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MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL CITIZEN QUARETERLY FORUM HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT THE MUNICIOALITY OFFICES

Members Present

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| 1. Hon Julius Ole Ntayia | Board member Chairperson |
| 2. Josephine Nashipae | Municipality Manager |
| 3. Peter Leparakua | Oloosirkon Ward Admin |
| 4. Pesi Penina | Board Member |
| 5. Felix Muneria | Board Member |
| 6. James Mbugua | Board Member |
| 7. Ruth Kametoi | Board Member |
| 8. Stakeholders | Board Member |
| 9. Paul Nakuo | Citizen Fora Chairman |
| 10. Beatrice Kerubo | Citizen Fora Treasurer |
| 11. Stakeholders | |

Absent with Apologies

Hon Paul .Matuyia MCA Kitengela

Hon Steven Marush MCA Oloosirkon/Sholinke Ward

Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by the Citizen participation officer Veronicah Ogeli ,the meeting started with a word of prayer from Madam Beatrice Kerubo.

Madam Josephine Nashipae, warmly welcomed all attendees and expressed gratitude for their participation in this important citizen participation exercise. She emphasized the significance of community engagement in shaping the future of Kitengela Municipality.

Madam Josephine took a moment to let the board members introduce themselves, highlighting their roles and responsibilities within the municipality. She also extended apologies on behalf of two MCAs who were unable to attend due to their participation in the Maa Annual Festival in Samburu County.

MIN 1: PUBLIC FORUM

The municipal manager gave citizens an opportunity to air their concerns, suggestions, and feedback. A number of concerns were positively raised by the citizens, for instance issues on citizen forum advertisement, hawkers on road reserves, sewerage systems in Kitengela among others.

a) CITIZEN FORA ADVERTISEMENT

Citizens expressed that they were not adequately informed about the meeting. The Municipal Manager responded by explaining that the municipality had utilized its website, Facebook page, and WhatsApp groups to disseminate information about the meeting. However, she acknowledged the need for more effective outreach and committed to using additional channels, such as publishing public notices within the town, for future events.

b) HAWKERS ON CHAOS

Another significant concern raised by the citizens was the increasing chaos caused by hawkers. Residents expressed frustration over hawkers blocking pedestrian walkways and obstructing the visibility of shops, thereby negatively impacting businesses as well as causing traffic jam especially in the evening.

The Municipal Manager acknowledged the validity of these concerns and stated that the municipality had also received complaints about the issue. She assured the citizens that the municipality would increase its vigilance and take necessary actions to address the problem. Additionally, she mentioned plans to identify suitable locations for hawkers to conduct their business without causing disruptions to other businesses and pedestrians. She emphasized the importance of ethical business practices and the need to avoid actions that negatively impact the livelihoods of others.

C) SEWAGE AND BLOCKAGE ISSUES

The issue of blocked sewers and poor sanitation, particularly in the Kyang'ombe area, was raised with significant concern. Residents highlighted the negative impact of these problems on public health and environmental hygiene. The Municipal Manager acknowledged the problem and stated that the municipality is working on a long-term solution to address the underlying issues.

stated that the municipality is working on a long-term solution to address the underlying issues. In the meantime, temporary measures will be implemented to alleviate the immediate problems and prevent further deterioration of the situation.

Additionally, the dangerous hole outside the bus station precisely on the junction was brought to the attention of the Municipal Manager. She assured the citizens that the municipality will take immediate action to repair the hole and prevent accidents, she however faulted the issue to a group of people who intentionally damage the road in order to get quick money from victims of these dangerous hole. The Municipal Manager emphasized the importance of public safety and committed to addressing infrastructure issues promptly.

b) POOR QUALITY OF PROJECTS DONE

Citizens expressed deep concern over the poor quality of infrastructure projects, particularly roads. They highlighted the frequent need for repairs and maintenance, which they believe is a waste of taxpayer money. The Municipal Manager acknowledged the validity of these concerns and emphasized the municipality's commitment to ensuring high-quality projects. She assured the citizens that the municipality will take steps to improve project oversight, quality control, and accountability. Additionally, she encouraged citizens to report any instances of poor workmanship to the relevant authorities.

c) TROPICANA ROAD / NEW VALLEY IN BAD CONDITION

The poor condition of Tropicana Road/New Valley Road was another pressing issue raised by the citizens. Residents expressed frustration over the deteriorating road conditions, which have negatively impacted transportation and daily commutes. The Municipal Manager acknowledged the concerns and assured the citizens that the municipality is aware of the road's condition and is exploring options for repair or reconstruction. She emphasized the importance of well-maintained roads for economic development and social mobility.

d) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A significant concern raised by citizens was the confusion surrounding the roles and responsibilities of the county government and the municipality. Many residents were unsure about which level of government was responsible for addressing specific issues, such as road maintenance, waste management, and public safety.

