



# COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI

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## NYERI MUNICIPAL BOARD Office of the Municipal Manager

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### MINUTES OF NYERI MUNICIPALITY CITIZEN FORUM HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT OLD MUNICIPAL HALL, NYERI.

#### Board Members Present

1. Ms. Margaret Macharia – Ag. CECM, LHPP&U
2. Mr. Jeremiah Ichaura – Chairman
3. Mrs. Salome Ndung'u – Vicechair
4. Perister Kigwa – Municipal Manager/Secretary
5. Mr. Charles Karuga – Member
6. Ms. Hannah Maranga – Member
7. Mr. John Waihenya – Member
8. Mrs. Mary Wang'ombe – Member
9. Mr. Charles Muya – Member
10. Mr. Zachary Mathenge – Member
11. Mr. Fredrick Mbuga – Member

#### Participants Present

The meeting was attended by 117 participants. The representatives were drawn from key stakeholders from main sectors including National Government (ACC1, Chief, Assistant Chief, Elders), government agencies (KenHA, NEMA and KURA), MCAs, Matatu, lorry and taxi Sacco representatives, market and street vendors representatives, residents associations representative, Maendeleo ya wanawake, youth groups, religious institutions, Private garbage collectors, Persons Living with Disabilities, Nyeri business community representatives, and County Government of Nyeri officials (chief officers and officials representing all the county departments). The details of the participants are as provided in the attached participants list.

#### Agenda

1. Preliminaries
2. Introduction of the municipal board members

3. Explain the functions of the municipal Board
4. Municipal projects 2019/2020
5. Sensitization on waste management
6. Open forum / Plenary

**Min1: 26/11/2019: Preliminaries**

**1. Prayers and Introductions**

The municipal manager called the meeting to order at 2.15 P.M. A word of prayer was led by Mr. Simon Ngatia. The manager led self-introduction of the participants. She welcomed them to the meeting and thanked them for attending. She explained the agenda of the day and invited members to actively participate.

**2. Opening Remarks**

**Assistant Chief – Majengo sub location**

The assistant chief Ms. Mary Gitonga welcomed participants to the meeting and explained the various villages in Majengo sub location.

**Chairperson – Maendeleo ya wanawake**

Ms. Jane Wanjiku, the chairperson maendeleo ya wanawake thanked the municipal board for recognizing their association and their contribution to the development agenda of the municipality.

**Sub county Administrator**

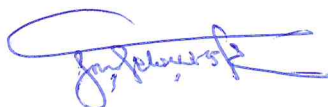
Mr. Nelson Mbekenya, the subcounty administrator Nyeri town, welcomed the participants to the meeting and urged them to be attending public fora whenever called upon. He also urged them to report all incidence relating to the county government for prompt action by his office.

**Assistant County Commissioner 1**

Mr. Alfred Tanui the ACC1, welcomed the participants to the meeting and briefed them on the role of the national government. He assured them that the national government will ensure that the residents of Nyeri Municipality are secure and will assist in enforcing policies and by laws of the municipality.

**Chairperson - Physical Planning, Housing & Urbanization Committee**

Hon. Rose Wairimu, Chairperson - Physical Planning, Housing & Urbanization Committee thanked the municipal board for organizing the citizen forum. She



explained that such fora will ensure that the residents are involved in understanding municipality matters and all government developmental activities. She assured the municipal board of the county assembly's support and collaboration. She also urged the municipal board to engage and collaborate with the county assembly.

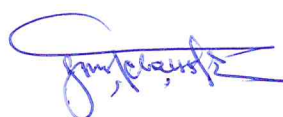
**Min2: 26/11/2019: Introduction of the Municipal Board Members**

Ms. Margaret Macharia, the Ag. CECM, Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urbanization, briefed members on the process of Conferment of Nyeri town to a municipality status. She explained that Nyeri municipality was granted a charter in August 2018 and the municipal board was appointed on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 with approval by the county assembly of Nyeri in accordance to the UACA, 2011. She appealed to the participants to support the board in delivery of quality service. The CECM, introduced the members of the board and cited the cluster each represents in the board.

**Min3: 26/11/2019: Functions of the Municipal Board**

Mr. Jeremiah Ichaura – Chairman Municipal board, welcomed the participants to the meeting and thanked them for availing themselves. He explained that the forum was to provide an opportunity for the Nyeri *Municipal* Board and the *Citizens'* to engage on the Municipality development agenda, responsive governance and effective service delivery. He cited various challenges that were facing the municipality and proposed solutions. He also expounded the following functions of the board;

- (a) Oversee the affairs of the Municipality;
- (b) Develop or adopt policies, plans, strategies and programs and set targets for service delivery;
- (c) Formulate and implement an integrated development plan;
- (d) Control land, land sub-division, land development and zoning by public and private sectors for any purpose, including industry, commerce, markets, shopping and other employment centers, residential areas, recreational areas, parks, entertainment, passenger transport, agriculture, and freight and transit stations within the framework of the spatial and master plans for the Municipality as delegated by the County Government of Nyeri;
- (e) Promoting and undertaking infrastructural development and services within Municipality as delegated by the County Government of Nyeri;
- (f) Developing and managing schemes, including site development in

