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SUBJECT: REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant Standing Order 196, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today Friday 23rd December 2022.

— THE 1ST REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, TOURISM AND CO-OPERATIVES ON THE VETTING OF THREE (3) NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OFFICERS IN BUSINESS & OPPORTUNITIES, MARKET & TRADE AND COOPERATIVES SECTOR.

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

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23rd December 2022

NOTICE OF MOTION

Subject: Adoption of report

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

— THAT, this Assembly Adopts THE 1ST REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, TOURISM AND CO-OPERATIVES ON THE VETTING OF THREE (3) NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OFFICERS IN BUSINESS & OPPORTUNITIES, MARKET & TRADE AND COOPERATIVES SECTOR laid on the Table of the Assembly today, Friday, 23rd December 2022.

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



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LIST OF ABREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

CCO - County Chief Officer

PFM - Public Finance Management

NMS - Nairobi Metropolitan Services

1.0. FORWARD

Pursuant to Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution and Section 35 of the County Governments Act, 2012, H.E. the Governor, Hon. Sakaja Arthur Johnson nominated Mr. Godfrey Akumali Atiel, Mr. Elizabeth Njeri Njau and Ms. Zipporah Njeri Mwangi for appointment as County Chief Officers (CCO) for Cooperatives, Markets & Trade and Business & Opportunities respectively.

The nomination of the three (3) nominees was conveyed to the Assembly vide a letter Ref. NCC/GOV/Legal/438/2022 dated 2nd December, 2022. On Tuesday 13th December, 2022 and pursuant to Standing Order 45(1), the Honorable Speaker read the message from His Excellency the Governor to the Assembly communicating the names of the nominees. Pursuant to Section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 the names of the nominees were referred to the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works for vetting and reporting to the Assembly within twenty-one (21) days.

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Consequently, pursuant to Section 7(4) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the local dailies, specifically the Standard Newspaper on 14th December 2022, inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (*sworn affidavits*) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees in conformity with Section 7(10) of the Act. The advertisement indicated that the submissions were to be received by Friday, 16th December, 2022. However, no memoranda contesting the suitability of the nominees had been received from the public.

Further, in the fulfilment of the provisions of Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assembles Approvals) Act, 2017, the Clerk notified the general public that the approval hearings of the nominees would be held on 22nd November, 2022.

The nominees appeared before the Committee as scheduled pursuant to the provisions of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Committee observed that all the three (3) nominees met the integrity threshold, demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative, and technical issues touching on the Sectors to which they had been nominated; and had the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience to be approved for appointment.

Having conducted the approval hearing of the nominees pursuant to Article 179(2)(b) of the Constitution, Section 35 of the County Government Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 202(4) the Committee recommends that the House-

- 1. Approves the nomination of Mr. Godrefy Akumali Atiel for appointment as County Chief Officer for Cooperatives by His Excellency the Governor.
- 2. Approves the nomination of Ms. Elizabeth Njeri Njau for appointment as County Chief Officer for Markets & Trade by His Excellency the Governor.
- 3. Approves the nomination of Ms. Zipporah Njeri Mwangi for appointment as County Chief Officer for Markets & Trade by His Excellency the Governor.

May I take this opportunity to thank Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the approval hearings and deliberations during the writing of the report. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it during the exercise. The Committee is grateful to the staff of the County Assembly attached to the Committee for their services rendered to the Committee. Their efforts and input made the work of the Committee and the production of this Report possible. The Committee is also grateful to the media for their coverage of the proceedings of the Committee, thus enhancing accountability and transparency of the vetting exercise.

Finally, on behalf of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the Assembly, the Committee's Report on the vetting of the three (3) nominees for appointment to the position of County Chief Officer to the Assembly for adoption pursuant to the Standing Orders of the County Assembly and other enabling provisions of the Law.

