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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KIAMBU

THE HANSARD

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The County Assembly met at the Assembly
Chamber at 2.30 P.M

(The County Assembly Speaker (Hon. Stephen Ndicho) in the Chair)

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

HOURS OF MEETING

The Speaker, (Ndicho): Hon. Members, there is a small Communication from the Chair in regards to time keeping for Assembly sittings.

My attention has been drawn towards the fact that we are not conforming to the Commonwealth Parliamentary procedures on time. In all the Commonwealth Parliaments all over the world, the time of starting sittings is exactly on the appointed time according to the Standing Orders of each Assembly or Parliament.

According to our own Standing Orders, our starting time on all days except Wednesday morning is 2.30 P.M. On Wednesday mornings, like today, it is exactly at 10.00 A.M.

I want to appeal to you Members that one of the issues that shows seriousness of leadership is time keeping, and therefore, I want to implore upon you that from now on, we are going to conform with the Commonwealth Parliamentary procedures on time of starting the sittings. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, it shall be strictly at 2.30 P.M. on the dot. On Wednesday morning, it shall be at 10.00 A.M. on the dot. That way, we shall be in tandem with other Commonwealth Parliaments in the world.

Therefore, the times when we used to come to the House late are now outlawed. From now on it shall be exactly as appointed. This is because we do not want to be accused of being involved in stealing time from the public who expect us to start deliberating their issues exactly at the appointed time.

So Hon. Members, let us keep time so that if we are here on the time that is appointed, and we deliberate the Business of the day, and there being no other Business to deliberate, we can always go out and do the other things. But let us give the first priority to attendance of this Assembly which we all fought so hard to come and join and other fought so hard to be nominated to.

Therefore, let us respect this institution in as much as time is concerned, and I think with that, we shall be good to go.

Thank you Hon. Members!

MOTION

CREATION OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN THE COUNTY

Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): Thank you Hon. Speaker!

I wish to Move the following Motion;

That, aware that a Special Economic Zone (SEZs) is a designated geographical area where business-enabling policies are implemented and sector-appropriate on-site and off-site infrastructure and utilities are provided for. Further aware that, SEZs are categorized into agricultural and livestock zones, industrial parks, tourist and recreational zones, and science as well as technology parks among others.

Recognizing that, establishment of the SEZs in the County will attract both local and foreign investments, expand and diversify produce of goods and services for domestic and export Markets, promote value addition, enhance technology development and innovation and promote rural and regional industrialization by exploiting comparative advantages of local resources.

Deeply disturbed that there is only one Special Economic Zone in the County, Tatu City, which is currently being developed and is under the management of the National Government;

Noting with deep concern that, the County Government has no legal frameworks, including a spatial plan, supporting the establishment of SEZs despite being mandated with the roles of county land use, which includes zoning and spatial plans;

Appreciating that, Section 110 of the County Governments Act provides for development of spatial plans by the County which shall contain strategies and policies identifying programs and projects for the development of land within the County.

This Assembly therefore urges the County Government to identify and establish Special Economic Zones within the County.

(Silence)

Mr. Speaker, It seems like my mind is disturbed, but allow me to now elaborate to the Hon. Members...

(Interruption)

The Speaker, (Ndicho): Order Hon. Member!

(Laughter)

Can you contain yourself and come back to the House.

Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): I am now back!

The Speaker, (Ndicho): Proceed!

Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): Hon. Speaker, it has come to my attention that in Kiambu County, we are strategically located, but we do not have the power to utilize our geographical advantage near Nairobi and its infrastructure.

Uasin Gishu County, during the last Session, established an economic zone whereby each County set aside Kshs. 300 million to develop an economic business park. With the super highway and Nakuru highway within our proximity, we have a lot of potential. In Githunguri we also have a lot of potential from agriculture; that is coffee and tea; we have stones from Witeithie and Juja. We also have a lot of minerals in Lari, especially water. Because of lack of proper planning, all this is still underutilized. We cannot have revenue if we are not zoning our areas properly.

Bearing in mind that Konza city is coming up and it might take a lot of economic advantage which shall render Kiambu a non economic hub.

