



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Third County Assembly – Fourth Session

Tuesday 11th February 2025

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: Clerk, kindly confirm whether we have quorum to transact the business of the day.

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

Hon. Members, we have the quorum to allow us to transact the business. I will be giving a communication, and in my communication, I want to notify the House that the House is live. So, just be informed.

Clerk, kindly proceed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

RESUMPTION FROM LONG RECESS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I have a communication I want to relay; this is in regards to resumption from long recess.

Hon Members, good afternoon once again. I take this opportunity to welcome you to this afternoon Sitting that marks the first Sitting as the Assembly resumes from the Long Recess. It is my belief that you had a fulfilling break and time with your families and constituents. There is no doubt that the recess provided an opportunity to all of us to reflect on your Constitutional calling as well as the individual and collective impact we made during the Third Session. It also provided

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the much needed opportunity to take stock of the shortcomings and challenges that have impacted negatively on our endeavour to deliver on our mandate.

(Loud consultation)

Hon. Deputy Speaker, please!

Hon. Members, the Communication from the Chair is normally very important for your engagement as leaders. We have information here to relay, so you should be very keen. There are several decisions which will be made, and then later on you will be questioning at what point in time such decisions were made and effected.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Hon Members, as we commence this Session, we may refresh ourselves on our broader core duties as a legislature which include of legislation, representation, oversight, budget making and policy approval. There is no doubt that in the last three Sessions, this Assembly has made some strides in fulfilling these duties. However, comparatively with the previous Assemblies, I would like to report that we have fallen short in keeping the graph going up as we have only considered and passed four Bills, apart from finance related Bills. For your information, during audit, Bills and Acts take prominence in evaluation of performance of a legislature and has an implication on justification for allocation of funds.

Nonetheless, Hon. Members, all is not gloom as we have been steadily picking up. Going by the report of the Office of the Clerk at the recent workshop of the Select Committee on Liaison, I can report that a good number of Bills and Legislative Proposals are at various stages of processing, thus in the coming two months, the Assembly will be called upon to consider them. I want to thank all Members who are actively engaged in originating pieces of legislation and I want to give assurance that my Office and that of the Clerk are committed to ensure that your ideas materialize into Bills. In addition, the Office of the Clerk is always open and ready to provide any support and advice needed to originate legislations.

PROCESSING OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Hon Members, Committee system is the engine that drives business in a legislature. The Plenary, being an exhibition and a platform for decision making, largely processes what Committees have originated. A preliminary report from the Liaison Committee shows that Assembly Committees, especially Sectoral Committees need to step up effort in exercising oversight and origination of pieces of legislations. Should Committees operate optimally, there should be high traffic of reports and Bills to be considered by the Plenary.

The foregoing report also indicate that there is a big number of pending business rolling over from the last Session including reports on Bills, Policies, Petitions and Statements. Notably, critical business that are still pending include policies such as Development Control, Land Use, Childhood Protection and Safeguarding, and Bills such as Water and Sewerage Services Bill,

Health Services Bill, Regularization Bill, Public Market Bill, Solid Waste Management Bill amongst others that are being processed. I call upon the Chairpersons of Committees to ensure that all pending business are processed presented to the Assembly for consideration. Similarly, the Clerk is hereby requested to expedite drafting services in order to have Bills published for consideration.

Hon Members, it has come to my attention that Committees are facing challenges in processing of some of the said business, especially Statements, which pile up from previous Sessions. I am alive to some of the challenges that include demanding responses on questions outside the specified Statements, delayed Responses from the respective Sectors, the Members requesting not appearing at meetings whenever CEC Members are invited and pursuit of personal interests through legislative business. I am alive to these challenges and through the Select Committee on Procedure and Rules, we will be proposing amendments to the Standing Orders to cure some of them in the long term. However, in the short term, the office of the Clerk and my office will be applying strict measures to ensure that Statements and Petitions comply to the threshold and procedures set out in Standing Orders and any other law when drafting, processing and approving.

FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FACING THE ASSEMBLY

Hon Members, as you are aware, you exercise a serious Constitutional responsibility that requires that you be provided with necessary resource and administrative support. To achieve this, the Constitution has put in place internal and external mechanisms including creation of bodies with varied mandates. In the case of this Assembly, the Service Board is required to ensure that you exercise your mandate effectively, efficiently and in the interest of your constituents. However, due to the established fiscal infrastructure of processing and access to funds, the Assembly has been facing serious hurdles. These impediments range from the County Executive failure to honour the Assembly's cash flow projections, delays in forwarding of Assembly's work plans to the Controller of Budget by the Executive, to disproportional access to funds at the County Revenue Fund. This has adversely affected the Board's ability to pay travel allowances, suppliers and contractors. As we speak, the pending bills due these items are mounting and has made it difficult to procure air tickets and conference facilities for Committee workshops. In addition, the Assembly is unable to purchase even basic items required to run offices. Further, was it not for the arrangement we have with the Cooperative Bank, we could be going for months without salaries.

However, Hon. Members, as Leadership, we are not sitting pretty. Through my office, we are seeking audience with all relevant stakeholders to surmount these challenges. In the long term, we are looking onto the Senate of Kenya to expedite a key piece of legislation that will give County Assemblies financial autonomy. This autonomy will give the Assembly ability to run and manage its own budget. In this regard, you are requested to understand the circumstances we are currently operating and to be patient as we pursue measures to address the challenges and subsequently get a way forward.

BROADCASTING OF PLENARY PROCEEDINGS

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Hon Members, Article 196 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 requires that the County Assembly conducts its business in an open manner and hold its Sittings and those of Committee in public. However, the Assembly has been facing challenges of lack of crucial equipment to optimally put in place mechanisms for enhanced publicity of its proceedings. Consequently, the Service Board has continuously been putting in place measures that have recently crystalized to have plenary proceedings go live on various platforms. In this regard, I am glad to report that all these plans have materialized and from today going into the future, the proceedings of the Plenary are live on various Assembly social media platforms. I have no doubt that this a remarkable step that will give you the much needed publicity as you articulate issues that concern your constituents. This will also serve to elevate the Assembly and debunk the prevalent notion that the proceedings of the Assembly are delinked from the real issues that affect the people of Nairobi. Accordingly, I encourage all Members to actively participate in debates on various business that pass through this Assembly as we look forward to making it robust enough to cover Committee proceedings.

As I conclude and commit this Session before the Almighty, I invite you to make personal commitment to deliver on individual and collective mandate for this is the basis on which we shall all be appraised by those who put us here. I pray that God gives you wisdom, knowledge, fortitude and determination during this Session as we consolidate our efforts towards achieving the Assembly's strategic goals. I have no doubt that in the remaining short period of two 2 years of our five-year term, we will not fail the people of Nairobi.

You so stand guided, Hon. Members.

PAPERS

Hon. Speaker: Majority Leader, you have difficult task, I don't know whether you will manage or you will have to delegate to your counterpart, but I hope at least you have got the synergy. Kindly proceed; I know it is quite a lot.

(Hon. Peter Imwatok spoke off the record)

Hon. Speaker: Hon Members, please! Hon Fiunifiu, please! All these documents before the Leader of Majority is for your consumption. I don't expect any Member to walk out of the plenary at this critical hour. Please, Hon Members take this House seriously.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, we thank God that we are alive and we are ready to move agenda of the City forward. On that note, I want to say as Chair of Loans and Mortgage Committee that we even don't have water in the plenary. I am seeking to convene an emergency committee on Loans so that we have water in the Assembly. Be assured that from tomorrow we will make sure that water is available in the County Assembly, as the Speaker's and the Deputy Speakers' offices take charge of the Executive to release funds to the Assembly.

I start by laying Papers, as humongous as they are, but I think they are all procedural.

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GENDER MAINSTREAMING POLICY

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Pursuant to Article to Article 185 (4) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2025 on Nairobi City County Gender Mainstreaming Policy.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: The said Paper is committed to the Committee on Early Childhood Education for consideration.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, the second Paper to be laid. Pursuant to Article 229

...

Hon. Speaker: Excuse me, is it supposed to go to Labour Committee?

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Which one?

Hon. Speaker: The first one that you have just laid.

(Hon. Peter Imwatok spoke off the record)

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON MBAGATHI COUNTY
REFERRAL HOSPITAL FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The report of the Auditor General on Mbagathi County Referral Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2022.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Kindly understand which Committee because I have indicated each of them in that front page.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Committee on Public Accounts.

Hon. Speaker: Okay, thank you. The Paper laid is committed to Public Accounts Committee for consideration.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

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The Report of the Auditor General on Mbagathi County Referral Hospital for the Year 30th June 2023.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Yes. Kindly, the Papers laid are committed to your Committee for consideration.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON MUTUINI, DAGORETTI
LEVEL IV HOSPITAL FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The report of Auditor General on Mutuini, Dagoretti Level IV Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2022.