Hon. Jeckoniah Onyango, MCA

Vice Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives

2.0. PREFACE

2.1. Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

- 1. Section 14 (3) of the County Governments Act, 2012 provides that when a County Assembly considers any appointment for which its approval is required under the Constitution, an Act of Parliament or County legislation, the appointment shall be considered first by a committee of the County Assembly.
- 2. The Select Committee on Appointments is therefore established under Standing Order No. 202, and its mandate amongst others, as outlined under Standing Order 202 (4) includes "to consider, for approval by the County Assembly, appointments under Articles 179(2) of the Constitution (Members of County Executive Committee)."

2.2 Committee Membership

The Committee is comprised of the following Members: -

1. Hon. Deonysias Waithira, MCA

2. Hon. Jeckoniah Onyango, MCA

3. Hon. Abel Osumba Atito, MCA

4. Hon. David Magoba, MCA

5. Hon. Emmy Khatemeshi, MCA

6. Hon. Absalom Odhiambo, MCA

7. Hon. Shadrack Machanje, MCA

8. Hon. Jane Wanjiru, MCA

9. Hon. Peter Owera, MCA

10. Hon. Joel Munuve, MCA

11. Hon. Silas Matara Ongwae, MCA

12. Hon. John Rex Omolleh, MCA

13. Hon. Victor Omondi Ochola, MCA

14. Hon. Mwaniki Kwenya, MCA

15. Hon. Gerald Irungu, MCA

16. Hon. Moses Kitema, MCA

17. Hon. Mark Ruiyi Thiga, MCA

18. Hon. Sospeter Mumbi, MCA

19. Hon. Ciciliah Wairimu Njathi, MCA

20. Hon James Koria, MCA

21. Hon Lydia Okoth, MCA

22. Hon Hashim Kamau, MCA

23. Hon Paul Ndungu, MCA

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

2.3 Committee Secretariat

The Secretariat comprises: -

1. Erick Njoga - Ag. Senior Clerk Assistant

2. Melvin Wachira - Research officer

3.0. BACKGROUND

3.1. Notification of Nominations

5. Pursuant to Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution and Section 35 of the County Governments Act, 2012, H.E. the Governor, Hon. Sakaja Arthur Johnson vide a letter dated 2nd December, 2022 forwarded to the Speaker of the Nairobi City County Assembly, the names of the following three (3) nominees for vetting by the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives and consideration for approval by the County Assembly for appointment as County Chief Officers responsible for the various Sectors as follows:-

NO	NAME OF NOMINEE	SECTOR
1.	Mr. Godfrey Akumali Atiel	Cooperatives
2.	Ms. Zipporah Njeri Mwangi	Business and Opportunities
3.	Ms. Elizabeth Njeri Njau	Markets and Trade

3.2. Notification to the House and referral to the Sectoral Committee on Trade Tourism and Cooperatives

- 6. On Tuesday 13th December, 2022 and pursuant to Standing Order 45(1), the Honorable Speaker read the message from His Excellency the Governor communicating the names of the nominees to the Assembly for the position of County Chief Officers.
- 7. Pursuant to Section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 the names of the nominees were referred to the Sectoral

Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives for vetting and reporting to the Assembly within twenty-one (21) days.

3.3. Notification to the Public

- 8. Article 196(b) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that the County Assembly shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the Assembly and its Committees.
- 9. Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assembles Approvals) Act, 2017 requires the Committee by notice in at least one newspaper of national circulation, notify the public of the time and place for holding an approval hearing at least seven days prior to the hearing.
- 10. Further Section 7(10) of the Act provides that "any person may, prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated".
- 11. Consequently, pursuant to Section 7(4) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the local dailies, specifically the Standard Newspaper and the Nation Newspaper on 14th December 2022, inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (*sworn affidavits*) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees in conformity with Section 7(10) of the Act. The advertisement indicated that the submissions were to be received by Friday, 16th December, 2022.
 - 12. Further, in the said advertisement and pursuant to Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assembles Approvals) Act, 2017, the Clerk notified the general public that the approval hearings of the nominees would be held on 22nd December, 2022.

- 3.4. Notification to the Nominees.
- 13. On Wednesday 14th December 2022, the Clerk invited the nominees in writing and through the print media, for the approval hearings in accordance with Section 7 (4) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017.

