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**REPORT OF AWENDO MUNICIPALITY CITIZEN FORA HELD IN  
RAPOGI MARKET ON 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2023.**

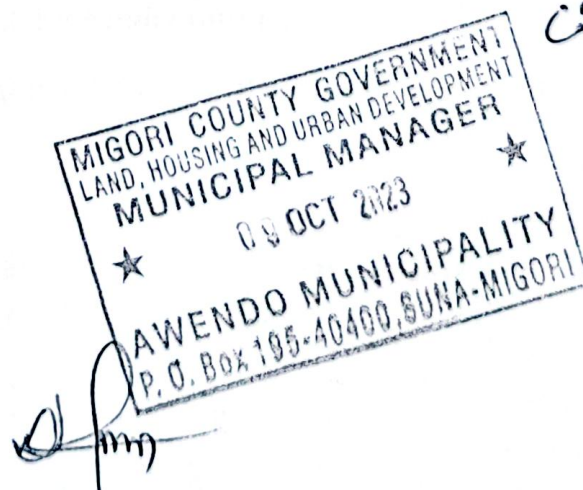
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## Introduction

Whereas article 1 (1) of the constitution of Kenya states that the sovereign power belongs to the people of Kenya and may be exercised only in accordance with the constitution, article 1(3) states that the sovereign power can be exercised at the National and sub national levels.

Section 22 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011 gives the residents of municipalities the right to deliberate and make proposals to the relevant bodies or institutions on the provision of services, proposed issues for inclusion in county policies and county legislation, the proposed annual budget estimates of the county and of the national government among other issues.

The agenda of the citizen for a meeting were as follows:

1. Promotion of clean and Healthy Environment.
2. Urban Beautification.
3. Development projects
4. Opening of access roads
5. Illegal structures.

The forum was called to order by a word of prayer from a member of the public. The Sub County Administrator then welcomed the participants to the meeting.

The Municipal Manager introduced the members of the board to the public and requested full participation and cooperation. He further elaborated the reason for the forum and requested the chair of the Municipal board to expound more.

Members of the public were then requested to freely air out their views to help in prompt decision making since it is their democratic right to do so.

### Discussion of Issues.

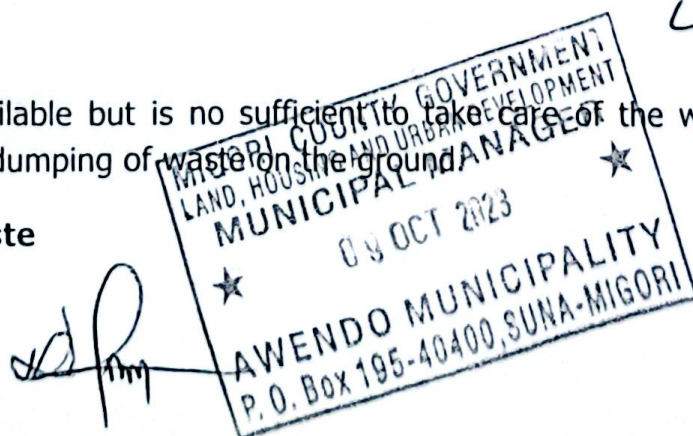
#### 1.0 Promotion of Clean and Healthy Environment.

The meeting discussed about the general state of the environment of the centre and the following issues emerged:

##### I. Inadequate waste skips

The has only one waste skip available but is no sufficient to take care of the waste generated leading to the careless dumping of waste on the ground

##### II. Irregular transfer of waste





It was also noted that the skip tank takes too long to be emptied as a result posing health risks to the Rapogi urban dwellers.

Members of the public also added that there is no designated place in the Rapogi town center for waste disposal (Dumping site) and as a result household wastes are poorly managed leading to littering of the urban area and by extension blocking some road reserves as the case of one of the feeder roads within the town market.

Members of the public also raised concerns on market cleaners and requested the municipal office to provide cleaning equipment to ensure good working environment and to add more cleaners.

It was also noted that the public toilet in the market is not fully operational as water system has broken down. Following its sensitive nature and a very critical aspect of health and sanitation, the Municipal board was requested to take up on the matter and act swiftly to restore its initial operation as soon as possible.

Some parts of the septic tank in the market are noted to show signs of cracks and has started to sink. The municipal board was requested to act swiftly to prevent unforeseen tragedies that may result from the sinking septic tank.

## 2.0 Urban Beautification

To achieve aesthetics, members of the public proposed that renovation of the existing buildings within the Rapogi and the other parts of the Municipality needs to be painted and renovated.

The meeting resolved that plot owners be advised to consider undertaking renovation exercise for their properties. Additionally, it was agreed that the Municipality should plant trees in some designated areas within the municipality to beautify and at the same time to conserve the environment.

## 3.0 Development projects

The following development projects were identified by members of the public for consideration on for implementation.

- Slaughter house.
- Opening up of the access roads within Rapogi Market.
- Setting up an agricultural station/hub within the municipality.
- Purchase / Setting aside land for Bus Park and the Juakali sector in Rapogi town market.
- Setting aside land for the recreational facility.



- A public hospital within the municipality.
- Street lighting for the municipality.
- Water provision.

Members of the public requested the Municipal Board to design a place for the slaughter house to improve the aesthetics of the town.

#### 4.0 Opening of access roads

It was observed that some containers and kiosks had encroached road reserves and at some point, a septic tank has been dug on the road reserve that has not been opened up. A unanimous agreement was reached by the public to remove the structures on the road reserves to create rooms for effective navigation within the Municipality.

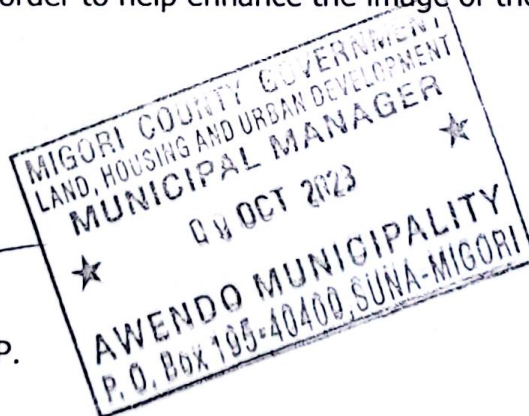
#### 5.0 Illegal structures

Members of the public raised concern with the illegal structures put up in undesignated places within the market and on the road reserves inhibiting access to the market by the motor-vehicles. The issue was deliberated on and the public agreed that the structures should be demolished in order to help enhance the image of the center.

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