

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

7:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

City Council

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, JD
Deputy City Clerk*

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025.**

Scheduled for 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Mount Vernon, New York.

**** This meeting was held in the City Council Chambers, with virtual participation via ZOOM and CMVNY Facebook. The meeting was not closed to the public. ****

PRESIDING: Danielle Browne, President

OTHERS: Nicole Bonilla, City Clerk; Jordan A. Riullano, Deputy City Clerk; Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Aide; Johan Powell, Deputy Corporation Counsel.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Danielle Browne called the meeting to order and provided general house-keeping rules, including encouraging citizens to share the meeting on social media and what to do “in case of emergency”. Council President Browne explained the 3-minute-plus-1 public comment rule. She then asked a Councilperson to lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President then proceeded to the Public Speakers session of the evening (listed below as public comment).

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Melissa Cardany, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: French Day event 7:03 pm
Councilman Gleason - wished the event well.
2. Pastor Richard Garnor Topic: Hazardous traffic conditions 7:04 pm
3. Karen Witherspoon, Mount Vernon, NY submitted written comments via Toni Gamils Topic: Hazardous conditions 7:08 pm
4. Toni Hunter Gamils, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: unsafe conditions near 22 Brookfield Rd 7:08 pm
5. Susan Risenzweig, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: Building permits and other concerns 7:12 pm
6. Christian Raftopol, Mount Vernon, NY No Show 7:17 pm
7. Elena Raftopol, Mount Vernon, NY No Show 7:17 pm
8. Marie Rizzo, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: Afraid to leave house due to chaotic traffic conditions and dangerous drivers 7:19 pm
9. Linda Finn, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: Friday's near 22 Brookfield 7:22 pm
10. Christopher Goad, Mount Vernon, NY No Show 7:03

Eric Crump - Constituent Services spoke regarding the parking situation during events at the Westchester Islamic Center, he discussed how he observed over 200 cars illegally parked. Mayor and Eric met with Islamic Center to and discussed the available parking that are empty. However, the Friday prayer block during the mid-day. We have given them options. Tickets were given out this past Friday. Car owners told the officers to give them the ticket and they did not move the cars. DPW is doing a study on the traffic and the parking. It is a safety hazard, a school bus could not get around the corner. An EMS truck could not get through with the double park cars and cars parking on both sides of the narrow block. Spoke with Mosque leaders on spreading out the services. A suggestion is to change the parking signs to “no parking”. PD will start towing

Council President Browne - witnessed a judge dismiss every ticket because the officer was not present. We need to have an officer that can represent the city.

Board member of the Mosque spoke on the situation and the agreement with the school district and the use of their parking lots and agreed with PD giving tickets to the “bad apples” not following the rules.

Does not have objections to the suggestions from the Council and they want to fully comply, but they don't want to be blamed for a few. Don't want to be restricted from the Friday prayer schedule from noon to 3 pm.

Councilman Gleason - hire an officer, like Con Ed does and they are stationed there. Or hire security to help with the traffic situation

Councilman Thompson - suggested using municipal parking and hiring a shuttle.

Commissioner Rausse - Spoke on the draft of the Comprehensive Plan and the next steps.

Council presented a resolution to 2 honorees

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

PRESENT: President Danielle Browne Esq., Pro Tempore Edward Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Derrick Thompson, Councilperson Jaevon Boxhill, and Councilperson Cathlin Gleason

ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

The **LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

- () 1. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1630**](#)
- Code:** LPW
- Attachments:** [Approval of VMware support contract and pay EstimateOnly-DG15765 - Mount Vernon NY - Term](#)
- Moved:** Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill
- On the question:** none.
- Response:** none.
- adopted
- Aye:** President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason
- Nay:** None
- Absent:** None
- () 2. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1637**](#)
- Code:** LPW

Attachments: [Authorization for the Mount Vernon City staff training](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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3. **TMP**
-1624

Code: LPW

Attachments: [MOU with CEEP](#)
[Pledge to Support and Participate in CAPI 2025](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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4. **TMP**
-1644

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter 091925](#)
[Supporting Docs 091925 -](#)
[agenda WET FacilitatorAttendee Sep25 Syracuse](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat,
Acting Pro Tempore Thompson,
Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson
Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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5. [TMP](#)
[-1625](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral letter for three staff to attend OpenGov](#)
[on 10-01-2025](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman
Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat,
Acting Pro Tempore Thompson,
Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson
Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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6. [TMP](#)
[-1645](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Resolution George Brown](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman
Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat,
Acting Pro Tempore Thompson,
Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson
Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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**[TMP
-1646](#)****Code:** LPW**Attachments:** [Resolution Curtis Nelson Jr.](#)**Moved:** Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill**On the question:** none.**Response:** none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason**Nay:** None**Absent:** None**To the Council:**

