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Report of the Rongo Municipality Citizen Forum event held in Rongo Municipality Grounds on 12/03/2024.

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RONGO MUNICIPALITY CITIZEN FORA REPORT

ATTENDANCE

- **Municipal Board Members:**

- Mr. Brighton Owuor Angienda – Chairperson
- Ms. Faith Achieng Ooko – Vice Chairperson
- Mr. Zachary Onyango Ojwang – Member
- Bishop Joel Okoth Nyauche – Member
- Mr. Jack Otieno Owuor – Member
- Ms. Margaret Roseline Omolo – Member
- Ms. Winnie Anyango Ogola – Member
- Mr. David Ore – Municipal Manager/Secretary

- **Public Representatives:**

- Boda-boda operators
- Faith-based organizations
- Association of lorries
- Business community
- Private sector
- Persons with disabilities (PWDs)



AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Welcome Remarks**

- Municipal Manager Mr. David Ore welcomed the attendees and set the stage for the day's discussions, focused on providing updates regarding the implementation of the issues raised during the 2nd Citizen Forum.
- He emphasized the municipality's commitment to transparency and keeping the public informed about ongoing and planned projects.

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2. Update on Street Lighting Project

- The **street lighting project**, which was a key issue raised in the previous fora, was reported to be progressing well.
- Several major streets had already seen installations, significantly improving night-time visibility and enhancing security.
- The Municipal Manager assured the public that more areas, especially residential zones, would receive streetlights in the coming phases.

3. Supplementary Budget of the Municipality

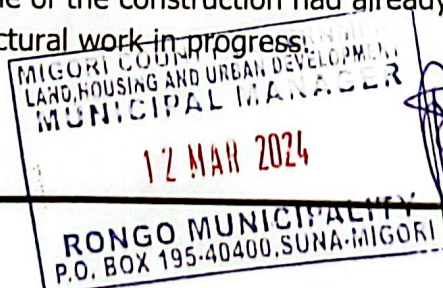
- The **supplementary budget** was discussed, with Mr. David Ore presenting an overview of the municipality's revised financial plan.
- He noted that additional funds had been allocated to address priority projects such as road maintenance, street lighting, and public health services.
- The public was encouraged to actively engage in budget discussions to ensure their needs were reflected in municipal planning.

4. Reorganization of Rongo Buspark Stalls

- An update was provided on the **reorganization of the Rongo Buspark stalls** to enhance efficiency and accommodate the growing number of traders and commuters.
- The stalls had been reallocated and restructured to ensure fair distribution and prevent overcrowding.
- The Municipal Manager noted that the bus park's redesign would improve traffic flow and create a more organized space for business activities.
- The public was invited to provide feedback on the reorganization to address any emerging concerns.

5. Construction of Economic Stimulus Market (ESP) at Riosir

- The **Economic Stimulus Market (ESP)** construction at Riosir was a priority project aimed at boosting local trade and providing vendors with a safe, modern space for business.
- Phase one of the construction had already begun, with the foundation laid and structural work in progress.



- The ESP market is expected to stimulate economic activity in the region and provide job opportunities for local residents.

6. Construction and Affordable Housing Projects

- The **construction and affordable housing projects** were highlighted, particularly in response to the growing demand for low-cost housing in Rongo.
- Plans were underway to construct affordable housing units under the government's affordable housing program.
- These housing units will cater to low- and middle-income residents, helping to alleviate the housing shortage in the municipality.
- The public was encouraged to apply for housing units once the project was completed, with priority given to residents in need of affordable living spaces.


7. Protection of Public Lands

- The **protection of public lands** was another critical agenda item.
- The board discussed measures to safeguard municipal lands from illegal encroachment and ensure that public spaces were preserved for future development projects.
- Public awareness campaigns would be launched to inform residents about land ownership issues and the importance of protecting public property.
- The municipality pledged to take legal action against any individuals or groups involved in land grabbing activities.

PUBLIC FEEDBACK AND ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS

- **Business community representatives** inquired about the timeframe for completing the ESP market and requested more information on how stall allocations would be handled.
- **Boda-boda operators** expressed concerns about the reorganization of bus park stalls, seeking clarification on how the changes would impact their operations.
- **PWD representatives** raised the issue of accessibility in the affordable housing units, requesting that the design include **disability-friendly** features such as ramps and wide doors.



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- Members of the **faith-based organizations** voiced their support for the public land protection efforts, noting that public spaces were vital for the community's well-being.
- The **association of lorries** emphasized the importance of involving transport stakeholders in the reorganization of the bus park to ensure smooth operations for all users.

CLOSING REMARKS

- Chairperson Mr. Brighton Owuor Angienda closed the forum by thanking all participants for their input and reaffirming the board's commitment to addressing public concerns.
- He encouraged continued dialogue between the municipality and the residents to ensure that future projects align with the community's needs and expectations.
- The forum ended with a call for residents to remain vigilant and actively participate in municipal development processes, particularly in protecting public lands and supporting ongoing projects.

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