



**NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Third County Assembly – Fourth Session**

**SPECIAL SITTING**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025**

The House met at 9.30 a.m.

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

**PRAYER**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, you may be seated. Clerk, proceed

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**CONVENING OF THE SPECIAL SITTING**

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Order, Hon. Members! I am glad that you are in your good moods because I can hear from all the corners of the Assembly it is all about laughter. That is a good gesture and spirit.

Hon. Members, I have a communication to relay before the Assembly. If you may allow me, I take this opportunity to welcome you all to today's Special Sitting which has been convened at a time when the Assembly is on the Long Recess. May I sincerely thank you for honoring the invitation despite the short notice. This is a demonstration of leadership and commitment to your constitutional calling to serve the people of Nairobi City County. Indeed, it calls for selflessness on the part of leaders when challenges and unforeseen circumstances threaten to disrupt the smooth operations of an organization. Therefore, I have no doubt that by honoring this invitation, you have demonstrated your commitment to the wellbeing of the County and you have risen to the occasion to address what would be a potential hiccup in implementation of County's plans.

Hon. Members, pursuant to Standing Order No. 32, I received a letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 from the Leader of the Majority Party requesting that I convene a Special Sitting, today, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025 commencing at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. for the morning and the afternoon Sittings respectively.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 32 (3) provides that, and I quote:

*“The Speaker shall, by notice in the Kenya Gazette or County Gazette, notify the Members of the place, date and time appointed for the Special Sitting of the County Assembly”*

Accordingly, having reviewed the business proposed in the request and determined its urgency, I acceded to the said request and convened the Sittings. Consequently, today’s Special Sittings were published in the Kenya Gazette dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 under the Gazette Notice No. 554.

Hon. Members, Standing Order No. 32 (4) provides that, and I quote:

*“Whenever the County Assembly meets for a special sitting, the Speaker shall specify the business to be transacted on the day or days appointed and the business so specified shall be the only business before the County Assembly during the special sitting, following which the County Assembly shall stand adjourned until the day appointed in the County Assembly calendar.”*

Accordingly, Hon. Members, the Assembly will today confine itself to the following business as specified in the aforementioned Gazette Notice:

- i) Tabling and consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations on Supplementary (I) Budget Estimates for the financial year 2024/25; and
- ii) Consideration of the Nairobi City County Supplementary (I) Appropriations Bill, 2025

To be specific, Hon. Members, during this morning Sitting, the Assembly shall consider the Committee’s Report on Supplementary (I) Budget estimates for the financial year 2024/2025. Subsequently, during the afternoon Sitting, the Assembly shall consider the Nairobi City County Supplementary (I) Appropriations Bill, 2025.

Hon. Members, in view of the foregoing, today’s Special Sittings are properly convened, and I invite you to participate in the proceedings with decorum knowing that any adjustments proposed by the Committee in its report have keenly been thought through in a manner to re-align the County’s initial priorities to fiscal realities as the financial year progresses.

Hon. Members, as I conclude, may I thank all the Sectoral Committees under the leadership of the respective Chairpersons for examining the Estimates as proposed by the Executive. Much appreciation also goes to the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations under the leadership of its Chairperson for delivering on this important exercise that will facilitate business continuity in the County.

I thank you all, Hon. Members.

(Applause)

## PAPER

### REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY I BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR NAIROBI COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR FY 2024/2025

**Hon. Speaker:** The Chairperson?

**Hon. Wilfred Odalo:** Happy new year, Hon. Members. It has been a long time but we thank God that we are here.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 196, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025:

The report of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the Consideration of the Supplementary I Budget Estimates for the Nairobi City County Government and the County Assembly for the financial year 2024/2025.

## NOTICE OF MOTION

### ADOPTION OF REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY I BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR NAIROBI COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR FY 2024/2025

**Hon. Wilfred Odalo:** Today I will be much on the mic but for the good of the Nairobi County Government. I can see Hon. Muvu is nodding. Thank you

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

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the Consideration of the Supplementary I Budget Estimates for the Nairobi County Government and County Assembly for the financial year 2024/2025, laid on the Table of this Assembly, today, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.

## MOTION

### ADOPTION OF REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY I BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR NAIROBI COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR FY 2024/2025

**Hon. Wilfred Odalo:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Kindly protect me from the Hon. Majority Leader.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Majority Leader, as a senior Member of this Legislative Assembly...

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** The Chairman is telling Members that he is going to read the statement of the Motion for one hour!

**Hon. Wilfred Odalo:** Hon. Speaker, I am being factual.

**Hon. Speaker:** You need to disregard any information which is not directed to the Chair.

**Hon. Wilfred Odalo:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the Consideration of the Supplementary I Budget Estimates for the Nairobi County Government and County Assembly for the financial year 2024/2025.