The Municipal Manager clarified the distinction between the two levels of government. She explained that while the county government has broader responsibilities, the municipality focuses on local issues and services within its jurisdiction. She encouraged citizens to direct their concerns to the appropriate level of government to ensure efficient resolution. The Municipal Manager also emphasized the importance of collaboration between the two levels of government to address shared challenges and achieve better outcomes for the community.

e) PUBLIC LAND ISSUES

Citizens expressed concerns about the limited availability of public land for recreational spaces, such as parks, and for essential public infrastructure like schools and hospitals. The Municipal Manager acknowledged this issue and explained that the municipality is actively exploring options to acquire additional land for these purposes. She emphasized the importance of strategic land use planning to ensure the future development of the town. To address these challenges, the municipality's Urban Planner is working diligently to develop a comprehensive land use plan. This plan will identify potential areas for development, prioritize land use for essential services, and ensure sustainable urban growth.

With Kitengela experiencing rapid population growth, it is imperative to proactively plan for future needs. By securing adequate land for public infrastructure and green spaces, the municipality can ensure a high quality of life for its residents and mitigate potential challenges associated with rapid urbanization.

MIN 2: UPDATE ON NEW PROJECTS

WATER BY THE OLKEJUADO WATER

The Municipal Manager provided an update on the significant water project being undertaken by the National Government. This initiative, spearheaded by the Athi Water Works Development Agency, aims to extend the bulk water supply from Nairobi Water & Sewage Company to Mavoko Water & Sewage Company, ultimately reaching Kitengela Municipality through Olkejuado Water & Sewage Company. This project is expected to address the growing water demand in Kitengela and improve water supply reliability for residents. She confirmed that water testing has been done thrice and water will be availed once pipe cleaning is concluded.

THE KUSP II

The Municipal Manager shared news regarding the upcoming KUSP II assessment by the World Bank, scheduled for November 12th-13th. This assessment is crucial, as a positive outcome will secure substantial funding for the municipality over the next five years. The potential funding of approximately 150 million shillings will be allocated specifically for road infrastructure development, with a particular focus on feeder roads.

The Municipal Manager emphasized the importance of this funding in addressing the growing infrastructure needs of Kitengela. By investing in feeder roads, the municipality aims to improve connectivity, facilitate economic growth, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents. The success of this assessment will significantly impact the future development of Kitengela and pave way for sustainable urban growth.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Municipal Manager addressed the issue of solid waste management and highlighted the municipality's efforts to improve waste collection and disposal. The introduction of garbage collection bins at various locations across the town has been a significant step in enhancing waste management services. While the placement of these bins may sometimes inconvenience businesses, the Municipal Manager emphasized the importance of community cooperation in maintaining a clean and healthy environment. She also informed citizens that the municipal has its own solid waste management policy that has been approved by the assembly.

The municipality is also actively working on sustainable waste management practices. The waste collected is being processed through burning, and the resulting ash is being reused to create various products. This innovative approach not only reduces waste but also creates job opportunities for the youth. By promoting sustainable waste management, the municipality aims to minimize environmental impact and contribute to a greener Kitengela.

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

The Municipal Manager provided an update on development control and urban planning within Kitengela Municipality. She highlighted the recent appointment of municipal inspectors by the County Government to oversee development activities and ensure compliance with building regulations. Additionally, the posting of a Director of Housing to the municipality will further strengthen enforcement efforts and prevent illegal constructions.

The municipality will soon be issuing building permits to regulate development activities. To ensure that developments are aligned with the town's overall plan, the Municipal Manager urged citizens to consult with the municipal urban planner and engineer. By seeking professional guidance, residents can avoid potential legal issues and contribute to the sustainable growth of Kitengela.

MIN 3: CHAIRMAN REMARKS

The Chairman of the Kitengela Municipality, Hon.Ole Ntayia, concluded the meeting by emphasizing the rapid growth and cosmopolitan nature of Kitengela. He acknowledged the significant population increase and the challenges and opportunities that come with it.

The Chairman highlighted the county government's ongoing efforts to empower the municipality and make it an independent entity. He stressed the importance of peaceful coexistence and encouraged residents to actively engage with the municipal authorities by visiting the offices to address their concerns and demands. The municipal offices are open to the public, and the staff is committed to serving the community.

In addition to infrastructure development, he emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards of hygiene and sanitation. He urged residents to dispose waste responsibly, avoid littering, and support the municipality's efforts to keep the town clean and healthy. By working together, the community can create a more pleasant and sustainable living environment for all.

MIN 4: A.O.B

There being no any other business the Meeting was adjourned at 1.00pm and closing prayers by Beatrice Kerubo.
