I stand guided, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Nicholas, please.

Hon. Nicholas Okwacho: The Hon. Member is misleading the House because I was within the Assembly, so I don't know why he is saying I was nowhere to be seen.

(A Hon. Member raised a point of Information)

Hon. Speaker: You want to inform who?

(The Member spoke off the record)

But you are not a Member. Please, take your seat. Chair.

Hon. Deonysias Mwangi: Hon. Speaker, I have the response but as the Hon Member has said he has not gone through it, I request that the Committee be given time immediately after the recess.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Nicholas Juma, when did you receive the response?

Hon. Nicholas Okwacho: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have not received the response.

Hon. Speaker: Up to now?

Hon. Nicholas Okwacho: Yes. The Clerk called me but I was not around.

Hon. Speaker: Today?

Hon. Nicholas Okwacho: No, yesterday. I need time to go through the response.

Hon. Speaker: So, can we defer this matter to immediate day after the recess?

Hon. Nicholas Okwacho: Yeah, no problem, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Response to statement deferred)

Hon. Speaker: The Chairperson Sectorial Committee on Trade, Tourism. This is in regard to the declining revenue collection for markets, requested by Hon. Kennedy Oyugi. Do we have Hon. Oyugi in the House? *Mheshimiwa* Oyugi? He is not around? So you defer. I also don't understand how he accessed the Speaker's Gallery without my consent, but that is subject to disciplinary action. Serjeant-at-Arms, I understand Hon. Oyugi is at the Speaker's Gallery.

The Clerk didn't notify the Speaker of the presence of the Hon. Member from Siaya County. Hon. Member please just wave. That is Hon. Member from Siaya County.

(The Member for Siaya County Assembly waved)

(Applause)

We are grateful. Do we have any other Hon. Member up there? The attention of Chair has been raised to the presence of the dignitaries at the Speaker's Gallery, we have Hon Robert Kundu, the Chair for Trade and Tourism from Kakamega County. *Mheshimiwa, karibu* and feel welcomed.

(Applause)

Thank you very much. I have already introduced the Hon. Member from Siaya, we have missed the name and the position. Serjeant-at-Arms, please as we proceed, find out the details.

Point of Order

Hon. Speaker: Granted, Minority Leader.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Point of Order under Standing Order 47(2) (b). It had come to my attention that Hon. Members have forgotten the etiquette of the Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, we are used to stamping our feet and I have noted with concern that Members, especially from the Azimio Party, are used to clapping on the desk. Hon. Speaker, I would like you to remind Members that we are supposed to use our feet to applaud, not to hit on the desks. So, I would like maybe we start with Robert Alai and tell him that is what we need to do when the Speakers says so or when we want to applaud something. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you for that observation and concern as raised by Hon. Minority Leader. It is well noted Members. Going forward, you know what to do.

(Applause)

Thank you. We may proceed. Clerk!

MOTION

REGULATIONS FOR BUILDING PLANS FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS TO HAVE PARKING SPACES FOR TENANTS

Hon. Speaker: *Mheshimiwa* Brian.

Hon. Brian Itenya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion:

THAT, aware that Article 186 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya ,2010 and Paragraph 5 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution provide for the functions and powers of county government on county transport, including regulation of county roads, street lighting, public road transport traffic and parking; further aware

that Paragraph 8 of part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution, 2010 provides for county planning and development, including housing as a County function; acknowledging that recent years have witnessed increased development of residential apartments within the County and more so in informal areas; concerned that most residential buildings were built with inadequate parking spaces for the tenants; further concerned that most tenants have opted to parking their vehicles on the road reserves and pavements thus blocking other motorists, this has contributed to increased traffic snarl up in some residential areas in the County especially during rush hours; this Assembly urges the County Executive to develop regulations to provide for all building plans for residential buildings to have adequate parking spaces for tenants.

Hon. Speaker, the ever changing adoption of urban space should be reflected in the policy which governs them. An efficient road network remains among the topical issues in international urban development network. This is because road links interrelated land uses in addition to connecting them with contagious metropolitan areas thus a key contributing factor for an accelerated socio-economic uplift. To sustain these planning standards that delimit urban reserves, are usually prepared and enforced through development control to ensure that the roads are maintained for the intended purpose.

Hon. Speaker, urban transport infrastructure supports human activities by linking socio-economic activities with urbanization and population growth. Transport and infrastructure which are particular reference to roads in urban areas, is subsequently regarded as one of the key tenets of economic prosperity. As such, it has a significant bearing promoting sustainable development. This is because roads play an important role in promoting urban mobility that involve people and goods and also providing access to a wide range of socio-economic undertakings.

Hon. Speaker, it is hence accredited that although transport remains indispensable to the overall transformation of any nation, road transport remains central in spatial development of urban areas---

(Hon. Anthony Karanja raised a point of order)

Hon. Speaker: You cannot request for a Point of Order when a Member is moving a Motion. The Standing Orders do not allow, please.

