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KENOL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8TH JULY, 2024 AT THE MUNICIPALITY BOARDROOM

Present

1. Patrick K. Ndorongo Committee Chairperson

John G. Gathuma Board Member
 Clement M. Kamau Board Member

In Attendance

Lewis Maina Municipal Manager
 Vincent Nyariki Works Officer
 Walter Ojwang Municipal Economist
 Jane Wangeci Urban Planner

5. Josephine Kagoi Environment Officer

Agenda

- 1. Prayers and Introductions
- 2. Chairperson's Remarks
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Agenda
- 4. Reading and Confirmation of Previous Minutes
- 5. Matters Arising
- 6. Departmental Reports
 - a) Zoning Regulations and Urban Planning for Sustainable Development
 - b) Infrastructure Projects for the FY 2024/2025
- 7. Any Other Business

Item	Description	Action
	Prayers and Introductions	
	The Committee Chairperson, Patrick Ndorongo called the meeting to order	
	at 9.00 am. A word of prayer was led by Clement Kamau	
1/8/07/2024	Opening and Welcome Remarks	
	The Chairperson welcomed the members to the meeting. He informed members that the work on the table was to identify priority areas that the committee could concentrate on during the financial year. He informed the members that their prioritization should reflect the interest of the people and not serving a personal or group interest.	

2/8/07/2024	Adoption of the Meeting Agenda and Schedule of Meetings	
	The Chairperson, Patrick Ndorongo introduced the day's agenda. He informed the members that they are expecting a departmental report and status of public infrastructure and planning amenities. The committee adopted the meeting agenda, proposed by Clement Kamau and seconded by John Gathuma.	
3/8/07/2024	Reading and Confirmation of Previous Minutes	
	The Manager took the committee through the meeting minutes of 8 th May, 2024. The Minutes were confirmed to be a true records of the day's agenda, and were proposed by John Gathuma and seconded by Clement Kamau	
4/8/07/2024	Matters Arising	
	Public Participation The Chairperson informed the members that public participation schedules had been given out and urban planning issues will be reported as part of departmental reports during the quarterly urban fora.	
	Private Sector Engagement Framework	
	The Municipal Manager reported that formulation of a Private Sector Engagement Framework had been earmarked for formulation through the funding from Kenya Urban Support Programme – Urban Institutional Grant (UIG). He informed the meeting that the same would be developed in cooperation with the Municipalities of Kenol and Kangari.	
5/8/07/2024	Departmental Reports	Urban
	A. Zoning Regulations and Urban Planning for Sustainable Development	Planner
	The Urban Planner, Jane Wangeci tabled the Municipal Zoning Regulations. She informed the Committee that zoning regulations help in guiding order of land development in the Municipality and ensure balance of growth, protecting the environment and preserving the welfare of the community. She said that zoning policy establishes where different land uses can occur within the Municipality and facilitate planning of infrastructure such as roads, water supply, waste management among others and supports specific land uses that stem overstraining on existing facilities.	
	The Urban Planner informed the committee that the municipality had been zoned into categories that include residential, commercial, agriculture, and mixed-use (Full report attached as Annex)	
	The Urban Planner informed the Committee that the Regulations had been approved as part of the contents of A2 Corridor Institutional Strategic Urban Development Strategy (ISUDP).	

Committee Discussions

The Committee plenary observed that there was a rapid urbanization within the Municipality with increasing pressure to change land use, which is a recipe for uncoordinated development and often lead to overcrowding and proliferation of slum dwellings. The Committee noted the increased change of use from agriculture to commercial, observing that the same is an affront on food security.

The committee members raised concern on the less considerations for environmental factors in the zoning policy, with considerations such as proximity to rivers, and wetlands given less prominence, leading to increased pollution and environmental hazards. They also observed that commercial or industrial activities within residential areas can cause noise, pollution, and other disturbances.

Recommendations

The Zoning Regulations be tabled before the full board for adoption and approval

B. Municipality Infrastructure Projects for the FY 2024/2025

The Municipal Manager tabled the budget allocation to the Municipality for the financial year 2024/2025. He made the following highlights:

- i. The budget consisted of Kshs 33,976,200 recurrent vote and Kshs 40.371.824
- ii. Recurrent budget inclusive of Kshs 10,500,000 allocation from Kenya Urban Support Programme - Urban Institutional Grant (UIG)
- iii. Development budget inclusive of Kshs 35,371,824 allocation from Kenya Urban Support Programme (Urban Development Grant)

(Full budget attached as Annex)

Committee Deliberations:

The Committee adopted the report but noted the following:

- There budget allocation was not sufficient with the bulk being the allocation from the World Bank – Kenya Urban Support Programme
- ii. Priority projects as had been identified during public participation be given first priority with considerations for the following projects:
 - Cabro-paving of Sky One Glory Filling Station (Jct C71)

	 Cabro paving of shop frontage along Jct A2 – Jct C71, KWFT to Posta including drainage system and creation of parkings 	
	 Improvement of Municipality office block 	
	 Development of shop front from A2 highway to C71 road 	
	 Installation of streetlights within the satellite towns 	
	Committee Recommendations	
	The Manager to prepare detailed investment plan to be tabled before the full board for approval and adoption	
6/8/07/2024	Any Other Business	
	The Chairperson thanked the committee and the staff for their participation. He informed them that the Committee would be paying a courtesy call to the Bishop Gathuma's Offices	
7/8/07/2024	Adjournment	
	Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM with a closing prayer by John Gathuma.	
	Minutes Compiled by:	
	Walter Ojwang	
	Minutes Confirmed By:	
	Manager Date	
	Chairperson Date	