The **HUMAN RESOURCES** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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**[TMP
-1632](#)****Code:** HR**Attachments:** [revised pumpkin fest letter](#)
[PD Response](#)
[DPW Response](#)
[Recreation Response](#)**Moved:** Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Gleason**On the question:** none.**Response:** none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason**Nay:** None**Absent:** None

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**[TMP
-1638](#)**

Code: HR

Attachments: [S.Mills Street conaming Referral ltr 9.22.2025](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

The **PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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10. **[TMP-1603](#)**

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Building Safety Inspections Referral Letter \(1\) Multi-dwelling-Legislation](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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11. **[TMP-1610](#)**

Code: PSC

Attachments: [MVPD Trunk-or-Treat Authorization](#)
[PD Trunk or Treat Letter](#)
[Trunk or Treat DPW Response](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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12. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1628**](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Agenda Letter 9-15-25 Taj Bridgers .pdf](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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13. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1642**](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Agenda Letter Engine Loaner.pdf](#)
[Yonkers Fire Engine Loaner MOU](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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14. **TMP**
-1626

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan Letter](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

The **FINANCE AND PLANNING** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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15. **TMP**
-1613

Code: FP

Attachments: [MAP](#)
[Amended CC letter for 545 So. Fulton Ave](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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16. [TMP](#)
[-1621](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Resolution - Adoption & Neg Dec \(Health Clu](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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17. [TMP](#)
[-1620](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Referral Letter Concerning Municipal Code Arr](#)
[267 - Health Clubs](#)
[Ordinance - Health Clubs](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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18. [TMP](#)
[-1623](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Referral Letter Concerning Municipal Code Article 267 - Expiration of approvals Resolution - Adoption \(Land Use Approval Ex Ordinance - Land Use Approval Expiration Resolution\)](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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19. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1629**](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Comp Plan 2025 Referral Letter PCD Final Full EAF Pt 1 \(Comp Plan\)](#)
[Full EAF Pt 2 \(Comp Plan\)](#)
[Resolution - Lead Agency, Referral, Public Hearing](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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20. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1636**](#)

Attachments: [Opengov Training Referral Letter 9.16.25](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat,
Acting Pro Tempore Thompson,
Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson
Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

ADD-ON

To the Council:

The **LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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21. **[TMP](#)**
[-1647](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Frenchy Day](#)
[DPW Response Frenchy Day](#)
[PD Response Frenchy Day](#)
[FD Response Frenchy Day](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman
Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat,
Acting Pro Tempore Thompson,
Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson
Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

The **PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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22. **[TMP](#)**
[-1652](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Marvin Church](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman

Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat,
Acting Pro Tempore Thompson,
Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson
Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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23. [TMP](#)
[-1653](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Dr. Diana Williams](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman
Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat,
Acting Pro Tempore Thompson,
Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson
Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

The **LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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24. [TMP](#)
[-1640](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Release of RFQ NO08.25 copy](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman
Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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25. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1631**](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Bid Acceptance-Various Public Works Constr](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: Abstain - Council President Browne (I did not have time to review it)

adopted

Aye: Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: President Browne

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26. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1656**](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Street Re Naming Referral](#)
[Street Re Naming Policy](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: Abstain - Boxhill, Poteat

Councilman Boxhill - the person has to be deceased?

Council President Browne - council can make an exception

Councilman Boxhill - signature threshold?

Council President Browne - viewing neighboring police

Councilman Poteat - would like to change it to “must” from

“preferably,” and the council should not make a recommendation on a renaming.

Council - disagreed.

Councilman Boxhill - want more time to review and to get public input.

Councilman Poteat - does this have to pass right now?

Councilman Gleason - I don't feel comfortable passing the event for Friday without the policy.

(*item will require a 2nd vote*)

approved

Aye: President Browne, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Pro Tempore Poteat, and Councilperson Boxhill

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilman Thompson - discussed upcoming city events.

Councilman Gleason - moment of silence for deceased members of the community

Councilman Browne - acknowledged deceased

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

approved

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Jordan Riullano, JD
Deputy City Clerk

