



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Third County Assembly – Fourth Session

SPECIAL SITTING

Thursday 23rd January 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.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Members, Order! Order Members! Hon. Matara, please be seated. Hon. Members I hope each one of you has a copy of the Finance Bill.

Hon. Members...I direct that after tabling the Bill, then it should actually be in circulation. Yes, but I must remind you that we are going to remain here for the longest time because we have Committee of the Whole Assembly.

You have serious business before you and I don't expect anyone to be in haste to leave the plenary. For those Members who are calling out the Mover to reply, I don't know what he is supposed to reply. Please, Hon. Members, this is a serious Bill before the Assembly, so it needs a lot of attention.

Clerk, proceed.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

REDUCTION OF PUBLICATION PERIOD OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY I APPROPRIATION BILL, 2025

Hon. Speaker: The Chairperson? Order Number 8.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. The mood of the House is okay.

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 131, this Assembly resolves to reduce the publication period of the Nairobi City County Supplementary I Appropriation Bill, 2025 (Assembly Bill No. 1 of 2025) from seven days to one day

Hon. Members, following the urgency of this issue and the mood of the House, we are actually requesting that we reduce it to one day instead of seven days.

I request Hon. Kiragu to second.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon. Speaker, I second the proposal and the Motion by the Chairman of Budget Committee.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, my screen is clear, an indication that no Member has made a request to contribute. I direct the mover of the Motion to reply.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. From the look of the House and now from all sides of the political divide the House is full. Let me just beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILL

First Reading

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY I APPROPRIATION BILL, 2025

(Order for First Reading read accordingly)

Second Reading

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY I APPROPRIATION BILL, 2025

(ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1 OF 2025)

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, Speaker. As the Chairman of the Board, kindly do something about our mics, as Nairobi City is the headquarters.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move:

THAT, the Nairobi City County Supplementary I Appropriation Bill, 2025 be read a Second Time.

Mr. Speaker, in the Morning sitting, the County Assembly adopted the 24th Report of the Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee on consideration of the Supplementary I Estimates for the Nairobi City County Government and the County Assembly for the financial year 2024/2025.

In the submitted Supplementary I Budget Estimates report, the County Assembly had granted the authority for the construction of selected roads that cover all the wards in the County, payment of various cadre of the pending bills including those to Wards.

Hon. Speaker, kindly protect me from my incoming Member of Parliament. Thank you. Others are payment of the statutory reduction, supply of Oxygen, tackling disasters and continuity of the school feeding programme, settling of medical insurance, and payment of WDF projects among others.

Hon. Speaker, Members of this Assembly should also know that next week, the government of the day will be paying the Ward Based Development Fund, so kindly liaise with the leaders for the same and the chair of WDF.

Hon. Speaker, I urge Members to support this Bill and give the County the leeway to utilize the fund for the stipulated priorities and the lines of the expenditures outlined herein for the financial year 2024/2025. Hon. Speaker, I beg to call Hon. Joyce to second.

Hon. Joyce Kamau: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chair.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, the screen is clear, which gives me the authority to call out the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Member you wanted to contribute? Kindly proceed, Hon. Majority Leader, please.

No, you can take your seat Hon.---

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, I do not know why the Chair of Budget Committee is reading our mood. He has changed from a doctor to a mood reader; I do not know when Hon. Odalo became a mood reader. You do not need to read our mood when we are in the assembly; you just need to make us understand what you are presenting before us.

Hon. Speaker, it is very important for us to put our mind into this particular Bill. I speak as the government and just as the Chair has said, I want to appreciate all the 23 chairpersons of the different sectors and their vice-chairs; I did not have the opportunity to do so. The Chairs must at all times work together with the Chief Officers. I am grateful in our last meeting with all the Chairs we agreed that in a few days to come we will have a collaborative meeting between the Chairs, vice-chairs and the Chief Officers so that we can have a harmonious way of working between the two arms of the government.

The Hon. Chairs who were present at the Windsor Hotel, I was there in person as the Chair of the Selection Committee, I appreciate you. If it was not for your collective responsibility across the county assembly and you did us proud by making sure that this document is brought before this House within a span of one week.

Hon. Speaker, secondly, I must applaud the staff led by Erick, the Clerk for the Budget Committee; that young man can really work. I remember yesterday I was called past midnight and the young man was still on his laptop making sure that this work is completed. We must appreciate the great advice from a lady by the name Asha Abdi and Mr. Kerich, he is one guy who cannot refuse pick your call, whether he hates you or not, that is an epitome of professionalism.

More importantly Hon. Members, I know we are on recess but we are here for the good of Nairobians. I implore the Executive to look into the magnanimity upon which this assembly is

handling the agenda of the government. To all the Azimio coalition Government, I want to appreciate you. It is now two years and a half and we have done our part, when history will be written of Governor Arthur Johnson Sakaja's Administration and a question is asked as to which part you did play, I will say that I played my part as the Leader of Government Business.

(Applause)

A friend of mine who is my vice-chair for the Orange Democratic Party (ODM) Hon. Ochieng Jera is telling me that if anybody want a book of the next AU Chairman the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga kindly see him. Our Speaker has appended his signature this afternoon. History is being made and as a broad based government I expect Azimio la Umoja and the entire Kenya Kwanza Alliance to show that magnanimity and buy this book that expounds on the man who has brought us into the Kenya Kwanza coalition.

I also want to appreciate the Leader of Minority and the whip who is always on TikTok but very sober. The whip of the Kenya Kwanza alliance turns to TikTok when his side is quiet. He will share with you what he is looking which must be something very enticing. Thank you whip, you are a doing a good job and we appreciate you.

