



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Third County Assembly – Fourth Session

Wednesday 24th September 2025

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Malyun Abdi) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Members, you may now be seated.

QUORUM

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have quorum.

The Clerk-at-the-Table has confirmed that we do not have quorum, I therefore instruct the Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the Bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

Sergeant-at-Arms, please ring the Bell for further five minutes.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Order, Hon. Members! The House is fully constituted, as directed by the Clerk. I therefore want us to do the business of the day. Clerk, proceed

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

BUSINESS APPEARING BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY FOR WEEK
BEGINNING WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Doreen.

Hon. Doreen Mugambi: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (a), on behalf of the Assembly Business Committee, I rise to give the following Statement regarding the business appearing before the Assembly for the week beginning Wednesday 24th September 2025.

Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee met today, Wednesday 24th September 2025 to allocate business for the week for consideration by the Assembly.

In that regard, Hon. Speaker, allow me to brief the Assembly as follows:

Today, Wednesday 24th September 2025, under Order No.8 and 9, the County Assembly will be addressing the following under listed business items: -

1. The Motion by the Member of Nairobi West Ward, Hon. John Rex Omolleh, MCA. The County Assembly will resolve that the County Attorney publish the Nairobi County Outdoor Advertising and Signage Control and Regulation Act, 2018 within 14 days after the adoption of this Motion; and two, the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Urban Planning to develop regulations, pursuant to the provisions of Section 27 of the said act, to provide for a ban of illegal posters and adverts erected in various public places such as electricity poles, street poles, public walls and buildings across the County.
2. The Motion by the Member of Woodley/Kenyatta Golf Course Ward, Hon. DNG Ngibuini, MCA, urging the County Assembly to resolve; -
 - i. To rename City Mortuary as the Nairobi City Funeral Home to signify a new era of improved standards, management, and public trust in the facilities operations; and
 - ii. The Nairobi City County Executive to take all necessary steps for the name change, including updating all legal administrative and public records, and ensuring the widespread communication to the public about the renaming and branding.
3. Further, on Thursday 25th September 2025, under Order No 8 and 9, the County Assembly will consider the following under listed business items: -
 - a. The Motion by the Member for Nairobi South Ward and the Deputy Minority Leader, Hon. Waithera Chege, MCA, urging the County Executive to formulate a policy to provide for a legal framework for management of public streetlights in the streets, public social areas, public parks, County public roads and markets in the County; and
 - b. The Motion by the Member of Karen Ward, Hon. Anthony Maragu, MCA, urging the County Executive Committee Member to urgently formulate and submit regulations to Nairobi City County Transport Act, 2020 to provide for procedures, rules, offenses and sanctions on damage to public infrastructure in the course of any public or private construction works.
4. Lastly, Hon. Speaker, on Tuesday 30th September 2025, under Order No 8 and 9, the County Assembly will address the following under listed business items:-

- a. The Motion on the adoption of the report of the Select Committee on Public Accounts on the consideration of the reports of the Auditor General on Nairobi City County Assembly Service Board Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June 2020, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday 30th April 2025; and
- b. The Motion on the adoption of the report of the Select Committee On Public Accounts on consideration of the reports of the Auditor General on Nairobi City County Assembly Service Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June 2021, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday 30th April 2025.
- c. The Committee of the Whole County Assembly to consider the Nairobi City County Betting, Lotteries and Gaming Bill, 2023 (Assembly Bill No.12 of 2023), sponsored by the Member of Ngara Ward, Hon. Chege Mwaura, MCA.

Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee urges members of the Assembly to familiarize with the aforementioned Reports and Bills and prepare accordingly to debate, through the help of our Research Department. Details of the Motions, Reports and Bills can be obtained in the Notice Paper, being the last page of today's Order Paper and on the County Assembly Website.

Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee shall be informing the Assembly through its designee, the allotted business every Wednesday during the Statement Hour, for timely preparation.

Finally, Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee will again meet on Wednesday 30th September 2025 at the rise of the County Assembly, to ballot business for the subsequent week.

Hon. Speaker, I now wish to lay the Statement on the Table of the County Assembly.

Hon. Doreen Mugambi, MCA, designated Member by the Assembly Business Committee, 24th September 2025. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Doreen Mugambi. Hon. Mwaniki Kwenya? Clerk!

