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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

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

PRAYER

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you may take your seats.

QUORUM

Hon. Speaker: It has come to the notice of the Chair that we lack quorum. I direct, under Standing Order No.37, the Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the Bell for a record of 10 minutes, as you prepare to debate the speech of the President. It is your day, so each and every one of you will be given appropriate opportunity and time. Just get your notes ready.

Honorable Whips, we have a serious business before the House. I direct you to mobilize your Members to find their way into the plenary.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

Hon. Members, the House is properly constituted. We may now proceed with the business of the day.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

RESUMPTION FROM SHORT RECESS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, allow me to welcome you back after the short recess, and also to relay the information that one of our Members needs your prayers. Hon. Lily Kidenda is admitted at Aga Khan Hospital. You may find some time to pay at least a courtesy visit and also to give her solidarity as one of the Members of the Assembly. Thank you very much.

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NOTICES OF MOTION

Hon. Speaker: We have three notices of Motion from Mheshimiwa Oyugi.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRAMEWORK FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF CARBON CREDIT PROJECTS

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to give notice of the following Motion:

AWARE THAT climate change continues to pose significant threat to sustainable development, urban resilience, environmental protection and public health, particularly within rapidly growing cities such as Nairobi City County;

FURTHER AWARE THAT greenhouse gas emissions under its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), thereby requiring coordinated action across both national and county government;

NOTING THAT Climate Change Act, 2016, the Nairobi City County Climate Change Act, 2024, and the Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA), mandate collaboration between the two levels of government in implementing climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies;

APPRECIATING THAT the County Government of Nairobi developed the Nairobi City County Climate Change Action Plan 2020-2050, which targets carbon neutrality by 2050 by aiming a 66% emissions reduction below business as usual scenarios;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT carbon credit mechanism and climate finance frameworks provide an opportunity for government to generate revenue through verified energy, afforestation, sustainable transport and energy efficiency;

COGNIZANT THAT effective participation in carbon credit markets requires structured collaboration with national government agencies, including the ministry responsible for Environment and Climate Change, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and other regulatory and technical institutions;

FURTHER NOTING THAT Nairobi City County continues to experience increasing greenhouse gas emissions driven by urbanization, traffic congestion, waste management challenges and energy consumption patterns;

RECOGNIZING THAT the establishment of a coordinated climate change mitigation program will not only contribute to emission reduction but also enable the County Government to access carbon credit markets, generate sustainable revenue and reinvest such proceeds into development programs for the benefit of residents;

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly resolves that the County Government in collaboration with the national government institutions:

1. Establishes a clear framework for the identification, development, validation, verification, certification and registration of carbon credit projects across key

sectors, including waste management, renewable energy, urban forestry, sustainable transport and energy efficiency;

2. The County Executive formally partners with National Government agencies such as the ministry responsible for environment and climate change, the National Environment Management Authority NEMA and other relevant bodies to ensure compliance with national laws, international standards and carbon market protocols;
3. The County Government mobilizes partnerships with private sector actors, development partners and climate finance institutions to access technical expertise, funding and market linkages necessary for carbon credit generation and trading; and
4. Revenue generated from carbon credit initiatives be reinforced and utilized to finance climate action programs and other priority county development projects that promote sustainable development.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. The notice of Motion stands given. Proceed.

DESIGNATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS FOR SENSITIZING
YOUTH ON DANGERS OF DRUG AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Thank you. I wish to give notice of the following Motion;

AWARE THAT Article 55 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides inter alia, the state shall take measures including affirmative action programs to ensure that youth are protected from harmful cultural practice and exploitation;

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT drug and substance abuse remains a significant and growing challenge among the youth within Nairobi City County, adversely affecting their health, productivity, security and overall socioeconomic well-being;

DISTURBED THAT the prevalence of drug abuse has contributed to increased cases of crimes, school dropouts, unemployment, mental health disorders and family disintegration within the County;

NOTING THAT Part Two of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, provides for the functions and powers of the county governments which includes interlayer control of drugs and pornography;

