

# MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

## THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016

The House met at 9:39 a.m.

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

### PRAYERS

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

#### DEMISE OF HON. PETER KARIUKI NJOGU, NOMINATED MCA, MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

**The Speaker:** Hon. members it is with deep shock and sorrow that we all learned of demise of our brother and colleague Hon. Peter Kariuki Njogu, nominated Member of the County Assembly who passed on Sunday morning.

The Assembly leadership and the family have arranged a special service to enable members pay their respects to the late Njogu today at 4:00 p.m.

I take this opportunity on behalf of all members and staff to pass our condolences to his brother and our colleague hon. Joseph Ndung'u Njogu and the family.

We pray that God gives them strength to withstand the loss and keep his soul in eternal peace. I now request all of us to stand for a minute in silence as a sign of respect to our fallen colleague.

*(Members rose and observed a minute of silence)*

### PAPERS

#### REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE ON THE FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/2016

**Hon. Anderson Muchemi:** On behalf of the chair for Finance I wish to lay the following paper:-

That, the report of the Finance and Economic Planning committee on the First Quarter Financial report for financial year 2015/2016, be laid on the table of the Assembly today Tuesday June 21, 2016.

#### REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE ON THE SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/2016

**Hon. Anderson Muchemi:** Once again I wish to lay the following paper;

That, the report of the Finance and Economic Planning committee, on the Second Quarter Financial report for financial year 2015/2016, be laid on the table of the Assembly today Tuesday June 21, 2016.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

#### ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

**Hon. Charles Karina:** I beg to give notice to the following motion:-

That, this Assembly adopts the report of the committee on Implementation on implementation status of adopted resolutions for the department of Public Service and Administration laid on the table of the Assembly on Tuesday June 14, 2016.

## STATEMENTS

### REQUEST ON KENNETH MATIBA EYE AND DENTAL HOSPITAL

**Hon. Catherine Mugo:** Pursuant to standing order 45 (2) (c), I hereby seek for a statement from the chairperson Health Services committee as follows;-

- i. Is there a management and administration policy that guides operations at Kenneth Matiba Eye and Dental hospital?
- ii. Who is the person in charge of operations and is there a board of management in the said the hospital?
- iii. If yes, can the chairperson provide the Assembly with a list of the board members?
- iv. What measures have been put in place to ensure high value health care to patients that visit the hospital to ensure a trusted service delivery brand?
- v. Are patients expected to meet any cost of health care delivery and how much if at all they do?
- vi. How many doctors and nurses are serving the hospital, and are they employed on contract or permanent basis?
- vii. How much was the cost incurred in renovating the building that houses the hospital?
- viii. How much rent does the county government pay for the building to the owner per annum?
- ix. Is there a lease agreement for the leased premises where the hospital stands?

Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Chair Health Services committee.

**Hon. James Kagoni:** In regard to the statement that has been sought by the hon. member we have equally invited the County Executive Committee (CEC) member this Thursday to come and make the submissions. We commit to having that report within seven working days.

## MOTION

APPRECIATION OF THE ASSEMBLY BE RECORDED FOR THE EXPOSITION OF THE ADDRESS BY HON. CHARLES WANYOIKE RUBIA CBS, EGH, CHAIRPERSON EMINENT PERSONS OF MURANG'A.

**Hon. Peter Kihungi:** I wish to move the following motion;-

That; the thanks of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of the address by Hon. Charles Wanyoike Rubia CBS, EGH the Chairperson Eminent Persons of Murang'a.

It was big day for Murang'a County Assembly, we were the first Assembly to be addressed by the likes of Rubia who is an eminent person who has been in the leadership, he has fought for the democracy that we are enjoying and the new Constitution.

He carried the message of peace; he called upon Murang'a county to be ambassadors of peace. He said that it does not mean that there is no conflict but when it is there, as a government we need to be wise and vigilant enough so that we may come up with resolutions in support of peace

He was calling upon counties that are forming militias to stop. This was the autocratic system that was there before the new Constitution and the system that had put him and Matiba in detention. He clarified how they suffered and the issues that caused this were difference in opinion.

