

**MIN.NO.2/MKT/2023:REASONS FOR NOT OPENING BUSSINESS AT THE COMPLEX**

The Municipal manager, Mr Boru briefly spoke about the Modern complex which was built in a bid to spur economic growth in Marsabit County. He reminded the traders of how the 491 stalls project cost 425 Million which was modelled from other successful markets in other parts of Kenya are operating way below capacity. He reminded the traders that the auditors are questioning the office of Municipality as it is behind schedule in the collection of revenue from the Modern complex

He then welcomed the stall owners and urges them to air all their issues in the forum and give reasons for not occupying the stalls.

One of the stall owners Mr Daigo Oche spoke on behalf of them, and raised the following factors hindering the stall owners from occupying the space.

1. There being no single customer to buy from them they wanted all the stall owners to occupy at once so that the customers will be attracted to the complex.
2. He also complained about enforcement officers allowing the hawkers trading outside at the parking lot the same items being sold in the complex and hence customers need not see to get in the complex and purchase from the stall owners.
3. He also complained about exorbitant rental fees and suggested the office to reduce the monthly rent from three thousand to one thousand five hundred Kenyan shillings.
4. He also spoke about the complex lacking electricity and some of the stall there being not having a window its dark during the day hence making it impossible to trade.
5. That complex lack maintenance water supply, sanitation and hygiene which causes health problems and loss of market and reputation.
6. He also complained about the stall being too small to contain the trader's goods.
7. That there is poor drainage work that floods during rainy season

They all agreed to be ready to occupy the stalls and that if any of them refute to occupy the office to terminate the agreement and give space to those requesting.

Mrs Hadija also assured that they are ready to occupy the space and urges the office of Municipality to take the law into their hand. She said that they are in agreement with the office for being patience with the traders and giving enough time to the stall owners and putting into considerations the skirmishes, drought, famine that hit Marsabit County.

Mrs Hadija urges the office of Municipality not to coax with the unwilling stall owners and to terminate the agreement and give away to those who are requesting to start the business at the complex.

After the deliberations from the stall owners, the municipal Manager invited Mrs Dahabo Darro the board vice chair person to make her contribution.