COGNIZANT THAT the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) is mandated to coordinate multi-sectoral approach in preventing, controlling and mitigating drug and substance abuse in Kenya;

RECOGNIZING THAT effective sensitization, early intervention and rehabilitation programs are critical in addressing the root causes and consequences of drug abuse among the youth;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING THAT reformed youth who have successfully overcome drug addiction can play a pivotal role as peer educators and role models in community-based prevention efforts;

This Assembly therefore resolves that:

1. The County Government of Nairobi collaborates with NACADA and other relevant National and County Government agencies, non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations to design and implement comprehensive programs aimed at sensitizing, promoting preventive education in schools, community centers and informal settlements to the youth on the dangers of drug and substance abuse and enhancing access to counseling and rehabilitation services within the county;
2. The County Government identifies and supports the reformed youth to serve as drug-free youth champions who shall act as peer educators and advocates against drug abuse, participate in mentorship and outreach programs and share live experiences to inspire behavior change among fellow youths;
3. The County Government develops a sustainable framework for integration of rehabilitated youth into society through skills development, vocational training and access to employment and entrepreneurship opportunities; and
4. The County Executive submits an annual report to the County Assembly detailing the progress made in combating drug and substance abuse, and the number of youth reached through sensitization programs and outcomes of rehabilitation and reintegration initiatives.

Thank you. Yours truly signed.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members, the notice stands given.

DEVELOPMENT OF ROAD SAFETY AND
URBAN ORDER CAMPAIGN IN THE CBD

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: The last one, Mr. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the following Motion;

AWARE THAT Paragraph 5 (2) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides for county transport, including but not limited to county roads, street lights, traffic and parking, 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 responsive for inter alia regulation of an integrated public transport system and promotion of non-motorized transport in the county;

DISTURBED THAT road safety remains a critical concern within Nairobi City County, particularly within the CBD where high human and vehicle traffic creates increased risk of accidents and conflicts among road users;

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT the rapid growth of bodaboda, motorcycle transport and public service vehicles especially matatu, 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 users of non-motorized transport continue to face unsafe conditions due to encroachment of footpaths, walkways and designated non-motorized transport lanes by motorcycles and other vehicles, compromises public safety, accessibility and order within the City;

AGITATED THAT excessive hooting and the use of loud and modified mufflers by motor vehicles and motorcycles within the CBD has created noise pollution, causing nuisance and disruption to corporate offices, government institutions, learning institutions and other public spaces;

RECOGNIZING THAT the promotion of disciplined road usage and enforcement of traffic regulations and reduction of noise pollution are critical components of a safe, orderly and reliable urban environment;

APPRECIATING THAT effective collaboration between the County Government, the National Government and relevant agencies is essential in achieving sustainable road safety and urban mobility management;

Therefore, this Assembly resolves that the County Government of Nairobi:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive road safety and urban order campaign with particular focus on the Central Business District aimed at promoting safe and orderly coexistence among bodaboda riders, public service vehicles, 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 and enforce acceptable noise level standards within urban areas;
3. The County Executive develops supportive infrastructure and systems including clearly demarcated pedestrians' walkways and non-motorized transport lanes, and installation of signage or number of hooting zones and noise control areas within the CBD;
4. Enforce the 10 km per hour 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 submits progress report within six 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.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The notice of Motion as given by the Hon. Member, stands admitted. Clerk, let us proceed.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING STATUS OF URBAN RENEWAL HOUSING UNITS IN NGARA

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Hellen Okello?

Hon. Hellen Okello: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 47 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing regarding the status of the Nairobi City County Urban Renewal Housing Projects, specifically the units located in Ngara.

Hon. Speaker, the right to accessible and adequate housing is enshrined under Article 43 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. To actualize this, the County Government embarked on an Urban Renewal program where several individuals purchased housing units in Ngara on an off-plan basis.

Hon Speaker, it is a matter of concern that despite this financial commitment by the citizens, the houses in Ngara have not been built to completion. This delay has caused significant distress to the purchasers who invested in the project with the expectation of timely delivery of their homes. Furthermore, there is a lack of clarity regarding the current valuation of this asset, and the specific shareholding structure between the County Government and the private developer involved.

