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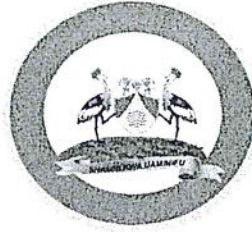
Pursuant to Standing Order 180 (6) I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly, today Wednesday 31st May, 2017.

THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SANITATION ON WORKSHOP HELD AT SWEET LAKE, NAIVASHA FROM 29TH SEPTEMBER TO 2ND OCTOBER, 2016.

(Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation)

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Clerk's Chambers,
CITY HALL,
NAIROBI.

MAY, 2017

PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation is one of the Sectoral Committees established under Standing Order 191. It is mandated pursuant to Standing Order 191(5):-

- a) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;*
- b) study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;*
- c) study and review all county legislation referred to it;*
- d) study, assess and analyse the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with its stated objectives;*
- e) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;*
- f) vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 185(Committee on Appointments); and*
- g) make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.*

The Committee on Water and Sanitation comprises the following members:

1. Hon. Alex O. Otieno, MCA - Chairperson
2. Hon. Kenneth Thugi, MCA - Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Michael Ogada, MCA
4. Hon. Herman Azangu, MCA
5. Hon. Robert Mbatia, MCA
6. Hon. Hashim Kamau, MCA
7. Hon. David Kairu, MCA
8. Hon. Pius Otieno, MCA
9. Hon. Celestine Ongere, MCA
10. Hon. Hawa Dafala, MCA
11. Hon. Maurice Akuk, MCA
12. Hon. Oscar Lore, MCA
13. Hon. Victoria Alali, MCA
14. Hon. Monica Ndegwa, MCA

15. Hon. Nancy Mwaura, MCA
16. Hon. Peter Wanyoike, MCA
17. Hon. Caroline Muga, MCA

Mr. Speaker Sir,

In accordance with the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Sectoral Committee is mandated to consider all matters relating to:- *Water and sanitation services; water distribution, regulation, marketing and sewerage services*. The Committee exercise oversight role on the work and administration of the Water related issues.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee undertook its second quarter retreat from 29th – 2nd October, 2016 in Naivasha. The objectives of the retreat were among others, deliberate on sector performance on Capital projects covering the 1st Quarter of 2016/17 FY, briefing on the proposed Water and Sanitation Bill and Policy and their coverage and administration of the Sewer Revolving Fund.

The Committee acknowledges the continuous support extended by the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Nairobi City County Assembly.

On behalf of the Committee, I now have the honor and pleasure to present this report on the Committee workshop held in Naivasha.

SIGNATURE.....

DATE

HON. ALEX OUDA OTIENO, MCA
(CHAIRPERSON)

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The Chairperson of the Committee welcomed Members to the meeting and highlighted the agenda of the meeting as indicated in the programme of the day. The Committee, however expressed dissatisfaction in the manner the County Executive Committee Member and Chief Officer of Environment, Energy and Water were treating the affairs of the Committee. It was underscored that by failing to attend the Committee retreat without duly communication amounted to gross disrespect of the work of Committee as provided for in the Standing Orders 191 (5) and Second Schedule. .

As such, the Committee agreed that some issues highlighted in the programme could not be expressly disposed of in the absence of the Executive officers.

However, it was settled that the Committee moves on to discuss the report submitted by the Executive and also have the delegation from Melbourne enlighten Members on the study visit.

2.1 PRESENTATION FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson informed Members as follows;

- a) kshs. 386,800,000 had been approved for Capital Projects in the Financial Year 2016/17 as follows:
 - i) Nairobi Dam Restoration allocated Kshs. 10 Million
 - ii) Sewer revolving fund allocated Kshs. 10 Million
 - iii) Njiru sewer allocated Kshs. 9 Million
 - iv) Dandora Sewer allocated Kshs. 7 Million
 - v) Kayole Sewer allocated kshs. 6.8 Million
 - vi) Ward based water and sanitation project allocated kshs. 340 Million
 - vii) Mapping of Location for Water ATM installation allocated ksh. 4 Million

The Committee learnt from the report that a Cabinet Memo on Capital projects had been drafted and was awaiting Executive approval. The preparation of procurement documents was also underway.