MOTION

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. John Rex? Hon. Davidson?

RENAMING OF CITY MORTUARY TO NAIROBI CITY COUNTY FUNERAL HOME

Hon. Davidson Ngibuini: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the opportunity. I rise to move a Motion to rename City Mortuary to Nairobi City County Funeral Home.

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 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 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 County 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:

- i. 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 facility's operations; and
- ii. That the Nairobi City County Executive to take all necessary steps for the name change, including updating all legal, administrative, and public records, and ensuring widespread communication to the public about the renaming and rebranding.

Hon Speaker, I would like the House to take note that devolution is one of the major milestones of the Constitution, 2010 provided to Kenyans, and with it, the framers of the 2010 Constitution envisioned improved service delivery, especially in the Health Sector.

Article 10 provides human dignity as one of our national values, and human dignity transcends human life. Thus, even the deceased in this city need to enjoy a dignified send-off.

Hon. Speaker, the Governor's mantra of a 'City of Order and Dignity' is what we need to strive to achieve, and from the definition of the word 'mortuary', it denotes something that we do not aspire to, especially in this Third Assembly. This is the Capital City, and the residents expect services that accord to this status of exemplary service delivery.

Hon. Speaker, from definition, the word 'mortuary' connotes limited basic services, unlike the word 'funeral home', which is something that is dignified and encompasses an expanded service scope. Unlike mortuary, which provides basic limited services such as storage and preparation of bodies, a funeral home will incorporate additional service offerings such as the

coordination of memorial services, viewing rooms, chapels, infrastructure development, and even grief support such as psychological counseling.

To achieve the required standard of the County, we need to benchmark our mortuary with facilities at the national and international level. Change of name will necessitate the expansion of services. As I have said, this will include the need to increase efficiency, as well as to change public perception. I believe that public perception change will finally lead to an increase in revenue.

So far, there has been a lot of change in the Nairobi Funeral Home. It is domiciled in my ward, and I must say that those issues we used to face before elections, such as foul smell and bodies being put on the floor, are no longer the case. We have been able to handle that by looking at installation of coolers. There has been culture change in the facility, and what we want at the end of the day is the change that has been happening in the facility to resonate with the change of name from City Mortuary to Nairobi City County Funeral Home.

At this juncture, Hon Speaker, I would like to call upon Mheshimiwa Anthony Maragu, of Karen Ward, to second the Motion.

Point of Order

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Majority Whip?

Hon Moses Ogeto: Hon Speaker, I am on a Point of Order under Standing Order No. 100. It is true that we should bring Motions before this House, but, Hon Speaker, you are aware, and it is in the public domain that City Mortuary was renamed to Nairobi Funeral Home through the Executive Order by His Excellency the Governor. So, on statement of fact, does it insinuate that currently we don't have Nairobi Funeral Home? I wish the House to guide me on those principles. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: I think he is the Member of that ward, and maybe he has clarification on the said Motion.

Hon Davidson Ngibuini: Indeed, as the Majority Whip has mentioned, the County Executive did make that change. We discussed the matter in the Health Committee with the CEC of Health and the Chief Officer for Health Facilities, and I am happy that my Chairman of Health is here. We realized that that change had not been procedurally adopted by this House. Being the representatives of the people, it is in order that any such proposal come to this House for concurrence, for regularization, and for adoption. And that is why I have brought this Motion so that we can move past this issue. We are dealing with an issue where the Executive does one thing, but the House does not know what is happening or has not participated in the same. So, that is why I believe that it is right for this Hon House to adopt the name change officially so that it can be on HANSARD that there was participation on this floor, that Members debated, considered, and passed it, so that there can be concurrence between the action of His Excellency the Governor or the County Executive, and the representatives of the people of the City of Nairobi.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon Member. Now you can call your seconder to at least move. Hon Member, I don't think it's the right time for a debate that has not been seconded

to be. There is time for debate. I did not still open the House for debate, and I request that the seconder, and then we, I officially now open the House for plenary. Thank you.

Hon Davidson Ngibuini: Thank you, Hon Speaker. I would like to call upon Mheshimiwa Anthony Maragu, Karen Ward, to second this Motion.

