COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

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THIRD ASSEMBLY – SECOND SESSION

Wednesday 24th May, 2023

House met in the Main Chamber at 9:00 a.m.

(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nereah Okombo) in the Chair)

PRAYER

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honourable Members, in line with the provisions of Kisumu county Assembly Standing Order No. 32 (2), I want to request the Serjeant -at- Arms to ring the quorum bell for the first five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): May I request the Leader of Majority to confirm if we have quorum.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko. MCA, Ahero Ward): Madam Speaker, there is quorum.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Madam Clerk, take us through the Order Paper of today.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Next order!!

PAPERS LAID

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF KISUMU FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2022.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE KISUMU COUNTY REVENUE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2022.

BY

HON. KENNEDY OOKO, MCA, AHERO WARD

(LEADERR OF MAJORITY)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Yes, Leader of Majority.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko. MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to table the following Papers. One, pursuant to the provision of section 32 of the Public Finance and Management Act 2012, I wish to table today Wednesday 24th May, 2023, Report of the Auditor General on County Executive of Kisumu for the year ended 30th June, 2022.

Two, pursuant to the provision of section 32 of the Public Finance and Management Act 2012, I wish to table today Wednesday 24th May, 2023, Report of the Auditor General on the Kisumu County Revenue Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2022.

(The Leader of majority lays before the House the above reports for consideration)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honourable Members, I acknowledge the receipt of Reports of the Auditor General on County Executive of Kisumu for the year ended 30th June, 2022 and the Auditor General on the Kisumu County Revenue Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2022. I commit these reports to the Public Investments and Accounts Committee for considerations and report back to the House within 21 days.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Next order!!

STATEMENTS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Hon. Zachary Okoyo.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I have a statement on Statement on the perennial road accidents claiming lives at Nyamasaria overpass at Kachok. Pursuant to Standing Order 41 (2) (a) and (b), I rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Roads, Public Works & Transport on the perennial road accidents claiming lives at the Nyamasaria overpass at Kachok.

Madam Speaker, aware that the road is under Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) which is a National Government Agency, the lives being lost are those of residents of Kisumu County whom we have obligations to represent and intervene for. In recent past there has been witnessed several accidents at the overpass with the latest which occurred on 16th May 2023 claiming several lives including a mother and her baby after a trailer veered off and landed on a tuk-tuk causing instant deaths of the passengers and driver. Other grim accidents at the overpass that has claimed several lives include: an oil tanker accident that claimed 7 lives on 23rd Jan 2018, a trailer accident on 15th July 2022 that claimed yet other lives. just but to mention a few.

In this statement request, the Committee Chairperson should;

a) Initiate a comprehensive oversight with an intention of consulting various relevant stakeholders including but not limited to KENHA in order to provide a report to this House on the causes of accidents at the Kachok - Nyamasaria overpass and the action(s) that the relevant agencies have taken to mitigate the problem. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honourable Members, I am not able to see the Honourable Chair for the Committee of Roads, Transport and Public Works in the House. Is there any Member of the said Committee in the House?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Yes Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I equally a member of this Sectoral Committee and I seek you indulgence to get in touch with the Chairperson to enable this House Committee provide this House with a comprehensive response in the next two weeks.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Leader of Majority, you mean in the next two week?

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Madam Speaker, yes within two week if you allow.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): That is fair enough. Honourable Members, the Committee of Roads, Transport and Public Works is therefore directed to interrogate the statement and provide this House with a response in the next fourteen days.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Much obliged.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Next statement?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Adega.

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Kisumu county Assembly Standing Orders No. 41 (2) (a) (b). I arise to seek for a statement from the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Sports, Culture and Community Services on the Status of the continuous closure Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Sports Ground which was formally known as the Kisumu Sports Ground.

Madam Speaker, this sports facility has been closed for a long time even after undergoing face-lifting of its infrastructure of open spaces and environmental beautification. Madam Speaker, instead of this facility being opened for use by members of the public for its intended purpose. This facility has since been left to inadequate attention with overgrown shrubs and bushes. This exposes the facility to providing habitation for wild animals. This continuous non-utilization of the facility is causing the County loss in terms of revenue.

Madam Speaker, the underutilization of the toilet facilities and wastage as well as lack of inadequate open spaces for recreational activities. Madam Speaker, the Chairperson in his response should explain the following;

i. Why this facility continues to be closed and;
ii. Why the facility cannot be opened immediately for use by members of the public for recreational and related intended objective. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward):): Thank you Hon. Adega, do we have the Chair for Committee of Children, Sports and culture in the House or the deputy chair or any member of the committee.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Yes Hon. Boitone, do you have a response on the closure of Jomo Kenyatta Sports Ground?

Hon. Ratib, MCA, Nyalenda ":A" Ward) Thank you Madam Speaker, as a member of this House Committee we don't have a response but kindly allow us to share and report back maybe, at a period of two weeks.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Yes Hon. Boitone the committee of Children, Sports and Community Service is hereby directed to look into the statement raised by Hon. Adega and report back to the House within fourteen days. The Liaison and the Implementation Committee kindly ensure that the timelines are adhered to.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Do we have another statement? We only had two statements.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Dede, why are you on your feet?

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North Ward): Thank you madam Speaker. Yes we have one even though it did not get to the Floor. There is a statement they can bring about while invoking the provision of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No 152 which touches on Statement of Topical Concern.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Dede, you are not audible enough. Please come up again.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North Ward): Madam Speaker we have a Statement of a Topical concern. This is in relation to the Public Participation that was conducted by the County assembly yesterday on the Kisumu County Integrated Development Plan and the Kisumu County annual Development Plan.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North Ward): Hon. Dede that statement needs to be approved prior by the Office of the Speaker if it is a statement of topical concern. But then if it is so much pressing… Hon. Dede, in order to comply with the necessary procedures, I must inform you that

your statement, as it stands, requires formal approval. If it were a personal statement, I would have provided you with an opportunity to proceed. However, since it pertains to a topical matter that concerns the general public, I kindly request that you submit a formal request for approval before raising it on the floor of this House. We are still have Statement Hour segment in the afternoon and I believe that you can raise it in that moment.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Yes Hon. Rakwach.

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Madam Speaker, I have nothing much but I have just heard a statement which I believe that may have been committed to the Committee of Roads, Transport and Public Works.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Rakwach, you are out of order, the Speaker had already ruled on the same. Kindly consult with the Leader of Majority for further directions.

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East): Thank you Madam Speaker, we have already consulted and therefore I am well guided.

(Loud laughter)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nereah Akoth Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B): Next Order!!

ADJOURNMENT

Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to today, Wednesday, 24th May 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 09.25 a.m.)

Addendum

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