



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

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

PRAYER

QUORUM

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you may be seated. Good afternoon Hon. Members, the attention of the Chair has been raised due to the lack of quorum, under Standing Order No. 37(2). I direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the bell for a record of ten minutes as you leave the door wide open.

(The Quorum Bell was rung)

Hon. Members, we now have the quorum to allow us transact the business of the day. Kindly, Clerk, proceed.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING THE HISTORY OF
OWNERSHIP AND USE OF PLOT NO. CS27, A PARCEL OF LAND
SITUATED ALONG MOI DRIVE, UMOJA 1C, WITHIN EMBAKASI WEST SUB-COUNTY

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mark Mugambi? Hon. Diana Katile, you may be seated.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you, Speaker, for protecting me from Hon. Diana Katile. I have a request for a statement on the history of ownership and use---

(Loud consultation)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Members! Chairperson for the Budget Committee, please.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for protecting me once again from goons.

(Loud consultation)

Hon. Speaker: Did you just say goons?

Hon. Mark Mugambi: No, Speaker, I have not said goons.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you. They are still continuing, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 47(2)(C), I wish to request for a statement from the chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Planning, and Housing regarding, the history of ownership and use of Plot No. CS27, a parcel of land situated along Moi Drive, Umoja 1C, within Embakasi West Sub-County.

Hon. Speaker, the said parcel of land has for a long period been used by hawkers and small-scale traders. Concerns have, however, been raised following the recent removal of hawkers from the site and claims regarding the ownership and private use of the said land.

There are further concerns regarding the original planning status of the parcel, including whether the land was designated as an infill, public utility, open space, or land reserved for other public purposes, and the circumstances under which it came to be treated as an individually owned parcel.

Hon. Speaker, given the historical use of the land by members of the public and the concerns surrounding its current status, there is need for the County Executive to provide a clear account of the history, planning designation, allocation, and subsequent changes affecting the parcel.

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

1. A detailed historical account of the parcel of land, including its original designation and intended purpose.
2. Whether the parcel was originally designated as an infill, public utility, open space, market space, or any other category of land, and provide the relevant approved plans and planning records.
3. Whether the parcel was at any time reserved for public use, or intended to serve the surrounding community as an open space, or an infill, or a trading area, or other public facility.
4. The measures being undertaken by the County Executive to establish and preserve the original planning status of the parcel and protect land designated for public purposes from irregular allocation or change of use.

Hon. Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, you are out of order! The Speaker is on the floor. Hon. Helen, kindly find your place.

(Loud Consultation)

Hon. Minority Whip, you are much alive to the fact that we still do not have the Chair of the Planning and Housing Committee. Unfortunately, the Chairperson for the Liaison Committee is not in the Assembly and for that reason, I direct the Majority Leader to take responsibility and relay the same immediately after the Committee is properly constituted. Hon. Majority Leader, please.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, we were laughing with my younger brother here over the statement on this parcel of land? You know what you know, Speaker.

(Laughter)

I undertake that in the next two weeks after reconstitution of the committees and recess; we will deeply go into this. He has assured me there is no cause for alarm.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. The Majority Leader has just made my day and then a quote came to my mind that “a goat can never receive a fair hearing in a jury being led by hyenas”.

That said and done, the two weeks is okay. However, Hon. Speaker, I also would like you to help us fast track other statements that we have asked of the same committee on Planning.

I have two pending land matters for the last two years, Hon. Speaker, concerning illegal or irregular occupation of public utilities within Umoja One Ward.

Hon. Speaker, I have even been taken to court for stopping occupation or construction of the said pieces of land. Therefore, I beg this to not only be a regular or the normal statement and that we find a conclusion to this issue.

Hon. Speaker, I also have a petition that the residents of Umoja petitioned to have a public utility reverted and the Committee gave their recommendation, but the Executive have never done anything. That said and done, I think the two weeks will suffice. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Diana.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING THE
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN 11-STOREY DEVELOPMENT ON
LR NO. NAIROBI BLOCK 91/419, UNITED NATIONS CRESCENT, GIGIRI
Hon. Speaker,

Hon. Diana Katile: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a request for a statement regarding compliance of the proposed 11-storey development on Nairobi Block 91/419, United Nations Crescent, Gigiri, within the zoning policy.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 47(2)(c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Planning, and Housing regarding the proposed development of an 11-storey development on LR No. Nairobi Block 91/419, United Nations Crescent, Gigiri.