Hon. Anthony Maragu: Thank you, Hon Speaker for the opportunity, and thank you, Hon DNG for finding it suitable that the decision by the County Executive to change the name from City Mortuary to the Nairobi Funeral Home, the Hon Members have an opportunity to concur with that decision. I am hopeful majority of Members, if not all, will stand with you in this Motion. A lady called Stacey Abrams once said that compassion is not just feeling with someone, but seeking to change the situation. For far too long, City Mortuary has been known as a place of neglect, poor service, and a lot of inefficiencies. I find this a strategic initiative in the right direction to ensure that our funeral home is aligned with global best practices.

The word ‘mortuary’ is a negative word, from where I sit. It is fearful and has stigmatization. We used to even fear passing by the City Mortuary. In our efforts to ensure that we dignify a human being, alive or departed, I think this strategic direction is important. The funeral home is a more respectful name, emotionally, sensitive, and a modern term. I am hoping the Hon DNG, being the representative for that area, will pursue to ensure that we see some cultural change in how things are performed in the now Nairobi Funeral Home. They should show compassion to families of the departed, so that then what this Assembly does is not just a name change, it is an entirely overhaul of the system.

The Hon Member has indicated that there is some improvement. and maybe us as Members, since we have our departed people from our wards who also happen to benefit from those services, would ascertain that at a particular time. We are looking at a situation where we will have better public relations.

As the Hon. Whip has put it, indeed the change has happened, but I call upon the Members of this House to partner with Hon DNG to ensure that we change formally, and also it is on record that indeed there was concurrence from this floor of the House, and regularization. Thank you so much. I beg to second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Members, you may now debate on the question. Hon. Stephen Mugo Kimani.

Hon. Stephen Kimani: Hon. Speaker, I rise to oppose this Motion. The reason is, the said CECM has serious issues that she is supposed to come and answer in that Committee, and the Member is misleading this House, saying that the CECM came to the Committee and we discussed that he should bring this Motion here. The Chair is here and knows that the CECM is trying to use this House as a rubber stamp. You have seen the Member of this ward trying to bypass the Committee and come to this House to sanitize. Why are we coming here to pass a Motion to change this City Mortuary to Nairobi City County Funeral Home, whereas the Majority Whip is saying it is already named? It was named many months ago. So, what we are doing here, even if whether

we pass it or we do not pass it, it is already renamed. Why is the Member bringing this Motion here to rename, whereas it is already named?

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. member, I think you are contradicting. The Member has all the rights to bring any Motion he feels like. He is the ward representative. I think you either have facts on why you want to oppose the motion, or you don't.

Hon. Stephen Kimani: Yes, I oppose because it is contradicting; why do we have a Motion here to rename something that is already named, and using this House as a rubber stamp to pass a Motion to rename what has already been renamed? For that, Hon. Speaker, I beg to oppose and request Members of this House to oppose, so that the CEC Member can come to the Committee and answer the serious allegation of bypassing a Committee and bring a regulation through a Member to rubber-stamp or sanitize something that was already done. We are just doing a formality here. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you.

Point of Order

Hon. Majority Whip.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, I am again on a Point of Order under Standing Order 54 (d). Hon. Speaker, there is nowhere in the Republic of Kenya you will say you want KICC to be renamed. I am trying to do what I can on this Point of Order because of statements of facts. It is good Hon. Mugo has brought in a forthright way.

I have consulted just a few minutes with the Chair for Health, and he has an overview of what is happening. This Nairobi Funeral Home was renamed. How again, we are coming here to say, we name it again. It is like we are becoming inconsistent. We will lose the dignity of this House.

Hon. Speaker, under Standing Order 1, it gives you powers to take things that are inconsistent with the Constitution of the Republic of Kenya. This is City Hall; you cannot come with a Motion to rename it City Hall. This is going to bring more circus, like when a Motion was brought here to name a road after Francis Atwoli. Madam Speaker, I am begging you to guide us under Standing Order 1. I have also quoted Standing Order No 54 (1) and No. 100, on the statement of facts. I beg to give my submissions.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Minority Leader. I want to inform the House that before a Motion comes to the floor of the House, there is scrutiny it passes through, and I think it has been green-lighted by the Speaker himself. So, I will want the Members to deliberate and give their overview, and then I will definitely give directions. Thank you. Hon. Chege Mwaura.

