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Pursuant to Standing Order 191 (6) I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly, today Tuesday 19th February, 2019.

THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES ON SITE INSPECTION VISIT TO NEEMA, KIAMAIKO AND DANDORA/NJIRU AND KAYOLE ABATOIRS.

(Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

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ON

INSPECTION VISITS TO NEEMA, KIAMAIKO, DANDORA/NJIRU

& KAYOLE SLAUGHTERHOUSES

**CLERK'S CHAMBERS,
CITY HALL,
NAIROBI.**

DECEMBER, 2018

PREFACE

Mr. Speaker,

The Committee on Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries is one of the Sectoral Committees of the Assembly established under the provisions of Standing Order 203 (6) to:

- 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 comprises the following members:

1. Hon. Joseph Mwangi Komu, MCA - Chairperson
2. Hon. Muchene Kabiru, MCA - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Elijah Mputhia, MCA
4. Hon. Asli Mohamed, MCA
5. Hon. Millicent Jagero, MCA
6. Hon. Beatrice Waithera, MCA
7. Hon. Eunice W. Marimbi, MCA
8. Hon. Juliet June Ndegwa, MCA
9. Hon. Peter Wahinya Kimuhu, MCA
10. Hon. Maurice Gari Otieno, MCA

Hon. Speaker Sir,

The Committee wishes to sincerely thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support and services extended to Members to enable members complete the exercise smoothly.

I am grateful to the Members of the Committee whose support enabled the Committee to accomplish this task. Special thanks to the secretariat for their support at all times.

On behalf of the Committee, I now have the honour and pleasure to present this report on the status of selected City County Abattoirs to the Assembly for adoption.

Thank You



SIGNED

JOSEPH MWANGI KOMU, MCA
(CHAIRMAN)

DATE.....

04.12.2019

- iii) The Neema Slaughter house has 16 hectares piece of land which could be used by Kiamaiko to set up an alternative modern abattoir that meets requisite safety standards;
- iv) The security of Neema and its environs was good due to the presence of the Administration Police Camp that was built at a cost of Kshs. 5 Million under the auspices of Neema which had mobilized resources for the same;
- v) Poor access roads hampers seamless and quicker transportation of meat especially to external markets such as Kuwait, Qatar, Dubai and Saudi Arabia.

2. Kiamaiko Abattoir

The Committee also visited Kiamaiko Slaughterhouse and was taken through the facility by the Chairman of the Slaughterhouse alongside the County veterinary officers attached at Kiamaiko.

The committee established as follows;

- I. Stench emanating from the slaughterhouses coupled with flies, congestion and general poor hygienic condition makes the area a health hazard; the densely populated Kiamaiko is totally unfit to serve as a food handling facility.
- II. There are no storage facilities for meat since the slaughterhouses convert to butcheries during the evening hours;
- III. Periodical reshuffle of County Veterinary Officers is lacking hence inefficiency and complacency;
- IV. The floors of the abattoir were in a dilapidated condition and unattended while at the slaughtering area, the carcasses were washed on the floor without proper consideration of the requisite minimal health standards.

3. Dandora/Njiru Abattoir

The Committee also visited the Dandora/Njiru and Kayole abattoirs on Wednesday 18th July, 2018 and the Members were taken around the slaughterhouses by County Government Veterinary Officers attached at the Slaughterhouses.

It was found out that;

- I. That Dandora/Njiru abattoir which was officially opened in 1977 is a private facility owned by the Kirima family but the operations at the facility had been

reopened after a week after the proprietors appealed with the Cabinet Secretary, Environment and Forestry to have the NEMA decision thwarted.

From the official Ministry's social media platform, Members confirmed that undeniably the owners of Kiamaiko met with the CS on 2nd May, 2018. However, the Committee could not conclusively state whether, from that meeting, the relocation window was extended to another one (1) year as alleged by the proprietors.

Further to this, the Committee was informed as follows;

- a) The slaughterhouses started long time and 1st veterinary license, from the defunct City Council, was obtained in 1996;
- b) It was members of the public who had encroached the slaughterhouses and not the other way round;
- c) The owners of Kiamaiko slaughterhouses were voluntarily ready to relocate to their new site situated in Njiru Ward whose construction was underway at lintel level though lack of enough funds had allegedly derailed completion of the said structures;
- d) The Kiamaiko business owners had unanimously agreed with the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Environment and Forestry and NEMA to have relocation period extended to 2nd May, 2019;
- e) The slaughterhouses, irrespective of usual challenges, have continued to adhere to the cleanliness and safety standards for handling meat and related products;
- f) The abattoir had become a source of employment/income for many youths who would otherwise have plunged into social vices;
- g) The closure notice by NEMA was as a result of close proximity of residents and slaughterhouses and improper discharge of effluents to the Nairobi River; and,
- h) The County officials ranging from Ward manager, Ward administrator and Veterinary officers are always present in Kiamaiko to among others, observe adherence to meat safety standards.