Also, the same is committed to the Public Accounts Committee, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: PAC.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

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REFERRAL HOSPITAL FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

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The Auditor General Report on Mbagathi County Referral Hospital for the year 30th June 2024.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The Paper laid committed to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON MUTUINI, DAGORETTI
LEVEL IV HOSPITAL FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

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The Report of the Auditor General on Mutuini, Dagoreti Level IV Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2023.

Still to the Committee of Public Accounts.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: I commit the same to the Committee of Public Accounts for consideration.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON MUTUINI, DAGORETTI
LEVEL IV HOSPITAL FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Report of the Auditor General on Mutuini, Dagoreti Level IV Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2024.

Still to the Committee of Public Accounts.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: The Paper laid has been committed to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON MAMA LUCY KIBAKI
LEVEL V HOSPITAL FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Auditor General's Report on Mama Lucy Kibaki Level V Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2023.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Committed to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON MAMA LUCY KIBAKI
LEVEL V HOSPITAL FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Auditor General's Report on Mama Lucy Kibaki Level V Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2022.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Committed to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON NAIROBI COUNTY ALCOHOL DRINKS
AND LICENCING BOARD FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Report of Auditor General on Nairobi County Alcohol Drinks and Licencing Board for the year ended 30th June 2024.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Committed to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON NAIROBI COUNTY ASSEMBLY CAR LOAN
AND MORTGAGE SCHEME FUND FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Report of Auditor General on Nairobi City County Assembly Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June 2024.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Committed to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON NAIROBI COUNTY
EXECUTIVE FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Auditor General's Report on the Nairobi City County Executive for the year ended 30th June 2024.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Committed to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON NAIROBI WATER AND
SEWERAGE COMPANY LTD FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Report of Auditor General Nairobi City Water and Sewage Company Limited for the year ended 30th June 2024.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Committed to the Public Investment Committee for consideration.

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR SECOND QUARTER OF FY 2024/2025

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Pursuant to Section 166 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025

The Nairobi City County Financial Statements for the Second Quarter of the financial year 2024/2025.

To the Committee on Budget... Hon. Speaker bring it back kindly, I am seeing the Chairmen and Committee Members are surprised.... *(Inaudible)*

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON RECEIVER OF
REVENUE- REVENUE STATEMENTS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OF NAIROBI CITY FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The report of Auditor General on Receiver of Revenue- Revenue Statements for the County Government of Nairobi City for the year ended 30th June 2024.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: The Paper laid is committed to Public Accounts Committee for consideration.

NAIROBI COUNTY REVENUE EXPENDITURES REPORT
FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Hon. Peter Imwatok: I want Budget Committee to be very active the same way they are active in Budget making.

Pursuant to Section 166 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Nairobi County Revenue Expenditures Report for the period ended 31st December 2024.

To Budget Committee. They don't lack quorum...

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Papers laid committed to Budget Committee for consideration.

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY REVENUE FUND REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2ND QUARTER OF FY 2024/2025

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Pursuant to Section 166 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Nairobi City County Revenue Fund Report and Financial Statements for 2nd Quarter of FY 2024/2025.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Committed to the Committee of Budget and Appropriations for consideration.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON PUMWANI MATERNITY
HOSPITAL FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Report of Auditor General on Pumwani Maternity Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2023.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: The same has been committed to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON PUMWANI MATERNITY
HOSPITAL FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Report of Auditor General on Pumwani Maternity Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2022.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: The same has been committed to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration. The Chair of Liaison Committee, understand why the Public Accounts Committee should get a junk of share of the allocation. I think, Hon. Members, it is only fair if this Committee could be going to consider these reports every weekend.

(Applause)

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon Chair, provided they have a quorum, our office will look at it. The Committee of Rules and Procedure is going to look on all attendance of this Committee. Since Hon. Oyugi left this Committee, I am reliably informed that it is only the UDA side that attends sittings. Sorry, I correct it is only Azimio side that attends this Committee. I am reliably informed there is an issue of quorum.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, as the leader of Government Business, this Assembly takes your word seriously and your words are going down on Hansard. I hope what you are communicating is very accurate.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Extremely, because the Minority Whip is present.

