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MINUTES FOR CITIZEN FORA HELD AT GOVERNORS' AUDITORIUM ON 9th MARCH 2020.

Leaders present

18. Haron Sang

1. Hon Shadrack Rotich Deputy Governor 2. Hon Andrew Sigei **CECM Finance** 3. Patrick Maritim **CECM Administration** 4. Joseph Kebenei CO Administration 5. Kipngetich Towett **Director Administration** 6. Richard Kirui A.g Municipal Manager 7. Kiprotich Cheruiyot Town Administrator - Bomet 8. Richard Ngetich **PEO** 9. Clement Rono Market Master 10. Nancy Rotich Committee 11. Juliuana Ngetich Vegetables vendors representative 12. Beatrice Chelangat Chairlady charcoal vendors 13. Sarah Maritim Committee 14. Vicky Chepkorir Committee 15. Simion Koskei Vice Chairman 16. Julius Ruttoh Committee 17. Richard K Cheruiyot Chairman Market

Market Committee

19. Wesley Kitur

20. David K Langat

21. Philip A Sitiene

22. Agnes Chebet

23. Winny Chebet Chepkwony

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24. Dr. Stephen Koskei Chairman Chamber of Commerce

25. James Murey Chamber of commerce

26. Silas Kop Chamber of commerce

27. Eddah Committee 28. Joel Maritim Committee

29. Evalyn C Yebei Hotelier Representative
30. Nancy Rotich Chairlady cereals vendors

31. Edna C Mibei

32. Eddah Korir

33. Stephen Sang

Director Chamber of commerce

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34. Leonard Langat Chairman KNCC

Other members list attached

Preliminary

The meeting was called in order and an opening prayer was made by Nancy Rotich who is the chairperson of vendors dealing with cereals there after a brief introduction by the leaders present.

AGENDA

- Rental fee.
- 2 Revenue
- 3 Market Development.
- 4 Security.
- 5 Emergency Issues

Reading and confirmation of previous minutes

The previous minutes dated 22nd May, 2019 were read by the Ag. Municipal Manager Mr. Richard Kirui proposed by Nancy Rotich (chairperson cereals and seconded by Simion Koskei (Market vice Chairman and Chairman Carpentry).

Matters Arising

A member of the market committee (Vicky Chepkorir) raised the issue that there are some hawkers who are still hawking around Kipchimatt Supermarket and she wanted to know actions that has been taken concerning the matter issues were also raised by the chairman (Richard Cheruiyot) that there are suppliers who sell their produce very early in the morning in order to avoid paying revenues fee hence denying the county government the much needed resources.

The director for revenue Mr. Terer confirmed that two revenue officers have been assigned to work in that area throughout the night to nub those who dodge to pay revenue.

Officers in charge of security also confirmed of naving posted 8 enforcement officers; 3 during the day and 5 at night and also AP's have been incorporated in the system reasons being 3 officers were harmed by some guy known (not yet arrested). Issues to do with laxity in revenue collection was raised by Agnes Chebet. She requested for the transfer of some revenue officers in Bomet town to curb these irregularities. Training of revenue officers was requested by Joel Maritim, who is a committee. On the same issue, CECM Finance requested for 3 weeks to make some changes in the staff manning the market. CECM Administration urged the committee to be sober in their deliberations. He emphasized that little can be achieved if the members of the public engage leaders emotionally.

MIN 01/03/2020: RENTAL FEE

CECM Finance introduced the next agenda on rental fee, he gave the vice chair an opportunity ventilate into the matter (Mr. Simion Koskei), he wanted clarification on different stalls prices categorized by size. Director revenue clarified that discussions are ongoing and a tenancy agreement to be developed. It was resolved that grace period for the traders who benefited from new stalls was over. Every beneficiary of the stall was asked to pay rent as stipulated in the tenancy agreement; failure will lead to re-allocation of their stall to those who are on the waiting list.

MIN 03/03/2020: MARKET DEVELOPMENT

The Chairman of the lower market, Mr. Philip Sitienei wanted clarification on the status of the new stalls. He urged the beneficiaries on the waiting list to be sober and avoid demonstrations, because issues are better handled if the relevant officers are consulted on the challenges being faced so that amicable solutions can be sought.

Beatrice chelangat, a charcoal vendor introduced discussion and sought clarification on where charcoal will be sold, she confirmed that they are 14 in number. The Ag. municipal manager promised that in the new design, they will be consulted to come up with inception design; all other factors will be considered. A member of the committee (Aron Sang) wanted clarification on the entry and exit strategy in the market so as to popularize the new site.