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

1. Comprehensive status report on the construction progress of the urban renewal housing units in Ngara, including the revised completion timelines;
2. The current real market value of the housing unit compared to the initial off-plan purchase price;
3. A breakdown of the shareholding agreement for the Ngara project, specifically detailing the percentage of the shares held by the Nairobi City County Government; and
4. Measures the County Executive is taking to protect the interests of off-plan purchasers and ensure the immediate resumption of the construction works.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The Chairperson, Planning Committee? The Vice-Chair? Any Member? The Leader of the Majority, you are a Member of the Committee.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon Speaker, this issue of Ngara is a very emotive issue, on behalf of the Chair, allow me to commit that immediately we come from the recess, we will be able to give a comprehensive report before this House.

Hon. Speaker: I hope that is in order. As the House will be proceeding for the recess, the Committees will remain to be active and operational. So, two weeks is in order.

BILL*First Reading*NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ALCOHOLIC DRINKS
CONTROL AND LICENSING (REPEAL) BILL, 2026

*(Order for First Reading read and committed to
Culture and Community Services Committee)*

MOTIONDEBATE ON THE SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE
PRESIDENT (DAY 1)

Hon. Speaker: The Leader of the Majority.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon Speaker and the entire House, allow me first of all to thank the entire Assembly for a good show in Mombasa on the Legislative Summit, on behalf of County Assemblies Forum (CAF). I know my Secretary General has meeting with the Salaries and Remuneration Committee on the interests of all the Members of the county assemblies across the country. Thank you so much for participating in the Legislative Summit, and thank you, Hon Speaker, for the facilitation. We grateful as CAF.

Hon Speaker, THAT, pursuant to provision of Standing Order No. 27 (5), The thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya delivered at the County Assembly on Thursday 9th April 2026, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Thursday 9th April 2026.

Hon Speaker, as you are aware that immediately the President addressed this Hon House, which I am grateful, in Mombasa, all Speakers were asking you questions on how you managed to invite the Head of State to address this honourable House. Hon Speaker, as we stand here, we will be in the annals of history as one of the assemblies that a sitting Head of State has ever come, walked with in this red carpet and addressed us for one hour and five minutes. It was indeed historical.

Hon Speaker, before I proceed – Honourable Member, can you sit properly in the Chamber? This is not a cottage. Hon Speaker, is this a mode of sitting in the House? *Ona vile ananidharau kama Leader of Majority.*

Hon. Speaker: The Speaker is blind until it is brought to his attention. Hon Member, can you be orderly and properly seated? Try to occupy your only space.

(Laughter)

Hon. Peter Imwatok: You are interfering with the whip. To me, it was a great speech given by the President. It was expounding on the interests of the people of Nairobi. Hon Speaker, I think we must accept the reality that Nairobi County must be treated in a special manner.

I thank His Excellency the President and also the Governor of the County for accepting the Urban and Cities Act that brings in a cooperation between the County Government and National Government.

Hon. Speaker, by this August, I will be in this Chamber for 14 years, with a few counterparts who are here. Every year there is a challenge in terms of development plans in the County. If you look at the drainage systems and the lighting system, the County is not well fashioned for the future.

Hon Speaker, you are aware it is only this year that we had a budget of Kshs.40 billion, which was our wish list, because the actual budget that we can achieve, which is tangible cash, is about Kshs.35 billion. With the National Government through the President bringing Kshs.80 billion, in fact in his speech which I have here, he said the first phase is Kshs.80 billion, meaning by next year another Kshs.80 billion or so, based on the type of projects the implementation Committee will come with.

I believe this House is ready, and we have shown by example when the Cooperation Agreement was brought before us, no Member at all opposed. On behalf of the people and Article 1 of the Constitution, we did our part to represent our people and agree that the County Government cooperates with the National Government. For the President to come here and tell us how he is committed beyond the Cooperation Agreement, is really a plus to the Country.