I hope, Hon. Members you have the report.

*(Loud consultations)*

Kindly the report is there. Can I proceed or we wait?

**Hon. Members:** Proceed!

**Hon. Wilfred Odalo:** Thank you for believing in the Chair.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members you are in agreement that the Chair proceeds?

**Hon. Members:** Yes!

**Hon. Speaker:** Is that the feeling of the Assembly?

**Hon. Members:** Yes!

**Hon. Speaker:** Okay.

**Hon. Wilfred Odalo:** Hon. Recky can I proceed?

**Hon. Redson Onyango:** Yes!

**Hon. Wilfred Odalo:** Thank you, Sir.

Hon Speaker, during the last General Election the residents of Nairobi were given the choice to elect the leadership of the Third County Government and the current regime was most appealing on the promise of restoring Nairobi to be a City of Order, a city of Dignity and a City of Hope and Opportunities for all, with this administration laying emphasis on economic growth, poverty reduction, income generation, employment creation, improved service delivery and business development as the drivers of its development agenda.

The Third County Government drawn from both the County Executive and County Assembly therefore must collaborate and keep their eyes on the mark if they are to realize the promises made to the electorates by the end of their tenure.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee has considered the revised budget estimates for the FY 2024-25 bearing in mind the aspirations of the current administration and has tried to allocate the scarce resources to core priorities in County with competing and unending needs.

The Committee took cognizant of the past resolutions by this Honorable House that Supplementary estimates are not new budgets but rather budgets already under implementation and shall not be avenues for introducing new programs midway the financial year.

#### **Summary of Committee Recommendations and Justification**

This is a key part, Hon. Members. The Committee realized that the bursary allocation was removed from the submitted proposal by the Executive. The Committee in its own view reversed the decision and returned the bursary allocation for the Members.

*(Applause)*

Members, there is a circular at the Controller of Budget, but the circular is not law, so it is not binding on us to pass the Supplementary. So, the bursary for the Assembly side has been reversed in totality.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Speaker, the Budget Committee considered the Revised Budget Estimates and is satisfied to a larger degree that most of the reallocations were geared towards achieving the dreams of the current regime. The Committee nevertheless shall be proposing amendments in areas where it was convinced needed adjustments due to the limited available resources in our cash flow.

Hon. Speaker, the architects of the Constitution desired that devolution would decentralize power and resources to the smallest unit of governance in a bid to achieve equity and service delivery at the grassroots. During the consideration of the annual estimates the Committee ensured that each ward was allocated Kshs. 23 million as well as an additional allocation of Kshs.200 million for WDF roll over projects in a bid to settle the pending bills. Hon. Members, it is good also to note that the Governor gave direction that all the projects be advertised and be in line with what the Members submitted yesterday.

Hon. Speaker, on the outlook of the Nairobi to be clean, the Committee added additional of Kshs. 400 million for solid waste management.

Hon Speaker, to settle the pending bills of the Nairobi City County Executive, the Committee has added Kshs. 1.7 billion to the Finance and Economic Affairs sector for settlement of various categories of development pending bills.

Hon. Speaker, the committee gave the County Assembly Kshs. 259 million to cater for the foreign, local and their dues. So, it is upon you as the Chair to make sure that the Members get their monies before they travel because the money is now there.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Speaker, the Committee allocated an additional of Kshs. 50 million for drilling various boreholes in various wards.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee added Kshs. 40 million to the Health Department for health related issues.

Hon. Speaker, to keep Nairobi clean, the Committee allocated an addition of Kshs. 100 million for the various projects under Built Environment and Development Sector.

Hon. Speaker, Other key areas allocated more funds include Ksh. 50million recurrent allocation for Trade Sub Sector under Business and Hustlers Opportunities geared toward development of policies and data collection for UBP which diligently undertaken may boost own source revenue, and Kshs. 50million for the Office of the County Attorney.

Based on the above, Hon. Speaker, having reviewed the Supplementary I Budget Estimates for the FY 2024-25, the Committee recommends that; the policy recommendations contained in the tabled report be approved.

