REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 23rd April 2024. The Assembly met at 9:53 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha) in the Chair]

PRAYER

PAPER

PROGRESS REPORT ON PROGRAMS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE INDUSTRIALIZATION, CO-OPERATIVES MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM FOR THE PERIOD JULY TO DECEMBER, 2023

Hon. Loise Mary: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper; -That, the Report of the sectoral Committee on Trade, Industrialization, Tourism and Wildlife Committee on its consideration of progress of programs by the department of Trade, Industrialization, Co-operatives Management and Tourism for the period July to December, 2023, be laid on the Table of the Assembly.

Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Next order.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF PROGRESS REPORT ON PROGRAMS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE INDUSTRIALIZATION, CO-OPERATIVES MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM FOR THE PERIOD JULY TO DECEMBER, 2023

Hon. Loise Mary: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to issue the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts a Report of the sectoral Committee on Trade, Industrialization, Tourism and Wildlife Committee on its consideration of progress of programs by the department of Trade, Industrialization, Co-operatives Management and Tourism for the period July to December, 2023, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday April 23, 2024. The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Next order.

MOTION

REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS OF PROGRAMS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND TOURISM IN THE FY 2022/2023

Hon. Moses Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am a member of this Trade Committee. I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Trade, Industrialization, Tourism and Wildlife Committee on its consideration of implementation progress of programs by the department of Trade, Industrialization and Tourism in the financial year (FY) 2022/2023, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday April 9, 2024.

This Report offers a comprehensive overview of the Committee finding and recommendations related to the key environment initiative within Murang'a County. The sectoral Committee establishment and mandate are rooted in Standing Order (204) (1) with each responsibility clearly defined by Standing Order (204) (5). The objectives of the Report centred on the assessing the program as they appear in the budget, project/ activity. Total disbursement for financial year 2022/2023, level of implementation of each of the activity as at June 30th 2023 and challenges facing implementation of each activity and proposed interventions and equally providing observations and recommendations.

The Committee employed various methodologies including requesting written submissions to gather the necessary information. The Committee's three days retreat served as a pivotal moment for scrutinizing the report. It focused on specific activities and remarks for each program allowing for a comprehensive analysis.

Honourable Speaker, after various scrutiny of the report, the Committee members came up with the following recommendations; number one, on small traders support a clear structure for the project should be established showing how the traders will access credit and funds for its implementation released on time to ensure its completion. So far, seven markets have been established and I will just mention them. We have Gitugi Market which is in Gitugi. We have Kambiti market which is Kambiti Ward. We have Ichichi market which is in Kanyenya-ini Ward. We have Kihoya market which is in Rwathia Ward. We have Karuri market which is in Muthithi Ward. We have Mununga market which is in Kinyona Ward. Lastly, we have Kandara market which is in Ithiru.

Recommendation number three, establishment of CAIP and EPZ. The County should begin by mapping the site for the industrial park. A policy document should be established noting that this is a mega project and the County should map for partnership and donors for the project and enter into MoU for the same. Recommendation number four, on promotion and development of industries, the concerned department to formulate a Policy to guide implementation of the project. Recommendation number five, with regards to the exhibition and investments, if the tradeshows are showing a remarkable economic benefit, the County should consider holding more often. Number six, concerning tourism development marketing and promotion, the County Government should factor in funds in the current budget to enable completion of the second phase. Number seven, on development of milk coolers, the County government should consider all the sub- counties while establishing the milk cooling centres. Recommendation number eight regarding the animal feeds production system the department should consider having a pilot mini project to first establish the viability of the project, lastly recommendation number nine on consumer protection and enforcement, heavy fines and penalties should be put in place for all the traders operating with faulty weighing machines, it is also good to note that Leviticus 19 verse 35 to 36 state do not cheat anyone by using false measurement of length, weight or quantity, use honest scales, honest weight and honest measures. I am the lord your God and I brought you out of Egypt. It is good for the traders to use the good scales so that the business can thrive. Lastly, I request honourable Isaac Chefman to second the Motion.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: I rise to second the Motion and request the members to support the Motion, I will also insist that during the implementation as per the Committee recommendation number six concerning their tourism department marketing and promotion the County Government should factor in funds in the current budget and enable completion of the sequence. That one I think the department concerned should take it. As per James 2:17 that actions without deed is dead. It is the high time we try and implement whatever we discuss especially as committee on trade so that tourism should be implemented and taken as a function in this county. I rise to support and request members to support the Motion.

Thank you very much.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honourable members, the Floor is open for debate. Hon. Mukora.

Hon. Samson Ngigi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion. Disclaimer: This version of the Official Hansard Report is for information purposes only. A certified version of this Report can be obtained from the Hansard Editor. The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Yes, Hon. John Mwangi.

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honourable members, the Floor is open for

debate. Let us hear you debating. Support, generally it is a vote. Yes, Hon. Munga.

Hon Peter Munga: I rise to support the motion, with no rider. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honourable Members, this Assembly stands adjourned until, today Tuesday, April 23rd 2024 at 2: 30 p.m.

The House rose at 10:08 a.m.