Hon. Chege Mwaura: Madam Speaker, with tremendous respect, I wanted to follow through the debate, but I wish that the Clerk would advise the Chair so that if there is an anomaly that requires the intervention of the House, procedurally, we would be inviting you, the Chair, to make a direction on that specific issue, before we proceed to the debate. So, mine is just on a procedural issue, that the clerks should consult and give the Chair guidance so that we proceed

once we have agreed on the process that is supposed to happen. If there is a challenge on the legality of the Motion as it is, whether it has been signed by the Speaker or not, that needs to be clear. As it is now, there is this Motion of Hon. DNG. But then, you have been called on a specific Standing Order, on a statement of fact, and there is a Member of Health Committee also raising issues. Unless you want this Motion just to go to a block and die, it would be good to give guidance so that we know if you are supporting it or not. Kindly, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: I think, Hon. Chege Mwaura, the Motion has passed all the processes until it came to the floor of the House. It is for Members to either pass or reject; it is not me in any way. So, I am expecting all Members that have questions either to support or to oppose or to support. I will definitely give my direction as you wind up. Thank you. Minority Leader.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon. Speaker, I do not remember when Maurice became the Minority Leader, so I beg him to sit down. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker, I would like to come to the rescue of my brother, Hon. DNG, and maybe bring to the attention of this House that there is a procedure for naming County buildings. I want to believe that Nairobi Funeral Home is already named, but the procedure was not followed. And it is not actually naming, it is actually writing the name on the building. I want to believe that most likely this happened by the overzealous CECM, in one of her drunken stupors, when they are discussing and they decide to jump before...

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Order, Hon. Minority Leader! You should only discuss a Member when you have a substantive Motion. Kindly come with one, and then you will have all the time and privilege of doing that. Thank you. Chair, Health?

(Hon. Anthony Karanja spoke off the record)

Okay, continue.

Hon. Maurice Oyango: Should I sit or...?

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Give the Minority Leader some time, please.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon. Speaker, I want to believe that Hon. DNG wants to follow the law in renaming Nairobi Funeral Home. It is good to bring to the attention of this House that this County, I have heard somewhere, has an intention of having a company called the Green Nairobi. I will not be surprised if one day, in the state that you said that I do not use, when people will sit somewhere and name the Nairobi trucks the Green Nairobi. It is not a wonder, without following the law. I want to believe that we need to follow the law, which is going through the process, including public participation, to rename City Mortuary to Nairobi Funeral Home.

I want to urge Members that it is the right thing to do. Forget about what they have done. We forgive them because they know not what they were doing when they were renaming it that time. I want to believe they now know what we are doing because we are following the law. So, I want to believe that Members will support this so that we write a wrong that was done under some very funny circumstances, which should not have happened.

I am yet to look at this Motion. As I still support, I want some clarity on how renaming City Mortuary to Nairobi Funeral Home will improve services. What will improve services in Nairobi Funeral Home is paying staff on time, not two months later. What will improve Nairobi City Mortuary to Nairobi Funeral Home is equipping the staff with the necessary gear and making sure that we pay the contractors on time. That we pay the suppliers of the refrigeration equipment on time. And that we pay the suppliers of body bags on time. I think my Chairman will tell us whether he is updated on the operations of Nairobi Funeral Home or the Nairobi City Mortuary.

However, I would like to support that we rename it so that we do not bring a lot of issues on nothing, and hope that we support. I want to urge this House that we have gone for the owner of the whatever, so that things can be done procedurally. I want to believe that the renaming of City Mortuary to Nairobi Funeral Home was not done procedurally. I would request Members here, let us do it procedurally, like what is already before us, before we go for other serious matters like payment of contractors, payment of bursaries, payment of our per diems, our salaries, payment and repair of our roads, and so many others, and respect and dignity is accorded to the Members of this House. We are not relenting; we are not going back one inch until we get things done. So, I want to support and ask our colleagues to support the Motion. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, the Minority Leader. Chairman, Health.

Hon. Maurice Onyango: Thank you, Hon Speaker, I rise to oppose the renaming of City Mortuary with the following reasons: The mover of the Motion is my Member. It was a political pronouncement by the Governor naming Nairobi Funeral Home. As a Committee, it is our duty to inquire and also do investigation. We made arrangements to have public participation, as the Minority Whip has put it, so that we get the views of the population within the Nairobi Funeral Home, which is Nairobi City Mortuary. But what the Hon. Member has brought to the floor of the House is untimely, because we were still debating on those issues. We have so many pending issues relating to health, and renaming City Mortuary is not a priority to the Committee. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Chairman, Health, now that you are consumer of health information in your desk, kindly clarify to the House that the said funeral home has already been renamed.