(Hon. Anthony Karanja spoke of the record)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Leader, he is not reading anything. He is moving a Motion.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: He is supporting his Motion with notes which is against the Standing Orders.

Hon. Speaker: Is that true, Hon. Member?

Hon. Brian Itenya: It is not true. Hon. Speaker, you know there is no one to face while I am talking. I was trying to concentrate.

Hon. Speaker: But these are Hon. Members.

(Laughter)

Hon Brian Itenya: Hon. Speaker, I am trying to---

Hon. Speaker: You are protected, Hon. Member, you may proceed.

Hon. Brian Itenya: Thank you so much. They have tried so hard to block this Motion but---

Hon. Speaker: You are protected.

Hon. Brian Itenya: Thank you so much. Hon. Speaker, with regards to mobility, on February this year---

(Loud consultations)

Protect me, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: You are protected, Hon. Member.

Hon. Brian Itenya: Hon. Speaker, this Motion will help my Minority Leader because if you go to his ward---

Hon. Speaker: Can you proceed.

Hon. Brian Itenya: Thank you. Hon. Speaker, allow me not to face my counterpart because I may forget what I wanted to say.

(Laughter)

In February 2020, my colleague, Hon. Themendu, the MCA for Kayole Central Ward, sought for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing regarding the encroachment of road reserves by private developers in the County. He further pointed out that the residents of Kayole Central Ward had undergone undue suffering due to encroachment of road reserves by private developers.

Hon. Speaker, I had planned to request the Minority Leader to second me, but allow me to call upon Hon. Ami to second the motion.

Hon. Ami Ambala: Hon. Speaker, I rise to second the Motion moved by my colleague. Indeed, urbanization has caused a huge population explosion in urban areas. In Nairobi, people have actually built on road reserves and this leaves no space for parking. As a result, we end up having traffic snarl ups which is dangerous for our kids. Having said that, I second the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members. Hon. Minority Leader, your mic is on.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon. Speaker, I rise in support of this mMotion. It is a beautiful Motion despite the fact that we cannot read clearly from our papers. I want to commend Hon. Brian for having the courage to come up with this Motion. However, I would have wished that you could have included the County Assembly where Members park on the road reserves so that next time when an assembly is being built or renovated, we will consider parking for Members so that we lead by example.

Hon. Speaker, I would also like to bring to the attention of Hon. Brian that these regulations are there, only that they are not being followed. Maybe the parking is provided but it is not adequate. I support that he has now clarified and said that the parking should be adequate or commensurate with the development that is there. We know that even churches, clubs and restaurants use road reserves as parking. So, we should extend this motion to everybody. I want to commend Hon. Brian for bringing such a beautiful Motion and I support it, contrary to his earlier belief that I would oppose it. Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Joyce Muthoni, please.

Hon. Joyce Kamau: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support this good Motion. When you visit most estates especially in Eastlands, most roads are used for parking and not for transport purposes. My reservation is on the already constructed buildings, what will happen to them? Maybe we should come up

with laws for the County to provide enough parking spaces. We can even get knowledge from outside the country and construct big parking spaces like the ones we have in some buildings here in the CBD.

Hon. Speaker, as much as we want to have enough parking in buildings, you will find that in an apartment of 60 houses, half of the tenants have vehicles. Where will the landlord get enough space to accommodate all the vehicles? We should be considerate to those landlords that have already invested in this great County of Nairobi. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Lily Akoth.

Hon. Lily Kidenda: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to support this Motion and congratulate the youth of the Assembly for coming up with this Motion. It is assumed that this is a menace in the informal settlements and the Hon. Member who was before me even puts it in Eastlands. Hon. Members, this is a menace in Nairobi County as a whole. If you go to places like Kilimani or Kileleshwa, most homes were built in the 1960s. May be an acre of land was built and designated to hold a three bedroomed bungalow with only one bathroom. Today, if you walk in these areas, you will find high rise buildings that house over 300 people still using that same sewerage system water supply that was meant to be used then. This has caused these places to get water once or twice a week, overflowing sewer and an environment which is dangerous to all the residents. I would like to appeal to this House to understand that this is not only affecting a particular part of Nairobi but it is across Nairobi, except may be a few areas like Runda and Karen which may be enjoying such a luxury. This motion should be broadened to include the plague that we are dealing with in Nairobi.

Coming to the issue of parking, this Assembly needs to think through on how online taxis like Uber and Bolt should have specific parking areas for them to park in this City. Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader for highlighting that, as legislatures of this County our own vehicles are parked in the wrong places. We are comfortable with it and we are talking about other people. If we are going to make Nairobi work in this area, it is critical that we have parking for any vehicle or taxi bringing residents of Nairobi in to the town. I will give an example, if you request for Uber to bring you into the CBD, they will refuse. I have had an experience one time, I was going to Tom Mboya Street and the cab driver stopped and told me to get out quickly. When I asked him what was going on, he said that he is going to be arrested. And true to his words, a County askari came and got in and demanded for Kshs. 15,000. It was in the morning and the cab driver said that he did not have money. The County askari told him, “*wacha nikupeleke.*” Wherever he was being taken to, the driver was totally terrified.

