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Pursuant to Standing Order 191, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly, today Thursday, 2nd July, 2020.

THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL ON TRADE, TOURISM AND CO-OPERATIVES ON SITE INSPECTION VISIT TO WESTLANDS MARKET ON WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2020.

(Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and CO-operatives)

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(FOURTH SESSION)

NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion:-

THAT this Assembly adopts THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL ON TRADE, TOURISM AND CO-OPERATIVES ON SITE INSPECTION VISIT TO WESTLANDS MARKET ON WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2020, laid on the Table of the Assembly today Thursday, 2nd July, 2020.

(Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Co-operatives)

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT



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OPERATIVES

ON
SITE INSPECTION VISIT TO WESTLANDS MARKET ON WEDNESDAY 5TH
FEBRUARY, 2020

Clerk's Chambers,
CITY HALL,
NAIROBI.

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1.0 PREFACE

1.1 Establishment and Mandate

Hon. Speaker,

The Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives was established pursuant to the Standing Order 203, the Committee's mandate amongst others, as outlined under Standing Orders 203 (6) is 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 analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their 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. to vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 196 (Committee on Appointments); and
- g. make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

1.2 Committee Membership

The Committee Membership comprises of:

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| 1. Hon. Paul Ndungu Irungu, MCA | – | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Jeremiah Karani Themendu, MCA | – | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Hon. Charles Thuo Wakarindi, MCA | | |
| 4. Hon. Naftaly Wagura Mathenge, MCA | | |
| 5. Hon. Jayendra Virchand Malde, MCA | | |
| 6. Hon. Patrick Musili Mbangula, MCA | | |
| 7. Hon. Millicent Wambui Mugadi, MCA | | |
| 8. Hon. James Mwaura Chege, MCA | | |

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9. Hon. Abdikadir Hassan Mohamed, MCA
 10. Hon. Solomon Odanga Magembe, MCA
 11. Hon. Fredrick Njogu Njoroge, MCA
 12. Hon. Maurice Ochieng' Onyango, MCA
 13. Hon. Mary Njambi, MCA
 14. Hon. Wilfred Oluoch Odalo, MCA
 15. Hon. Fredrick Otieno Omondi, MCA
 16. Hon. Clarence Munga, MCA
 17. Hon. Mary Ariviza Mwami, MCA
 18. Hon. Nicholas Okumu, MCA
 19. Hon. Lawrence Otieno Omondi, MCA
 20. Hon. Jane Muasya, MCA

Hon. Speaker,

The County Assembly Committees are extensions of the Assembly established under the County Assembly Standing Orders and in accordance with Section 14 of the County Governments Act, 2012. The Committees are supposed to perform functions that the Assembly is not well fitted to consider in plenary.

The Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives exercises its oversight role on the work and administration of the Commerce, Tourism and Cooperatives Sector.

In accordance with the Third Schedule to the Standing Orders, the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives is mandated to consider all matters relating to: - *“trade development and regulation, including markets, trade licenses (excluding regulation of professions), fair trading practices, local tourism and cooperative societies, Betting and Casinos and other forms of gambling and liquor licensing”*.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 203 (6) (b), (d) and (e), the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives is supposed to study the programme of the Commerce, Tourism and Cooperatives Sector and the effectiveness of the implementation; study, assess, and analyze the success of the Sector as measured by the results obtained; and inquire into all matters relating to the Sector.

Hon. Speaker,


In the exercise of its mandate, the Committee resolved to undertake a site visit to Westlands Market in Westlands Sub-County to ascertain the ongoing construction of the market following the implementation status report submitted by the County Executive in one of the meetings with the Committee. The Committee was to access the progress in the construction of the modern market.

1.3 Acknowledgement

Hon. Speaker, I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to the Committee while conducting the site visits. Appreciation is also extended to the County Executive officers who accompanied the Committee to the respective sites.

Finally, much thanks to the Members of the Committee and the Secretariat for their dedication, untiring commitment and valuable contributions during the site visits.

Hon. Speaker, it is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Members of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives to table the report of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives on the site visit to Westland Market in Westland Sub-County held on 05th February, 2020.

Signed 

HON. PAUL IRUNGU NDUNG'U, MCA
CHAIRMAN

Date 

2.0 INTRODUCTION

Hon. Speaker,

Markets are important because they voluntarily bring together willing buyers and sellers. Supply and demand are the sine qua non of economics. In fact, so important is their function that, in classical economic theory, a free market occurs only when no single buyer or seller can determine price. County Markets contribute immensely to not only in revenue generation to the County Government but also ease access to various goods to residents and creates employment in the County.

The Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives as part of its mandate resolved that there was need to undertake site visit to various County Markets to ascertain solid waste management, the ongoing construction of the markets following the implementation status report submitted by the County Executive and status of allocation of the stalls in one of the meetings with the Committee.

The Committee resolved to undertake site visit to the Westland Market on Wednesday, 5th May, 2020.

3.0 COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS

3.1 Findings

The Committee was taken through the construction progress and implementation by the Director in charge of markets who informed the Committee that the project was 100% funded by the National Government. However, the market land was under the County Government. In addition, the Director informed that it was the responsibility of the County to resettle the traders once the project is complete.

During the site visit, the Committee was informed by the Director as follows;

- ✓ That garbage had been a problem in the department and that the department of environment was responsible for garbage collection in all the County markets;
- ✓ That the Chief Officer Road, Public Works and Transport were requesting estimates for construction of garbage collection points in the markets;
- ✓ That the budget allocation for renovation of the markets for the current financial year stands at Kshs. 35M;

- ✓ That the market was made up of three floors where traders were categorized into three groups i.e permanent market traders, open air market traders; and curios market traders;
- ✓ That the market may accommodate 300 traders, where ground floor has around 54 stalls; 1st floor has 68 stalls, 2nd floor has 64 stalls and the 3rd is an open air market for curios;
- ✓ That the market will also accommodate a restaurant, choma zone, butcheries, green grocers, open area for curio traders and a salon;
- ✓ That the basement of the market has a vehicle parking capacity of about 150 vehicles;
- ✓ That 125 lockable stalls shall be distributed to the traders who were affected by the project and have a contract with the County i.e rental cards
- ✓ That 77 lockable stalls shall be distributed to all curio traders settled within the area set aside for them;
- ✓ That 3% of the remaining stalls to go to the youth, women and people living with disabilities;
- ✓ That the remaining stalls shall be subjected to ballot strictly for 2018 traders who had applied;
- ✓ That partial handing over of the stalls was done a month ago, the contractor handed over the market to the National Government which handed over to County Government;
- ✓ That the basement was still incomplete and that's why the market was handed over partially;
- ✓ That supervision of water meters was underway since every trader was to cater for his/her own water bill;
- ✓ That the doors should be labelled but labelling of the doors was not in the contract. That processing of Imprest is ongoing and once funds are secured the doors will be labelled;
- ✓ That building works informed the market committee that they only had one sign writer and allocation would be done immediately after labelling of the doors;
- ✓ That allotment letters will be issued once the stalls have been marked;

- ✓ That the Committee will receive information regarding the slots from the National Government on the contingency;
- ✓ That the open spaces was meant for groceries;
- ✓ That lawyer were needed to deal with professional paperwork in the market;
- ✓ That two security personnel from the City Inspectorate be seconded to the market to ensure that there is proper security in the market;

During the site visit, the Committee was informed by the Chairman of traders that before the construction commenced, the area was made up three (3) categories of traders. He stated that a total of 125 traders had permanent stalls, while others were open air market and about 200 curios market traders. That out of 200 curios traders only 67 had paid rent in arears to the County Government upon being promised to be considered once the new market is complete.

The Committee was taken around the building by the Contractor in charge of the project.

3.2 Observations

During the site visit, the Committee made the following observations among others;

- ✓ That the provision for a lift was not in the plan. However, there was a provision for persons with disability;
- ✓ That the building could accommodate more traders if it is well planned in terms of allocation of space, identification of genuine traders who were original occupants of the area;
- ✓ That there was room for additional floors to accommodate more traders; and
- ✓ That there was no proper list of traders who had been allocated the stalls.

4.0 CONCLUSION

County Markets contribute immensely to not only revenue generation to the County Government but also ease access to various goods to residents and creates employment in the County.

5.0 PICTURES OF THE WESTLANDS MARKET UNDER CONSTRUCTION



(Parts of the Westlands Market)

6.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Following the findings and observations together with the submissions obtained from the site visit to Westlands Market, the Committee urges the Assembly to resolve as follows;

- a. The County Executive department of markets should develop criteria to be used in allocation of stalls to traders in all markets once construction is completed;
- b. The County Executive department of markets should develop a policy on the management of County markets to ensure efficient service delivery to traders and customers;
- c. The County Department of Markets should develop a database for traders in all the County Markets; and
- d. The County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives should ensure that a lift or ramp is provided for people with disabilities.