Hon. Maurice Onyango: Where I stand, I know it has not; that was a political pronouncement. Renaming a facility has to be gazette. As we speak here, it is still Nairobi City Mortuary.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Chair for the clarification, but I think there is nothing wrong being done. If a Member has decided that that is the way he wants to do things, it is the right way constitutionally. Thank you.

Somebody is using the card of Hon. Wilfred Odalo?

(Hon. Member spoke off the record)

No, Hon. Member, kindly use your card. But I can see Hon. Wilfred Odalo. Are you Wilfred Odalo? Clarence Munga.

Hon. Clarence Munga: Thank you, Madam Speaker, allow me to support the Motion. I want to echo the sentiments made by our Minority Leader. If you want to rename a road, a building, or an institution, I think this is the right channel to be followed.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, as you are all aware, we have an issue with the current City Mortuary. Bodies are collected all over Nairobi and taken to City Mortuary. As much as we are renaming, I think it is a wake-up call to Health Committee to set aside resources so that we are able to facelift and expand City Mortuary to a standard funeral home that Mheshimiwa DNG is proposing.

I also want to bring to attention to the Chair, that the land meant for the expansion of that City Mortuary was grabbed some time back. You need to take note of that and reclaim, so that we can do the expansion.

You also need to ensure that we put up some regulations on how one is supposed to enjoy this facility of the County. Police officers will not be moving around collecting bodies and dumping them there. That is why you find the facility cannot hold that huge number; bodies are lying on top of each other. So, it is my appeal to the Health Committee to find time and ensure that they allocate enough resources and take into account whatever I have said. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Munga, Majority Whip.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, there is a Senate Act which was passed on renaming public utilities. I want to invite you to go through Section 25 of the said Act. The Chair of Health had stated clearly that there must be public participation over the same. There must be a Committee which shall sit down and take the views of the people around Woodley on the renaming of the facility. The Chair has said it has not been gazetted, which is true. It should be gazetted.

Hon. Speaker, under Standing Order No.1, for the purposes of the dignity of this Houser, human is to error...

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Majority Whip, are you questioning the Chair?

Hon. Moses Ogeto: I am not; I am informing the House.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Majority Whip, before a Motion comes to the Assembly, there are procedures to be followed.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: That is why Madam Speaker, I have brought...

Hon. Temporary Speaker: The Speaker has brought the Motion to the House, let us listen to what Members have to say so that a ruling can be made. Or you want to make a ruling by yourself?

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Madam Speaker, do we continue on an illegality?

Point of Information

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to urge the House that we go back to the classes that we went to. A parliamentary Motion is a proposal by a Member. If you look at this Motion clearly, it has two acts: One, it is urging the Executive to rename City Mortuary to Nairobi City County Funeral Home. The second one, is to urge the City County Executive to take all the necessary steps for the name change, including updating all legal, administrative and public records, and ensure widespread communication to the public about the renaming and branding.

I want to repeat again that this Motion is asking the Executive to follow the law. They have renamed but they have not followed the law. We are asking them to do the right thing. *Nauliza ndugu yangu avuke sakafu*. I urge the Executive who we oversight and tell them that they did the wrong thing. This Motion is telling them to do the right thing; rename but follow the law. We are not breaking any law by discussing this Motion. They have broken the law by renaming Nairobi City Mortuary without following the law, that is what we are telling them.

However, I will also want to back Hon. Kimani Mugo and ask the CEC Member that, as they do this, let her come and explain to the Committee why she did not follow the law. That is not acceptable. She should serve as a warning and a lesson. *Iwe funzo na onyo kwa wengine ambao wako na tabia potovu kama hizo. Asante.*

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Minority Leader, you are going overboard. Hon. Fiunifio.

Hon. Kamau Fiunifiu: Hon. Speaker, thank you... *(off the record)* ...Member for Kilimani Ward. I want from the onset to register my support for this Motion. It is timely. We are in a situation where we are asking ourselves; between the egg and the chick, what comes first. I also want to join my colleagues in castigating the Health Sector. There is nothing much that you can write home about that Sector.