Hon. Speaker, Part 2 of the Second Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya provides that the urban planning function shall be executed by the County Governments. The Nairobi City County Physical Planning and Land Use Laws and the Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019, and the recently passed Development Control Policy further require public participation and approval prior to any development.

Hon. Speaker, the Nairobi City County Assembly approved the revised Development Control Policy on 17th June 2026. In the said policy, the County's planning framework identifies Gigiri as a low-density residential area.

Hon. Speaker, the development is situated within a low-density residential zone where the existing planning character is intended to preserve low-rise development, adequate open spaces, residential amenity, and the established character of the neighbourhood.

Hon. Speaker, of particular concern is the apparent application of the high-rise development provisions applicable to the first row along Limuru Road to LR No. Nairobi Block 91/419, a parcel that is located in the third row from Limuru Road.

High-rise developments permitted along the first row should not automatically be extended to properties located deeper within the low-density neighborhood, where the applicable zoning controls do not permit such intensification.

Hon. Speaker, allowing an 11-storey building on this particular parcel would therefore create a significant planning precedent and would undermine the principle of orderly development and the integrity of the zoning framework. It would also fundamentally alter the character of the surrounding low-density neighbourhood.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire and report to the County Assembly on the following:

1. While considering the development approvals, what zoning classification applied to the development of LR No. Nairobi Block 91/419?
2. Whether Nairobi County Executive department of Urban Planning has granted any development approvals, change of user consent, or any other approvals for the proposed 11-storey development on LR No. Nairobi Block 91/419, and if so, provide certified copies of the approvals and all supporting documentation.
3. Whether public participation was conducted in respect of the proposed change of user, and if so, provide attendance registers, photographs, reports, and any publications made in print or broadcast media.

4. Whether affected residents and adjoining landowners were duly notified, particularly residents located along the access routes to the proposed development, and provide documentary evidence of such notification.
5. Whether all requisite environmental approvals and processes were undertaken, including the project brief, environmental studies, traffic assessments, security plans, and correspondence with the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA).
6. Whether the County has undertaken an assessment of the planning and infrastructural implications of the proposed development, including traffic access, parking, drainage, security, and compatibility with the existing character of Gigiri.
7. What measures the County Executive is taking to ensure that all developments comply with the recently passed Development Control Policy 2026?

Hon. Speaker: The Hon. Majority Leader, on behalf of the Committee, kindly.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, on the same, I plead with my colleague that we delve into this in two weeks after recess.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Katile, do you have further requests?

Hon. Diana Katile: Yes, I agree to the two weeks' commitment that has been made, and ask that the same be complied with.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING
THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 12-STOREY,
185-HOTEL-SUITE DEVELOPMENT BY SEASON GLOBAL
LIMITED ON THE AMALGAMATED PARCELS, NAIROBI BLOCK 91/157
AND 91/158, ALONG UNITED NATIONS CRESCENT, GIGIRI

Hon. Diana Katile: I have another statement regarding compliance of the proposed 12-storey development on Nairobi Block 91/157 and 91/158, United Nations Crescent, Gigiri, within the zoning policy.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Planning, and Housing regarding the proposed development of a 12-storey, 185-hotel-suite development by Season Global Limited on the amalgamated parcels, Nairobi Block 91/157 and 91/158, along United Nations Crescent, Gigiri.

Hon. Speaker, Part 2 of the Second Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya provides that the urban planning function shall be executed by the county governments. The Nairobi City County Physical Planning and Land Use Laws, the Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019, and the recently passed Development Control Policy further require public participation and approval prior to any development.

Hon. Speaker, the Nairobi City County Assembly approved the revised Development Control Policy on 17th June 2026. In the said policy, the County's planning framework identifies Gigiri as a low-density residential area. The applicable zoning framework has historically provided for low-density residential development in Gigiri, one-family dwelling houses.

Concerns have been raised by the Gigiri Village Association, a registered neighbourhood association representing residents of Gigiri, regarding the planning approvals, change of user, public participation, and environmental approvals associated with the proposed 12-storey development in a low-density residential area.

The association has stated that during a meeting described as a Public Participation Forum held on 9th February 2026, the developer's representative indicated that Nairobi City County had already granted approval for the proposed development and issued a change-of-use consent allegedly based on the signatures from 10 residents of Gigiri. The residents have contested these assertions and stated that no public participation had been conducted within Gigiri prior to that meeting, and the affected residents had not been notified.

