

# **City of Mount Vernon, New York**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

**4:00 PM**

**MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM - 1st FLOOR**

**Board of Estimate & Contract**

**Call to Order: At 4:19 PM by Chairwoman Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard**

**Roll Call:** Roll Call and reading of agenda items administered by Deputy City Clerk Nicole J. Bonilla. Noticed in the Journal News.

**PRESENT** Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Darren Morton, and President Cathlin Gleason

**ABSENT** None

**OTHERS:** Deputy City Clerk Nicole J. Bonilla

**OPENING OF THE FOLLOWING BIDS FOR: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGENDA**

**RESOLUTIONS APPROVING ORDINANCES**

1. [TMP -988](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Justice AV Solutions Inc RFP Award Contract Referral Letter City Council Meeting 10-23-2024.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** Comptroller Morton: Is there a description for the amount?

**Response:** Commissioner Perez: The proposal is for multiple displays in chambers, committee and upgrade in memorial with ease of integration for live streaming.

approved

2. [TMP -1002](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Spectrum RFP and VOIP Contract Referral Letter City Council Meeting 11-13-2024.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** Comptroller Morton: Do we have an explanation for this?

**Response:** Commissioner Perez: citywide upgrade. Services to the cloud, enhancements, recording and additional plugins. Data and statistics can be kept. Buildings Dept is currently using the system.

Assistant Comptroller Hamilton: hardware purchased by APRA maintenance being paid out of telephone line

approved

Motion to take items #3 - 5 as a block vote

**Moved:** Comptroller Morton, Seconded by Council President Gleason

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

take items as block vote

3. [TMP -993](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Emergency Sewer Rehab letter- 5th and 3rd st.pdf](#)

approved

4. [TMP -994](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Emergency Sewer Rehab letter- multiple locations.pdf](#)

approved

5. [TMP -982](#)

**Attachments:** [Contract Amendment Request -Outfall 24-Sewer System Cleaning and Inspection 122022-1.pdf](#)

approved

**Moved:** Comptroller Morton, Seconded by Council President Gleason

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

approved the Consent Agenda

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and President Gleason

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

6. [TMP -998](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [2024 Turkey Trot - as of November 6th.pdf](#)  
[2024 Turkey Trot Map.pdf](#)  
[PD Response MV Turkey Trot.pdf](#)  
[DPW Response Turkey Tro.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** Comptroller Morton: why is this on the department of recreation line?

**Response:** Comptroller Morton: It is probably because parks are typically with recreation. However, this is typically with DPW.

approved

7. [TMP -999](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Agenda Letter 10-30-2024.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Mayor Patterson - howard, Council President Gleason: both made acknowledgements of the accomplishments of the Lieutenant.

approved

8. [TMP-1001](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Approval for FD upgrade project with Payments from ARPA and Management Services Budget lines.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** Comptroller Morton - What is this for?

**Response:** Commissioner Perez - The antiquated system is not integrating with newer system RED ALERT and 911. We have a 3 year 24/7 support agreement included.

Assistant Comptroller Hamilton: ARPA is covering a portion of this.

Mayor Patterson - Howard: I am excited for the upgrading. Would be good for PD to utilize this platform.

approved

9. [TMP-1010](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Amendment to Commercial Vehicles 256.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Mayor Patterson - Howard: We are putting up more signage.

approved

10. [TMP-1011](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Towing Fees Amendment.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

approved

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11. [TMP -963](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [City Council letter -Metro Green.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** Council President Gleason: Can I vote on behalf of the council and not myself? The company I work for does business with metro.

**Response:** Corporation Counsel Johnson: Yes, you're fine

approved

12. [TMP -1008](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Custodial Accounts 2024.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** Comptroller Morton: Is there a requirement of amount?

**Response:** Council President Gleason: No. these projects applications have not been put in yet. This is to pay our lawyer fees. Do you want to determine an amount?

Comptroller Morton: No because I do not know the transaction amounts, we need some amounts to open the account.

Mayor Patterson - Howard: read section 2. Makes it more streamline before developers invest money and the project doesn't go through

Corporation Counsel Johnson: moving toward transparency and efficiency

CP Gleason: it has been working better this way.

Comptroller Morton: explained escrow accounts and the change in GASBY on what is classified escrow account vs custodial accounts.

approved

**HELD ITEM FROM BOARD OF ESTIMATE'S OCTOBER 15, 2024 MEETING**

13. [TMP -957](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [DPW Capital Fleet Acquisition -NCL Government Capital.pdf](#)  
[vehicledraft1.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Comptroller Morton, Seconded by Council President Gleason

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Comptroller Morton: we need to reject it or call for a hold because we found out new requirements. They required the city to take steps as if we were going out to bond. I gave another option for immediate purchases we'll find out from DPW.

denied

## SETTLEMENTS

14. [TMP](#)  
[-1013](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution for the Settlement of Lawsuit for Michael Giles - \\$275,000.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Mayor Patterson - Howard: Didn't find until 2020 for an incident that happened in 2018. Since then we have updated policy and procedures to avoid these lawsuits. It's unfortunate because it has to come out of this budget.

approved

15. [TMP](#)  
[-1014](#)

**Attachments:** [Settlement of Lawsuit for Israel Roman - \\$130,000.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Mayor Patterson - Howard: Didn't find until 2020 for an incident that happened in 2018. Since then we have updated policy and procedures to avoid these lawsuits. It's unfortunate because it has to come out of this budget.

approved

16. [TMP](#)  
[-1015](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution for the Settlement of Lawsuit for Albert Arthur - \\$150,000.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Mayor Patterson - Howard: This was in 2019

Comptroller Morton: most of these cases give credit to law dept and contracted counsels.

Corporation Counsel Johnson: thanks Quinn law firm that helps us with our PD cases. Helped pressed with our excess carrier

approved

17. [TMP](#)  
[-1017](#)

**Attachments:** [Settlement of Claim for Sherry Brown - \\$4,745.22.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.  
approved

**TAX REVIEW SETTLEMENTS**

Motion to take items #18 - 19 as a block vote.

take items as block vote

18. [TMP](#)  
[-1018](#)

**Attachments:** [Consent Judgment for R&G Equities Ltd. and A and J Realty Holdings LLC.pdf](#)

19. [TMP](#)  
[-1019](#)

**Attachments:** [Consent Judgment for 118-120 S. 12th Ave. LLC.pdf](#)

approved

**Moved:** Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Mayor - We really need to go out for bond for these and these properties need to be re-assed, but I know the Comptroller has a plan to work on this once all the audits are completed.

approved the Consent Agenda

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and President Gleason

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Agenda was concluded at 5:11 PM**

**Chairwoman Patterson-Howard asked if there was new business:**

**Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.**

approved

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM**

**Jordan Riullano, JD**  
**Deputy City Clerk**