MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN FORA FOR KIMILILI MUNICIPALITY HELD ON FRIDAY 28th August 2023 AT FRIENDS CHURCH KIMILILI TOWN, KIMILILI MUNICIPALITY AT 10:25 AM

1.0 Preliminaries

The meeting commenced at 10:25 AM with the following proceedings:

1.1 Opening Prayer

The Chairperson, Mr. Joseph Mulama, invited Mr. John Tengeyi to offer an opening prayer.

1.2 Introduction

The Municipal Manager, Mr. Gabriel Kibiriti, welcomed the members and introduced the participants. He outlined the agenda and invited various categories of attendees to present their views and opinions.

1.3 Attendance:

The forum brought together diverse groups, including:

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

2.1 Presentation by the Municipal Manager

The Municipal Manager, Mr. Gabriel Kibiriti, delivered a comprehensive update on the milestones and programs of Kimilili Municipality.

Key Highlights

2.1.1 Key Milestones

1. Attainment of Municipality Status

- Official recognition under the Urban Areas and Cities Act.
- Establishment of municipal boards and committees.

2. Urban Infrastructure Development

Upgraded road networks:

- a) Mkulima Nasusi Road upgraded to bitumen standards.
- b) DC-Riziki-Slaughterhouse Road upgraded to bitumen standards.
- c) DC-Catholic-Thursday Market Road upgraded to bitumen standards.
- d) K.I.E Khamula Road upgraded to cabro standards.
- Modern market construction: "Thursday and Monday Market stalls".
- Installation of streetlights to enhance security and promote 24-hour economic activities.

3. Environmental Conservation Initiatives

- Designated dumpsites and waste recycling programs.
- Installation of waste bins and town beautification projects.

4. Community Engagement and Inclusivity

- Inclusion of special interest groups in decision-making.
- Collaboration with development partners and faith-based organizations.

2.2 Ongoing Projects

- a) Construction of ECDE classrooms.
- Establishment of "health facilities (e.g., dispensaries).
- c) Continued road improvements.

d) Drilling of boreholes and development of water springs in various wards.

The Manager emphasized that these initiatives aim to improve access to essential services and enhance the quality of life for all residents.

3.0 Open Forum

3.1 Resident Contributions

Residents were invited to voice their concerns, challenges, and priority areas for implementation in the next financial year. Key issues raised included:

- 1) Infrastructure Call for further road expansions and maintenance.
- 2) Water and Sanitation Need for additional boreholes and improved waste management.
- 3) Economic Opportunities Support for small businesses and modernized market spaces.
- 4) Security Enhancement of street lighting in underserved areas.
- 5) Health and Education Timely completion of dispensaries and ECDE classrooms.

4.0 Resolutions and Way Forward

- 1. The Board will prioritize completing ongoing projects and incorporating residents' input into planning for the next financial year.
- 2. A follow-up forum will be organized to update residents on progress and address emerging issues.
- 3. Strengthening collaborations with stakeholders to enhance service delivery.

5.0 Closing

The forum concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Chairperson, Joseph Mulama, who appreciated the residents for their active participation. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM, with a closing prayer by Rey. Isaac Wekesa. Approved by: 28 08 2023

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