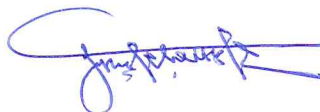


- collaboration with the relevant national and county agencies;
- (g) Maintaining a comprehensive database and information system of the administration;
  - (h) Administering and regulating its internal affairs;
  - (i) Implementing applicable national and county legislation;
  - (j) Entering into contracts, partnerships or joint ventures as it may consider necessary for the discharge of its functions;
  - (k) Monitoring and where appropriate, regulating municipal services where those services are provided by service providers other than the Board of the Municipality;
  - (l) Preparing and submitting annual budget estimates to the relevant County Executive Committee member for consideration and submission to the County Assembly for approval as part of the annual County Appropriation Bill;
  - (m) Collecting rates, taxes levies, duties, fees and surcharges on fees as delegated by the County Government of Nyeri;
  - (n) Settling and implementing tariff, rates and tax and debt collection policies as delegated by the County Government of Nyeri;
  - (o) Monitoring the impact and effectiveness of any services, policies, programs or plans;
  - (p) Establishing, implementing and monitoring performance management systems;
  - (q) Promoting a safe and healthy environment;
  - (r) Facilitating and regulating public transport within its area of jurisdiction

Noting that the municipal board was barely one year old, the County Executive Committee had delegated the following functions to the Nyeri Municipal Board:

- ✓ Garbage collection and sanitation
- ✓ Beautification and street scaping
- ✓ Traffic management
- ✓ Actualization of the Nyeri Municipality Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan. (ISUDP)

He assured the public that the municipal board was committed to offer quality service delivery to its citizenry.



#### **Min4: 26/11/2019: Municipal Projects 2019/2020**

Ms. Hannah Maranga, the chief Officer LHPP&U, presented the municipal projects for 2019/2020. She explained that the municipal board was mandated to oversee the smooth implementation of the projects. She also explained that the municipal board meets after every three months and that their decisions are executed by the municipal administration that is led by the municipal manager.

She highlighted that for the financial years 2019/2020 the municipal administration through the department of physical planning was implementing the construction of the Nyeri main transport termini at the Asian quarters. This is a world bank funded project that would run two phases at a cost of kshs.600 million.

It was reported that the first disbursement was done totaling to Kshs.236 million and that the subsequent disbursement will depend on fulfilment of minimum conditions and performance standards.

#### **The proposed termini phase1- 2019/2020**

##### **Municipal priorities;**

The priority of the municipality is to ease congestion in the Nyeri Central Business District (CBD). This would be achieved by completion of the first project phase that entails;

- Construction of 600 business stalls
- Construction of 3 Sanitary blocks
- Construction and Rehabilitation of access roads
- Construction of refuse collection point
- Installation of streetlights
- Installation of high capacity water tank
- Construction of 240 matatu bays, taxi and Tuk tuk bays
- 20 Construction of passengers waiting bays
- Construction of an office block

##### **On completion of the project these are the expected impacts:**

- Decongested Nyeri Town Central Business District (CBD)
- Increase opportunities for doing business.
- A health working environment for transport industry and other small-scale businesses.
- Quality service delivery for the citizenry



- Expansion of the Nyeri Town Central Business District (CBD) through redevelopment
- Sustainable management of public space in Nyeri Town Central Business District (CBD)

**Min5: 26/11/2019: Sensitization on Waste Management**

Mr. Peter Mundia the County Public Health Officer in charge of Sanitation, sensitized the participants on waste management on the following topics;

- (a) Types of waste
- (b) Waste storage
- (c) Waste collection
- (d) Methods of Waste disposal
- (e) Implications of poor waste management
- (f) How the public can get involved in waste management

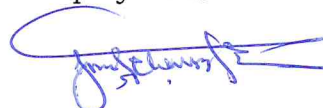
He appealed to participants to be ambassadors of waste management sensitization.

**Min6: 26/11/2019: Open Forum / Plenary**

Ms. Violet Ndirangu and Mr. Kariuki from Governor's office, department of Civic Education & Public Participation conducted the open forum/plenary. They also distributed civic education materials to the participants.

The following issues were raised by the participants;

- To re-route exit and entry of public vehicles in the lower bus park
- To unblock and repair damaged drainages in Nyeri town; most affected areas is Kuku lane, King'ong'o, Ruringu and Majengo
- To increase the frequency of garbage collection in Nyeri town and its environs
- Prompt maintenance and repair of streetlights and high mast flood lights; Nyakinyua nursery high mast flood light and chania rwamba
- Repair and maintenance of roads within the municipality
- To address the encroachment of St. Peter Cemetery in Nyeri town. It was suggested that all cemeteries should be fenced to keep off land grabbers.
- To consider people living with disabilities for single business permit waivers.
- The municipal board to consider public private partnerships in waste management at local levels
- To address sewer challenges along Nyeri mortuary road
- To address the issue of youth unemployment





- To control the influx of beggars and street families within town center
- To address the issue of market traders flouting rules and regulation.
- To enhance police patrols and presence in areas prone to crime

**Min7: 26/11/2019: A.O.B**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5.57P.M. with a word of prayer by a volunteer participant.

**Signed:**

Chairman .....  ..... Date..... 28/11/2019 .....

Secretary .....  ..... Date ..... 28/11/2019 .....