3.5. Clearance and Compliance Requirements

14. On 15th December, 2022 the Clerk wrote to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) requesting for reports with respect to the nominees on the following matters: -

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- (a) Ethics and integrity;
- (b) Tax compliance; and
- (c) Criminal records.
- 15. On the matters of ethics and integrity, the EACC vide a letter Ref. EACC.7/10/5 VOL.XXI (76) dated 14th November, 2022, stated it had not undertaken any investigations or recommended prosecution pursuant to its mandate against the following nominees:
 - i. Mr. Godfrey Akumali Atiel
 - ii. Ms. Zipporah Njeri Mwangi
 - iii. Ms. Elizabeth Njeri Njau
- 16. The DCI through a letter DCI/CRO/SEC/6/7/2/A/VOL.XII/17 dated 20th December, 2022 stated that the Police Clearance Certificates issued to the three (3) nominees were genuinely issued and had negative results from both its nominal index and criminal database.
- 17. On the issue of tax compliance, KRA confirmed that the nominees were tax compliant and had issued compliance certificates to all the nominees.

3.6. Issues for consideration during the Approval Hearings

3.6.1. Procedure for Nomination.

- 18. Article 179(2)(b) of the Constitution and Section 35 of the County Government Act, 2012 confers upon H.E the Governor the power to appoint County Chief Officers with the approval of the County Assembly.
- 19. Section 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 further requires the appointing authority, upon nominating a person for appointment, to notify the County Assembly.
- 20. In this regard, pursuant to the provisions of Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution, Section 35 of the County Government Act, 2012 and Section 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, H.E the Governor of Nairobi City, Johnson Arthur Sakaja notified the County Assembly of the nomination of three (3) persons for appointment as Members of the County Chief Officers.
- 3.6.2. Suitability of the Nominees for the proposed appointment having regard to whether the nominees' abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the Sector to which the nomination is made.
- 21. The suitability of the nominees was assessed following scrutiny of the nominee's academic credentials, professional training and experience, knowledge of the docket the nomination is made, personal integrity, background qualities as well as their performance during the approval hearings conducted on Thursday 22nd December, 2022.

3.6.3. Memorandum from Members of Public in respect of the Nominees

22. Pursuant to Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 which provides that "any person may, prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated", the Clerk placed an advertisement in the print media on 14th December, 2022 inviting the public to submit any memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavit) on the suitability or otherwise of the

nominee. However, no memoranda contesting the suitability of the nominees had been received from the public.

4.0: APPROVAL HEARINGS OF THE NOMINEES.

- 23. During its Sittings held on Thursday, 22nd December, 2022, at Committee Room 12, Assembly Precincts, City Hall Buildings from 9:00am, the Committee conducted face to face interviews of the nominees. The minutes of the vetting proceedings are attached to this report.
- 4.1. MS. ZIPPORAH NJERI MWANGI NOMINEE FOR BUSINESS & OPPORTUNITIES
- 4.1.1. Submissions by the Nominee.
- 24. Ms. Zipporah Njeri Mwangi, the nominee for Business and Opportunities appeared before the Committee on Thursday 22nd December, 2022 and was vetted under oath. The Committee noted the following: -

Date and Place of Birth

25. The nominee is a female Kenyan born on **25**th June, **1981** in Murang`a County and does not hold dual citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

The nominee holds the following;

- Masters in Public Health (2020 on progress) Amref University,
- Bachelor of Arts (Human Nutrtion and Health) (2015 2019) Kenya Methodist University
- Diploma in Human Nutrtion and Health (2006-2008)- Kenyatta
 University

Employment Record

The nominee was recently the Interim Ruben Centre Director Nairobi

Metrpolitan Services (2011 – 2022). She previously worked as the Ruben Centre

Deputy Director (July) Christian Brothers Australia. She similarly worked as a

Nutrtionist at Dorckare Nursing Home (2008-2011. Further she worked as a Nurse

Patient Attendant at Dorckare Nursing Home (2008).