But before that, Hon. Speaker, there was an issue of the roads which were removed. I can categorically say that the roads are there. If you allow me, I can read the wards so that it will be on record. Can I do that? The Majority Leader seems to be not of the same opinion.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As part of Kshs. 1 billion allocated for Mobility and Works i.e. Kshs. 510 million for road maintenance materials and Kshs. 490 million for routine maintenance and construction of selected roads, the following roads projects be prioritized in the financial year 2024-2025 for the construction and rehabilitation. Some of these roads are at the tender level. The roads are:

- Forest View Road in Mugumoini Ward
- Sango-Nabuto Road in Umoja II Ward
- Kago Road in Kahawa West Ward
- Nyaura Road up to Corner Market in Kayole Ward
- Cosmas Ndeti, Tecla Lorupe Road in Imara Daima Ward
- Sakaja Road in Mowlem Ward
- Uzima Road in Pipeline Ward
- Laini Bypass Road in Laini Saba Ward
- Undugu Highrise Road in Highrise Ward
- Church Road in Utawala Ward
- Maumau Road in Malngo Kubwa Ward
- Maumau Road in Mabatini Ward
- Wairimu Road in Waithaka Ward
- Rafuok-Obama Road in Njiru Ward
- Police Line Phase III, Catholic Deliverance Road in Mwiki Ward
- Primrose Road in Kayole South Ward
- Mahindi Road in Kware Ward
- Bypass Link Road in Mihang'o Ward
- Minto Arbedares Road in Clay City Ward
- Gikomba Access Road in Pumwani Ward
- Chieko Road in Kasarani Ward
- Mugumoini-Keroka Road in Clay City Ward
- Road to Ela in Mutui-ni Ward
- Queensway Jada Road in Komarock Ward
- Salim Road in Gatina Ward
- Spine Road in Kayole Ward
- K-Mall Road in Komarock Ward
- ACK MoFarm Road in Utawala Ward
- China Avenue, Wood Avenue Road in Kilimani Ward
- Mashimoni Road in Lindi Ward
- Karuga Road in Riruta Ward
- Lucky Summer-Mwalimu Plaza Road in Lucky Summer Ward

- Kiwanja Road in Roysambu Ward
- Donholm Greenspan Road in Upper Savannah
- Bypass-Kamiti Road in Roysambu Ward
- Access Road to AIPCA Church in Korogocho Ward
- Canaan Church Maji ya Pili Road
- Access Road to Kahawa West Catholic Church Road in Kahawa West Ward
- Freedom Junior School, Jose Maria Academic Innercore Road in Umoja Ward
- Kwa Ndege Link Road in Embakasi Ward
- Kioo Road in Kayole South Ward
- Power Line-Charity Road in Dadora IV Ward
- Kosovo Road
- Reckisha Road in Ngei Ward
- Kibichoi Road
- Kikuyu Close-Ngando Road in Ngando Ward
- ICIPE Road in Kasarani Ward
- Kamutiini Road in Kasarani Ward
- Lamu Road in Pumwani Ward
- Githima Road in Uthiru Ward
- Majimbo Road

If you go to No. 17 of the report, we have the following allocations to be provided for under Business and Hustlers Opportunities: -

- Lucky Summer Market, Kshs.30 million
- Shauri Moyo Market, Kshs.10 million
- Branding of County markets, Kshs.20 million

Hon. Members, since today we are here for a long time, I do not want to bore you. I request senior Member, the Leader of Minority, to second the Motion.

**Hon. Anthony Karanja:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to second the Motion and urge the Members to support it, as we all understand the aspirations and the spirit of the Executive and especially the Governor on what needs to be done for Nairobi. I beg to second.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, plenary please.

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker, first allow me to welcome all Members and say happy new year. It is great to be alive because it is not by our might but God's will that all of us celebrated a merry Christmas and a new year 2025.

I am proudly thanking God that all of us came in peace. For those who had bad flu like me, we thank God that we are all here. I want us to pray for our sister Hon. Ami Peris who is not feeling

well, and we thank God for healing her mother who was also not feeling well. Other people that I may not know and are sick, I wish them a quick recovery and Almighty God's healing.

Hon. Speaker on this report, allow me to say this on behalf of the entire House and in particular on behalf of the Azimio Party. As the Leader of the Government Business, my role is primarily to make sure that the government of the day operates optimally with all the requisite provisions which includes the budgetary allocations and supplementary budget passed. It is the duty of the Azimio Coalition that this supplementary budget is adopted by the entire House for efficiency of development agenda and more importantly for the service delivery of the County Government of Nairobi.

Hon. Speaker, I have communicated the party position already, in case you doubt that, see me in my private office. Allow me to delve into the gist of this supplementary budget. I am grateful to the Chairman and the entire Budget Committee; I took my time to listen to their presentation when they were at Windsor Hotel. I have the following comments to make:

As an Assembly, we will not entertain any CEC or Chief Officer who does not take parliamentary committees seriously. When they are called upon to present an issue before a committee, they must attend the full session. It was a bad observation that day the Governor had authorized the CECs to appear, present and defend their budgets. However, out of more than 36 Chief Officers, only 7 were available. They had sent their Directors and their Deputy Directors to present the budget yet they are the accounting officers. This is a clear warning on the floor of this House before the Governor gives his warning on his side, we will not entertain that.

