

MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN FORA MEETING HELD ON 18TH APRIL 2024 AT THE WARD ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, LUTASO AT 10:00 AM

Preliminaries.

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairperson, Mr. Joseph Mulama, at 10:00 AM. The Chairperson welcomed attendees, outlined the agenda, and encouraged active participation from all stakeholders.

In Attendance.

- 1) County and Municipal Employees
- 2) Board Members
- 3) Motorcycle Taxi Operators (Boda Boda Riders)
- 4) Business Community Representatives
- 5) Security Personnel
- 6) Religious Leaders and Faith-Based Organizations
- 7) Taxi Operators
- 8) Professionals and Experts
- 9) Special Interest Groups (Women's League, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities)
- 10) Development Partners and Stakeholders
- 11) Informal Business Owners

3. AGENDA ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS.

3.1 Group Submissions.

Key Issue 1: Provision of Services.

a) Refuse Collection and Waste Management Services.

Proposals:

- 1) Purchase land for a dedicated dumpsite.
- 2) Install collection bins at strategic locations.
- 3) Manage refuse collection at the municipal level.
- 4) Engage Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) for recycling initiatives.

Resolution

A task force will be established to identify and secure land for a dumpsite within six months.

b) Water and Sanitation Services and Infrastructure.

Proposals.

- Protect water catchment areas and plant indigenous trees along rivers.
- Drill and maintain boreholes.
- Ensure sufficient water supply and protect water springs.
- Construct public toilets at key locations.

Resolution.

- Allocate funds for borehole maintenance and public toilets in the FY 2023/2024 budget.

c) Municipal Sports and Cultural Services.

Proposals.

1. Upgrade Amtallah Stadium into a recreational centre.
2. Purchase land for stadium at Bituyu
3. Complete Wanameme Museum.
4. Establish a youth center and a cultural center.

Resolution.

- A committee will be formed to oversee the completion of ongoing projects like Wanameme Museum.

d) Animal Control and Welfare Services

Proposals.

1. Rehabilitate cattle dips.
2. Restrict animal movement within the town.
3. Improve methods of animal transportation.
4. Employ more agricultural extension officers to train farmers.

Resolution.

- Initiate public awareness campaigns on animal movement regulations.

e) Development Control Services.

Proposals

1. Develop and enforce plans for all markets.
2. Acquire title deeds for public lands.
3. Conduct routine inspections of development structures.
4. Develop tools for plan approvals.
5. Establish e-physical planning systems and conduct monitoring and evaluation.

Resolution.

- E-physical planning systems to be developed by the end of the fiscal year.

Key Issue 2: Proposed Issues for Inclusion in County Policies and Legislation.

Proposals. Develop policies for:

- a. Water distribution.
- b. Environmental protection.
- c. Urban agriculture.
- d. Waste management and municipal finance.
- e. Spatial planning and disaster management.

Resolution.

Conduct stakeholder consultations on draft policies in Q2 2024.

Key Issue 3: Proposed National Policies and Legislation

Proposals Advocate for policies to:

- a. Ensure equitable resource distribution.
- b. Protect natural resources.
- c. Regulate politicians' involvement in municipal services.
- d. Support Huduma Centers at municipal levels.
- e. Facilitate Village Elders and Nyumba Kumi initiatives.

Resolution

- Submit proposals to the County Assembly for consideration in the next legislative session.

Key Issue 4: Proposed Annual Budget Estimates for FY 2023/2024.

Programs and Allocations

- Urban Governance: Increased funding for human resources, policy development, and institutional leadership.
- Urban Infrastructure and Management: Additional funds for transport services, lighting and drainage services.
- Urban Environment and Human Services: Emphasized allocations for urban health, waste management, and urban greening.
- Urban Economic Management: Allocate funds for urban investment services to stimulate economic growth.
- Urban Sports and Culture: Prioritize funding for sports facilities, cultural heritage, and arts promotion.

Resolution

- All budget proposals will be reviewed for final approval in the Municipal Finance Plan.

Key Issue 5: Proposed Development Projects.

Proposals

- Upgrade Amtallah Stadium into a recreational park.
- Construct a modern municipal office block.
- Implement drainage works and urban road markings.
- Install street lighting and construct parking bays.
- Rehabilitate auction rings and procure land for a new stadium.
- Develop urban greening initiatives and build urban walkways.

Resolution

- The Municipal Development Committee will prioritize and oversee project implementation.

3.2 Any Other Matters of Concern.

- a) Name streets after local heroes such as Elijah Mwangale and Masinde Muliro.
- b) Open back streets for easier access within the municipality.
- c) Advocate for municipal autonomy and local resource utilization.
- d) Enhance public participation sessions.
- e) Improve the sewer system and clarify land ownership terms.
- f) Advocate for a fire station in the municipality.
- g) Ban unauthorized structures on drainage systems and graves on freehold plots.
- h) Mandate multi-storey structures for all new buildings in the CBD.
- i) Relocate stationary vehicles from the CBD.

Resolution

The concerns raised will be integrated into the municipal integrated development plan for phased implementation.

4. Closing Remarks

The Chairperson expressed gratitude for the participants' contributions and commitment to improving municipal services. It was noted that all resolutions and proposals would be followed up in subsequent meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

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Secretary

Approved by: _____

Chairperson