I was privileged to travel to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, when the late, the Rt Hon Prime Minister Raila Odinga contested for African Union chairmanship. Indeed, if you land to Addis from the airport, you realize Addis is almost like Dubai. You may not realize you are in Africa. If you see the lighting system as you land to Addis at night, it shows you are landing at the capital city. Hon Speaker, Hon Odalo, Hon. Ogeto, Hon. Jera, and many other people went to Addis. You could see a capital city on landing in the airport. Hon Speaker, as you land at JKIA from Mombasa, you just feel a string of lights. But with the President assuring the installation of lighting systems going on by the end of May, Nairobi should be lit and should be designed properly.

(Applause)

The spirit of the union between the UDA side and the Azimio side is being encouraged. In fact, the President cemented that union when he came before this House. This House is led by the Azimio side by virtue of being the majority side. But we have never exploited that majority in us. We have put a very thin line for purpose of working together.

Hon Speaker, I said on that day that I was privileged. You can imagine another day a son of Teso will be standing here, a former watchman and toilet cleaner, an alumnus of *Eastleigh 'usilie'*, standing before the President of the Republic of Kenya. Even if I will not go to Parliament one day, at least I have sat in a seat where I was the Leader of Majority and the President of the Republic of Kenya was addressing a full Parliament. With a history that this country will never be the same, I pray that what the President said here is going to be practical. Let us leave a legacy.

The one-kilometer road for the all 85 wards, let it be a reality. As the President said, 65 of them are already ongoing.

On the Cooperation Agreement, we agreed implementation and oversight continues as normal. We agreed the Implementation Committee of the Cooperation Agreement to file a report before this Parliament. And as the chair of Implementation Committee, I am focused to make sure that everything that the President wants us to help, we need to do it. In the last phrase of his speech, he said, “it is possible.” We cannot wait for someone to do it. As the Chair of Implementation, I will not wait for somebody to make sure that what the President wanted and what we agreed in this Parliament, is achievable.

For those few remarks, Hon Speaker, allow me to invite my counterpart, the Leader of the UDA Party, the government party, to come and second this Motion, as we expound on this Address for the next three days. The crocodile itself, the father of... Welcome.

(Laughter)

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon Speaker, I beg for your protection. You have heard what the Majority Leader has called me; a very dangerous animal called a crocodile. Did you hear that, Mr. Speaker? As I finish, I would like you to request that he withdraws that word. Thank you.

Hon Speaker the President...

Hon. Speaker: Do you want me to put a word or give direction on the issue?

Hon. Anthony Karanja: After my contribution.

Hon. Speaker: So, you are comfortable?

Hon. Anthony Karanja: After.

Hon. Speaker: You may proceed.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon Speaker, I think this is an interesting time to be alive and to be in this Assembly; the first time that the Head of State addresses this County Assembly. It is a privilege and it is something that will go into the annals of history for every Member who participated and who sits in this Assembly, and especially to you, Hon. Speaker. I remember I was with you in State House when you invited the President to come to the County Assembly. Personally, I want to confess that I thought it was a joke. Hon. Speaker, congratulations and thank you for giving us that opportunity.

Hon. Speaker, the President spoke to the hearts of leaders and the residents of this City. He actually articulated the need for cooperation between the National and the County Government. Like the Majority Leader has said, that the President has courage to implement the Urban Areas and Cities Act, which a lot of presidents and a lot of opportunities have passed without cooperation. Like he said, Nairobi cannot be left alone. I remember in his own words, he said that every visitor who comes to Nairobi goes and says that they have gone to Kenya. But the truth is, they have come to this City. We must make sure that this City looks like the Kenya that we all want to be.

He also said that when Nairobi sneezes, Kenya catches a cold, and we are the people in Nairobi. We are the leaders who are supposed to make it not sneeze but to make it breathe. Hon.

Speaker, he spoke to the County leadership and he actually bestowed upon us a huge responsibility of making sure that the cooperation works. We have done our part as this County Assembly. We have aligned the policy with the manifesto. Like I said in one of the media stations, I have not seen one of our Members who opposed the cooperation between the National and the County Government.