Secondly, I want to thank the entire Assembly for by 5 p.m. in the evening, the entire Assembly staff, the Budget Committee staff and the Budget Committee were seated, but the Executive side was almost empty. I want to congratulate the Clerk's office and our able staff for the great job they are doing for us.

Hon. Speaker, coming to the issue of bursary, the Constitution does not envision anywhere where a right of a child is violated; a child is defined by the Constitution as somebody who is one day to 18 years. I want to beg my sister, the Controller of Budget, using the history of our country, 70% of the population are below poverty index line. Most of us were orphaned at a very young age and if it were not for the bursary, the son of Teso could not be standing here today as the Leader of Majority.

Hon. Speaker, I understand that the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution speaks about. Also, the Bill of Rights goes deeper into the rights of a child, which is paramount to all of us. You cannot deny a child education because our country has not achieved universal education for all.

On the point of 'Dishi na County', I want to implore our COB that our children need this food in order to continue learning.

On the side of development, the Chair has mentioned a number of roads excluding the road in Makongeni, but do not worry, I will build mine. I want to be candid with the Hon. Members especially the elected ones, we want roads to be done in our wards. I am happy after consulting the Governor that the entire 85 projects of Ward Development Fund have been advertised today.

*(Applause)*



Kindly, we want our roads to be built through the WDF and the County connectivity roads to be done as quickly as possible. The Chair for the Implementation Committee who is present, we normally pass the budget and the supplementary budget, we read records but the Executive must also be taken to task on the implementation bit. I can see Hon. Munuve is very happy, his ward has been allocated Kshs.30 million for a market. However, what we want to see is not only a pronouncement; we want to see the implementation bit of it. The work of the elected leaders now is to make the Executive accountable.

Hon. Speaker, with those few remarks, I want to urge the entire House including the UDA side which I am not sure whether it is the Gachagua side or UDA side; we work together to make sure that...

*(Hon. Mark Mugambi spoke off the record)*

I withdraw and apologize.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Speaker, Mark Mugambi?

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** I have withdrawn, Hon. Speaker and apologized.

**Hon. Speaker:** He has no apology to make, Hon. Mark Mugambi.

*(Hon. Mark Mugambi spoke off the record)*

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker I cannot argue with a junior, let me argue with my senior; it is only Minority Leader who can challenge me.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Majority Leader, now that you are through, you may be seated. Order, Hon. Member! Hon. Mark Mugambi, you want to make a contribution? Kindly proceed.

**Hon. Mark Mugambi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. My reason for interjecting is to request the self-proclaimed 'senior' the Majority Leader to withdraw and apologize because as Kenya Kwanza, we only have party leader who is none other than Dr. William Samoei Ruto, the other name that the Majority Leader is throwing here and there...

**Hon. Speaker:** Kindly, Hon. Mugambi concentrate on the agenda. The Hon. Member has withdrawn his sentiments, so kindly proceed.

**Hon. Mark Mugambi:** He has only withdrawn but not apologized, Hon. Speaker, and as we know, we are all in the broad based government.

**Hon. Speaker:** You cannot apologize by posing a question. The Hon. Majority Leader only posed a question, he did not allege anything. Kindly proceed.

**Hon. Mark Mugambi:** It is okay, Hon. Speaker. Let me start by thanking the Chair of Budget Committee, the Vice-Chair and the entire Committee, not leaving behind Hon...

*(Hon. Samson Ooko spoke off the record)*

**Hon. Speaker:** We have put the said issue to rest, kindly hold your horses, Hon. Jera.

**Hon. Mark Mugambi:** Not leaving behind Hon. Chairs of the different committees who have really fought for their sectors. The budget we had received from the Executive earlier had a

lot of reductions especially on development budget whereby ongoing projects had been deprived allocations, but the Chairs fought for the reinstatement of different budgets within their sectors. Much appreciation also goes to the leadership led by you, Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Peter Imwatoke and Anthony Kiragu who were able to convince a Chairs' meeting in regards of the said Supplementary Budget. We can see that the meeting indeed bore fruits

Hon. Speaker, the winner of this supplementary budget goes to the Chair of WDP Committee, Hon. Dabar and his Vice Chair, Hon. Samora because budget cuts have been reinstated. That would have subjected the 85 wards into a crisis, which meant that most projects for this financial year would not have been advertised.

We thank the Budget Chair for making sure that we have the allocation for Ward Development Projects across the 85 wards. We all know that this is the only equitable share that we share across the 85 wards because the budget for capital projects is too small to cut across all the wards. My prayer is that as we enter into a new budget preparation process, let us not be selfish. We need to look at the previous budget in terms of wards benefitting on capital projects and assist wards that haven't gotten a single allocation in the previous budgets.