Hon. Speaker, I am very perturbed to see the Member for Mountain View and the one for Zimmerman Ward placing obstacles before the Hon. Member for Woodley. It is unfortunate that it has taken the Member for Woodley Ward to bring this Motion to the Assembly, yet there was a Committee that oversight the Health Sector. They never thought of bringing such a Motion to the Assembly. Hon. DNG, where you are sitting, I sat nine years ago...

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Kindly address the Chair.

Hon. Kamau Fiunifiu: Thank you, Chair, let me address you. I will address the Member of Woodley Ward through the Chair. Nine years ago, I sat where you are sitting today. I passed a Motion of renaming Limuru Road to Wangari Mathai Road. That never happened, and the County Executive without consulting this County Assembly, went ahead and renamed Forest Road. Going forward, Hon. Speaker, as an Assembly, we must ask for a naming policy for this County. It is high time that Members of the Planning committee wake up and sponsor a policy for naming and renaming in Nairobi County.

Lastly, the name 'mortuary' has no dignity, yet we are told that this is a city of order, hope and dignity. By renaming this facility to Nairobi City County Funeral Home, in my opinion we are giving it dignity. However, we should go beyond that. I was expecting the Member for Mountain

View Ward to tell us how much they have set aside for this facility in terms of digitizing the materials in there.

Thank you Hon. Speaker, and I commend the Member for Woodley, congratulations for this, and you have our support.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Fiunifiu. The screen is clear. I don't know if I have left out any Member. Hon. Hellen?

Hon. Hellen Okello: Asante, Bi Spika kwa hii nafasi umenipa ili niweze kuchangia Hoja hii. Kama Wabunge wa hii Nyumba, tuelewe jukumu letu kabla ya kupitisha Hoja. Inafaa tupitisha Hoja kwanza ama tufuate agizo la Mtendaji? Nazungumza kama mwanachama wa Kamati ya Afya. Hii Hoja ililetwa kwenye kikao cha mkutano wa Kamati ya Afya...

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Mwanachama ama Mwanakamati?

Hon. Hellen Okello: Member, in English. Mwanakamati ama mwanchama, yote ni sawa. Bi Spika, Hoja hii ililetwa katika Kamati yetu ya Afya lakini hatukuelewana maana Mwenyekiti aliweza kuongea kuhusu kubadilisha jina. Tusidanganyane, jina ilibadilishwa na Gavana. Inafaa tupatie hii Nyumba heshima. Tupitisha hoja halafu Executive watekeleze. Lakini hii imefanywa kinyume cha sharia. Kubadilisha jina si hoja, ile tunafaa kufanya ni kuboresha huduma wala si kubadilisha jina. Kwa hivyo, Bi Spika, napinga Hoja hii.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you. Hon, Emmy.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Thank you, Madam Speaker for catching my eye. I stand here neither to support or oppose, but I support the previous speakers especially from...

Hon. Temporary Speaker: It is un-procedural, it is either you propose or you oppose.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: I want to oppose, but in a not parliamentary way of opposing.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: You are in parliament.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to echo the sentiments of my Chair of Public Accounts committee, my Whip, and Hon. Mugo. We have been having Motions in this House and Members defer because they want more time to go and research more, and then bring back on the floor for debate. I think we need more time to go and research and then come back later for debate in the House. Hon. Speaker I am seeking your indulgence on this Motion, let us postpone it to next week because already Members of the Health Committee are not in support of this Motion. We do not want a Motion that will affect their performance as Members of the Health Committee.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: *Mheshimiwa, Hoja ikikuja Bungeni*, it belongs to the House, it is no longer a committee's business. It is on the floor of the House. If you want to propose or oppose, do it. It is the business of the House now.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Hon. Speaker, I am speaking from the previous Motions that have been brought on the floor of the House. PAC Committee had a Motion that was deferred because Members wanted to research further. We are seeking for that, Hon. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Deonysias.

Hon. Deonysias Mwangi: Thank you, Hon Speaker. Being the truthful man I have been recently, I want to first say that I believe even if you crash an orange with bitterness, it will not produce a sour juice, and even if you crash a lemon with smile, it will not produce a sweet juice.