When we are talking about parking or sanitation, let us handle them wholesale. Hon. Brian, congratulations. I would like this motion to be broadened and all these things be included and handled comprehensively. The saddest thing that happened that morning was that the County askari who got in to the car was not in uniform. There is so much that could be handled in this motion. I support.

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa Kimondo.

Hon. Francis Kimondo: Hon. Speaker, I rise in support of this motion. I would like to advise that we should have underground parking as they create a lot of parking space and this will help to stop parking on road reserves and pavements. This will also help in unblocking the streets especially early in the mornings and late in the evenings. I beg to support.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Diana.

Hon. Diana Mwangangi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. I will start by congratulating my brother, Hon Brian for this wonderful motion. A lot has been said but I want to say that the disorder in terms of the inadequate parking in this City has been to the disadvantage of pedestrians who at times walk alongside vehicles instead of the footpaths which have been taken by vehicles due to the inadequate parking.

I also want to appreciate the fact that the Minority Leader has confirmed that regulations are in place and as a matter of compliance and ensuring that this motion makes sense, we should ensure that the approvals have adequate parking and that the parking are commensurate to the number of units in a particular flat or apartment. I believe with that we will be at a good place. I beg to support the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Robert Alai

Hon. Robert Alai: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Mine is brief, I support this Motion and urge the House to see the need for Members to be allocated parking around this County Assembly because charity begins at home. We cannot be recommending that buildings in Nairobi have adequate parking for residents while the people who pass crucial laws and oversighting leadership of this County, creating budget to run this County, and representing the voices of the residents of this County do not have their own parking. They have to go for around 10 or 20 times pleading with buildings and other users to allow them to park.

Hon. Speaker, I think it is a high time we clearly marked "MCAs Only Parking" areas and gazette them as precincts of this Assembly as we wait for clear allocation of our parking. I support the Motion but I also want to remind the House that we need that to be passed in order to make the activities of this Assembly smoother. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Mheshimiwa Karani Themendu?

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for allowing me to contribute to the Motion brought by Hon. Brian. I congratulate him because he is a first timer and has brought a good Motion, and also having realized that we have a big parking problem in Nairobi.

Hon. Speaker, the issue of parking in Nairobi should be a concern to everyone, especially us as Members of the Assembly. Our parking was grabbed and we need to come with a Motion here to demand it back.

As I support the Motion, I echo the sentiments of the Minority Leader that we need to broaden some areas to make sure that parking is taken care of in the whole County. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Point of Order

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majiwa.

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Hon. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order No. 33 (3) (a) and (b) I think the business before the House seems to be sizeable and the remaining time might drift us to the time that is not allowable in law. I request that if we can adjourn and push the remaining business to the next sitting [Standing Order 34(1)]. I request Hon. Kidenda to second.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kidenda, please?

Hon. Lily Kidenda: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. In the view of the statement by my senior, Hon. Majiwa, I would like to second the Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members. Hon. Fiunifiu.

Hon. Kamau Fiunifiu: As much as I am supporting this Motion, allow me also to congratulate the youth president, Hon. Brian Itenya. I support you and I support your Motion, that is the way to go buddy.

Hon. Speaker, I support that this Assembly adjourns promptly. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, the silence in the Assembly is an indicator that the Members are in concurrence with the Motion as raised by Hon. Majiwa. Under Standing Order No. 35 on interrupted business, I direct that the mover of the Motion will at an appropriate time immediately after the House resumes, pick up the Motion and get it to the conclusion.

The Motion in question has attracted a lot of interest and it would be good to dispense it when the House is full. Hon. Brian, you have been accorded much respect as this Motion will be included in the business of the House when the Assembly resumes. You will reply then. Is that in order?

Hon. Brian Itenya: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Motion deferred)

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon. Speaker, THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 31 (3), this Assembly adjourns until Tuesday 18th July 2023 in accordance with the calendar of the County Assembly (Regular Sessions)

Hon. Speaker, I would like to tell Members that as we go for recess, they have bursaries for those who were elected. I believe it is a good time to reenergize so that on 18th July, we will be more energized and able to continue with our legislative, oversight and representation mandate.

As I conclude, I would like as we come back, I will question the procedure whether we are 'adjourning' or we are 'going for recess'. When you check in the dictionary, the word 'adjourn' and the word 'recess' have different meanings. I want to believe that we are going for recess, we are not adjourning. I promise to look at that when we come back. It is a challenge for Members to be looking at these things. I want to give a very good example, a friend of mine asked me the other day that our National Anthem has been translated in English to 'O God of all creation' to mean 'Ee Mungu Nguvu Yetu'. Hon. Speaker, when you look at the translation, it does not match. When we come back, I will look at this Standing Order and correct it for the County Assembly, if we find it fit. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: You are in order, Hon. Member.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, this Assembly adjourns as per the Assembly calendar to 18th July 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 4.04 p.m.