(A Hon. Member Spoke off the record)

Are you challenging the president who can collect the signatures tomorrow?

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader you have accused the Chair.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker...

Hon. Speaker: The Hon. Majority Leader is protected; he is the custodian of Committees. Hon. Chege Mwaura, don't forget that he is sitting next to the Chairman of Liaison Committee in charge of all the Committees and operations.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: My senior, he understands. Thank you Chair.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON MAKADARA LEVEL IV
HOSPITAL FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Report of Auditor General on Makadara Level IV Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2024.

And my Whips who are contemplating as I read...

Hon. Speaker: Hon Member, don't engage your fellow Member without passing through the Chair. As a senior Member of this Assembly, you are misleading the Member for Nairobi West. Please, don't mislead the Hon. Member. Proceed.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, I don't. Maybe the Chair for Health can help us on this. Do we have Makadara Level IV?

Hon. Maurice Onyango: Yes, we have.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON MAKADARA LEVEL IV
HOSPITAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Report of Auditor General on Makadara Level IV Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2023.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: The Same committed to PAC Committee for consideration.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON MAKADARA LEVEL IV
HOSPITAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Report of Auditor General on Makadara Level IV Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2022.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: Committed to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration.

REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL ON PUMWANI MATERNITY
HOSPITAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Pursuant to Article to Article 229 (7) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Tuesday 11th February 2025:

The Report of Auditor General on Pumwani Maternity Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2024.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Speaker: The Paper laid committed to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration. Clerk, Proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION

RENAMING CITY MORTUARY AS NAIROBI CITY COUNTY FUNERAL HOME

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Davidson? Kindly long press. Technical person to help.

Hon. Davidson Ngibuini: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to give Notice of the following Motion:

THAT, whereas Article 186 and the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 assigns the responsibility for health services including funeral homes and mortuaries to the county

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governments, thereby empowering the counties to regulate and oversee the management and operations of such facilities within the county;

AND WHEREAS Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees every person the right to the highest attainable standard of health which encompasses a dignified and respectful handling of the deceased and adequate facilities for the bereavement process;

RECOGNIZING THAT the facility currently known as City Mortuary has served the residents of Nairobi for decades as the primary public mortuary but has been historically associated with unfortunate instances of mismanagement including loss of bodies, poor record keeping, inadequate facilities and other service delivery issues that have negatively affected its reputation among the residents of Nairobi City County;

NOTING THAT the Nairobi City Government has made considerable steps to improve the standards of the facility addressing past challenges in its operations including enhancing record keeping practices, upgrading infrastructure and setting up better management practices to ensure efficient, dignified and reliable services for the bereaved and their families;

AWARE THAT a name change to Nairobi City County Funeral Home would reflect the reformed identity and improved standards of the facility and align it with the current national standards in the management of public mortuaries thus helping to restore public trust and demonstrate a commitment to dignified service delivery'

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly resolves;

1. To rename City Mortuary as the Nairobi City County Funeral Home to signify a new era of improved standards, management and public trust in the facilities operations; and
2. That the Nairobi City County Executive to take all necessary steps for name change including updating all legal, administrative and public records and ensuring wide spread communication to the public about the renaming and rebranding.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. DNG. Clerk!

STATEMENT

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING ACCRUED DEBT OWED TO LAPFUND BY THE COUNTY

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Oyugi.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to Standing Order 47 (2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations regarding the accrued debt owed to Lapfund by the County Government of Nairobi and the pending remissions deducted from salaries.

Hon. Speaker, there has been concern of the County Government failing to remit pension in time, which as a result, has led to cumulative pending bills, attracting interest consequently

hindering many retired public servants from accessing their pension and the accrued interest in time.

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

- i. Status and arears owned to Lapfund by the County Government of Nairobi as of January 2025;
- ii. Number of the Lapfund Members and the remission expected on a monthly basis against the actual received amount from the year 2023;
- iii. The investment ventures executed by Lapfund using Member's pension, and the viability of such investments;
- iv. What regulatory measures have been put in place to ensure that Pensioners funds are used prudently and the management of the earned interest if any; and
- v. Submission of financial statements detailing the submitted remissions by the County from 2013 to 2024.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Oyugi. The request for Statement by Hon. Oyugi on debt has now been filed to the Chair of Budget committee. Chairman, kindly give an undertaking.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Give us three weeks.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, are you okay with three weeks?