Hon. Speaker, I am Deonysias Mwangi Waithera, even if I am called Hon. Chege Mwaura, I will not talk a fluent English like him. In that, I believe in changing the name, we will not change the services of the facility.

Hon. Speaker, on this case, it is the Executive who know they have renamed the facility, but on this side of the Assembly they have just only written a letter on the wall. It is not the first time this House has been assumed for long by the Executive, and we have witnessed other implementations without involving this Assembly. As much as the Motion will be good for this House, but because of the Executive assuming this House, I oppose the Motion. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon Temporary Speaker: Hon Mutuini Ward.

Hon Martin Mwangi: Thank you, Hon Speaker. I want state that in so far as wanting to follow the procedure is concerned, I believe the Member for Woodley Ward is in order, because we need to be a House that follows the law. We also need to make the Executive follow the law. We have a similar confusion even in my ward, where we no longer whether it is Mutuini Hospital, Dagoretti Sub County Hospital, or Mama Rachael Hospital, just because someone made a declaration or wanted that the hospital be named in a certain way.

I encourage my colleague to also follow the right procedure, because I do not believe he is the one who came up with this idea. The idea of changing the name came from somewhere. It is upon the people who wanted to change the name to first declare and to give reasons why they wanted the name changed, so that then it follows the procedure. This House can also not resolve to rename even before the people of Woodley have agreed to change the name. So, we need to follow the procedure, both from the Executive and the House here. For that reason, I oppose the Motion.

Hon Temporary Speaker: Hon Osama?

Hon Peter Mwangi: Thank you, Hon Speaker, I support this Motion. According to the dictionary, mortuary is a room where dead bodies are kept and prepared for either cremation or burial. For funeral home, it is just the same. So, what is in a name? Hon Speaker, you have called me Osama but my name is Peter Maina Mwangi. We already we have Nairobi City Funeral Home. In fact, it comes severally in the news as the Nairobi City Funeral Home. So, the best thing we can do for this Hon House is to support this Motion. If we go against what it has been proposed by Hon DNG, we will be taking Nairobians in side show

This funeral home is not just for people of Woodley; it is for all Nairobians. The change in name has been there for almost a year. The City County Executive should take all the necessary steps for the name change, including updating all legal, administrative and public records, and also

improved standard management and public trust. I support this motion. Hon. Speaker, protect me from Hon. Fiunifiu.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: You are protected, Hon. Member. Kindly wind up and summarize.

Hon Peter Mwangi: I am winding. We are correcting the wrongs that have been done. It is like taking somebody who has not bathed for 20 years and give new clothes. So, what we are supposed to do in this House is to wash and still give new clothes. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

Hon Temporary Speaker: Hon Kimemia.

Point of Order

Hon. Anthony Gathumbi: Hon Speaker, I wanted to raise the issue of quorum.

(Loud consultations)

We do not have quorum.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Take your seat, Hon. Member.

Hon. Anthony Gathumbi: We do not have quorum to discuss a topic---

Hon. Temporary Speaker: You said you had a Point of Information, so, I was expecting you to inform the House

Hon. Anthony Gathumbi: It is an issue of quorum, and we cannot continue discussing this matter. That is a point of fact

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Sospeter.

Hon. Sospeter Mumbi: Mine is to appreciate the Motion that has been done. In the spirit of the people of Woodley, it is a good move because that is what they want, through their representative, to change the name. But again, when you look at the law, sometimes it does not look at the ultimate objective in terms of the final product. Sometimes the law questions the legality of any process. So, this matter...

Point of Order

Hon Temporary Speaker: Majority Whip?

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, the Member requested under Standing Order No. 38 that there is no quorum...

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Temporary Speaker: I wanted the Hon. Member to be specific on the Standing Order. He just stood up and informed the House.

(Loud consultations)

QUORUM

Hon Temporary Speaker: Clerk-at-the-Table kindly confirm if we have the quorum. Now that a Member has raised a question, let us clarify from Clerk-at-the-Table whether we have quorum, both online and physical.

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

The Clerk has confirmed we lack quorum. I therefore, direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the Bell for five minutes.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon Members, we still lack quorum.

(Motion deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Speaker: I t adjourn the House to tomorrow, Thursday 25th September 2025 at 2:30 p.m. The said business to be back to the House Business Committee for allocation.

The House rose at 4:15 p.m.