Third Assembly (No. 035) Second Session (209)



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY

THIRD ASSEMBLY - (SECOND SESSION)

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 18 2023 AT 2.30 PM

- **1.** The Assembly assembled at Thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
- **2.** The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.

QUORUM OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Following lack of quorum pursuant to Standing Orders 37 (1) (2) the Speaker ordered the bell to be rang for Ten minutes and a further Five minutes. There being a Quorum at the expiry of the 10 minutes, the presiding Chair called the Assembly to order.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR: -

The Hon. Speaker conveyed the following communication;

APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE AND CONDUCT WITHIN ASSEMBLY PRECINCTS

Honorable Members, the Chair has on several occasions guided the House on the proper dress code to be donned by Hon. Members while in the County Assembly precincts, attending plenary sessions and committee meetings or attending such other activities as specified in the Speakers rules. For avoidance of doubt, the Speaker's rules provides the following as the appropriate dress code for both Hon. Members, Staff and visitors:-

(a) <u>Male:</u>

- Long trousers
- Long sleeved Shirt
- <u>Tie</u>
- <u>Jacket</u>
- <u>Closed, polished leather shoes</u>

(b) <u>Female</u>

- Skirts of reasonable length (knee length or below the knees)
- <u>blouse</u>
- Jacket
- <u>Trouser suits</u>
- <u>Decent shoes</u>
- Muslim Lady Members may wear a purdah(Bui Bui) or Hijab
- <u>Traditional wear</u>
- 1. Despite the several reminders, my attention has been drawn to the continued breach of these rules by a number of Hon. Members. It should be noted that the prescription of Hon. Members' dress code was deliberately intended to preserve the honour and the dignity of the House.
- 2. In addition, **Honorable Members**, the Chair is concerned with the uncontrolled access to the Assembly precincts which is compromising the Security of Hon. Members and Staff. The Speaker's Rules provide for the criteria for admittance of visitors to the Assembly precincts. In particular, the Speaker's rules on admittance of visitors provides as follows, and I quote:-

"Rule No. 8: - Hon. Members are responsible for the continued good conduct of any Public, whom they bring on the Precincts, till the departure from the Precincts, of such public"

Rule No. 11:- Hon. Members should collect a Card for Entry to Precincts from the Sergeant at arms, sign and issue one to each Public, whom they wish to bring on the Precincts which must bear the date of entry and be surrendered at the point of departure from the precincts.

Rule No. 12: Hon. Members should ensure that the Public whom they bring to the precincts, leave the precincts by 18.00Hrs (6.00pm).

Rule No. 13: Hon. Members should not seek to bring the Public into the following areas of Precincts; - Private Rooms for use of Hon. Members, Lounge, Speakers Gallery and Committee rooms".

3. In this regard, **Honorable Members**, as the custodian of the Rules of decorum of the Assembly, I am going to firmly enforce these rules in order to guard the dignity of the Assembly as an August House and also to guarantee the security of Hon. Members while in the precincts. Accordingly, I direct as follows:-

- i) THAT, every Member, Staff and Visitors, without exception, to at all times adhere to the dress code as provided for in the Speaker's Rules while in plenary chamber, committee rooms, offices, lounges and during official functions;
- **ii) THAT,** Chairpersons of Committees to enforce the Speaker's Rules in their respective Committee meetings and activities, just as I would enforce them in the Chamber except in exceptional circumstances as shall be determined by the Committee Chair without compromising intent and purpose of the dress code Rule;
- iii) THAT, each Hon. Member to adhere to the Rules on admittance of visitors and that each Hon. Member to at most admit two(2) visitors at a time.
 All visitors and officers to publicly display their visitor's cards or staff Identification Cards.
- **iv) THAT,** visitors and staff to use their designated entrances to the precincts for effective control.
- **v) THAT,** the Clerk through the office of the Director Security Services to ensure enforcement of these Speakers' Rules and the directions given herein.
- 4. In conclusion, **Honorable Members**, the Chair is afraid that this is the last time Members are being reminded the issue of dress code and admittance of visitors and will not hesitate to take firm action against any Member, Officer or Visitor who violates these Rules.