Hon. Speaker, I think the President was also very clear that this is a cooperation and not a takeover, as had happened previously and as the naysayers want everybody to believe. This is a cooperation where the President and His Excellency the Governor sat down and agreed to work together for the betterment of this country. He has also gone ahead and given us some smart projects which are specific, measurable, attainable and time-bound. I want to attest that we have been given the date of 1 May for the end-to-end waste management program to start and Members of this County Assembly will attest that the work has started.

I have seen several Members post that massive efforts of garbage collections in our wards have started, and I am proud to announce that the one for Waithaka Ward starts today at 6 p.m. I want to believe that in the future, we will be proud of this moment. I would want you to take the Members behind me, they are making a lot of noise.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Whip, please, you are distracting the Member on the floor. You are consulting loudly.

(Hon. Mark Mugambi spoke off the record)

Please, be seated, the Member is on the floor. Please! Please! You are not protected.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon. Speaker, we will evaluate whether he is supporting this program and whether he is supporting the President being here.

I want to attest that in the future we will be proud of ourselves because the skylines, like the President says, of this country are ruled by affordable houses, not just the jobs that are created today but the decent houses that the people of Nairobi, beginning with Mukuru, are enjoying.

Hon. Speaker, we know that very important projects have timelines. He gave the date of January 15th next year for the handover of the Nairobi River cleanup. Anybody from Eastlands can attest that the work that is going on there has never been seen, it is of biblical proportions. I would request that once in a while we be touring these projects as an Assembly. I think it is very important to see the progress as we execute our oversight role.

Hon. Speaker, I do not want to go beyond that, and I would want you to keep inviting the President, maybe on a monthly basis if possible, and we will support that as a County Assembly. Thank you.

(Applause)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, my screen is clear, I have not seen any request here. Can you proceed, the Leader of Minority Whip?

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. When you mentioned that your screen was empty, I wondered if during the Presidential Address we were duped by the Clerk into using a different system and then they took it away. Since I am sure most of us have requested to contribute.

Hon. Speaker, I rise to support the Address and appreciate the direction given, but also take time to speak as the representative of the great people of Umoja 1 Ward. What matters most to the people of Umoja 1 is that they want a working drainage system, working road network, a clean environment, and safety in their neighborhoods. And these are not big theories, they are daily realities, and the President has opened the door for action. Now the real work, Hon. Speaker, must be felt on the ground and in Umoja 1 Ward.

I support the Cooperation Agreement between the two levels of government because of service delivery, and it cannot wait. Whether it is roads, water, sewer wastes, wananchi do not care who is responsible, whether the National Government or the County Government. What mwananchi wants is these works done.

Hon. Speaker, as we support, we insist on results. We need these markets because the traders need organized spaces. Our youth also need real opportunities. We need to have the fields and the playing grounds finished; the ones that we have installed. We have a responsibility as leaders to support order in this City and to stand with what is right even when it is not popular.

I am sure we had issues or undertones with members of the public when they were saying that we have transferred functions. What we want as elected leaders is tangible development, Hon. Speaker, because that is what mwananchi wants. So we close our ears to the naysayers and push to have these tangible developments. Since the President also in his speech did... Kindly, Hon. Speaker protect me from the Member for Hospital Ward. Since he was mentioned by the President, we are not having peace. He is even spamming our inboxes with those videos, save alone seeing them in his status on a daily basis. Hon. Speaker, as I continue it was a good gesture shown by the President and especially it will go in history that under the stewardship of one Wuod Ng'ondi, the President of this Nation addressed the first County Assembly.

As I mentioned, Hon. Speaker, in case other counties get the privilege of the Presidential address, everything they will be preparing or doing, they will be using Nairobi County as a reference point. How did Nairobi County prepare? How did that Address go? You should be very happy that you have gone into the history of Kenyan books to be the first County Assembly Speaker to host the head of the state.

With this said and done, Hon. Speaker, I support the address because it also gives directions. Now, let us focus on implementation and accountability so that our residents can truly feel the difference in this collaboration that the Nairobi County and the National Government are having. Hon. Speaker, allow me to stop at that. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members, be observant of the light timing as you contribute. We have three lights in front to guide you on your timing of the speech. Hon. Jera.