So, I urge the Hon. Members to pass this Motion to enable us to set zones that will enable us develop our County.

I request the Hon. Member for Kahawa Sukari, Hon. Livingstone Waiganjo to second!

(Kahawa Sukari MCA, Hon. Waiganjo)

(Question Proposed)

The Speaker, (Ndicho): Leader of Majority!

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Ikonya): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

First I wish to applaud the mover of that Motion for a well thought and timely Motion.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to point out a few things with regards to that Motion for the betterment of this County. Let me begin by appreciating the good work that has been done by the County Government of Kiambu that leads towards realizing the spirit of this Motion. First, is that we will become the first County in the entire Country to have a fully developed Spatial Plan and issues of zoning in the entire County. We will be the first people to realize that, and I am sure Members of the Planning Committee can attest to that fact.

Mr. Speaker, if you fail to plan, then you plan to fail. So it is important that we as a County wake up to what the entire world is doing. The world is becoming a global village and so we emulate the best practices in the world.

Mr. Speaker, nowadays what the world is headed towards is zoning and identifying various places for various projects.

Mr. Speaker, this Motion is well thought. I will give an example with what the Kiambu County Government is proposing to do to have an economic zone along the SGR somewhere in Ndeiya. That is a good thing and we are headed towards the right direction.

Mr. Speaker, if you look at Nairobi right now as we speak, it is more or less filled up in terms of what it can be able to absorb. That is what they were trying to create what we would formerly call the metropolis.

Mr. Speaker, you will realize that Ruiru is a very strategic place for warehouses. If you look at most of the businesses in Nairobi, most of their warehouses in industrial area are now filled up and they cannot accommodate more goods, yet more businesses are opening up every day. So I look at Ruiru as a place that can become a hub of storing these products. If we get land in Ruiru and Kiambu, mostly in Riabai and Kiambu Township Ward, it will be very easy for business men in Nairobi to store their goods and have warehouses within those places. If we identify those places and set aside land that will go towards that alone, we will go a long way towards making sure that we develop as a County.

So, it is important that we identify places and their potential. This is because when you zone, you will even zone agricultural zones. You can look at the likes of Wangige and Nyathuna; we can set aside land there because if you look at the soil there, it is good for agriculture, it is good for everything that will favour agriculture. We can look for a place where we can zone and say this is especially for agriculture and livestock.

We will look at the entire County and look at the potential, zone them and make sure that we create those zones to make sure that we bring our synergies together, we bring, our potentials together such that we have a certain hub that is identified for a certain thing.

Mr. Speaker, we know Countries that are known for various things because they are geographically placed and strategically able to produce a certain commodity. So, it is good when we zone, and it is good when we identify certain places for various things.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very well thought Motion, and I will urge the Members of this House to go forth and pass this Motion so that we may ask the County Government to look at identifying various places, and more so where we have public utilities so that we can set aside those pieces of land for economic gain and strategically arranged for a particular thing within a particular place.

Mr. Speaker with that, I support!

The Speaker, (Ndicho): I would like to draw your attention to the importance of this Motion, but the owner, Hon. Taki, confessed that he might have been distracted from the meat of this Motion.

As I was leaving my office right before the Session, I was watching the television, and I learnt that the whole Country are zoning themselves. There is a conference going on now; they are calling themselves the Former Frontier Economic Zone. That is the North Eastern and all those areas that were considered frontier districts. They have zoned themselves.

We have people from Western and Nyanza; they have zoned themselves into what they call the Lake Basin Economic Zone. We also have the Coastal Economic Zone; the coastal people have zoned themselves and they are coming together to zone themselves for the benefit of their peoples economy. The pastoralists across Rift Valley and the northern part of this Country are zoning themselves for that economic activity of keeping livestock.

It is only the people of Mt. Kenya who were actually being accused the other day that they do not think about themselves and coming up with economic zoning for themselves. When these people are coming together like this, they are drawing attention from donors internationally.