Income and net worth

8. The nominee estimated her net worth to be Kshs. 8 million to 10 million with the sources of income being salary

Professional Associations and Memberships

9. She is a member of Kenya Nutritionist and Dietician institute

Potential Conflict of Interest

10. The nominee declared that he currently does not have any persons or matter that would present any potential conflict of interest should he assume the position

11. Probono/Charity Work

The nominee is involved in mentoring a needy boy who is finishing his KCSE exam in 2022.

12. Integrity

The nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament, County Assembly or any Commission of inquiry in the last three (3) years. She has also never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

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Responses to general and sector specific questions to the nominee

13. The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on his knowledge of the Sector she had been nominated to and his conduct in public and private life. The nominee responded as follows: -

On whether her appointment was political or based on merit

14. The nominee informed the Committee that his nomination was based on merit going by her extensive experience in the Sector and academic qualifications.

II. Why she applied for the position nominated -

The nominee informed the Committee that she has passion to help people to do business in the County and enable the County Government to realize its revenue

targets. She informed that her experience in administration and marketing may help her to manage the office she was nominated to. She further informed that she can brand the County in business through her vast knowledge and experience in marketing.

III. Regarding the knowledge about the Sector and challenges bedeviling the Sector

The nominee was able to list various departments in the Sector which include cooperatives, tourism, trade licensing and gaming. The challenges the nominee highlighted were hawkers menace in the Central Business District, small scale trade licenses collections and revenue collection.

The nominee informed the Committee that to address some of the challenges, hawkers in the County to be licensed and registered, trade licenses to be issued on annual basis and revenue collection to be digitized. She added that she will engage all stakeholders from across the divide to find ways to solve challenges in the Sector.

IV. Navigating the relationship between herself and Members of the County Assembly if appointed -

The nominee informed the Committee as follows -

- a) She will learn on the workings of the County Assembly and have proper sessions with the Members of the County Assembly and Assembly Committees.
- b) She will ensure the Sector works closely with the Assembly in delivery of its mandates by listening to the issues that may crop-up in the Sector. She assured the Committee of her availability to attend to issues of the Sector when called upon.

4.2. MS. ELIZABETH NJERI NJAU – NOMINEE FOR MARKETS AND TRADE

4.2.1. Submissions by the Nominee

40. Ms. Elizabeth Njeri Njau, the nominee for Markets and Trade appeared before the Committee on Thursday 22nd December, 2022 and was vetted under oath. The Committee noted the following: -

Date and Place of Birth

41. The nominee is a female Kenyan born on 16th July, 1968 in Kiambu and does not hold dual citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

42. The nominee holds the following:-

Masters of Science Entrepreneurship

2009 to 2011 – Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics

1989 to 1993 – Egerton

University

Certificate Kenya National Exam Council

Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education

1986 to 1988

Certificate Kenya National Exam Council

Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education

1982 to 1985

Employment Record

2017 – 2022 July – Director Trade and Industry, Deputy Director Trade and Enterprise Development

Nairobi City County

2013 -2017 - Principal Agricultural Officer

Nairobi City County

1997 – 2013- Principal Agricultural Officer

Ministry of Agriculture

1995 - 1996 Accounts Clerk

Bullies Tanneries

1994 – 1995 Estate Management

Nyangi Associates

Income and net worth

43. The nominee estimated his net worth to be Kshs. 50 million with the sources of income being salary, and family land in Runda estate.

Professional Associations and Memberships

- 44. She is not a member of professional Association and Membership Potential Conflict of Interest
 - 45. The nominee declared that she currently does not have any persons or matter that would present any potential conflict of interest should he assume the position of Chief Officer Markets and Trade

Probono/Charity Work

46. The nominee is a member of St. James Catholic Church, Redhill, she occasionally contribute to the church development projects last contribution was in July 2022 Kshs. 20,000.

Integrity

47. The nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament, County Assembly or any Commission of inquiry in the last three (3) years. He has also never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

Responses to general and sector specific questions to the nominee

- 48. The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on his knowledge of the Sector she had been nominated to and her conduct in public and private life. The nominee responded as follows: -
- V. Experience suitability for the position nominated –

The nominee informed the Committee that she has gained sufficient managerial and marketing experience necessary for undertaking the tasks of the Sector he has been nominated to. The skills gained from her experience makes her suitably qualified for the position nominated.