Hon. Samson Ooko: First of all, let me say that Speaker you have raised the bar so high. You have given us an opportunity to share a platform with the President, and this praise must come directly to you. We appreciate you for such a wonderful invite.

Hon. Speaker, I appreciated the President when he spoke so well about things that touch our hearts; the development agenda in our wards. If this development agenda is finalized, I am certain that Nairobi will change and we will have a wonderful County to live in. We will have a name for the future.

Hon. Speaker, I want to request that you do a letter to the President appreciating him on our behalf and tell him that you are very happy. I also appreciate the opportunity for the cocktail. In that cocktail meeting, the President had time to engage with each Member directly. It was very moving. Imagine a President engaging each and every Member and listening to each ward. The President gave a promise that is supposed to be implemented. It is through you that we will realize these programs.

The issue of roads, water, lighting, sanitation, and environment, Hon. Speaker, without your support and the Majority Leader, we will never realize these things. But I believe that the President will do that.

The last thing I want to tell you, Hon. Speaker, that it is a shame that the President is giving out Kshs.80 billion. We have a budget of Kshs.40 billion. But in the financial year 2025-2026, the Ward Fund money has not been talked about and has not been published anywhere. Hon. Speaker, are we going to this election without the budget for 2025-2026? They were supposed to give us projects for this particular year. To date, we have not received anything. While we have a lot of funds; Kshs.40 billion from the County Government and Kshs. 80 billion from the National Government. Members of the County Assembly representing wards want their projects done as soon as possible. Thank you, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Deputy Minority Whip.

Hon. Joyce Muthoni: First of all, I want to congratulate you, Sir, because the whole idea of the President coming here was your idea. I also want to commend the President for the Kshs.80 billion that he is injecting in this City. In my own interpretation, I think it is an assurance that most of our Members are going to be re-elected in the coming elections because of the projects that are going to come to our wards.

Mr. Speaker, I have been a Member of the Environment Committee since I was nominated in 2017. And in that sector, the Executive and even us as a committee have really tried to deal with the menace of garbage. We have so many contractors that have been contracted by the County to collect garbage. Many tippers have been bought by the County, but Nairobi is still dirty. It means that most of the money, billions of shillings that are put in that sector, ends up in the wrong pockets.

As the President said that he is going to deal with the cartels that are in the garbage sector, the infrastructure sector, and so on and so forth, now we have faith and we believe that our City is going to be better. We all want good for this County of Nairobi because we have been elected and nominated to represent the people. If we get this project, as the President said, and if the business people of Nairobi are going to be paid, then there will be money circulation in Nairobi. We will

have enough development, and we will even have the courage to go back and face the people during the campaign seasons that are underway and coming. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mofire.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Hon. Speaker, let me take this opportunity first to thank you because you initiated the process of the President coming here in this Assembly. I remember when we were in the State House sometimes back, you proposed that the President should come and visit us here. I also congratulate the President.

For so long nothing has happening in the County. I remember in the last Assembly the National Government came in through the NMS. This Cooperation is like the same as what was there. We saw many projects coming up even here in our neighborhoods. Roads were constructed and cabros were put all over. Now, if you can go downtown especially around Muthurwa area, you cannot say that you are in Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya. It is like *ushago*. Some roads in some rural areas are better than here in Nairobi.

Hon. Speaker, I know very well that the President promised that he was going to give us a kilometer of tarmac in each ward. I hope in this Cooperation, they will accomplish, and Nairobians will be happy.

Hon. Speaker, I had a good moment when the President invited us to the State House. He had a talk with every Member. For the first time, I spoke to the P.S. Interior, Dr. Raymond Omollo, on Mr. President's phone. I think that was a very nice gesture coming from the Head of State. When we left the State House, I was called by somebody big, and the process started. And I know everything shall be okay.