Hon. Speaker, further concerns have been raised by residents living directly along one of the two access routes to the proposed development, who reportedly did not receive written notification concerning either the change-of-use application or public participation as prescribed by the County building guidelines.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report to the County Assembly on the following;

1. While considering the development approvals, what zoning classification applied to the development of the 12-storey suites?
2. Whether Nairobi County Executive Department of Urban Planning has granted any development approvals, change-of-user consent, or any other approvals for the proposed 185 hotel suites on Nairobi Block 91/157 and 91/158, and if so, provide certified copies of the approvals and all supporting documentation.
3. Whether public participation was conducted in respect of the proposed change of user, and if so, provide attendance registers, photographs, reports, and any publications made in print or broadcast media.
4. Whether affected residents and adjoining landowners were duly notified, particularly residents located along the access routes to the proposed development, and provide documentary evidence of such notification.
5. Whether all requisite environmental approvals and processes were undertaken, including the project brief, environmental studies, traffic assessments, security plans, and correspondence with the National Environment Management Authority.
6. Whether the County has undertaken an assessment of the planning and infrastructural implications of the proposed development, including traffic access, parking, drainage, security, and compatibility with the existing character of Gigiri.
7. What measures the County Executive is taking to ensure that all developments comply with the recently passed Development Control Policy 2026?

Hon. Speaker: The Leader of the Majority.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, that statement is so deep, and I don't know whether it is a practice in this House, through the Clerk's office or the Assistant Clerk's office, for the drafting of a statement to take more than three minutes while being read. There's a precedent set

by this House that a statement must be simple and precise to the point. Did it really go through the veracity of the standard procedure? All said and done, because *wakili* is the drafter, maybe she drafted it and put it on a letterhead.

Because of the concerns, as raised by the deputy Whip here, we are thinking you give us three weeks after recess, so that we can go through reading one week then we will include a site visit of the same. But I want to assure you, as I sit in that Committee, in respect of being a Leader of Majority that we are going to work for you and I promise you that.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Clerk, let us proceed.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Whip, what is the issue?

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Hon. Speaker, I wanted to make a request to you, with all due respect, if we can do a change of sequence from Order 8 to Motion No. 10, Hon. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Permitted.

ADJOURNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALENDAR OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY REGULAR SESSION

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, allow me to thank the Minority Whip for the request. As you are aware, in this House, I am with him and my deputy, Mheshimiwa Kaende, who are permitted by the Standing Orders to run such a Procedural Motion. Having said that, without much ado, Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 31 and 31(3), this Assembly adjourns until Tuesday, 29 September 2026 at 2.30 p.m., in accordance with the Calendar of the County Assembly Regular Session.

Hon. Speaker, I don't want to waste a lot of time. As you are aware, the day before yesterday, we tabled the names of Members for sectoral committees, and I am aware that all the calendar for elections is out through the office of the Clerk, and all our committee Members will be delving into elections of the sectoral and select committees that are pending.

Subsequently, the Clerk has aligned induction procedures for respective committees before we embark into proper work that ends our session. Hon. Speaker, it is prudent, therefore that as we go on this recess, it is primarily to align committees and their new Chairs and their new Vice-Chairs, and those who have been changed from one committee to another, to acquaint themselves with the Standing Orders, the procedure and how these committees work.

Therefore, Hon. Speaker, without much ado, allow me to invite the Leader of Minority to second albert, he has just walked in. *Karibu*, sir. The Whip is asking to second because the boss has just arrived.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, since our leader has just walked in, I wouldn't want him to be bombarded or ambushed by the Majority without a prior understanding of what he is to second.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to second the adjournment Motion owing to the fact that Hon. Members, especially the elected, have just received bursaries and they need to have more time with their voters.

Therefore, this recess gives them adequate time to interact and make sure they issue their bursaries in a more organized way, now that we are nearing the election. We are only 363 days to the next election. The recess will be a good time for them at least to interact with their constituents.

That said and done, I beg to second the Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I had pressed the button long before you gave the Majority Leader the opportunity to speak because according to the Order Paper, my Motion was appearing as number one and I did not even hear him asking for the change of sequence.

However, I have no objection on the adjournment. Mr. Speaker allow me before I support the adjournment to ask whether we are doing away with the Motions that were appearing on the Order Paper or we are adjourning then we proceed with the---

Hon. Speaker: We are proceeding with the business; it is just a change of sequence.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: I support the adjournment.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mary Wanjiru Kariuki?

Hon. Kamau Thuo: Hon. Speaker, I seek your indulgence I can't find my card. I am the one using Hon. Wanjiru Kariuki's card.

Hon. Speaker: You ought to have made the request much earlier, be seated Hon. Member you are out of order.

Hon. Kamau Thuo: Thank you.