He was calling upon the Murang'a Assembly not to adopt those systems which were adopted by the former regime to silence people with diverse opinions. He castigated

corruption. He noted that our major role as a County Assembly is oversight; he observed that this is a cancer that is in most government systems.

He was calling upon the leaders to be vigilant in the fight against corruption, he quoted J.F. Kennedy "The pursuit of peace is not as dramatic as the pursuit of war" therefore he noted that those who are seeking votes may see conflict as an instrument of mobilizing support, but the consequences are dire to the individuals and the community and that members of the County Assembly have an urgent duty to crusade for peace.

He said that we need to fight corruption, a vice that has taken up most systems of the government but there are people who will work out systems of silencing people. He said that as we pursue this we need to be prepared and continually crusade for peace.

We were grateful for his address and the things he touched on. As an Assembly, we are working out to ensure we take his vision and advice. Having gone through the past regime and having the advantage of watching the new regime, which was led by Kibaki which was clearly democratic. He wants we as a county to be at peace, communicate and advocate for peace.

I call Hon. Karina to second

**Hon Charles Karina:** I stand to second this motion and urge the members to walk the talk in the message by Hon. Rubia and let us all speak of peace.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. James Kagoni:** I stand to contribute in regard to the speech made by Hon. Dr. Charles Rubia; I was privileged to listen to him. I want to emphasize on one point which I think was his last point, he quoted that he was part of the team that organized the convention that was dubbed, 'The Kenya we want' which was useful; where Kenyans in diaspora and those fighting against the colonial rule had the opportunity to share what they felt would change Kenya.

He also said that they have an idea whether that is something they can borrow and do it now and have a convention dubbed, 'The Murang'a we want'.

Mr. Speaker, there is no better time for such a convention like now. I was doing a quick calculations and I realized that so far we have gotten 21 billion in this county since we started devolution, including the amounts that we will receive after the budget is read.

Therefore, when you receive those huge sums of money in a county, there is no better time to have such a convention so that we can listen to each other. Looking at the delegation that brought Hon. Charles, and you look at their minds, you would want to sit in a convention where we are all together and they share their ideas by telling us what they think so that we can do better.

I stand to support his message and emphasise that there is no better time. I strongly feel that we have a bigger role as an Assembly and that is what they suggested. This Assembly can organise and invite all the stakeholders who can come and participate in a very big ceremony and, as the Majority Leader has said, we talk about peace and all other matters that concern the county in the Murang'a we want. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine Mugo:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I also had the opportunity to listen to the speech by the Hon. Dr. Charles Rubia and his preach for peace was what I picked most. If you look at the last paragraph, he says, "Let peace be in every mouth, in every podium, in every classroom, in every homestead, and in our beloved county."

Today, we are privileged to have the students from a certain school in our Assembly. From the message that we got from Hon. Dr. Charles Rubia, whether you are at school or

wherever you are, you must preach peace. For us at this period when we are approaching the election, we are going to be meeting our opponents; his message is that we should go into our campaign podiums with peace so that we achieve our objectives.

His speech was also a challenge because he talked about how he fought for the ordinary citizen. He stood up when everyone else thought that they were not supposed to be doing what they were doing.

As a County Assembly, we all agree that we are enjoying the fruits of devolution because of people like Dr. Charles Rubia; we are therefore grateful to him. From his speech, he has left behind a legacy that some of us are not sure if we will attain. You will also see that he managed to overcome a lot of things and we should also try to fit into his shoes by representing Wanjiku without fear or favour. I therefore urge us that this speech should not just be for our files because he given his age; he is a witty man, I believe that he has seen it all and we should try to emulate his good achievements. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Cecilia Gitu:** I stand to support the motion and register my appreciation for the speech and the counsel that we were given by Hon. Dr. Charles Rubia. I have not had the occasion of meeting him before, but I was really impressed. He is one of the heroes of our times; he is a Socrates' in wisdom; and an orator.