We shall remember that day the President addressed the Assembly of Nairobi. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the Head of State of Kenya, His Excellency William Samoei Ruto.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Khatemeshi.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this chance to debate on the Address of the President. What started as a word in the State House, came to reality the minute the President stepped into this Assembly

Hon. Speaker, the President talked about agriculture. I will speak about the region where I come from; Western Kenya. We do sugarcane farming. He said farmers are currently getting higher pay and are paid on time. Also, reduction on fertilizers cost lead to increment in yields. Farmers from the Western region are really appreciating the President for actualizing that. Before, we used to import sugar and maize, but now we even have a surplus that we are exporting to our neighboring countries.

Hon. Speaker, I also want to talk about the promises the President made before he even came to this Assembly. For example, construction Rironi-Mau Summit Road. As we speak now, works have commenced, and maybe the end of this year or early next year the road will be completely done. You can imagine what that will do for Kenyans, easing the congestion on the road, especially for our people from the western region. They love traveling during Christmas or when there are holidays. Also the construction of SGR is going to ease a lot of congestion and accidents on the roads, and it will be faster.

Hon. Speaker, what the President addressed the Nairobians here, it was echoing throughout Kenya, and we appreciate it as a nation. When the history of Kenya is being written, I will be among the people in this Third Assembly who witnessed the Address of the President. With that said, Hon. Speaker, I want to appreciate our President. Thank you so much.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Martin.

Hon. Martin Mwangi: First of all, I want to thank you for your wisdom in finding the time to invite the President to this Assembly. It was an honor and privilege to have the President address us for the first time in the Assembly.

The President told us that his coming, or whatever actions he is taking for Nairobi, are a response to the frustrations of the people of Nairobi. The people of Nairobi have cried for progress, for housing, for better drainage, but that has not been forthcoming for many years. But now the President said it is time that Nairobi make strategic decisions to ensure that progress is made. The President reminded us that progress has a cost. We cannot demand better things for our people while encouraging or supporting lawlessness. So, he was actually asking us as leaders to be at the forefront. He led by example by telling us that he is willing and committed to demolish part of the State House to ensure that the right thing for Nairobi is done. As we contemplate the words of the President, we as leaders must be ready to do what is right for Nairobi even if our decisions will be unpopular, as long as they are for the betterment of this County. We must be ready to do what is right.

Beyond the Kshs.80 billion that the President has committed to this County, he also reminded us all that he has committed another Kshs.360 billion in the housing sector. The housing is coming up everywhere in Nairobi.

He reminded us about the Talanta Stadium that is in Nairobi, the classrooms that are being built in every constituency, and about his commitment to healthcare through SHA and also through improvement of health facilities. Although he never mentioned it, Mr. Speaker, the President has committed over Kshs.300 million for the completion of stalled Mutuini Hospital, which is now undergoing painting, and very soon it will be opened. It shows that the President is not only talking but following it up with action.

I have also been happy since the President visited us here because I have seen the Governor beginning to lead from the front. He is up and about ensuring that the Agreement is being put into action. I believe that very soon, the dream of an orderly, prosperous and hopeful Nairobi will be realized in our lifetime.

Finally, my appreciation to the President. We are behind him as he leads Nairobi and the entire country to a better future. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Hon. Clarence Mung'a

Hon. Clarence Munga: Thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to talk about the Address of the President of the Republic of Kenya to this Assembly. Allow me to congratulate you and the leadership of this House for finding it fit to invite a patriot, a leader, a true reflection of a president that Kenya deserves, to come and address this great Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, going through the Address of the President, I have concluded that it was basically to give more effort on the collaboration between the County Government and National Government. He put more emphasis as to why we need to collaborate. The issues surrounding the collaboration such as roads to be tarmacked across Nairobi, the street lights, sewer system and other sectors like sports and education. More emphasis was put on governance and resource management and what leaders ought to do to ensure this great City prospers.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to quote five points that the President highlighted on issues leadership and what leaders ought to do.