Hon. Speaker, I also want to thank the Chair of Education Committee for the fight she has put to make sure that we have bursaries, and the Assembly for making sure that the COB releases the funds in due time without any hiccups.

With these few remarks, I beg to support. Chair, receive apologies from Hon. Carrington who lost his mother-in-law last week. I ask that we keep the family in prayer. Hon Speaker, if there is a way we can assist the young man in giving a befitting sendoff to the mother-in-law, I will oblige. With those few remarks, Hon. Chair, allow me to support this budget.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Whip?

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First, I want to wish the Hon. Members a happy new year 2025 and thank those who prayed for me stronger than before.

I support this Motion and thank the Chairman of Budget Committee for ensuring that the budget increases have been done, enabling development. My colleague has said that there is an increase of Kshs. 200 million that will ensure that development cuts across the city.

Hon. Speaker, I have seen an increase in money for disaster. For the past few months, we have witnessed many fires in the County. This will make sure that Nairobian get compensation during such incidences.

Hon. Speaker, for Nairobi to work, there are only two departments – Transport and Environment Sectors that makes the visibility of the City look better. The Committee of Budget should ensure that Nairobi County works by all means. We are going to support this government fully so that it can be able to achieve its agenda.

The Controller of Budget says that Nairobi County is underdeveloped yet we have passed a budget which has a threshold of 30% development expenditure. So, what we need is for the Members of the Executive to take up the task and make sure that development projects in their sectors are finalized. We want to tell the chairmen to wake up and work, and as the leadership, we will support them. With those few remarks, Hon. Speaker, I beg to support this Motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kidenda.

**Hon. Lily Kidenda:** Hon. Speaker, my distinguished Hon. Members and family, I want to wish all of you a happy new year, as I contribute to this Motion. I stand to support and also take this opportunity to congratulate in a very special way the Budget Committee for what they have presented to us this morning. I am delighted that without fear or favor, the Budget Committee have reinstated the bursary amount that had been disputed. I would like to speak to the issue of the COB making decisions that affect children of this nation. We cannot in any way make Nairobi work without addressing the issue education. I am grateful that you stood your ground and reinstated the cuts that were made. I am further delighted to note that this will not only be on paper but action.

My prayer is that as people travel for work, trainings and whatever businesses they have to do, the allowances will be paid in advance. A lot of our Members have suffered as they went out and had to use monies from their own pockets. I would like to say that we make Nairobi work.

I would also like to add my voice on what has been said about the chief officers paying attention to their role of making this works. As the accounting officers in this County, if they are not seen to participate and fall back, then it makes working very difficult. I am looking to holding them accountable to do what they are here for. It is my prayer that we as a team will work together to see that this is done.

I would like to render my *pole* to my son, Lord Carrington. We are standing with you as you burry your mother-in-law. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kimemia.

**Hon. Antony Gathumbi:** Thank you very much. I would like to follow the queue and wish everyone a happy new year and congratulate the Chairman for having done the good job. I also want to pay my respects and condolences to Engineer Carrington for losing his mother-in-law.

I want to start by asking the Chairman to help the Executive have fiscal or budgetary discipline. As we speak, I am privy to information that we have a pending bills of Kshs. 118 million which is yet to be settled, yet we are doing a supplementary budgetary budget which I understand if it goes through, we will have to redo the Kshs. 118 million.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, the Kshs. 118 million is not a pending bill; it is a recurrent for this financial year. It is a pending requisition before the CoB and the CEC Finance

**Hon. Antony Gathumbi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the correction. We need to follow up on that matter and make sure that the money that goes to the CRF is taking care of the Kshs. 118 million.

I have seen a road in Harambee Ward called Nziu Road that was either forgotten or not mentioned. I urge the Chair to include the road as part of the ones that were being talked about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the opportunity.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Joyce.

**Hon. Joyce Kamau:** Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker and a happy new year to everybody. I want to first thank you, the house leadership, the Chair of Budget and my fellow colleagues in

the Budget Committee for the joint effort that we made together to make sure that the projects that had been previously removed from this budget are now back. I urge that we do not get tired but follow it to fulfilment. To the Members who feel left out, we will liaise with the Chair of Budget to make sure that your needs get fulfilled.

Mr. Speaker, the additional Kshs.1.7 billion in the development of pending bills is a very good thing. I believe that it will boost the economy of Nairobi and we are able to do more businesses. This one has really elated my heart.

Another thing is the Kshs. 400 million that has been added in the solid waste management. Here, we have always had a burden because the money the allocated to the Environment Sector is never enough for our contactors and the garbage collectors. That is why we always have issues here and there of people complaining about dirt in the city. I believe this amount will make our city clean.