Hon. Anthony Kiragu: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I would also like to request that we allow committees to sit while we are on recess. I don't know whether I am late to the request. The Majority Leader will tell you that Members have not been sitting for the last two weeks and this is going to have a very serious impact on their pay slips. We have a lot of business that need to be taken care of by the committees and I request that the committees start immediately on Monday as we do elections so that the new chairmen or the recycled start calling for meetings so that Members can start working on---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Leader with all due respect, kindly use parliamentary language. You cannot recycle leaders in the assembly. They can only be re-elected.

Hon. Anthony Kiragu: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I want to withdraw that. And as the mover replies, I would like him to advise me on what to call a Chair who has come back for a

second time because I think that it is not new. But for those who have new chairmen, let them bring new energy as we start sittings on Monday. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members, the request of the Leader of Minority for the purposes of the committees to run during the recess period is granted. I direct the Clerk to facilitate that. Let us proceed. It seems like I don't have other requests which brings us to the closure of that debate on the Motion on adjournment.

Hon. Majority Leader, you do not have to reply because it is automatic. Thank you. Clerk let us proceed. We revert back to the normal sequence as the business appears on the Order Paper and as you are aware Order No. 8 had been called out. Hon. Oyugi kindly proceed.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Thank you Mr. Speaker firstly for rescuing my English language when it was being butchered by one of our senior Members. Thank you for that. A human being cannot be recycled, thank you for the guidance.

MOTION

DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE ROAD SAFETY AND URBAN ORDER CAMPAIGN IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Mr. Speaker, Aware that paragraph 5 of part 2 of the 4th Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides for the County transport including but not limited to; county roads, street lighting, traffic and public road transportation, as a devolved county function;

Further aware that Section 5 (2) of the Nairobi City County Transport Act 2020 provides that the relevant County Executive Committee Member shall be responsible for *inter alia* regulation of integrated public transport system and promotion of non-motorized transport in the county;

Disturbed that road safety remains a critical concern within the CBD particularly within the central business district where high human and vehicle traffic creates increased risk for accidents and conflicts among road users;

Deeply concerned that the rapid growth of bodaboda motor cycle transport and public service vehicles PSVs especially matatus has significantly contributed to congestion, disorderly movement and frequent violations of traffic regulations within the CBD with the highest violators of lane discipline and use of walkways being the bodaboda operators;

Cognizant that pedestrians and other road users of non-motorized transport continue to face unsafe conditions due to encroachment of footpaths, walkways and designated non-motorized transport lanes by motor cycles and other vehicles; compromised public safety accessibility and order within the city;

Agitated that excessive hooting and the use of loud and modified muffler by motor vehicles and motor cycles within the CBD has created noise pollution causing noise and disruptions to corporate offices and government institutions, learning institutions and other public spaces;

Recognizing that the promotion of discipline road usage enforcement of traffic regulations and reduction of noise pollution are critical components of a safe and orderly and livable urban environment;

Appreciating that effective collaboration between the County Government and the National Government and relevant agencies is essential in achieving sustainable and safety and urban mobility management.

This assembly therefore, resolves that:

1. The County Government of Nairobi develops and implements a comprehensive Road Safety and Urban Order Campaign, with particular focus on the Central Business District, aimed at promoting safe and orderly coexistence among Boda boda motorcycle riders, Public Service Vehicle (PSV) operators, pedestrians and users of non-motorized transport;
2. The County Executive, in collaboration with the National Government and its agencies, enforces regulations to ban unnecessary hooting within the Central Business District, Prohibit the use of loud and modified mufflers by motor vehicles and motorcycles that contribute to excessive noise pollution and establish enforce acceptable noise level standards within urban areas;
3. The County Executive develops supportive infrastructure and systems, including; clearly demarcated pedestrian walkways and non-motorized transport lanes and installation of signage on 'No Hooting Zones' and noise control areas within the CBD;
4. Enforce the 10KPH speed limit within the Central Business District;
5. Develop more pedestrian crossing areas (Zebra Crossing) and enforce the use of them for the safety of road users; and
6. The County Executive to submit a progress report within six (6) months to the County Assembly detailing the implementation status of the road safety campaign, compliance levels among road users and reduction in accidents, encroachment cases, and noise pollution levels within the CBD.

Mr. Speaker, before I call the seconder of this Motion, I wonder when was the last time that you went down street and witnessed for yourself the madness that pedestrians of Nairobi are facing; from the rogue motorists and the bodaboda riders - for lack of a better word - something has to be done.