Last week we attended the Arid and Semi Arid Lands (ASAL) Conference in Malindi with the Leader of Majority and the Member for Gatuanyaga, and I pity him because he comes from a semi arid area of this County. Next year it is in Kajiado, and I think Member for Nachu you should purpose yourself to attend because they are your neighbors. It is only the people in the central region that are not coming up with such robust thoughts like the Member for Witeithie is coming up with; how to zone ourselves, and attract international funding.

The European Union (EU) is funding Kshs. 3.1 Billion to the ASAL. When I was there with the Leader of Majority representing the County, and when I stood up to speak, I can tell you there was a lot of murmuring and they were saying remove Kiambu and Nyeri from the ASAL because we are not as dry. I actually fought to speak because they had even refused me to speak. They were saying that we were not supposed to be included in the ASAL. This is only because they feel when Kiambu and Nyeri come in, they will have to share the cake, for instance like the one from the EU. But I said, instead of fighting us, let us fight to increase the size of the cake so that the eaters can be more.

This is a very important Motion. If Members can internalize and think about it bigger and come up with areas and solutions to zone, even for the people that you represent. Let there be a common agenda for the people of Kiambu and Murang'a to zone themselves. Let's bring Nyeri, Nyandarua and

Kirinyaga around. This is the way we can also form these economic blocks. I think this is the trend today, where this Country is being zoned into economic zones for the benefit of the people.

This is a very important Motion. Look at it and its importance in those terms, and I hope that Members you are going to give your input so that the County Government can also see the seriousness of it. If it is the Tatu city project which the mover of the Motion says is a National Government initiative, let us press the County Government of Kiambu to think in those lines of zoning some areas for the economic benefit of our people. If we do it, we can attract donor funding from both national and international donors.

So, this is quite a crucial and important Motion, and I wanted to draw that to the Members' attention.

Member for Mwihoko!

Mwihoko MCA, (Hon. King'ara): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, and I rise on point of law

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Point of...? Order Member!

Mwihoko MCA, (Hon. King'ara): Point of information then.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Whom do you want to inform?

Mwihoko MCA, (Hon. King'ara): I would like to inform the Mover if he wishes.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Okay

POINT OF INFORMATION

Mwihoko MCA, (Hon. King'ara): I would first like to appreciate the great work that he has done in bringing this Motion to the floor of the House but I would like to refer him to the relevant law that relates to the creation of special economic zones that is special economic zones Act of 2015 Act No.16 of 2015.

I would like to draw his attention to Part2 Clause 4 where the formation of economic zones is in the Act and I quote, "The Cabinet Secretary shall on the recommendation of the authority that is the Special economic Zones authority" and in consultation with Cabinet Secretary responsible for the matters relating to finance declare by notice of gazette any area as a special economic zone as set in the first schedule". With this regard and my interpretation of the Act the creation of special economic zones which is the prayer being sought by the mover of the Motion.

It is a function of the national government and thus I would like the Speaker to, make a ruling on whether as the Motion is formulated with view that it is the mandate of the national government whether we should continue with the Motion as it is or we should give the mover time to rephrase his Motion to the effect that we are requesting our Governor and the CEC responsible to have an

engagement with the national government for the creation of the special economic zones, thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): wewe hio ni kali? But I am delighted that we have members here who are critically thinking. Why are you rising before I make a ruling?

Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): I wanted to share with my fellow Hon. Member there that Fourth Schedule give us the mandate we are supposed to work on. In that schedule it stipulates the functions of a county government and it is only there whereby we were told that if for example the big four and the national Government but most of them are to be implemented in the national government. Because of our residents we must make economic empowerment to our community. I highlighted and said the counties where those economic zones have been done. Now we are not talking about all counties we are talking about our county Kiambu whereby if you can go back to the law because you are sitting next to a walking Constitution...

(Interruption)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): I thought that was a compliment Hon. Yvonne? I thought we were going to have more than four mics here? Serjeant At Arms, why are we having two only? I thought we should have three one on this side.

