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Plans afoot for idle land

PETALING Jaya City Council (MBPJ) will work with the state government to identify land with Temporary Occupational Licence (TOL) that is no longer being used.

Mayor Datuk Mohd Sayuthi Bakar hoped the state would allow the council to use such land for its various activities.

"We can use such unused land as car depots, parking lots or even for small scale businesses," he said during the council full board meeting yesterday.

Responding to this, city councillor Rahibah Che Omar said there was one such plot in SS7 that was used as a nursery but the upkeep was poor.

She said neighbouring residents called for the area to be better managed and suggested for the land to be converted into a public carpark.

Mohd Sayuthi said the council had no jurisdiction over the land and suggested for her to seek response from the district land office.

On a different matter, councillor Farhan Haziq Mohamed sought

MBPJ seeks state's help to utilise abandoned TOL sites in the city

clarification as to why a child daycare centre in Section 22 was given an extension period to delay its relocation until Dec 31.

"The initial plan was for them to move out in May but now it is August and the council has given them approval to move in December.

"I am answerable to the residents as to why there is a delay," he said.

Farhan said the daycare centre was operating like a private school for children between the ages of five and 17.

"It is like an international school with many students. It is not like an ordinary daycare. The residents have to put up with a lot of traffic and noise too," he said.

Answering his question, Mohd Sayuthi said the centre needed extra time to relocate and the coun-

cil could understand its predicament.

"When it comes to school and daycare centres, we have to allow them additional time, between three and six months. They need time to move and parents too need time to find a new place for their children," he said.

MBPJ also saw the appointment of a new city councillor yesterday.

Sakinah Bibi Nagoor, a person with physical disability, was sworn in at the meeting.

The 30-year-old of Sino-Kadazan and Indian parentage, was born in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

She has replaced former councillor Pua Ghin Chu who resigned from the post to pursue her non-governmental works for persons with disabilities.

Sakinah, a law undergraduate, wants to focus on matters relating

to education, mental health and the disabled community.

"I became a disabled in 2010 after a motor vehicle accident. I was working in the banking sector and then got involved in teaching children under the Impian Malaysia project.

"I was roped into this field by councillor Loyis Uding and I have worked under Energy, Technology, Science, Climate Change and Environment Minister Yeo Bee Yin when she was the Damansara Utama assemblyman," she said.

Sakinah said she loved teaching children from underprivileged backgrounds.

"Education is extremely important for our children in this day and age.

"The community with the means has to do its share to help empower them with education," she said.



Sakinah will champion issues affecting the disabled community.