On the Nairobi Dam restoration, the Members found out from the report that terms of reference had been developed, strategic plan of the dam completed and restoration works was to be implemented at a cost of kshs. 10 million.

Regarding progress on Njiru, Kayole and Dandora sewer extension projects, it was mentioned that the sector was waiting for the approval of the same by the Executive. As such, the bid documents had been prepared and procurement process was ongoing.

2.2 WATER AND SANITATION BILL AND POLICY

The Committee learnt that the Water and Sanitation legislation and policy was drafted in tandem with the new Water Act, 2016 and in line with the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. The framework had proposed creation of a water directorate and defined Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company Limited under devolved function. The legislation and policy also addressed issues on financial mobilization and stakeholder engagement.

2.3 SEWER REVOLVING FUND

Members learnt from the report that the sewer revolving fund had a budgetary allocation of Kshs. 10 million and activities that had been rolled out therein included;

- a) Meeting with target communities
- b) Drafting of MOU between NCC and affected Communities
- c) Preparation of designs, costings and apportionment was ongoing in Sports view estate in Kasarani
- d) Identification of project area was underway at Clay city ,

2.4 STATUS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSED WARD BASED WATER AND SANITATION PROJECTS

The Committee was informed that the Executive had prepared an advert for the earmarked sewer extension projects in Kayole, Njiru and Dandora but the same was

was yet to commence in earnest. It was mentioned that contractors were expressing fear regarding derailed payments upon completion of work on the ground.

In view of this, the Members agreed that the Director of Water and Sanitation liaises and takes up the matter with the County Executive Committee Member to ensure seamless operations of the sector.

2.5 MELBOURNE STUDY VISIT

The Committee was informed by the Members who visited Melbourne as follows:

- a) The delegation got the opportunity to visit the Melbourne water companies such as South East Water and Yarra Valley Water to understand their operations. It also visited the Western Treatment Plant to see how wastes were treated before discharged into the system.
- b) A roundtable facilitated by Prof Jane Doolan, a consultant hired by Victoria State, during last day of the visit identified potential opportunities for collaboration between Australia and Nairobi City County Government.
- c) The Delegation commended and underscored aspects relating to effective institutional arrangements and huge investment on Research and Development that made Melbourne a resilient City.
- d) An initiative supported by the Australian government came in an opportune moment to bring the National and County Government and all other relevant stakeholders/parties together with the aim of seeking for sufficient funding and resources to develop water sharing arrangements.
- e) The Nairobi dam was identified as the potential pilot project that was at the centre of the City that had fallen into disrepair – siltation, floating hyacinth. The intervention was objectively geared towards turning this around – improving the public amenity, liveability, storm water management and achieving behavioural change.
- f) There was urgent need for adoption of guidelines for storm water bio filtration systems to reduce usage of potable water for other uses such as agriculture, gardens and cleaning of vehicles etc.

As such, active engagements with industry players and community had, in Melbourne, created an enabled environment for innovativeness that prepared Cities to be more resilient.

- g) An integrated approach was key to achieving a water resilient city. For instance, in Victoria State, the Ministry of Lands, Local Government, Planning, Water and Environment have three Ministers on top but below them was a secretary who harmonized their ideas for prompt implementation.
- h) Organisation culture change was of essence to expedite execution of organisation's strategy and objectives. On the other hand, an office of the Ombudsman that handles complaints relating to water is critical to reduce endless grievances raised by clients.
- i) More investment in leadership trainings should be fostered as had been seen, in Victoria State, to have a direct correlation on enhanced management skills that improved performance and productivity.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Committee proposed as follows;

- a) That the Melbourne study visit Report be shared with the Cabinet Secretary, Water and Irrigation and County Executive Committee Member, Environment, Energy and Water to champion for implementation of its recommendations.
- b) The County Executive Committee Member, Environment, Energy and Water be invited to a meeting of the Committee to respond on issues that were not exhaustively discussed during the retreat of the Committee.

