

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY

THIRD ASSEMBLY - (THIRD SESSION)

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024 AT 2.30PM

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

QUORUM OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Speaker (Hon. Paul Kados) having confirmed that there was a Quorum at the commencement of the Assembly called the Assembly to order.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker issued the following communication: -

RESUMPTION FROM RECESS

Welcoming from long Recess

Honorable Members, I have the following Communication to convey:

Honorable Members, Good afternoon and feel welcome to today's Sitting after the adjournment on 23rd June 2024. It is my conviction that this break accorded you an opportunity to further engage and interact with your constituents. As we resume, I believe that we all understand the events the preceded the adjournment of the Assembly. Indeed even the Sittings of 25th and 26th June 2024 were conducted under difficult circumstances. But I want to sincerely thank you Hon. Members for your resilience and commitment to you mandate and the mandate of the County Assembly. At that time, there was crucial business related to the Budget of FY 2024/2025 and

Supplementary Budget Estimates II. You rose to the occasion and demonstrated leadership to save the County from going into undesirable fiscal circumstances. May I, unreservedly commend you all for this commitment.

Payment of per diem allowances

Honorable Members, At the time of adjournment, the Assembly and the County Executive by extension was in a difficult financial position occasioned by what the Controller of Budget observed as areas that needed to be addressed in the Supplementary Budget Estimates. This delay affected to a great extent, the operations of the Assembly including financial obligations to our stakeholders and outstanding night out allowances owed to you. However, thanks to the commitment of the Assembly Leadership, the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations and the Clerk who have gone out of way to ensure that grey areas pointed out by the Controller of Budget were addressed. Consequently, you can agree with me that a majority of per diem allowances that were pending from the 3rd Quarter have since been settled. Our commitment and determination is to ensure that all outstanding ae settled and our desire is that Members should be paid before they proceed to work related events. Accordingly, despite financial constraints and challenges presented by bureaucracy, the Assembly is dong the much it can to settle its obligations.

Processing of pending Business

Honorable Members, Oversight, legislation, representation and budget making are a continuous responsibility of the Assembly and against which we are assessed by the people who elected us, government and non-government bodies. Indeed in my Communication on 4th June 2024, I pointed out that Committees needed to step up and accelerate the rate at which they were considering pending and current business. As a result, a number of reports on Statements, Petitions and Site inspection visits were presented to the Plenary for consideration. Most importantly, some Committees were able to present Reports on consideration of Bills Committed to them after the Bills were Read a First Time. However, this should not obscure us from the reality that the Assembly is below par in legislation. I will be giving a Communication and directions in relation to pending Bills in coming days upon examination and analysis of their various stages.

The Clerk is hereby directed to populate all Bills and Legislative Proposals and present an analysis of the same to my office not later than Friday 26th July 2024

for further action. That notwithstanding, Honorable Members, As the Chairperson of the Select Committee on Assembly Business, I give you the assurance that the Committee will give priority such Bills for processing of subsequently stages going forward.

Pending Report on nominee for Chief Officer for Housing and Urban Renewal

Honorable Members, At the Special Sitting held on 21st May, 2024 the County Assembly considered and approved 6 of 7 nominees for appointment as Chief Officers to various dockets at the County Executive. You may have observed and indeed raised concerns regarding the fate of Chief Officer nominee for Housing and Urban Planning. Indeed, the said nominee was subjected to a suitability assessment process like the rest of the nominees but the Committee was yet to Table their report on the same. The Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Planning and Housing provided a progress report in which he stated that the delay was occasioned by the Committee seeking further information and clarification on the nominee's ability to deliver on the high expectations of the docket. Indeed their intentions to Table the report have been hampered by various disruptive events and happenings in between. In this regard, I have counted the 21 Sitting days cut off as set out by Section 9 of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the timeline for Tabling the said report expires on 7th August 2024. Consequently, I call upon the Chairperson and the Membership of the Committee to be cognizant of this date as they process the said Report.

Honorable Members,

As I conclude, I rally for your support and commitment towards the broader mandate of the County Assembly. As the institutional head and on behalf of the Assembly Leadership, I want to assure you of our commitment to your welfare and wellbeing. We shall support you the best we can and provide an environment that you can comfortably deliver on your duty within the remaining few years you are serving as a Member of County Assembly.

I thank you Honorable Members.

4. MESSAGES: -

Hon. Members,

Standing Order 45 (1) relating to **Messages from the Senator** provides that: -

"The Speaker shall read to the County Assembly any message from the Governor or the Senator of the County delivered to the Speaker for communication to the County Assembly."

Accordingly, I wish to report as follows:

That vide a letter **Ref. SNCC/EWS/NCC/CA/SPK/002 dated 11th July, 2024,** Sen. Edwin Sifuna, the Senator of Nairobi City County wrote to my Office confirming his intention to address the County Assembly at the afternoon Sitting of Thursday 25th July 2024. I have since consulted the Assembly Leadership and we have agreed that the Address be conducted on a day to be communicated given the current security situation in the County.

I thank you Hon. Members.

5. STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 47(2)(a)

Hon. Hashim Kamau, MCA issued a Statement on behalf of the Assembly Business Committee in regards to allocation of business for the week pursuant to the provisions of Standing 47(2)(a).

6. ASSEMBLY ROSE - at Forty-three minutes past three O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Thursday, July 25th, 2024 at 2.30 p.m