The House is so guided.

I thank you Hon. Members."

GENERAL CONDUCT OF HONOURABLE MEMBERS

"Honorable Members, further to my earlier communication on the conduct of Hon. Members within the Assembly precincts, I have noted with great concern the un-becoming conduct by Hon. Members towards each other or the House Leadership. In particular, I have noted the increased hurling of abuses and use of unparliamentarily language among Hon. Members and towards the House Leadership while in plenary, committee rooms, offices and other Assembly activities. This is a vice that the Chair condemns in strongest terms.

1. The Chair wishes to remind the House that as State Officers, our conduct is governed by the objects and principles of good governance as contained in

the Constitution, the Leadership and Integrity Act, 2011 and the Leadership and Integrity Code for State Officers.

- 2. Further, Standing Order 116 on gross disorderly conduct prohibits the use of unparliamentarily language by Hon. Members under whatever circumstances. The very Standing Order provides for the sanctions that can be taken against a Hon. Member whose conduct is gross disorderly.
- 3. In this regard, Hon. Members, the Chair advises all Hon. Members to avoid this unbecoming conduct and uphold the highest standards of respect towards each other. However, should such behavior persist, the Chair will have no option but to sanction such Members.

The House is so guided.

I thank you Hon. Members."

4. <u>PROCEDURAL MOTION – REDUCTION OF PUBLICATION PERIOD OF THE</u> <u>SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (NO.2) BILL, 2023.</u>

Motion moved and seconded: -

THAT, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 131, this Assembly resolves to reduce the publication period of THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (NO.2) BILL, 2023 (ASSEMBLY BILL No. 2 of 2023) from seven (7) days to one (1) day.

(Leader of Majority)

Debated ensued; Mover replied; Question put and <u>Agreed to.</u>

5. <u>BILL - THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION</u> (NO.2) BILL, 2023 (ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2 OF 2023)

Order for First Reading read; Bill read a First Time

6. <u>BILL- THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION</u> (NO.2) BILL, 2023 (ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2 OF 2023)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and question proposed-

THAT, The Nairobi City County Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2023 (Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2023) be now read a Second Time. (Chairperson, Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations)

Debated ensued; Mover replied; Question put and <u>Agreed to.</u>

Bill read a Second Time and committed to the Committee on the Whole Assembly.

7. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY</u>

Order for Committee of the Whole Assembly read;

IN THE COMMITTEE

(Temporary Chairperson – Hon. Paul Kados in the Chair)

<u>The Nairobi City County Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill</u> (Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2023)

Clause 2

Question that <u>Clause 2</u> be part of the Bill proposed, put and <u>agreed to</u>;

Clause 3

Question that <u>Clause 3</u> be part of the Bill proposed, put and <u>agreed to;</u>

First Schedule

First Schedule be part of the Bill proposed, put and <u>agreed to;</u>

<u>Title:</u>

Title be part of the Bill proposed, put and <u>agreed to;</u>

<u>Clause 1:</u>

Clause 1 be part of the Bill proposed, put and <u>agreed to</u>;

Bill to be reported <u>without</u> amendments.

8. ASSEMBLY RESUMED: -

<u>The Nairobi City County Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill,</u> 2023 (Assembly Bill No.2 of 2023)

Bill reported without amendments

Motion made and Question proposed: -

THAT, the Assembly do agree with the Committee of the Whole Assembly in the said report.

(Chairperson, Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations)

Question put and <u>agreed to.</u>

(No.035)

Motion made and question proposed-

THAT, The Nairobi City County Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2023 (Assembly Bill No.2 of 2023) be now read a Third Time.

(Chairperson, Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations)

Debate ensued;

Question put and <u>agreed to.</u>

Bill read a Third Time and **passed.**

There being no other business and the time being fifty-seven minutes past three, the Hon. Speaker adjourned the Assembly without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

9. ASSEMBLY ROSE - at fifty seven Minutes past Three O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Tuesday, 6^{th} June 2023 at 9:30 am.