Hon. Speaker, I believe the Kshs. 1 billion that has been added to the Mobility and Works Sector will greatly help in improving our city. This will also boost the MCAs in the ground when the projects are done.

In the Health Sector, we have an addition of Kshs.40 Million. This is really good. We appreciate the Executive, the Governor and even our Committee of Budget for all these things that have been done.

My little concern is on the Kshs. 780 million that has been deducted from the Assembly development. I hope that this one will not affect the Members and the staff of the Assembly. I support this document and I wish you all the best. Hon. Heho, *pole sana*. As we pray for Hon. Heho, we also pray Hon Ami who is. Thank you, so much.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Kwenya.

**Hon. John Kwenya:** Thank you, Mr Speaker for this chance and thanks to God for giving us a chance to be alive today, this is a new year.

When I look at this budget, especially Kshs. 3.5 billion increase, I am impressed by the solid waste management increase because this is the main problem I have in my ward especially in Muthurwa Market. We have seen it in the media that waste management is a big problem to our wards. When I see this increase, it gives me hope that good things are coming. We only have this year to work. This budget should not just be in papers but be implemented.

There are so many other things that I have seen in this budget and I know working together as a team knowing that we have a duty that we have been given by the people, we are going to do and change Nairobi. Thank you even for the information we have, we need to be a prayerful Assembly.

I also want to give my condolence to Hon Heho. Those who are not feeling well, we pray to God that He may give them joy and peace. God bless you and thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon Catherine Okoth?

**Hon. Catherine Okoth:** Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa bajeti ya ziada ya Nairobi. Ninamshukuru Mwenyekiti wetu wa Kamati ya Bajeti na pia wanakamati wa Bajeti.

Bwana Spika, nimefurahi sana kusikia shilingi 1.7 bilioni zimetengewa kazi ambazo zimefanywa na hazijalipwa. Hiyo ni *pending bills*. Ninajua sasa viongozi watafanya kazi kwa wodi zao. Tunawaomba wafanye kazi hizo vizuri na ifikapo mwaka wa 2027 yale ambayo wamefanya itafanya wachaguliwe tena warudi hapa.

Pia, nimefurahi sana kusikia shilingi milioni hamsini imetengewa uchimbaji wa visima kwenye wodi. Hiyo pia ni maendeleo kwa sababu maji ambayo tunayo sasa haitoshi. Tukiongeza visima watu wa Nairobi hawatakosa maji tena.

Tatu, Bwana Spika, shilingi milioni mia moja imetengwa kwa usafi wa Nairobi nzima. Nashukuru sana Gavana wetu wa Nairobi, Bwana Johnson Sakaja kwa kufanya kazi mchana na usiku, na Nairobi sasa ni safi. Hii ongezeko ya shilingi milioni mia moja itafanya Nairobi iwe kama Jiji la Dubai.

Nimeshukuru pia kwa ongezeko wa shilingi milioni mia nne kwa usimamizi wa taka ngumu, yaani *solid waste management*.

(Applause)

Mwisho, Bwana Spika, shilingi milioni mia mbili imetengewa programu ya maendeleo ya kata, yaani WDF. Nawaomba mtumie WDF vilifvyo ili mweze kurudi pia sisi turudi.

(Applause)

Naomba dada yangu Mheshimiwa Ami maisha marefu na apone haraka. Ninaunga hii bajeti mkono na kumshukuru sana Chairman wetu ambaye anitwa Odalo Rafuok. Ametuweka kisawasawa kwa hii bajeti. Assnte na mbarikiwe.

**Hon. Speaker:** Amewaangalia kisawasawa. Hon Geophrey Majiwa, your mic is on.

**Hon. Geophrey Majiwa:** Thank you. Mr Speaker. Happy new year members.

**Hon. Members:** Happy New Year!

**Hon. Geophrey Majiwa:** We thank God for seeing this new year and we hope it has goodies for us. As we begin the year, Hon Members, it is important that we note that this is the year that we have been waiting for, so, we make sure that we look at it with our eyes fully open.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman of Budget for having thought of... It is important that Members allow the Chairman to listen because it is important for him to ensure that this document is...

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon Chairman, kindly you will find an opportunity to have a side meeting by the Members. Hon. Member for Hospital Ward?

**Hon. Geophrey Majiwa:** Hon. Speaker, through you, I want to thank the Chairman of Budget for having thought of giving Members a new year gift in form of this budget. But I have one thing to tell him, that in our deliberations... There are several meetings going on in the Assembly. Hon Speaker, you also seem to be having others going on.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon Members, please we are in the Assembly. You can wait a little while so that you engage the Chair outside the plenary. Thank you. Hon Majiwa, you may proceed.

