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KERICHO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Second Assembly

Wednesday, 13th November 2019

(The House met at 2.30 p.m.)

[Speaker (Hon Dominic Rono) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon Dominic Rono): Let's proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Speaker (Hon Dominic Rono): There are two notices of motion by Honorable Erick Bett. May be you can give a notice of those motions?

Hon Erik Bett: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to move two notices of motion as you have put and my first motion goes this way,

AWARE THAT Kericho County has various types of traders doing their businesses in municipalities, towns and centers during peak and off-peak hours all contributing to the growth of Kericho Economy;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the Kericho County Assembly passed a Kericho County Inspectorate Service Bill, 2019 that has paved way for recruitment of enforcement officers to support various departments in executing their mandate especially on revenue collection;

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CONCERNED THAT the enforcement officers have been doing their work discriminately by accepting bribes and victimizing both peak and off - peak traders thereby frustrating their efforts to generate income;

NOTING THAT, Kericho County is in a position to control traders in Kericho town and other upcoming towns by way of enforcing fees and charges as per the Kericho County Finance Bill approved each year, both in the peak and off- peak hours without disadvantaging any trader whatsoever;

FURTHER NOTING THAT, there are many small scale traders selling groceries and non - food items during peak hours on the streets who equally contribute towards building the economy of Kericho County;

I urge this County Assembly to resolve as follows:

- (1) That the department of Trade, Industrialization, Tourism and Cooperative Management set aside time in which enforcement officers should adhere to in conducting their inspection i.e. 8.00 am to 5.00 pm during which off peak traders are allowed to conduct their businesses on condition that they pay the fee as stipulated in the Finance Bill;
- (2) That peak traders are allowed to sell their products after 5.00 pm on week days and from noon on Saturday and the whole of Sunday in designated areas for the purposes of supporting such traders and growing the economy of the County; and
- (3) That the enforcement officers work within the codes of ethics and regulations befitting public servants.

Thank you Mr. Speaker that is my first notice of motion

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Yes, the second one.

Hon Erik Bett: The second notice of motion, Mr. Speaker sir I also beg to give a notice of the following motion;

That aware that Article 54 of the Constitution of Kenya states that a County Assembly may

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receive and approve plans and policies for the development and management of the infrastructure and institutions.

Further aware that the County Government under the fourth schedule is mandated to undertake county planning and development including land survey and mapping trade development and regulation among others.

Noting that the main function of devolution Article 174 (f) is to give powers of self-governance to the people and enhance the participation of the people in exercise of the powers of the state and in making decisions affecting them to promote sound and economic development and provision of proximate, easily accessible services throughout Kenya.

Concerned that mechanics operators conduct their business at road reserve, pausing risk to their lives and at the same time causing congestion on the road users thus contravene the fact that the residents should access services and use and enjoy public facilities

I therefore urge this Honorable house to resolve that the department of Land housing and physical planning:

- 1. Conduct consultative public participation with all Jua Kali mechanics to identify their needs:
- 2. Set aside space/land for use by mechanics and vehicle spare shops; and
- 3. Enlighten the members of the public on the proposed Kericho Town Spatial plan, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, Next Order!

(Adjournment)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): There being no other business the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 9:30 am.

(The House rose at 2.40 pm)

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