The Leader of Minority, Chair PAC and all the chairs on the other side, let us work together. Before we get back from recess, Hon. Speaker, I implore your office that we have a joint meeting. We have never sat together since we joined the broad based government. I request you, Hon. Speaker, that we have a meeting before we come back to discuss how this assembly will move forward for the remaining two years.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, I can see Hon. DNG celebrating because his markets, his fields are being constructed; let us make things work *si ni ukweli?* I want to tell the Executive that they have done us good.

Hon. Speaker I want to implore you to call the entire assembly at night and request that we turn up to show that Nairobi can work. I want to request all Hon. Members that this coming Sunday, let us join the Executive in making the city clean. We can as it is not a prerogative of the Executive alone.

(Applause)

Executive should bring down all the billboards that have been erected on our roads, we need our city and we are not going to be pleasing people while the city is going down to the dogs. I request the Leader of Minority to mobilize your Members; personally, I will lead my side on Sunday at 8 p.m. For those who know the beauty of the city join us next Sunday with the Governor to make sure that we clean the city.

With those few remarks, Hon. Speaker, I know you will lead us in that and we will have a clean city. Thank you Chair for Budget and the entire Budget Committee; you have done us proud for the last three years. God bless you, thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Leader please.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon. Speaker, the Majority leader has said everything I wanted to say, I do not know how he did that. I beg that we move forward.

Hon. Speaker: Allow me to call the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Hon. Speaker, before I reply, there is a concern by a Member on the Ward Development Fund where the amount is indicated Kshs. 90 million. I wish that the Member could refer to page 6, in that what he saw on the other side is recurrent and Ward Development Fund is at 2.155 and not 9. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

As I reply, let me take this opportunity to thank the secretariat one Wilfred Manyi, Erick, Alphonse and the team for the good job they have done. Two, the Budget committee is the best, I am also the longest serving chair in this House, and this has been the best team to lead. I have been the chairman of PAC and history repeats itself as one |Anthony Kiragu impeached me seven times but the Leader of Majority has today said that we should have no more impeachments. Members, we are happy and thankful for the support. I beg to reply.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY

Hon. Speaker: Members, I expect you to be up standing. We now revert to the Committee of the Whole Assembly.

(Order for Committee read)

(Hon. Speaker left the Chair)

IN THE COMMITTEE

[Hon. Chairperson (Hon. Paul Kados) took the Chair]

THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1 OF 2025

Hon. Chairperson: Hon. Members, we are now in the Committee of the Whole Assembly to consider the Nairobi City County Supplementary I Appropriations Bill, 2025 (Assembly Bill No. 1 of 2025). We shall start with Clause 2.

Clause 2

(Question that Clause 2 be part of the Bill)

Hon. Chairperson: Any debate?

(Question put and agreed to)

(Question put and agreed to)

Clause 3

(Question that Clause 3 be part of the Bill)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Schedule

(Question that the Schedule be part of the Bill)

Hon. Chairperson: Any debate?

(Question put and agreed to)

The Title

(Question that the title be part of the Bill, proposed)

Hon. Chairperson: No debate?

(Question put and agreed to)

Clause 1

(Question that clause 1 be part of the Bill, proposed)

Hon. Chairperson: Any debate?

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Chairperson: Mover

Hon. Wilfred Odallo: Hon. Chairperson, I beg to move that the committee do report to the assembly its considerations on the Nairobi City County Supplementary 1, Appropriation Bill 2025 (Assembly Bill No. 1 of 2025) and its approval there off without amendments.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed)

(The House resumed)

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

REPORT AND THIRD READING

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

Hon. Chairperson: Thank you Hon. Speaker I beg to report that the whole House has considered the Nairobi City County Supplementary 1, Appropriation Bill 2025 (Assembly Bill No. 1 of 2025) and approved the same without amendments.

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

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed)

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: I beg to move the Nairobi City County Supplementary 1, Appropriation Bill 1 of 2025 (Assembly Bill No. 1 of 2025) now be read for the Third Time

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed)

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

Hon. Speaker: Hon Members before we adjourn the Assembly, do you have an issue? Okay please!

Hon. Anthony Kiragu. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their participation and also to bring to your attention that in this Assembly we are privileged that you got a commitment from His Excellency the President that he will visit this House on the 5th of February, Wednesday in the afternoon.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker, we got a commitment from His Excellency the President that he is going to visit this Assembly on the 5th of February... on the 11th of Feb 2025. Hon. Speaker I would like to say that this is a great opportunity for this House and it is the biggest county Assembly in the country and the second biggest in the country. I would like to get some heads-up from you and to prepare ourselves for that great day because this is the first time that any sitting President has visited any county Assembly in the county. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Minority Leader in regards to your concern on the state of the county address by the Head of State, President Dr William Ruto.

As the speaker I was privileged to share podium with the President at the church and subsequently at the State House and I made a request that he may have to officiate and officially open our assembly. I think I was honoured by the response of the President because it was immediate and instant that he confirmed that indeed he will create time and come to Nairobi County Assembly on 5th to grace the occasion and find an opportunity to address or to make county state address. Nairobi being the capital city is indeed the mirror of our great country Kenya. So we

will be privileged. I am yet to confirm with the President so I may call for a special sitting again on 5th if that should be the case; so we will communicate in due course.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: That marks the conclusion of business of today. The Assembly stands adjourned and as you adjourn the chair of Budget has whispered that Members should get in touch with the whips. Thank you Hon. Members, the assembly stands adjourned to a later date to be communicated.

House adjourned at 16:23 p.m.