



## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA

### OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

The House met at 2:45p.m.

*[The Speaker (Hon. Aharub Ebrahim Khatri) in the Chair]*

### PRAYERS

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): Honourable Members, you may be seated. Yes Clerk, next Order please. Clerk?

### STATEMENTS

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT BY CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT,  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS HONOURABLE PRISCHILLAH MUMBA ON STREET LIGHTS  
IN KIPEVU WARD

Yes Chair, Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works please respond to the statement.

*[Silence]*

Vice Chair?

*(Silence)*

Any other Member from that Committee? Yes Honourable Ibrahim, are you a Member of Committee on Transport?

**Hon. Omondi:** Yes Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): Please respond to that statement.

**Hon. Omondi:** Mr. Speaker as you can see actually we do not have the Chairlady or the Chairman in the House but being a Member of the said Committee I would like to request humbly that we be given one week so that we bring the response back. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): Yes Honourable Faith?

**Hon. Mwende:** Mr. Speaker, I brought this statement on 27<sup>th</sup> of October last year and I am surprised up to now no response from the Department concerned.

So I do not know what the problem with the Department is because they are some people employed there and they are earning salary; if just a small thing like a statement they cannot respond, even if they do not have material, just to tell the Committee they do not have material even they cannot say anything. Mr. Speaker, this is the ignorance of high standard from that department and I cannot say it is lack of money that is why they are not repairing the street lights, because just this month we saw them doing some activities which confused people of Mombasa County. So Mr. Speaker I request this House if they can summon the concerned CECM to explain why the statements are taking much of the time once they are asked because I believe it is not only my statement but it has been their behaviour. When we ask for their response we do not get it from the department, so am not satisfied because people were dying on the street, kindly I request the Committee you Mr. Chair to intervene on this matter to be taken very seriously. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): Thank you Honourable Faith. Yes, Honourable Ibrahim are you aware as a Committee Member of Transport about this issue or you are just seeing it today?

**Hon. Omondi:** We are aware Mr. Speaker and we had already communicated to the said.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): Do you have the copy of that letter which you communicated to the department?

**Hon. Omondi:** No I do not have the copy now Mr. Speaker, maybe the Chairman has it.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): When did you communicate to the Transport Committee?

**Hon. Omondi:** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of that but what am aware...

*[Interruption]*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): But Honourable Ibrahim I think you just said that. Yes, Honourable Juma?

**Hon. Thoya:** I think Mr. Speaker Honourable Omondi Ibrahim is a Member of this House and there is no room for jokers here. We have been frustrated by the same said department and the dramas that have been taking place are so grave. We would wish him he adhere that this person... the said officer to appear before the House to explain as to why!

*[Applause]*

Simple like that, we are not going to buy any kind of a joke because he is not even aware of the said letter and I would wish if the worst comes to the worst apart from me being given action. Honourable Omondi if actions are not going to be taken on you, you need to apologise before this House. We are not here to joke around, we are serious and we need serious answers; if you are not aware of the said letters you need to withdraw yourself from this statement. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

*[Applause]*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): Thank you. Honourable Ibrahim Omondi, please respond to the statement, are you aware of this issue?

*[Laughter]*

**Hon. Omondi:** I do not know which language the Member wants me to use Mr. Speaker; I have stated clearly that I am aware of this and being aware does not mean I must have a copy of the same. I am just aware that indeed we did a letter, but I am not having a copy of the same, that is what I know Mr. Speaker and I should not be sacrificed for the Committee.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): So you asked for one week?

**Hon. Omondi:** Mr. Speaker, I am humbly and requesting for one week.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): And this thing you are taking it personally you and your Committee so it is you who will bring this response after one week.

**Hon. Omondi:** Mr. Speaker I am responding.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): We want to see that letter the one which you wrote as well as a Committee.

**Hon. Omondi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will do the same to the Chair.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): So next week... by next week.

**Hon. Omondi:** Yes Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): Yes Members just sit down please. I have already ruled that issue, so next order please.

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT BY HONOURABLE ATHMAN MWAMWIRI, CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE  
ON ENVIRONMENT, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY ON GARBAGE PILE-UP AT MCHELENI  
COLLECTION POINT IN KIPEVU WARD

Yes Honourable Athuman Mwamwiri, Chairperson Committee on Environment Waste Management and Energy, please respond.

**Hon. Athumani Mwamwiri:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker this statement is a response to the request made during the 117<sup>th</sup> sitting of the Assembly held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021. The County department of Environment, Waste management and Energy is the one mandated in collecting and disposal of solid waste to designated collection point; over the time however the department faced a serious series of great challenges thus paralyzing the normal collection routine. The regular repair and maintenance of truck and related machinery has not been facilitated owing to the delayed remittance of finances from the national government.

This has since led to the consequent grounding of almost 50 per cent of the total fleet, thus limiting the Department's capacity to collect the accumulated waste. The shortage of a consistent fuel supply has majorly attributed to the challenges as the supplier put on hold supplying due to the accumulation of debts brought about by the late disbursement of funds from the national government. It is quite unfortunate that Mcheleni collection point has been affected but the situation has since been remedied; the Department has since assigned and moved to clear approximately 75 per cent of the uncollected waste material at the said collection point from 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

The Department further assigned additional trucks to collect the remaining materials in due course; the supply of fuel has also been boosted thus the collection of waste at the collection point and within the County at large has improved. However Mr. Speaker to add on, this request was made on 1<sup>st</sup> of December but of now the Department has also experienced some other challenges including the breakdown of the shovels so the said dumpsite has piled up again and the Department is aware. We are working to try and resolve the situation since the said site is within a residential area and is a challenge to the Members there because it is a health hazard there and we promise to do our best once the trucks and the machinery have been resolved to be taken back to the site for the same Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Khatri): Thank you Honourable Athuman Mwamwiri. Yes Clerk, next order please?

### ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, this House stands adjourned until Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 at 10:00a.m.

The House rose at 2:57p.m.