His counsel to us is that of sound leadership, a leadership that is based on issues and not personal vendetta. In his speech, he urges us to legislate and base our legislations on development and economic issues.

I admired the senior citizen, mostly for advocating peace for it is only in peace that we can prosper. It was so refreshing to listen to his wisdom, his words of counsel, and he is very sharp upstairs in his 90's. I thought he was a blessed person because he continues to impact positively on the leadership of this country and his county at large. I do support this motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Mary Waithira:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, allow me to welcome the school that is with us in the gallery. It is with a lot of pain that we are discussing this speech that was given to us by Rubia bearing in mind that we have lost our own colleague here but we accept since we are here to go. I also want to honour and congratulate the speech that was given by Rubia. Together with others that he has mentioned, such as Kenneth Matiba and other Kenyans, who paid heavily and sacrificed for this country.

Mr. Speaker, the freedom and even the democracy that we are enjoying today it was because there were leaders of such calibre who were very selfless, committed to see that the people of Murang'a, the people of this country benefit.

We celebrate this democracy and freedom as a gift from those people who were there then, the likes of Rubia, but it doesn't mean that the democracy is not facing conflict in all angles, right from the family, the clans and even ethnic communities that we have.

But we want to say that we are there and we can be able to withstand these conflicts and be able to handle in a peaceful manner because it doesn't mean the democracy we will continue enjoying it without conflict coming our way. But to him as I listened, the best is the ability to handle this.

As a county assembly we have a lot because if we follow our standing orders and also the spirit of the Constitution we can also be able to speak of peace. There are many times that things come out but we stand firmly and give direction as an Assembly.

And those are some of the legacies we will leave as an Assembly because of whatever we are going to do. I envy the calibre of Rubia and others, and I remember in his speech at one time he said that he could not get a job, not even his children could be able to get a job, just because of what they had done.

It calls us as leaders that many are the times we fight but it's not without pain and that is why he was calling us as leaders and other stakeholders we hold hands together and overcome this.

Lastly he finished by saying that as a council of eminent persons of Murang'a they had the idea of hosting a convention like Hon. Kagoni has said, where all of us come together.

I want to remember, out of your own words have also echoed the same, of how we can be able to invite the calibre of such people in Murang'a, we sit together and see the way we can forge together so that by the end of it we have a Murang'a we want. So when I looked at this I saw great might in him, despite the age. I also saw the relationship of the ideas from what you have been saying as the speaker.

As an Assembly we will support this so that we come together and preach peace and especially this time we are coming to an election year so that as leaders, as we go to our members to solicit for votes, we will not go there to insult, to do other things. but maybe to sell well our policies as we continue preaching peace because Murang'a is greater than an individual.

Either we will be there or not, we would want our people to live in a harmonious and peaceful manner. So I saw highly support and wish the time we will be having this convention so that by the end of it we have a Murang'a we want. I support.

**The Speaker:** Esther

**Hon. Esther Ngugi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the speech by Dr. Rubia. Peace in our society cannot be realized when there is no rule or order.

When crime is not punished, both big and small, everybody will do whatever they want. So I also suggest that a stakeholders meeting where different organs of security and political leaders are involved and we chat the way forward.

**The Speaker:** The mover will respond if there is anything to respond to.

**Hon. Peter Kihungi:** Mine is to appreciate the members who have contributed and I still concur that the vision they had of Kenya that we can be able to do the same for Murang'a so that we can be able to have in , we can give the agenda of the Murang'a we want.

Mr. Speaker, I just conclude with the words he concluded and said that "Peace be in every mouth, podium, classroom, every homestead in the county. In the words of our national anthem, may we dwell in unity, peace and liberty so that plenty may be found within our borders." Thank you Mr. Speaker.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### ADJOURNMENT

**The Speaker:** The House now adjourns until 2:30 p.m. this afternoon.

*The House rose at 10:07 a.m.*