

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 4th December, 2014

The House met at 2:42 p.m.

(Deputy Speaker Hon. Gachui Mungai in the Chair)

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon, members I wish to communicate the following, that all MCAs are invited to attend the following meetings, CAF Thika cluster meeting to be held on Saturday December 6th 2014, at 9.00 a.m. at Kenya School of Government, the other meeting will be CAF summit meeting for all the MCAs in the whole republic that will be held on December 9th 2014 at the Bomas of Kenya. We are all invited at the launch of Mukurwe-wa- Nyagathanga that will be held tomorrow, Friday 5th December 2014, at Ihura Stadium by His Excellency the Governor through the CEC of that docket where the county government is seeking to preserve the Kikuyu culture through the above initiative. I am sure the members have the invitation because they have indicated the individual members.

Members, as you are aware that today the 4th December 2014, is the last sitting of our second session of this Assembly, we shall be breaking for recess from December 5th tomorrow 2014, and resume on February 10, 2015.

During the recess, committees will not hold sittings from December 8th 2014 to January 12, 2015, to allow the committees staff to rest and break for Christmas holidays. That was agreed upon in the liaison committee and the liaison committee today approved the sittings for the week commencing January 12, 2015 to 16th January 2015, so we request the members to study the schedule which will be communicated to you later via your emails so that we can plan ourselves as par the meetings schedule.

Members I now wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous year 2015

STATEMENTS

CONSTRUCTION OF MUNG'ARIA YOUTH POLYTECHNIC

Hon. Boniface Njihia: I hereby request for a statement from the chairperson education, research, welfare and e-government committee.

Is the chairperson aware that the construction of Mung'aria Youth Polytechnic has never been completed?

Is he aware that the construction of this polytechnic began before the inception of county governments?

When will construction of the said polytechnic be completed and become operational?

Hon. Speaker sir, there is a polytechnic in my ward called Mung'aria youth polytechnic started by Constituency Development Fund (CDF) and as we are aware youth polytechnics are one of the County Government functions

(Hon. Anderson Muchemi rose on a point of order)

Hon. Anderson Muchemi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, is it in order for the Chief Whip to have two types of eyes in this House?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I think the Hon. Whip last week attended the hospital and saw his optician and so the spectacles are medical so he is very much in order, you may continue.

Hon. Boniface Njihia: I was saying in my ward there is Mung'aria polytechnic which was started by CDF in the last two years and now the people of my ward would like those questions clarified by the chairperson of the said docket about completion and operationalization, thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chair education

Hon. John Gitau: I request for some time to get response to that question. We will do that may be one week after we resume from the recess.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. chair be specific, the House will resume on 10th February.

Hon. John Gitau: Mr. Speaker I can respond to the question on 17th of the same month. That is if the questioner is in agreement.

Hon. Boniface Njihia: As we are all aware we are breaking on recess, from 10th to 17th is 10 working days, so I need the chair to be proactive on the issue so that the polytechnic can be completed and operationalized.

TRADE LICENSES IN SABA SABA MARKET

Hon. John Gitau: I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson Trade Industrialization, Tourism & Wildlife on the following:-

Whether the CEC is aware that the trade licenses in Saba Saba market are arbitrarily and discriminatively charged?

That knowingly and unknowingly, the offices are charging the wrong fees.

That by doing so, some trade licenses are unreasonably assumed to have increased over threefold, for example from Kshs. 2,500 to Kshs. 9,000; Kshs. 3,300 to Kshs. 8,400; Kshs. 5,800 to Kshs. 12,000, which is an increase of approximately 360%, 207% and 256%, respectively.

That the said officers are reportedly outright abusive and rude to traders

Mr. Speaker, I was summoned by the traders from Saba Saba market, which is actually in my ward. When I went and listened to them, I was amazed. I noted that some licenses are ridiculous because there are charges they are calling dustbin charges but when I went round, I did not see any dustbin.

Mr. Speaker, the officers also take away wares of the traders with impunity. In fact, one of the traders said that they are portraying a very bad image of the County because they are showing what we call hunger when they take away ripe bananas from the traders and they do not give them back. There is also some kind of failure to show commitment by some of these officers.

Mr. Speaker, some officers show a lot of incompetence. It is good for the Chairman to comment on whether these people are trained on finance affairs. Remember that most of them are the face of the County. Most of them are even portraying the County in very bad light because they are actually talking bad of the new Constitution. They tell the traders that, "This is the Constitution that you wanted. You must then follow what we are charging you."

Mr. Speaker, I think I have talked about the language. Because of that, the irate traders decided to form an organisation, so they are now organised. They can be met and listened to because one of our responsibilities is to represent our people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chair for Trade.

Hon. Jesse Mburu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I represent Nginda ward. On behalf of the Chairman for Trade to which I am a Member, I would like to ask for 15 working days because, according to the questions, they need comprehensive answers.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, please be specific on the number of days noting we are going for recess.

Hon. Jesse Mburu: 15 working days from 10th. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. John Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have no objection to the 15 days but I would request that committee and probably with the committee of Finance to visit Saba Saba and hear for themselves.. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Next Order

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, as I had communicated earlier, we are breaking for recess and that is why we do not a lot of business. However, any Member like Hon. Anderson, who might be having a very big bull, can invite members for Christmas. Once again, I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous year 2015.

This House now stands adjourned until the 10th day of 2015 at 2:30.

The House rose at 2:55 p.m.