**Hon. Geophrey Majiwa:** Hon. Speaker, this is a new year gift from the Chairman of Budget to the Members of the Assembly. It is only my plea to him that he has to ensure that this gift to Members becomes a reality by ensuring that it is implemented to the letter.

Hon Speaker, successive budgets that have been passed here, as the Implementation Committee we have been trying to follow up to see how implementation is taking place, but there is a blame game that goes on in the Executive side where the Executive tries to blame the Budget Committee for their failure to implement budget as passed. The story they create is that when they go to Ciala Resort, they appropriate, but when the Chairman goes with his team to Mombasa, they remove and change to different figures. Therefore, it becomes difficult for them to implement the budget. Several projects have not been implemented because of that confusion.

I plead with the Chairman to be very keen on the Mobility and Works Sector because they have a story of changing projects and blaming the Budget Committee for having changed what was passed. It is important that what we have passed here is implemented because this is the document they need to work with. It is not their document; it becomes our document when we pass it here. It is important that the Chairman follows up to make sure that they implement what we have passed here, otherwise we will also go ahead and give false hope to our electorate that we have given them a road but when you come back after three or four months you are told that the road cannot be advertised because when the Committee went to Mombasa, the budget was changed from what they knew. So, there is that story going on in that department. Thank you, Mr Chairman and the Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon Mo Fire, Kindly press your mic.

**Hon. Jeremiah Themendu:** Thank you, Hon Speaker. Before I proceed, I thank the Almighty God for making sure we are all in this Assembly. Happy new year to everyone here. Let us start the new year by eliminating blame games and making sure we work together.

I thank the Committee and the Chairman, Hon Dr Odalo for reinstating the previously withdrawn Kshs. 200 million which will cater for 2023/2024 ongoing projects. I had already been affected by the same. The Committee listened to the cry from the Hon Members. I also thank the Committee for making sure the budget for the Environment Sector is taken care of. Already we saw the trucks being launched the other day by the Governor.

We have passed many budgets and supplementary budgets before. Going forward, let us make sure all the proposed projects are taken care of. Particularly, let me put my concerns to Chairpersons of our committees, I think it is a good time to wake up. We had promised our people of Nairobi that we are going to make sure Nairobi is going to work. The Motions and Bills that we have been passed here, let us ensure the Implementation Committee makes sure they are implemented because that is the spirit of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, that everything shall go to the people, particularly the devolved government. We are a devolved government and we are taking care of Nairobians.

As I conclude, Hon. Speaker, I thank the Governor of Nairobi because he has shown he is caring for the people of Nairobi, and going forward Nairobi shall work. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon Lawi, then I will an opportunity to the Chair of the WDP.

**Hon. Lawrence Odhiambo:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First of all, happy new year everyone. I want to thank...

**Hon. Speaker:** Kindly stand appropriately.

**Hon. Lawrence Odhiambo:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to thank our able Chairman for this budget and his entire Committee. As the vice Chair of Roads and Transport Committee, I thank them for approving Kshs.1.9 billion shillings for these development programs that we have for the FY 2024/2025. You know very well that without the development of roads, we cannot be re-elected because we can't achieve much.

Secondly, Hon. Speaker, I want to thank the Committee once more for giving most of the elected Members – almost 50 of them – roads that the budget had initially slashed. These roads have been approved and I know that most of the elected Members are very happy.

*Ya Mwisho*, I want to say *pole* to my younger brother, Hon. Carrington following the demise of your mother-in-law. We shall stand with you and make sure that she is buried in an honorable manner. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Heho

**Hon. Carrington Heho:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I begin, allow me to wish a happy new year to all Members in this House. Mr. Speaker, I really want to congratulate and pass a special vote of thanks to the Budget Committee and more so to the Chair, Mheshimiwa Odalo.

One thing I know, Mr. Speaker, when I got into this House, I went to the Chair of Budget Committee because my ward is one of the most underdeveloped wards in Nairobi, I sought his approval into conjoining one of my roads which has bedeviled the residents for the past decade I think since that area was developed. In the true spirit of his commitment to working for his people, now I can see that I have Rafuok Obama Road in Njiru. This is a road whereby the Sign will bear two names of two respectful Members of County Assembly of Nairobi, and that is true spirit of a broad based government.

Mr. Speaker, moving forward, I think what has bedeviled this County and more so the Members is that owing to the PFM Act Cap 129 Schedule 1 (a) and 3, it is the duty of the Clerk to prepare the County Assembly budget estimates which should be under scrutiny from this respectful Members.

