

MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN FORA MEETING HELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY 2024 HELD AT THE WARD ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, MAENI MARKET AT 10:00 AM

Preliminaries

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by the Board Chairperson, Joseph Mulama, who welcomed all attendees and introduced the agenda for the meeting.

In Attendance:

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

2.0 Agenda Items

2.1 Provision of Services

2.1.1 Development Control

Discussion

Residents raised concerns about the rapid but unregulated urban development within the municipality, especially in Maeni Market. They highlighted the lack of adherence to planning guidelines, which has led to overcrowding and poor infrastructure.

Resolution

The municipality will increase efforts to enforce development control policies, ensuring all new developments comply with zoning and building codes. There will be increased monitoring and stricter penalties for illegal construction activities.

2.1.2 Infrastructure

Discussion

Participants emphasized the need for better infrastructure in the area, including road upgrades, especially leading into Maeni Market, and improved access to markets and transport hubs.

Resolution

The municipality will prioritize the construction and upgrading of roads and transport infrastructure, particularly in areas surrounding Maeni Market, to facilitate easier access and reduce congestion.

2.1.3 Social Services and Agricultural Activities

Discussion

Residents noted the importance of social services such as healthcare, education, and employment opportunities, along with agricultural support for local farmers.

Resolution

The municipality will continue to expand healthcare facilities, especially in rural areas, and promote agricultural initiatives by supporting local farmers with resources such as seeds and tools. The forum also recommended strengthening local education and training programs.

2.1.4 Environmental Management

Discussion

The community expressed concerns about environmental degradation, especially due to improper waste disposal and the depletion of natural resources.

Resolution

The municipality will enhance its environmental management programs by creating more waste disposal points, expanding the recycling program, and organizing clean-up campaigns. Initiatives to conserve green spaces and reduce pollution will also be prioritized.

2.1.5 Water and Sanitation Services

Discussion

The forum raised concerns regarding unreliable water supply and sanitation facilities in Kimilili town and surrounding areas.

Resolution

The municipality will prioritize water and sanitation services, including the construction of new water sources, repair of existing systems, and improvement of sanitation facilities to meet the needs of all residents.

2.1.6 Waste Management Services.

Discussion

There were concerns about the inadequate waste collection system and waste disposal infrastructure in Kimilili town, which has led to improper waste disposal in certain areas.

Resolution:

The municipality will work on improving the waste management system by increasing the frequency of waste collection, adding more waste disposal bins, and introducing public awareness campaigns on waste segregation.

2.2 Proposed Issues to be Included in County Legislation

Discussion

Participants proposed the inclusion of stronger policies for waste management, urban planning, and environmental conservation in the county legislation. There were calls for more inclusive policies that support marginalized groups, including youth, women, and persons with disabilities.

Resolution

The municipality will advocate for the inclusion of these issues in county legislation, focusing on urban planning, waste management, and environmental conservation, as well as policies that promote inclusivity in community development.

2.3 Proposed Issues to be Included in National Legislation*

Discussion

There were calls for national policies that address local infrastructure development, environmental protection, and support for small businesses.

Resolution

The forum agreed to forward proposals to the national government, advocating for national legislation that supports local municipalities in the areas of infrastructure, waste management, and economic development.

2.4 Proposed Annual Budget for the Municipality

Discussion

Residents reviewed the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, expressing concerns about the allocation for social services, waste management, and infrastructure.

Resolution

The municipality will prioritize the budget for waste management, infrastructure, and community services, ensuring that funds are allocated where they are most needed. More transparency will be provided in the budget approval process to involve the community.

2.5 Proposed Development Matters of the Municipality

Discussion

The forum discussed upcoming development projects, including road construction, market development, and provision of basic services like water and electricity.

Resolution:

The municipality will proceed with the implementation of the proposed development projects and ensure that community consultations are conducted before the commencement of any major projects to ensure they meet residents' needs.

3.0 Any Other Matters of Concern

Discussion

Other concerns raised included improving public transport in the area, increasing security, and enhancing healthcare facilities in Kimilili town.

Resolution:

The municipality will explore solutions to these issues, including upgrading public transport systems, improving security through better lighting and police patrols, and expanding healthcare facilities in the area.

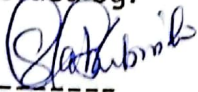
4.0 Closing Remarks

The Board Chairperson, Joseph Mulama, thanked everyone for their active participation and assured them that the issues raised would be addressed in the

municipality's development plans. He encouraged continued engagement between the municipality and the residents to ensure that their needs are met.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM, with a closing prayer by Mr. cleophas Wafula.

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Board Chairperson