- d) Majority of staff on the ground are nearing retirement age but the Sector does not have a clear succession plan, an issue that should be treated as urgent to abate potential crisis;
- e) The deplorable state of most Abattoirs as characterized by poor drainage, stench, congestion and general filth remain a serious food safety issue that fails to meet the required minimum health safety standards for meat; and,

3.1.1 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Following the site visits, the Committee therefore recommends that this Assembly resolve that;

- I. Relocation of Kiamaiko to Njiru site remains the best option since current area is densely populated. In order to effectively comply with the universally accepted health standards for meat, the owners of the fifteen (15) slaughterhouses at Kiamaiko need to voluntarily and without coercion move to Njiru area which is expansive. This will also help to minimize human congestion currently being witnessed at Kiamaiko which poses security threats;
- II. The Sector should continue to liaise with proprietors of Kiamaiko, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and relevant stakeholders to put up sustainable measures geared at safeguarding the livelihood of the locals at Kiamaiko who depend exclusively on goat meat. As such, while the 15 No. slaughterhouses relocate to Njiru, Kiamaiko could be converted into a meat market/ butcheries;
- III. The County Government should fast-track the enactment of a County Meat(animal) Control Act which should among other provisions provide for:-
 - a) regulation and management of slaughterhouses;
 - b) movement of animals within the County and across neighboring Counties
 - c) location of abattoirs;
 - d) holding grounds for animals;
 - e) slaughter of animals and marketing(selling) of meat and meat products;
 - f) Establishment of a County meat control authority.
- IV. Succession plan need to be urgently addressed by the Sector since majority of employees currently working in different departments would be retiring in five years. The veterinary officers stationed at various County abattoirs and meat

MINUTES OF THE 67TH SITTING OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & FISHERIES HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2018 AT 11.00AM IN COMMITTEE ROOM 9, COUNTY ASSEMBLY WING, CITY HALL BUILDINGS.

PRESENT

1. Hon. Joseph Mwangi Komu, MCA – Chairperson
2. Hon. Muchene Kabiru, MCA - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Herma Azangu, MCA
4. Hon. Redson Otieno Onyango, MCA
5. Hon. Kennedy Odhiambo Oyugi, MCA
6. Hon. Eunice W. Marimbi, MCA
7. Hon. Malenya Eve, MCA
8. Hon. Paul Shem Shilaho, MCA
9. Hon. Beatrice Waithera, MCA
10. Hon. Elijah Mputhia, MCA
11. Hon. John Kyalo, MCA
12. Hon. Millicent Jagero, MCA
13. Hon. Peter Wahinya Kimuhu, MCA
14. Hon. Joseph Ndonji, MCA

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

1. Hon. Juliet June Ndegwa, MCA
2. Hon. Jared Okoth Okode, MCA
3. Hon. Fredrick Omondi, MCA
4. Hon. Maurice Gari Otieno, MCA
5. Hon. Asli Mohamed, MCA

SECRETARIAT

Wilfred Manyi

– COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Clerk Assistant

MIN No. 310/AL&F/DEC/2018- PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at 11.00am and commenced by a word of prayer said by Hon. Redson Otieno

MIN No. 311/AL&F/DEC/2018– ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting was adopted having been proposed by Hon. Herman Azangu, MCA and seconded by Hon. Kennedy Oyugi, MCA as follows:-

- 1) *Prayer*
- 2) *Adoption of Neema, Kiamaiko, Dandora/Njiru and Kayole slaughterhouses inspection visit report*
- 3) *Preparations for meeting with the CEC Member and Hon. Mark Mugambi, MCA on stray dogs in the County*
- 4) *Adjournment*

MIN No. 312/AL&F/DEC/2018– ADOPTION OF INSPECTION VISIT REPORT

The Committee read through the introduction, observations and recommendations of the slaughterhouses report and unanimously agreed that it be adopted having been proposed by Hon. Kennedy Oyugi, MCA and seconded by Hon. Eunice Marimbi, MCA