Further, Mr. David Langat a committee member too wanted clarification on exit and entry points so as to curb theft and improve security in the market. An exit/entry point connecting market and bus park was also recommended. The ag. Municipal manager relied that the entry and exit are among the factors which they will be consulted on during the inception of the design.

A committee member (Joel Maritim) requested for a sign post at the exit/entry to the bus stage so as to market the new market. Agnes Chebet, urged the traders to be sober, she urged them to solve most of their problems internally and not to demonstrate in the streets unnecessarily. CECM Finance urged the participants to desist from mob psychology. CECM Administration congratulated the committee for acting soberly.

the Deputy Governor HON. Snadrack Rotich gave a brief talk on what they discussed prior to the meeting with members of the chamber of commerce, Bomet chapter. He informed the participants Chamber of commerce is a trade Union for business community, the Deputy Governor wished that all traders are under the chamber of commerce and Industry. He urged the chamber of commerce to create time and organize for a meeting with the SMEs and sensitize them on the benefits of being members of Chamber of Commerce. He told the members that the market tender which was non-responsive will be re-advertised so that the market can be greatly improved through construction of cabro works, additional stalls and flood lights. He also promised to ask the officers concerned expedite the process of re-tendering and that those projects were reserved for women.

The Deputy Governor urged the vendors that going to the street is not a solution. He asked the Ag. Municipal Manager to liaise with other security systems to improve security in the market. The chamber of commerce chairman wished well the vendors and the county government of Bomet. He urged the government to increase market stalls under KUSP so as to expand the market. He too asked for improvement on security. He also informed the members that he was undertaking training with Equity Bank on how to do business in 21st century. Ag. Municipal manager clarified on zoning plans where the market layout will designate zones for different business categories.

MIN 04/05/2020: SECURITY

A committee member (Kipkemoi) urged the county officers to be responding to phone calls so that things do not sometimes get out of hand. He clarified that theft at the market is not carried out by vendors as it has been alleged. He requested that in case the security officers are reshuffled, the traders should be notified and orientation be done to the security officer(s) so that they know the market leadership and loose ends in the market. He also emphasized on harmonious working relationship between the vendors and the county government team. Juliana Ngetich a member of the committee raised concerned on fish vendors, she clarified that there was an agreement that allowed fish vendors to sell already dried and processed fish but on the contrary, they have resorted to dealing on fresh uncooked fish. Many clients who are purchasing other commodities are not comfortable with the fish smell, they therefore desist from visiting the market. It was resolved that the fish traders be re-designated to an alternative place within the market.

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CECM Finance promised the vendors that he will visit the market shortly before the lapse of 3 weeks so as to familiarize himself with those issues. A committee member (Joel Maritim) touched on the issue of flood light redesign so as to cover the whole market he urged the vendors to sober up.

A member of the committee Agnes Chebet requested for male security officers at night especially which was agreed unanimously because of the risk involved, Mr Richard Cheruiyot the market chairman requested for fencing of the market, He urged the security systems to incorporate police officers in civilian so as to improve on security of enforcement officers. Mrs Nancy Rotich member of the committee urged the county government to allowance for the

market committee members because of the nature of thye disputes which they often resolve in the market.

Mr. Ngetich who is the security in-charge clarified once again that 5 male enforcement officers are attached to the market—during the night and 3 enforcement officers are working during the day (2 female and 1 male) in collaboration with Kenya police, He promised that the enforcement will be improved. He also clarified that the handing over of the new market stalls is not yet complete and a letter need to be written to the contractor to handover.

Mr. Kebeney requester Mr. Ngetich the security in-charge to meet and discuss with market chairman and the committee on the appropriate time to open and close the market so as to reduce theft and improve security, he urged the committee to embrace each other. He also clarified on the slow rate of cash flow impeding development, on charcoal issues a design will be reached through the involvement of beneficiaries during preliminary design stages.

EMERGING ISSUES

There being no other business the meeting ended with a word of prayer by Joel Maritim at 1:30 P.M.



Figure 1Citizen Fora held on 9th march 2020 at Auditorium



Figure 2Public Participation held on 9th march 2020





COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BOMET DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN PLANNING

Attendance Register

Purpose: Market Committee.

S/no Name

Date: 9th March, 2020 Time

Venue: Bomet Municipal Boardroom.

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