1. When Nairobi works, Kenya works, and when it fails, then Kenya fails.
2. Nairobi City should be the pride of Africa, but it has been forced to settle for standards that are unacceptable.
3. Most leaders choose comfort over courage. Too many choose political convenience over public good.
4. Nairobi is not merely a city, it is a national asset, and if indeed we are serious about Kenya, then we must be serious about Nairobi.
5. Lastly, he talked about urban order, and people who benefit from dysfunctions/ cartelism and how to handle them

I want to congratulate the President for ensuring the Nairobi works. That is the spirit every one of us here holds in our hearts because we want to ensure that Nairobi works for everyone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mark Thiga

Hon. Mark Thiga: Hon Speaker, distinguished Members of this Assembly, I stand to express my appreciation towards the recent Presidential Address. For years we have spoken in this House about the challenges facing our wards. Talk of the roads in despair, the neglected drainages and darkness in the neighborhoods. These issues have for long defined the realities of our people. It was therefore profound and encouraging to hear that these very concerns have been acknowledged at the highest level, and more importantly to hear clear commitments towards addressing them from the President.

Hon. Speaker, I speak with a particular emotion about Hospital Ward in Mathare. For over five years, residents have endured difficult conditions, living in darkness, navigating unsafe environment and facing limited opportunities as a result. But on that day, they were reassured that they too have not been forgotten. The people of Hospital Ward will no longer feel like they are living on margins. They will no longer feel like they are children of a lesser God, but they will stand tall knowing that their leaders see them, hear them and are committed to improving their lives. Our responsibility now as an Assembly is to ensure that the promises are translated into tangible actions. Our greater duty is to ensure delivery. Let us do this with conviction and with profound sense of duty. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chris Wanjohi

Hon. Chris Mutumishi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the brilliant idea you came up with of inviting His Excellency the President to come and address our Assembly. In a very special way,

I wish to thank you and the entire leadership. That day, I was very close to the President than any other day.

Hon. Speaker, in the Presidential Address, the President talked about making sure that affordable housing project continues in Nairobi. To be very honest, a number of wards are experiencing the same. In Komarock Ward, we have the affordable housing project that is ongoing in Kwa DC compound. This will help this country make sure that our people live in a good environment. Slums will be a foregone thing.

We believe that in the future, we will not have pending bills for big infrastructure projects because the financial muscles have been increased by the support of this Cooperation Agreement between the National Government and the County Government.

The other thing is about developing public trust. Once this Cooperation Agreement is implemented, the public trust will be well felt in Nairobi because we have seen the President's agenda to this City. On that note, Hon. Speaker, there is the issue of intergovernmental relationship which we have never felt, but now with this Agreement, we have a President that is thinking about Nairobians. I stand to support and thank the President for that. Thank you very much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Hamisi.

Hon. Hamisi Maleya: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to express myself towards the Presidential Address. First, I would like to thank the leadership and the Speaker for the invitation. Secondly, I take this opportunity to thank the Committee that arranged a well-planned visit with no hitches, even though an embarrassment occurred at the State House whereby our staff, though invited, could not be able to access. I hope that you will take responsibility, Hon. Speaker.

After going through the President's Address, I was truly convinced that he deserved another five-year term, if all he said will be achieved. As someone who comes from the Western part of Kenya, I was impressed when he talked of a dual carriage road from Nairobi till Mau Summit. Those who use the Nairobi Mau- Summit Road are convinced that it will ease the congestion that we normally go through while travelling, more so, the railway line being constructed from Nairobi to Homa Bay, Kisumu, Kakamega and Malaba. With those few remarks I congratulate the President, and by him recognizing Members by names. This shows that he values MCAs. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Racheal

Hon. Racheal Maina: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for inviting our President, and also the President for honoring the visit. His speech was clear and a mirror to the next generation. When the President said that he will take us to Singapore, I would love to make a visit and see how it looks like. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Your request is considered, Madam Racheal.

Hon. Members, my screen is clear, an indication that there is no further engagement on this Presidential Address, but you remember we have the second day coming up tomorrow and subsequently on Thursday. We still have a lot of time.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, that brings us to the close of business of the day. I appreciate your contribution and I direct the sitting of the House Business committee at the rise of the Assembly. The Assembly stands adjourned tomorrow, Wednesday 22nd April 2026 at 2:30 p.m. Thank you.

The House rose at 4:16 p.m.