POINT OF ORDER

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Yvonne): Well I appreciate his compliments but I am a walking Constitution, thank you by the way but is he in order to suggest that... I had nothing to do with that submission. So let him put his facts straight.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order Yvonne, he didn't impute that actually he said the fact that you are sitting next to a walking Constitution. I don't think he suggested you are the one who has... unless you did it but I believe the Member for Mwhoko is intelligent to do his own research and he does not need to consult the walking Constitution but I think this is not a big issue. Let him finish he was disturbed by a point of order. I will make my ruling on this

Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I wanted to say because the Hon. Member for Mwhoko is sitting next to you he can refer to you for...

(Interruption)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order! Order!

Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): Let me continue Hon. Speaker, and stipulate that what we are trying to do is to economically to define our County which items come from our areas which we can be able to utilize and sell to other areas. It has been said that in most cases in Africa it is intra business in Africa is so much hard.

The same case is happening like for example Hon. Speaker Wangige is known because of eggs across the nation. Karatina is known as the best in agricultural market that is what we want to create this one. Even if there will be law or Motion or what we are given power to do it. Since my senior my majority leader is here he can try to put more light on the same. Thank you

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Ikonya): Mr. Speaker I just want to come in between the two because they are both right from where they sit. It is good that we have legislation to the effect of creation of special economic zones and what have you. It is good we have that. What a motion seeks to do,. A Motion is not legislation; a Motion is just to urge the government to now adhere to the provisions of all the relevant Acts that seeks to do what the mover of this Motion is trying to do.

Mr. Speaker this motion is in good light and simply what we are saying is that we are of cognizant that there is a legislation somewhere that now stipulates how it should be done but it has not been done in our County, so we are now urging the county Government in light of that legislation and all other enabling legislation to now set the ball rolling towards achieving what that law do.

So that is basically what the motion is seeking to do. This is not a legislation that we are trying to put that may be would contradict another law. What we are just seeking to do is now that we have what defines how it should be set let the ball start rolling towards a zoning towards an establishment. Because I said for example we are looking forward as a County to zone and to do special planning but it has not been done already. So what the Motion is seeking to do is try and seek and urge the County Government to expedite the process and make sure that that is realized so there I no conflict in both. What the law seeks to do is when you now want to do what the Motion seeks to do what defines how you do it. It is not the mother law that defines how you do it but in essence Mr. SpeakerI was waiting for you to consult...

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): just hold on as I consult.

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Ikonya): I don't know whether that is where the Hon. Member fall, I now want to confirm...

(Laughter)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order! Order! Hon. Member, I am reading the law it does not matter

(Consultations)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Thank you Mr. Speaker and we appreciate everything that is happening. When you sit next to wisdom there is a way it becomes infectious. So Mr. Speaker I am saying there is no contradiction as far as this is concerned. So what we are simply saying is and that is why the Motion reads " we now urge" the County Government to adhere to all enabling laws, to all provisions of prerequisite laws and other laws towards now achieving what we want to uniquely achieve as a county because as Hon. Member says if you look at schedule four there is a clear outline the functions of the county and national government. One of the things that have been given to the county government is

what we are seeking to achieve under this motion. So I do not think there is any conflict we can continue discussing this motion but we appreciate the good work and the fact that we are getting acquainted with various laws that seeks to set straight how things are done with and without this county, thank you Mr. speaker.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Very well I wish members can ventilate on this matter. It is now matters of legal minds, interpreting the law now let us hear what the members going to say. Hon. Member for Limuru

Limuru East MCA, (Hon. Karuga): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I have one or two issues to say. One I want to thank the Hon. Member for a well thought Motion that is timely though it would have come a bit earlier. All these issues Mr. Speaker of zoning our county, land use are coming because we do not have a working county spatial plan and...

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order! Order! Hon. Member, we have temporarily stopped about this Motion, I do not want us to discuss the motion because a legal issue has been raised here whether this Motion is legally before the House or whether the law will allow us to debate it and even determine it in view of part of the provisions of part four of section 16 of SEZ Act, 2015 so the question before the House is. Is this Motion legally before the House and if you discuss it shall we transgressing on the provisions of that Act that is the question. Set aside the demerits and merits of the Motion and let us look at the law.