Mr. Speaker, for all budgets we passed here, we usually see the County Assembly Budget estimates conjoined with that of the Executive; that is against the PFM Act. Moving forward, for all budgetary making processes, its cardinal for the Clerk to prepare the County Assembly budget estimates which should be under the radar and the scrutiny of this County Members. Let them know what they owe, what shall be given unto them and what should be deducted from them.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I remember in the last Kamukunji that we held, it was agreed that whenever one of our Members is bereaved that the welfare of the member should come from the nuclear family. Owing to the fact that I have lost my mother-in-law and I clearly know well she is not a member of my nuclear family, I saw it prudent not to burden the Members of this House. But I would really thank Mheshimiwa Ronaldo who is my Whip for acknowledging that I lost my mother-in-law. Moving forward, it is upon the discretion of each and every Member to pass either

his or her *pole* and I know very well, Mr. Speaker, this should not be statutory deduction from anyone because I have not lost a member of my nuclear family. She is not my mother, my wife, my kid, nor my father Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** The Chair of Ward Development Program?

**Hon. Dabar Mohamed:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support this Motion. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Chair of Budget Committee and the entire team of the Budget Committee. I can see the Ward Development Program has been reinstated, and this is in the interest of the larger Nairobians. I can as well see the budget for Environment has been increased. As you are aware, we have a challenge of Nairobi being dirty, with my ward affected most. The pending bills is also a big issue for Nairobians, it is good it has been given big allocation.

I want the Implementation Committee to make sure what the House has passed is implemented to the letter because this is what Nairobians expect from us. I support this Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. May I call the Mover to reply please?

**Hon. Wilfred Odalo:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Before I reply, I have some clarifications to make:

Number one, over the years we have been having the issue of Kshs. 750 million to cater for the building of the Assembly. Hon. Members, it is good to note that the land which was provided by the Executive had some litigation issues in court, so we have to look for another land. That will take time, five months is not attainable.

Number two, the issue of the threshold of 30% as provided under the law is not factual in matters of Nairobi. Nairobi is a service delivery and it has been there for some time. So, I know it has been an issue among us, so bear with us.

Number three, there are some typing errors like Police Line Mlolongo, that is Upper Savannah Road, Kosovo Upendo Road, Nziu in Harambee Ward and Laundry Road in Babadogo. The typos will be rectified.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Governor who happens to be my boss and also friend for actually allowing us to do the necessary in the proposed amendment. Let me also take the opportunity to thank the Speaker for giving us more time for the Budget Committee to do the necessary in and outside the sitting of this premises. Let me also take the opportunity to thank the Members of the Budget Committee. Just stand wherever you are.

*(Members of Budget Committee stood in their places)*

Hon. Speaker, this team has done a wonderful job, and they don't do anything under duress. So, if you see this team, we are one family. My Vice is there, Hon. Emily. We do most things in consultation.

*(Applause)*



Number four, Hon. Speaker, the leadership of this Assembly has been very key on the progress of this Committee. Let me take the opportunity to thank them. The Chairs of this Assembly including Hon. Palapala, despite the media wars, when it comes to the issues of budget of this great County, he is there for the County. Thank you Hon. Chairs wherever you are. They always speak their minds when whenever called upon.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Maurice actually spoke his mind and he said the Supplementary under his department should be rejected in totality, but in the wisdom of the Committee, we had to do some amendments. Uploading of the budget has been said by a Hon. Member, it is true that uploading guys usually have their own issues. I can assure you that we have come with another mechanism that the vellum will be signed in every paper so that they don't mess up with uploading it.

Number five, these positions are temporary and we will not use them to punish any Member whether we differ politically or whether you differ with the boss. So, any Member whether we differ on political issues, be assured that you will not be punished and Odalo will not be on your way on gaining anything in Executive or in the Assembly. We are not there to block anybody. Having said, that allow me to reply.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Chair. There is a bit of your statement which carried Members, I don't know why. Hon. Members, there was sort of excitement on the pending and current. In my Order paper, I don't see any reference to the pending and current. It is in the report? Okay. And for that reason, Hon. Members, before I put the question, I just want to encourage Members to understand their obligation and responsibility and what is required of them in the budget making process. Kindly, Hon. Members there were a lot of murmuring when it came to the need to have the sitting of the Supplementary Business.

Hon. Members, it is wrong to pass the blame to the offices because it is your responsibility to pass the supplementary budget and even the budget itself. So, kindly just find time to understand your role in the budget making process. It should not be a case where the Speaker has called us to pass supplementary budget; it is not the Speaker who passes the supplementary budget Members, and I hope on that I am very clear. Hon. Worship, is that true?

**Hon. Geophrey Majiwa:** If you say so.

**Hon. Speaker:** I say so.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Hon. Speaker:** The Assembly has passed the Budget.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, the Assembly stands adjourned to 2.30 p.m. today. Thank you.

*The House rose at 11.40 a.m.*