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Mr. Speaker, three weeks is a long time. We have already set a tradition of two weeks, so why is he not abiding by that? I simply do not agree with three weeks unless I am convinced that it should be three weeks.

Hon. Speaker: Kindly convince the Member.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Hon. Speaker, let me first thank the Almighty that all Members are back and in sound mind. We do not work on traditions but on the weight of the matter, and we may have to invite guests from outside. So, three weeks is enough. I would have requested for one month, but three weeks is fine.

Hon. Speaker: You stand guided, Hon. Oyugi.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Oyugi! The Chair is comfortable with three weeks and so we will go by that.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: The Chair might be comfortable ---

Hon. Speaker: Please!

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Are we safe?

Hon. Speaker: We are safe

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Mr. Speaker, since we are dealing with...(inaudible)... I do not want to ...(inaudible)... let me just agree. I am okay with the three weeks.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ASSEMBLY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Leader of Majority, please.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, for the new session to begin, tradition dictates that we institute a new order through the House Business Committee. With all indulgence, allow me to read the proposal affirmed by the two respective Whips from both sides of the divide of the Members who are going to serve us on this particular session as the House Business Committee, which will be bestowed upon the responsibility of making sure that this House agenda is run in accordance to the preference and vision of the County.

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders 167 (1) (g), this Assembly approves the appointment of the following Members to the Select Committee on Assembly Business in addition to those specified under paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f): -

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| 1. Hon. Elijah Stazo Omung'ala, MCA | – | Deputy Majority Whip |
| 2. Hon. Malyun Abdi Ali, MCA | – | First Panel Member |
| 3. Hon. Antony Kimemia Gathumbi, MCA | – | Second Panel Member |
| 4. Hon. Doreen Mugambi, MCA | – | Third Panel Member |
| 5. Hon. Diana Katile Mwangangi, MCA | – | Fourth Panel Member |
| 6. Hon. Wilfred Oluoch Odalo, MCA | | |
| 7. Hon. Nicholas Juma Okwacho, MCA | | |
| 8. Hon. Abass Ibrahim Khalif, MCA | | |
| 9. Hon. Rose Masitsa Shitote, MCA | | |
| 10. Hon. Emily Oduor, MCA | | |
| 11. Hon. Moses Mutinda Kitema, MCA | | |
| 12. Hon. Chege Mwaura, MCA | | |
| 13. Hon. Dr. Clement Ng'ang'a Kamaru, MCA | | |
| 14. Hon. Hashim Athman Kamau, MCA | | |
| 15. Hon. Sospeter Mumbi, MCA | | |
| 16. Hon. Kame Adano Omuro, MCA | | |
| 17. Hon. Martin Mbugua, MCA | | |

Hon. Speaker, as I ask my Minority Whip to second, I think the wisdom of the Whips and the coalition parties have decided to retain the entire list, but we have an understanding with them that for continuity of the Assembly and for purposes of learning traditions and precedence, this particular Committee in the next Session might exercise some changes so that we bring in new blood to be able to learn the traditions of the House.

Hon. Speaker, I beg the Minority Whip to second.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Hon. Speaker, I stand to second the names that have been mentioned by the Honorable leader for the Assembly House Business Committee. I also wish to mention that we try to be serious on this new Assembly Calendar year and especially on matters of plenary attendance. Let us all try to avail ourselves. Last sessions, we adjourned many of them due to lack of quorum. We agreed that each and every Chairperson should always try and avail

themselves because most Statements are directed to relevant committees. It does not come out well when a Member raises a Statement and the chairperson nor the vice is present. I am not also saying that Members of the committees should not attend sessions.

Finally, for the committee's, chairpersons, be strict and share names of Members who do not attend committee sittings because we have so many Members willing to take up those committees. If it is an issue with the committee leadership, then the Majority Leader will guide us. With these few remarks, I beg to second. Thank you

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, my screen is clear, an indication that there is no Member who would wish to contribute to the said Motion. For that reason, I call upon the mover of the Motion to reply

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, as I stand to reply, I wish to say that it is a good sign that these Members did a good job last time and we give them one more time to see how far the Assembly will go based on the communication by the Speaker, especially on the creation of Bills, Statements and Motions. Hon. Speaker, I applaud the House, and I beg to reply

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, the Assembly stands adjourned to tomorrow, Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 2:30 p.m. I direct the sitting of the House Business Committee at the rise of the Assembly. Have a wonderful evening.

The House rose at 3:45 p.m.