Limuru East MCA, (Hon. Karuga): Thank you Mr. Speaker and as you know that County Spatial Plan is a ten year plan and it usually goes for view may be in five years. May be I can give you time so that we can all concentrate...

(Consultations)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): this is a substantive Motion, the Member for Muihoko has raised a fundamental issue by quoting the SEZ Act, 2015 and where he has indicated that for establishment of the zones the cabinet secretary is the one who is supposed to give authority. They are the ones mandated by that particular part of the legislation to do that but then in consultation we have to also look at the provisions of other laws and especially what our Standing orders provides as well as the county Government Act which I wish to go through and also to the fact that the Motion in essence is urging the County Government to identify and establish Special economic zones within the County.

So what does the provisions of our Standing Order say? In the first schedule on sectoral committees under Standing Orders 225 under committee on planning and urbanization this is what the first schedule states."All matters related to County Planning and development including statistics, land survey and mapping, boundaries and fencing, Housing , matters related to county land use including ZONING, spatial plan, sectoral plans , cities and urban areas. If you read that one with Section 8 of the County Government Act, section 8 of the County Government Act, 2012(2) the law provides as follows

“ if a County Assembly fails to enact any particular legislation, fails to enact any particular legislation required to give further effect to any provision of this Act a corresponding national legislation if any shall with necessary modification apply it the matter in question until the County Assembly enacts required legislation”

Our simple interpretation is this if a County assembly fails to enact any particular legislation requires to give other effect provision of this Act a corresponding national legislation with necessary modification shall apply. So now we do not have that national legislation taking place in this country this motion is therefore now in earnest seeking to enact now a particular legislation which will now address on the matters of spatial planning, zoning, sectoral planning, cities and urban areas ,fencing housing matters related to county land use etc.

Order! Order! You know this is not a contest I agreed and its interpretation of the law but when the Speaker is giving his ruling, you hold your horses until the speaker is heard in silence and make the determination.

My interpretation and my understanding is that in our County we had failed earlier on to enact legislation a particular legislation in this regard. The Honourable Member for Witeithie is currently attempting now to bring the enactment of a particular legislation concerning zoning, some areas for economic benefit of the County.

And therefore since his Motion is asking the County in realization that this County has not or has never enacted that particular legislation, his attempt now is to have that legislation enacted. I think that is the spirit of his Motion and from where the Speaker stands, my ruling is that the Motion, is right in the House and it should see light of the day.

POINT OF ORDER

(Leader of Majority)

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Ikonya): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think that the issue in the House is as clear as you have put it. What the law seeks to do, when you do not have a customized law, within a certain County, you take now take reference to the one that exists, at the National Level. For example, we do not have as a County, what we call the County Planning Act that is customized for Kiambu. So, in the absence of that, what do you do? You use and confirm to the National Physical Planning Act for purposes of carrying out functions. But be as it may, any Motion that has ever been passed in this House, not only in this House, even in the National Assembly, what it seeks to do, for example we are telling the County Government to establish this Economic Zones, we are telling them to initiate doing this in adherence to all enabling laws, because when you discuss a Motion and it seeks to do something, the legal mechanism of doing it is not defined in that Motion, but is defined in a certain Act or legislation.

Mr.Speaker, for example we did pass a Motion on naming of roads and that kind of a thing and we had mentioned the National Heroes Act that talks about that we can name roads from our National Heroes, you see, it is not upon the Motion to develop a legal framework, upon doing what the motion seeks to do. It is upon a certain Act or legislation that is somewhere that defines for example how that is going to be done.

Basically what we are saying is, we appreciate the fact that we have to consult the Cabinet Secretary but what this Assembly is telling the County Government to do is that, we want Economic Zones, how are they done? You have to go to the Cabinet Secretary and it is upon the County Government to initiate that process to adhere to the spirit of this Motion. I do not think we are lost anywhere, but this Motion is rightly before this House. Thank you Mr.Speaker.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Well, that is the ruling of the Chairperson, it has all the rights to be in the House. What is it Yvonne you wanted to say?