If you are in Nairobi from the Hilton Hotel area going down, it is like you are in hell and not in Nairobi. Accidents that occasionally occur can be controlled if these measures are put in place.

Mr. Speaker, I want to urge Members to soberly contribute to this Motion so that we may pass it as a law in this city. Allow me to invite Hon. Wairia to second this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Paul Kariuki: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Allow me to congratulate Hon. Oyugi for the well thought out Motion. We all crave for an orderly city and this Motion is coming at a very critical time of our term. Allow me also to inform this House that the hooting that he is talking about also happens in our estates. Public service vehicles hoot along the road as early as 4 a.m. or 3 a.m. which is a nuisance to the families that live in these estates.

Hon. Oyugi, the Motion should also seek to ban hooting in the estates because it inconveniences the residents especially the young children. With that Hon. Speaker, I beg to second. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Leader

Hon. Anthony Kiragu: Hon. Speaker, I stand here to support this Motion and congratulate my brother for bringing it now. I am also castigating him for not bringing it earlier.

Hon. Speaker, like he has said, that the upper part of the CBD which is where we are, is quickly turning into the chaotic downtown. I know that those in downtown deserve a favorable working environment on top of the traffic jam and protection. The traffic madness has also affected business making it is very difficult to drive down there to buy anything.

Hon. Speaker, this Motion is long overdue and I hope that the County Executive does not just develop policies but implement and enforce. I have seen that he has used the word ‘enforce’ enough times and I hope that the message sinks in the inspectorate, traffic, roads and in all departments that need to make this city work and good for business.

I would like to support this Motion by saying that on top of passing it as quickly as we can, it will also be enforced and implemented faster because it is urgent. Hon. Speaker I beg to support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Lily Kideda?

Hon. Lily Kideda: Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me the opportunity to support this Motion. While I appreciate the significant contribution that the bodaboda operators and motor bikes have brought to our lives, starting from the time when we had Covid and could not go out to shop, they were able to do that. They have continued to significantly contribute to our comfort especially those who take care of the day to day running of homes.

As I support this Motion Mr. Speaker, allow me to give a few examples and go beyond the motor bike operators and go into the matatu area as was alluded to by the mover of the Motion. I thank Mheshimiwa Oyugi and I would like to say that this is truly long overdue because every day it only gets worse.

As I was coming to town this morning, there was this one big matatu and the music that was been played inside was making the glass windows of the matatu vibrate. I sympathized with those who were in that matatu but I also know that there are people who enjoy that kind of music. We need to do something about the noise pollution that we are allowing, the chaos that is being done within the CBD and even the outskirts.

The last time I checked, we had an office called NEMA that was given the responsibility to deal with this, I know other offices are also involved. Mr. Speaker, I would like to request that this Motion be taken as seriously as it deserves, and immediately and promptly as possible. Because the longer we wait to deal with what we are experiencing, the greater the chaos will get and the more difficult it will be to recreate and recapture the order that was Nairobi City. Our slogan was ‘make Nairobi work’.

This assembly has a short stint before we come to the next election. This has come, may we spend time to examine it and be honest with ourselves and act not just for ourselves but for our posterity. We appreciate what they bring on the table but it is critical that we bring it with order, consideration to everyone else who uses the bodabodas and the matatus and take care of ourselves, honor and respect our transportation system.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Joyce Kamau?

Hon. Joyce Kamau: Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this Motion. It is true that we need order in this city of Nairobi which is the capital city of Kenya. Just to remind this House, one of H.E Governor Sakaja's manifesto was to decongest the city and to have a proper system in the matatu industry.

I want to urge the mobility sector to take it up so that we can have order as this Motion implies. Mr. Speaker we have also recently witnessed so many accidents and deaths within the city because of the chaos that is within that area. It is upon us as a House and the Executive to take it up so that we bring sanity and serve the people as we are mandated to do so in this House.

Thank you so much, I support the Motion by Hon. Oyugi.

Hon. Hellen Okello: *Asante sana Bwana Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii ili niweze kuunga mkono mjadala huu. Kwanza nataka kumpongeza Mwenyekiti wa Kamati la Maji Mheshimiwa Kennedy Oyugi kwa kuleta Mjadala huu wakati ufaao.*

Bwana Spika hii Motion imenikumbusha wakati wa Michuki - Mungu ailaze roho yake mahali pema peponi - aliweza kutilia mkazo wakati akiwa Waziri. Saa hii ni jambo la kuhuzunisha sana unapotembea barabarani hata pahali ambapo watu wanapaswa kupita kwa miguu, inaitwa kivuko cha watembea kwa miguu, utapata wenye wanatembea na miguu wanakimbia ili wasigongwe na gari. Maderewa wa magari ndogo za kibinafsi pamoja na matatu Bwana Spika, hawana wakati wa kusimama na kuwachia wanaopita kwa miguu kupata nafasi. Ni kama wakifika hapo ndio huwa wanakanyanga mafuta badala ya kukanyanga breki.