VI. Why she applied for the position nominated -

The nominee informed the Committee that she has passion to help people to do business in the County and enable the County Government to realize its revenue targets. She informed that her experience in administration and marketing may help him to manage the office he was nominated to. She further informed that she can brand the County in business through her vast knowledge and experience in marketing.

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VII. Regarding the knowledge about the Sector and challenges bedeviling the Sector The nominee was able to list various departments in the Sector which include cooperatives, tourism, trade licensing, gaming and betting, weights and measures, administration. The challenges the nominee highlighted were hawkers menace in the Central Business District, small scale trade licenses collections and revenue collection.

The nominee informed the Committee that to address some of the challenges, hawkers in the County to be licensed and registered, trade licenses to be issued on annual basis and revenue collection to be digitized. He added that she will engage all stakeholders from across the divide to find ways to solve challenges in the Sector.

On whether she understood the sector mandate and whether the naming of the sector is in-line with the fourth schedule to the Constitution.

- 49. The nominee confirmed that she was fully aware of the Sector's mandate and that the Sector is key in the digitation of services by the County Government thus easing service delivery.
- VIII. With respect to the working relationship with the County Executive Committee Member responsible for the Sector and other officers

The nominee stated that she committed to having a good working relationship with the C.E.C Member and other officers and build bridges.

IX. Regarding pressure from family and friends seeking services and favors from the docket

The nominee reiterated that she will deal professionally with pressure from friends and family within the given laws.

X. With respect to Chapter Six of the Constitution and integrity, corruption and bribery and how she has fought it

The nominee informed the Committee that she has been a law abiding citizen

- XI. With regard to rendering Community services in the County and the Country

 The nominee informed the Committee that she does render community service
 and that she is a member of St. James Catholic Church, Redhill.
- XII. With regard to what Nairobi should expect if she is appointed The nominee committed to ensure growth of trade in the City.

4.3. MR. GODFREY AKUMALI ATIEL – NOMINEE FOR COOPERATIVES

- 4.2.1. Submissions by the Nominee
 - 40. Mr. Godfrey Akumali Atiel, the nominee for Cooperatives appeared before the Committee on Thursday 22nd December, 2022 and was vetted under oath.

The Committee noted the following: -

Date and Place of Birth

50. The nominee is a male Kenyan born on 6th January, 1985 in Kakamega and does not hold dual citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

51. The nominee holds the following:-

Bachelor of Arts

2004 to 2008 - University of Nairobi

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education

1999 to 2002 – Mary Mother of Grace Boys

Kenya Certificate of Primary Education

1991 to 1998 - Mutanga Primary School

Employment Record

2020 - 2022 - Technical Assistant (Advisory) Cabinet Secretary Office

Ministry of Water Sanitation and Irrigation

2014 - 2022 - Social and Development Research Manager

Consumer Trends Consultants Limited

2009-2013- Project Manager

Digital Opportunity Trust Kenya

Income and net worth

52. The nominee estimated his net worth to be Kshs. 25 million with the sources of income being salary, and family land and farming.

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Professional Associations and Memberships

53. He is not a member of professional Association and Membership

Potential Conflict of Interest

54. The nominee declared that he currently does not have any persons or matter that would present any potential conflict of interest should he assume the position of Chief Officer Cooperatives

Probono/Charity Work

55. The nominee dedicates himself to paying school fees to children from less privileged backgrounds.

Integrity

The nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament, County Assembly or any Commission of inquiry in the last three (3) years. He has also never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

Responses to general and sector specific questions to the nominee

- 57. The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on his knowledge of the Sector she had been nominated to and his conduct in public and private life. The nominee responded as follows: -
- II. Why he applied for the position nominated –

The nominee informed the Committee that he has the knowledge of the County and its needs which is service to the Nairobians. He informed that he is to create a good environment for cooperative development and local tourism and give quality service to Nairobi.

III. Regarding the knowledge about the Sector, challenges bedeviling the Sector and possible mechanisms to alleviate the challenges

The nominee was able to estimate the departments in the Sector to be four to five departments.