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. (M/s.) Yvonne): Thank you Chairperson for your ruling, I am not opposed to setting up Economic Zones because it is very good for our County, but again we have to be consigned to the fact that some of the Motions that we pass here may be very hard to implement. That is where I am coming from. So, with regard to this particular Motion, we have the County Government's Act and I do not have the section with me in my head at the moment, but the department of Planning should prepare a spatial Plan, which zones different areas for different uses, Agricultural, Economic etc.

That process of zoning, is very different from what is called Special Economic Zoning (SEZ), an SEZ has certain economic contortions, they are special zones which receive certain tax benefits/breaks from the Government, to enable economic development and as a County, the only mandate that we have is collecting revenues, we do not have the ability to impose taxes. That is the point where I am coming from, however, I do agree with the Leader of Majority that the County Government can start the process of talking to the relevant agencies at the National level and perhaps the County Spatial Plan, once the process begin, can zone the different areas, including economic zones, but the issue of (SEZ), and creating Special Economic Zones lies squarely with the National Government.

POINT OF ORDER

(Leader of Majority)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): The Hon. Yvonne insists that the mandate of creating Special Economic Zones are within the central Government.

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Ikonya): She has said I am on point, so we can continue, but she has misled this House by telling this House that the County Government cannot, that we only collect revenue. She needs to be preview to Article 209 (3) of the Constitution, which says that:

'A County Government may impose-----

- a) Property rates;
- b) Entertainment taxes

So, a County Government may impose taxes not just collecting revenue. That is very clear Article 209 (3) of the Constitution, which I am very sure she has always carried a Constitution in her bag and she can confirm.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): I think we have heard enough of legal pin-pones within ourselves and I think I have made the ruling that the Motion is rightfully before the floor of the House and it is supported by both County Governments Act 2012 and schedule 4 of our Standing Orders and I have made the ruling. Let us continue with the Motion now as it were.

Member for Limuru East! You now go straight to the original format of the Motion to discuss the Motion as it is.

Limuru East MCA, (Hon. Karuga): Thank you, I wanted to clear the air regarding the Constitution and the function of the County that will permit us to go on Mr. Speaker.

The Constitution of Kenya 2010, apportions the responsibility of Planning to both National and County Government and under 4th Schedule on distribution function of part 21 and 32 ,the National Government is charged with the responsibility of formulating general principals of land planning, Coordination of Planning by the Counties ,capacity building and technical assistance to Counties. On the other hand, part 2 (8), it allocates the function of County Planning and development to County Government and Mr. Speaker, this is the function of Planning and is solely on the County Government.

Mr. Speaker, after clearing the air, let me continue by saying that zoning is paramount to the planning of the County and may I say this without fear of intimidation, that we lack a proper County spatial Plan, and if we do have one, then we could have zoned this Economic Zones and Residential Zones. However, Mr. Speaker, we ae running on dangerous grounds of not planning and I tend to believe that when we have this County spatial plans, we should also set working models so that one can know, how, where and when things should be done.

Mr. Speaker, let me give you an example of our County, where we have geared towards real estates, I know this is an advantage since we are nearing the County of Nairobi and we might be taking advantage of Housing workers from Nairobi, but again are running on the danger of food security.

Mr. Speaker, we are clearing our farms to build houses and this is solely due to lack of a working County Spatial Plan. The County Spatial Plan is a ten year plan and is usually reviewed in intervals of five years and this Motion would best fit when we are giving recommendations on review of the County Spatial plans and if we have one Mr. Speaker, the issue of Zoning, this Economic Zones will not be headache to us Mr. Speaker.

All the same, I commend the Hon. Member, for a well thought Motion and I would urge that we do have a working spatial plan, which will also trigger the budget. As we plan, we shall be able to incorporate the budget on this budget so that we can have all these zones.

With this Mr. Speaker, I support this fully and I wish the Hon. Members of this House, would support with their utmost desire. Thank you.

POINT OF ORDER

(Hon. Kinuthia)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Very well, Member for Ndenderu!