Bwana Spika juzi tumepata kuona ajali nyingi zikitendeka barabarani. Utapata ya kwamba magari yanayosababisha ajali ni magari ya uchukuzi na utapata nusu ya wanaotumia hayo magari si abiria bali ni wale kondakta ambao huketi kwenye dirisha wakiwa na firimbi. Ukienda Mombasa Road utashtuka kupata matatu wanafanya 'Nyoka Dance' ama 'Snake Dance'. Gari inaendeshwa hivyo na iko mbele yako na inweza fanya ugonge gari ikiwa mbele yako na hukuwa umeiona.

Halafu kuna mwendo mwingine---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member we don't admit sign language while you are contributing to the debate.

Hon. Hellen Okello: *Bwana Spika zinaenda 'zigzag'.*

Hon. Speaker: The last term I checked zigzag is in English language. Can you confine yourself to Kiswahili please?

Hon. Hellen Okello: *Asante Bwana Spika, nimerekebisha. Magari zinaenda kona kona, haziendi kwa straight vile zinafaa kuenda---*

Hon. Speaker: Straight is an English word.

Hon. Hellen Okello: *(Laughs) Bwana Spika najaribu---*

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member, do you know you are on HANSARD.

Hon. Hellen Okello: *Ndio Bwana Spika. Najaribu kusema tutilie mkazo magari za uchukuzi yanapoendeshwa barabarani, wawe na adabu barabarani ili wasihatarishe maisha ya wapigaji kura wetu hatarini.*

Bwana Spika ukiangalia kuna zile matatu zinapita hapa kwa barabara ya City Hall na hasiruhushiwi kupita hapa. Naomba Mjadala kuu utiliwe mkazo itakapoenda ule upande mwingine maana tumepeleka mijadala ingine na hakuna kitu imefanywa na ili huu mjadala uweze kuwasaidia wanairobi. Asante sana Bwana Spika.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Jeera Ochieng

Hon. Samson Ooko: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to support this Motion by a very young legislator Hon. Kennedy Oyugi on road safety. Because of your leadership Hon. Speaker, I have been able to travel across the world. When you travel to Europe or Asia, and you get to see how systems work around there and come back home, you get ashamed on how we manage our affairs.

If we want to give Nairobi dignity, we must be able to ensure that the safety of our people especially on roads are guaranteed by how we manage ourselves. Just like what Hon. Kideda said, you get into a matatu and want to receive a call but you cannot because it is so loud. They must be regulated, the music in the matatus cannot even allow the driver to concentrate.

Hon. Speaker, there are areas where people are allowed to cross the road; our people ignore the rules that are there and end up crossing the road where they are not supposed to cross causing accidents. They are knocked down and die and at the end of the day they claim to have been hurt by these matatus.

Hon. Speaker, the law must be followed. I don't know what we call *mkokoteni* in English-- hand cart? Thank you Wakili.

Hon. Speaker, when you drive across Nairobi, you will find these hand carts everywhere and this causes the driver to stop because they are pulling the carts along the road. We must put up roads for bodabodas so that they have their own area where they can ride the motor cycles.

Most of the accidents are caused by motorbikes who run left, right, and center and these hand cuts because they are everywhere in the roads. We must give dignity to our roads otherwise, so many lives will be lost. So much time will be wasted on these roads. There will be no control of traffic because of these mistakes we make on our roads. If you want Nairobi to be a city like the ones we see in Europe and Asia, then there must be a law to govern this city.

Therefore, Hon. Speaker, I must support this Motion by my brother, Mheshimiwa Kennedy Oyugi from High Rise, a Motion that should have come yesterday. The only thing that we must do is to ensure it is followed to the letter and those who are responsible with making sure that it goes through, must do it as early as today.

Lastly, honorable Speaker, yesterday I had a Motion here, a very powerful Motion which you did not attend, but anyway, I thank the Members for actually coming in and ensuring it passed. Thank you so much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Fiu ni Fiu

Hon. Kamau Thuo: Thank you, Hon. speaker. I wish to join my colleagues to support this Motion by the Hon. Member for Nyayo High Rise. Nairobi is to be referred to as a modern city in Eastern Central Africa and in Africa in general. We must be serious as far as order is concerned in the transport sector in this City. When this regime was campaigning, the head coined a phrase and talked about a City of order. I do not know whether we still have that order in the City, but that order cannot be a one-man show.