The challenges the nominee highlighted were hawkers menace, employment, insecurity,

governance and management.

The nominee informed the Committee that to address some of the challenges, he has to understand the working environment by getting information through other officers and get the right solutions to issues. The nominee stated that he will classify the tourism part into three categories i.e. local tourism (Nairobians), tourists from other Counties and Intentional tourism; for him to liaise with stakeholders on how to beautify the County to attract tourism. In addition, the nominee informed that he will encourage City tours, improve infrastructure, tap into the various meetings and activities held in the City such as International Fair Trade show and provide Internship Programmes to college students to come up with ideas to boost tourism in the County.

IV. Navigating the relationship between himself and Members of the County Assembly if appointed -

The nominee informed the Committee as follows -

- a) That he will use the right facts in decision making; by listening to the Members of the County Assembly for ideas. He will ensure the Sector works closely with the Assembly in delivery of its mandates.
- b) That he will spearhead a good working relationship between the two Arms of the County Government to ensure openness in implementation of budget.

V. With respect to the support from the County Assembly

The nominee informed that if given the opportunity he will seek new ideas from the County Assembly on how to uplift the Sector. He further stated that he will require support from the Assembly in terms of resource allocation (budgeting).

VI. With respect to the working relationship with the County Executive Committee Member responsible for the Sector and other officers

The nominee stated that he committed to having a good working relationship with the C.E.C Member and other officers by listening to each other and respecting the institution.

VII. Regarding pressure from family and friends seeking services and favors from the docket

The nominee reiterated that he will deal with pressure from friends and family as people within the law that governance in public management.

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VIII. With respect to Chapter Six of the Constitution and integrity, corruption and bribery and how he has fought it

The nominee had no past experiences in his life to demonstrate his commitment to the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity. However, he is to operate within the confines of the public laws.

IX. With regard to rendering Community services in the County and the Country

The nominee informed the Committee that he recommended to the Ministry
the provision of milk to children in informal settlements in Nairobi during his
tenure at Kenya Dairy Board. He further informed that he has been involved
in giving resources to churches on personal basis.

X. With regard to what Nairobi should expect if he is appointed

The nominee informed that he will ensure a transformed City by ensuring local tourism through programmes such as weekend tour buses, encourage establishment of consumer cooperatives for the County to link them to producer Counties; and ensure food security by reorganizing food supply and distribution.

4.2.2. Committee observations on the suitability of the nominees

- 58. The Committee having considered the nominees filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7 (9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, their curriculum vitae and having heard their oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on their suitability for appointment of the nominees:
 - a. THAT, in accordance with Article 78 (1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominees are eligible for appointment to State Office since they area Kenyan Citizen and do not hold dual citizenship.
 - b. THAT, the nominees meet the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having obtained clearance from the following statutory bodies; the EACC, KRA, and DCI.
 - c. THAT, the nominees have not been charged or convicted by a Court of Law in the past three (3) years.
 - d. THAT, the nominees have never been removed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of Articles 75(1)

(conflict of interest), Article 76 (financial probity), Article 77 (restriction of activities of State Officers), and Article 78 (2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

e. THAT, the nominees demonstrated interest, knowledge of topical, administrative, and technical issues touching on the docket they were being nominated to.

5.0. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 59. THAT, having conducted the approval hearing of the nominees pursuant to Article 179(2)(b) of the Constitution, Section 35 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 202(4) the Committee recommends that the Assembly:
 - a. Approves the nomination of Ms. Zipporah Njeri Mwangi for appointment as County Chief Officer for Business and Opportunities by His Excellency the Governor.
 - b. Approves the nomination of Mr. Godfrey Akumali Atiel for appointment as County Chief Officer for Cooperatives by His Excellency the Governor.
 - c. Rejects the nomination of Ms. Elizabeth Njeri Njau to the docket of County Chief Officer for Market and Trade.

SIGNED

HON. JECKONIAH ONYANGO

<u>VICE CHAIRPERSON, SECTORAL COMMITTEE TRADE,</u>

TOURISM AND COOPERATIVES