Ndenderu MCA, (Hon. Kinuthia): Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise under Standing Order 45(1), Members of this House are sited at the lobby while we are discussing this important Motion. Kindly direct that the Sergeant-at-Arm rectifies that before we proceed.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order Member, you do not come through the House through the window, you come through the door. Can you rephrase your point of order in simple terms?

Ndenderu MCA, (Hon. Kinuthia): Quorum issues, we do not have a third of the Members, to continue.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): The Hon. Member is a well worded man and he uses his English which is also rich in words to describe something in very many words. In other words he is just saying that there is no quorum and it is only the Speaker, who can order the bell be rung when Members orders that the bell be rung, he is transferring the seat from where it should be to where it is siting. Can the Clerks confirm there is no quorum?

(Clerks Confirmed No Quorum)

That being the case, I order that quorum bell be rung.

(Quorum Bell Rung)

We have realized quorum and we may now proceed with the Motion. Who was on the floor?

Ndenderu MCA, (Hon. Kinuthia): Mr. Speaker Sir, now that quorum is restored, I move to rise on Standing Order 118 and implore upon you to read the mood of the House and call the mover to reply.

(Applause)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order Member, are you sure?

(Applause)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): What? I thought that this was a very important Motion and everybody was struggling to catch the Speaker's eye to debate? By the prolonged thumbing of seats is sending another message all together. Is that the mood of the House?

(Members Shouted 'Yes')

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): That being the case, I now call upon the mover to reply.

Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): Thank you Hon. Speaker, thank you Members, as I reply, I want to mention a few observations that I have come across. For Bangkok and China to develop, they did zoning, for England and Singapore to develop they did some zoning, for Malaysia, Korea and Japan to develop, they also did some zoning. In Africa, South Africa and Mozambique they also had some zoning, Ethiopia, there was some section where only processing of hides and skins is done. In Kenya for example, we have lost a lot of revenue in sports industry and a lot of money has gone to Machakos, every game and sports is being held in Machakos, because they did some zoning.

Recently when we went to Kakamega, they had a very good sports facilities called Bukuku and now Mombasa has developed almost three FIFA Accredited Stadia, where they want to tap on the same.

Last week, we were in a meeting with the Juja Sub-County leaders, where we were told, in years to come, we might not even get a single coin from hostel because Juja Ward, where Hon. Muhindi and Kalpesh represent, most of the revenue come from hostel...

(Interruption)

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order Member, order! What did you just say? Kalpesh Muhindi?

Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): Hon. that is why I finished by saying, Kalpesh Muhindi.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Order Member, in my list of Members, I do not have anybody by that name, so you should refer him in his collect terms and names.

Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): Hon. Kalpesh.

The Speaker, (Hon. Ndicho): Very well continue.

Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki): We were given clue that there is a big housing investment plan that is coming up in Nairobi whereby they are targeting to tap from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, to only build hostels and they will give transport for the students to and fro. I remember when Kenyatta University, Ruiru Campus when it was developed, there used to be those buses which used to take people from Kenyatta University to Ruiru, in 2013 and it had a lot of huge economic impact to an area we call 'Wakairu', whereby, when the students are not within, the area is deserted. There is also another area that I keep talking about called 'Nyasafa', which is an area within Witeithie Ward, where most of the stones come from and if we are not carefully. Like what Machakos and Makueni did to the sand, we might find ourselves in a situation where we cannot go back to.

I want to summarize by saying that in the last regime, Hon. Nungari can attest that we have zoning in revenue, where some areas are classified under zone A where they pay more charges than others. Therefore, with zoning, we can be food secure in Kiambu County. For example in Witeithie Ward,

we have a region we call 'Karamaine' which is very good for Agriculture, but we have an area we are calling 'Nyasafa', where its usefulness is only in stones. At the same time, we have Witeithie Estate, which its usefulness is only business. If we can be able to zone those areas and give fertilizer to 'Karamaine' it will help us a lot.

I therefore urge Members to support the Motion, bearing in mind that we have stadias in Thika. Thank you Hon. Members and I am urging for your support.

(Question Put and

Agreed To)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, there being no other business, this House stands adjourned until, Thursday, 13th September, 2018, at 2.30 P.M.

The House rose at 04.16 P.M.