It takes collective responsibility for citizens. But Hon. Speaker, the challenge that we have is enforcement. Mostly when enforcement is being conducted, you have persons who are politically connected obstruct some of these operations. So, we cannot eat our cake and have it. If we decide we want to clean up Nairobi, we have to do it collectively. Yesterday, I was privileged to walk with a Member from Kiambu County Assembly, the Honorable Wairimu, and she told me she does not like coming to Nairobi because it is not easy to go around Nairobi, especially when you are a pedestrian, honorable Speaker.

We need to bring back dignity to pedestrians in this City. The Honorable Member, Ochieng Jera, has said that he has traveled across the world and I have also been fortunate to travel a bit, but you find that some of your Members- when they visit these big cities - they have a challenge because these cities have a system.

Here, we fight with cars. Cars here do not stop for pedestrians, and also pedestrians do not stop for cars. In these developed countries, you have to abide by the rules whether they are cars or not, if it says stop, you have to stop. So that is a culture we need to build.

Hon. Speaker, I have noticed that this city is divided by Thika road. One side is the Eastern side of Nairobi, the other one is the Western side of Nairobi. There is a lot of chaos in the Western side of Nairobi and I do not want to belabor that point, but also as the elected political leadership, we have failed the citizens of this City. With those few remarks, because I can see the Member who is supporting this Motion, is not happy with this route I am taking, let me just say I support this Motion. Let us decongest this City and modernize Matatu operations. Let the County Executive prioritize public sector over private cars and include deployment of technology, use of GPS, use of CCTV and such. We should have a department of public awareness on safety for transport for women, children, and people with disability.

Lastly, Hon. Speaker, is about clean and green mobility. The County can have a multi-agency approach with NTSA and the ministry concerned.

So I say that Nairobi does not only need more roads. Nairobi needs a transport system that is organized, integrated, and designed around people, not congestion and confusion. I support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I call upon the mover of the Motion to reply.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, allow me to appreciate the overwhelming support by the Honorable Members in supporting this Motion. From the bottom of my heart, I do not take it for granted. Mr. Speaker, if we want to restore the confidence of pedestrians in Nairobi and especially in the CBD then this Motion has to be implemented.

If we want to reduce unnecessary deaths and accidents, then this Motion has to be implemented. Mr. Speaker, it is funny how in Nairobi when you come across the pedestrians crossing, you find pedestrians running. They are running away from vehicles and motorcycles. They completely do not obey traffic rules.

Mr. Speaker, I want to urge, and how I wish the Majority Leader was still around as the chair of Implementation committee, to give it a priority that it deserves. Otherwise, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to reply.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC GREEN CREMATORIUM IN NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

Hon. Speaker: Hon. FiuniFiu.

Hon. Kamau Thuo: Honorable Speaker, thank you so much for this opportunity. I will not take much of the time of, the valuable time of members of this County Assembly, but allow me to read through my Motion and also submit briefly.

Hon. Speaker: Kindly proceed.

Hon Kamau Thuo: Okay. Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

THAT, aware that Article 11 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 recognizes the country's cultural diversity and requires public institutions to respect and promote the traditions, beliefs, and practices of all communities; FURTHER AWARE THAT paragraph 2 (f) of the Fourth Schedule of the same Constitution provides for inter alia County health services, including, in particular; cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria as a county mandate; ACKNOWLEDGING THAT rapid urbanization and population growth have increased the demand for burial spaces amidst the growing need for cremation services as an alternative for a dignified funeral process; APPRECIATING THAT establishment of a modern public green crematorium for a dignified end-of-life services that promotes efficient land use and support cleaner energy-efficient and low-emission funeral practices; FURTHER APPRECIATING THAT establishment of a modern public green crematorium can easily be realized through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) or other strategic partnerships with faith-based organizations, private investors, charitable institutions, and/or development partners, thereby reducing the financial burden on the County Government while maintaining high standards of environmental protection, public health, and service delivery; NOWHEREFORE, this Assembly urges that the Nairobi City County Executive to:-

1. Undertake a feasibility study on the establishment of a public green crematorium adjacent to Murumbi Peace Memorial Park at City park Goan cemetery;
2. Conduct public participation with religious organizations, cultural groups, residents, and other stakeholders on the project;
3. Explore PPP and other partnership models for the financing, construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility; iv) Develop a policy and operational

- framework to ensure the crematorium is affordable, environmentally sustainable, energy-efficient, and respectful of Nairobi's cultural and religious diversity; and,
4. Submit a report to the County Assembly within ninety 90 days on the feasibility, partnership options, implementation roadmap, and budget implications of the proposed project.

