MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EXERCISE TO IDENTIFY PRIORITY PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE KENYA URBAN SUPPORT PROGRAM IN THE YEAR 2018-2019

HELD AT BROADPARK HOTEL

ON

29TH JANUARY 2019

VIHIGA MUNICIPALITY

Municipal board

The vice chair Mdm. Dorcas Wodera introduced Board Members who were present

Hon. Ahuga thanked the governor noting that he had accomplished what was not accomplished by the previous regime whereby he had established the Board which was vital for attracting World Bank support that will fund projects such as the one being launched presently. He also pledged that the Board will plan to meet with the newly elected Majengo marketcommittee to harmonize the approach to upgrading Majengo market. He also gave an apology on behalf of Board Members who were not present.

- Mwanaidi Abdi assured residents that the Municipal Board will work tirelessly to ensure development is seen to benefit the people of Majengo.
- Carol Andahi focused on business improvement and the need for the Board to work closely with the business community.

Madam vice chair outlined the mandate of the Board and prospects of the 4 major markets of Majengo, Mbale, Chavakali & Mudete. With reference to the current launch she foresaw that Majengo and other towns will enjoy a 24 hour economy. She stressed the need for the inhabitants within the Municipality to give total support to the Board and to H.E the Governor.

Chief officer, Lucy Ijai

She singled out projects and predicted a bright future for Vihiga Municipality. She pleaded with mama Mboga traders to move away from the road side and occupy the market shed that had been constructed. She warned that in the face of unpredictable traffic there could arise fateful accidents.

CECM Eng E. Keseko

He introduced his fellow CECMS present namely:

- Public Service and Administration Mbuni
- H. Lumbasio Transport and Infrastructure
- Gender, Youth, Culture, Sports, Children & Social Services F. Okumu
- Agriculture P. Mbagaya
- Trade, Industry & Tourism G. Bukaya
- Education Agufanana
- Water, Energy and Environment. Mwanje

Eng. Keseko said launching of the lights at Majengo was only the beginning of a host of many other projects to be carried out under the umbrella of the Municipal Board and funded by the World Bank. He said a consultant had already surveyed and designed pediatrician footpaths from Majengo to Gisambai and from Majengo to Vihiga. He elaborated that beautification of the four

major towns of Majengo , Mbale, Chavakali and Mudetc were being designed by the consultant and will be implemented.

M.C.A. Chunguli

Invited the chair of County Assembly committee for Physical Planning, Land and Housing M.C.A. Francis Ukiru who said their duty was one of oversight and to ensure that the funds for the projects are properly used. He also said that residents who had encroached and built on designated feeder roads will have to be evicted in order for roads into Majengo to be realised. He also recommended a water fountain to be erected at Majengo to signal entry into the Vihiga Urban Capital.

M.C.A Chunguli pleaded especially for the economic empowerment capital and agreed with all the requests made by the market committee. Hon Chunguli invited the County Assembly Chief Whip who is also M.C.A. for Lugaga Wamuluma.

Hon. Ijaika.

He praised the Governor, welcomed the projects and said that H.E. the governor's profile was rising rapidly.

Deputy Governor

His Exellency Dr. Saisi said that no one should underrate the planning and implementation capacity of H.E Governor Wilber Otichilo's government. He said that development was beginning at Majengo over and above all the other achievements that have been made to date. He gave the example of the water that is expected to flow from Gisambai to Majengo very soon.

H.E. Governor

H.E the Governor said that Majengo will be a big town. Streetlighting will be done from Majengo to Gisambai, Vihiga and Chango villages. He thanked Majengo residents for recording the highest number of votes for him during the 2017 election.

He invited CECM Hon Mwanje who confirmed that

water would be sourced from Gisambai and reach majengo within one month.

CECM Bukaya confirmed in consultation with the crowd that

- market day would be on FRIDAYS at Majengo
- Boda boda shade will be done within the month of May.
- Public toilet will be built with immediate of fact and will be managed by the market committee which will bank proceeds on their accounts

- forms for individuals, groups and also sacco could be picked for empowerment fund worth 30 million immediately and no title deed will be required for loans up to 100,000/=
- C.O.V.E.C will tarmac the road surrounding the market shed.
- They will also repair the floors of the market shed and install containers in strategic places.

The event was a success

The meeting closed with a thanks giving prayer.