

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THE HANSARD**

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

The House met at 2:40 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**MOTION**

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MURANG'A COUNTY BUDGET AND ECONOMIC  
FORUM

**Hon: Francis Kibe:** I wish to move this motion on establishment of a budget and economic forum:

Aware that, Section 137(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 provides for the establishment of a County Budget and Economic Forum for every County Government including Murang'a, alive to the fact that the purpose for which the Forum is established is to provide a means for consultation by the County Government on the preparation of County plans and other budget policy documents that form the basis for the use of public funds, privy to the fact that Article 201 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, is the legal anchor of the principles of public finance whose sphere entails the forum, this House requires the County Executive Committee(CEC) Member in charge of Finance, IT and Economic Planning in compliance with the provisions of law, to ensure the establishment of the Murang'a County Budget and Economic Forum within 60 days and furnish the County Assembly with the County Executive Committee resolution on the persons appointed into that Forum.

Mr. Speaker, the business of the Assembly is guided by the necessary Acts that have been established and among the established Acts is section 131 of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act that states that we should have a County Budget and Economic Forum for which purpose is consultation.

Mr. Speaker, it would be very good that our County would not be left behind in implementing the Acts that are necessary for the better of our County. According to section 137 of the PFM Act, the purpose of the budget and economic forum is to provides a means for consultation by the County Government on preparation of County plans, County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) and County Budget Review Outlook Paper (CBROP).Another purpose for the forum is guidance on matters relating to budgeting, economy and financial management at county level.

Mr. Speaker, according to Section 137 (1) of the PFM Act, the said forum should consist of the Governor, all CEC members, representatives from professional bodies, business leaders, women representatives and persons living with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge this House to support this motion so that we can provide a legal framework for budgeting and panning in the County. I would wish to call Hon. Ruth Karanja to second the motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Hon. Ruth Wambui:** I would like to second the motion on establishment of the County budget and economic forum.

Mr. Speaker Sir this House is aware that the budget process is a consultative activity that requires input from all sectors of the economy. Establishment of budget economic forum will provide a basis on which County policies and plans are generated.

Further, it is important to have an inclusive government whereby development project do not reflect personal interests. Bringing on board the Governor, CEC members, professional representatives, business ladies, women and people living with disabilities in the County under one forum will be efficient to budget utilization of all.

I beg this Honourable House to support this motion because it is appropriate and urgent for the county. I beg to second.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Amos Murigi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, as I stand to support this motion of establishment of this crucial forum and not forgetting that some issues have been lagging behind. Mr. Speaker, as we talk today we are preparing the budget for the financial year 2018/2019 and some of the very crucial documents which we require to guide us including the CIDP, the executive member for finance has not done this.

If you also look the other day we were supposed to have received County Budget Outlook Paper on 30<sup>th</sup> of November last year but it came after CFSP, of which it was just a formality because it had already been overtaken by events. It is prudent that all these processes be taken very seriously because they are timelines concerning those particular documents. That sort of states a lot of contempt to this assembly because the said deadlines are there in law.

I know some other counties started this forum a way back in 2013/2014 and having taken five years without having forum I think this is having un-service to our people. As we also take this one into consideration, I know the County executive was supposed according to the Public Finance Act to have established the internal audit which has not been done. Looking at all the Auditor's General reports it has been the observation of the internal audit in the executive.

I know we do not have any moral authority as an Assembly because I know also in our reports from the year 2013/2014 to the year 2014/2015, 2015/2016 it has also cited the audit account for this Assembly. We have not been able to establish the internal audit committee and sort of we lack the moral authority to compel the executive to have an internal audit.

We are aware we wanted to start with the Assembly and three months ago when we had hue and cry, there was a lot of pressure. It was advertised in the papers and so far, three months are gone and nothing has been done. So because we cannot be able to talk with the executive if we do not have one internal audit in this particular Assembly.

Without this forum, what has been guiding the CECM is public participation. But you know when you look at the public participation the way they are conducted; I think it leaves a lot to be desired. I hope one day this Assembly will come up with a Bill on the way we can be able to regulate the public participation because the way sometimes it is done, more so it is just but a formality.

I wish to support the issue of establishing of this forum. I hope for the executive, they will take this one very seriously because I know when we will be looking at the legacy report, I know of one committee that met for 224 meetings and they had 11 motions and nothing had been

implemented by the executive. I hope this will be the first one to be implemented by the executive because it is so crucial. With that I stand to support, thank you.

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** The mover to respond.

**Hon. Francis Kibe:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, thank you members for supporting the motion. Hon. Amos, you have touched on the delay in document delivery and we have urged the executive to comply in delivering the documents in time. We do not want this delay to continue and we are in agreement that this will be done and we will be doing reminders to the executive as the time nears. As the committee we will be doing those reminders to the executive to deliver those documents in time.

Hon. Amos has also touched on internal audits and this is very necessary in this Assembly. Internal audits should be established and we hope this internal audit department will be established without delays. We also have the implementation committee, our good implementation committee and we are happy for the work they are doing and we have the belief that they will follow these matters and issues. These Bills, this motions that we are passing, they will follow them to the letter, to see that they have been implemented. So Hon. Members, I kindly urge you to support this motion so that this forum is established for the necessary things that are consultation for the matters of budget. Thank you Honorable members. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

#### ALTERATION OF THE CALENDAR OF THE HOUSE

**Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to move a motion on alteration of the calendar of the House.

Pursuant to standing order no.165(5)a and 30(4) this House approves the alteration of the calendar of the Assembly, that is regular sessions, to adjourn for the long recess from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 up to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 as contained in the schedule. Thank you.

#### MOTION

#### ALTERATION OF THE CALENDAR OF THE HOUSE

**Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Motion on the alteration of the calendar of the House. Honorable Speaker I beg to move the following motion;

That pursuant to standing order no.165(5)a and 30(4) this House approves the alteration of the calendar of the Assembly, that is regular sessions, to adjourn for the long recess from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 up to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 as contained in the schedule.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the House approves the calendar of the sitting of the Assembly for the first session on February 13<sup>th</sup> 2018. According to the calendar the House was to go on recess from Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> to June 2018. While as it is not the intention of House Business Committee to change what has already been passed in this Assembly, it is important that even as we plan for the recess we take serious considerations of the House.

The House Business and Rules Committee is requesting that the May to June recess be delayed until 7<sup>th</sup> June: in such the Assembly will continue to be in session all the way from 7<sup>th</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> June. Honorable members the budget process is one of the most important business in

this House, it has statutory deadlines and also opens up funding for both the executive and the County Assembly.

The House Business and Rules Committee agrees with the Speaker that the Budget process should not be interrupted by recess, the Assembly should sit until the budget process is completed. The executive has promised to have completed their side of activities by this May so that the Assembly can finalize with the budget and Appropriation Bill by end of May in early June in the time for the 30<sup>th</sup> June budget process.

I therefore propose the recess that is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be pushed forward and commence 8<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018. This will also give adequate time to plan for further educational seminars and workshops during the recess without worrying about the House Business.

I beg to move, thank you. I now call Hon. Ruth Wambui to second the Motion.

**Hon. Ruth Wambui:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the Motion on the alteration of the calendar of the House. The House Business and Rules Committee is mandated to adjust on the calendar of the Assembly from time to time; it is not a cast on stone. The adjustment was approved in the sitting of the House Business and Rules Committee today in the morning. I urge the members to approve the alteration so that we can give priority to dispense the entire budget process. I beg to second, Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

*(No debate arose)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki):** There being other business this House stands adjourned until tomorrow 2:30pm.

*The House rose at 3:00 p.m.*