Hon. speaker, this Motion is self-explanatory. It seeks to recognize that this is a city of diversity. We have different beliefs and traditions as a Country and the motion seek to give dignity and choice.

Cremation is a dignified way of laying loved ones to rest and give families a choice. Hon. Speaker, it is also about land conservation. We have one public cemetery, the Lang'ata Cemetery and that, to a greater extent, that cemetery is fully used, honorable speaker. When this County goes the cremation, we will have an opportunity for land conservation. That other issue is environmental sustainability, public access.

A PPP model, honorable speaker, means that the County has the land and can engage partners to do this, honorable speaker. And lastly, it is respect for diversity. That the facility would provide an option without comparing anyone to choose cremation, burial rights available for those who prefer it.

This Motion is not about replacing burial. It is about giving Nairobians a dignified choice while planning responsibly for the city we are leaving to future generations, honorable speaker. Allow me to call Honorable Kennedy Oyugi to second this Motion.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, have you seen me?

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Honorable Oyugi.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon Lilly Kidenda?

Hon. Lilly Kidenda: Hon. Speaker, while I appreciate the weightiness of the Motion that is before us, I would like to rise on the Standing Order 104 and request for an adjournment of debate. Allow me to read the Standing Order, "A Member who wishes to postpone to some future occasion the further discussion of the question which has been proposed from the Chair may claim to move 'That the debate be now adjourned' or in the Committee of the whole County Assembly 'That, the Chairperson do report the progress.'" I propose.

Hon. Speaker: Honorable Members, are you in agreement with the proposal under Standing Order number 104? Is that the feeling of the Assembly? Kindly press your button.

Hon. Joyce Kamau: Mr. Speaker, we are going for recess for a whole month. Just give us an opportunity to finish on this Motion and then we just wind up.

Hon. Speaker: What is the feeling of the mover of the Motion?

Hon. Kamau Thuo: I would also wish that we dispense of this matter, Hon. Speaker. I brought this matter when this Session started and something happened. I urge that we pass it.

Hon. Speaker: Let us proceed. Hon Wachira Kariuki?

Hon. Wachira Kariuki: Honorable Speaker, I would like to support this Motion by the Hon. FiuniFiu, the lone courageous bull that he is and as a fundamentalist. I know he is protecting spaces around the country and especially the area that he comes from. We have a crematorium along Karioko and another one along Lang'ata Road, so my only prayer is that he is not doing some social segregation by taking this crematorium towards the south side of the City. With that, I rise to support. Thank you.

Hon. Joyce Kamau: Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. This is a very good Motion by my colleague, but I rise to oppose the Motion because this one may not be suitable for everybody.

Mr. Speaker, I am opposing because I am a Christian and I read the Bible and the Bible guides us so well. It says that dust should go back to dust and so we as Christians, we continue following the Bible and in burying dead people. What we can do is to find other avenues.

We still have more land in Nairobi, we can even recycle the graves and use other means, but I am not opposing having a crematorium. It can be done, yes, but it should not be considered as something that will be usable for everybody.

There is a religion that believes in that but for us Christians, we should think of other avenues and other ways of getting more land so that we bury our people as the Bible directs us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Honorable Members, my screen is clear, an indication that there is no further debate on this Motion. I give the right of reply to the mover of the Motion.

Hon. Kamau Thuo: Thank you, Honorable Speaker, for the opportunity. Allow me to just take one minute. At the start of this Motion, I submitted the issue of dignity and choice. As much as we are advocating for cremation, as a way of conservation, it is done at will. We are giving Kenyans and Nairobians' a chance and a choice of how they would want to do their rights for their loved one. I would urge my sister, Honorable Joyce Kamau that it is your choice on how you want to do your stuff, whether you want to go back to the dust or to the ashes. Thank you for the input I have got from Members and also from my sister.

I urge Members that we support this Motion because the city will have an opportunity of having a green crematorium. This is not just a city for Kenyans. It is a city for the world. I move. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Honorable Members, you may be upstanding as I wish you a peaceful evening. Motion number nine brings us close to the business of the day. Honorable Members, I wish you a wonderful stay during this period of the recess. The Assembly stand adjourned to 29th, September, 2026, at 2.30 p.m. Thank you.

The House rose at 4.50 p.m.