

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

7:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL

City Council

TANESIA M. WALTERS, J.D., M.P.A.
City Clerk

NICOLE J. BONILLA, M.B.A.
Deputy City Clerk

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**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024
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: Cathlin B. Gleason, President

OTHERS: Tanesia M. Walters, City Clerk; Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Aide; Johan Powell, Deputy Corporation Counsel.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Cathlin B. Gleason 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 Gleason 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).

PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Tanesia M. Walters

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

1. Law Department: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with Gallagher Bassett for Third-Party Administrator Services

Code: LPW

2. Department of Management Services: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2, Adopted by the City Council on June 26, 2024, Entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR A SUPPORT CONTRACT FOR THE DELL VXRAIL ENVIRONMENT”

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3. Department of Management Services: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Within the Department of Management Services Budget
Code: LPW
 4. Department of Management Services: An Ordinance Retroactively Approving the Attendance of Director Allen at the National Association of Black Journalists' Convention (July 31st to August 4, 2024)
Code: LPW
 5. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sponsorship of the 3rd Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration (to be sponsored by the Mayor's Office, Recreation Department, and Westchester Latinos Unidos).
Code: LPW
 6. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative for the On-boarding of a Fellow (two years)
Code: LPW
 7. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to Accept Funding from the Urban Renewal Agency for the Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement - (\$400,000.00 from the URA)
Code: LPW
 8. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance authorizing the Transfer of Funds within the Office of the Mayor for the Purchase of Office Furniture
Code: LPW
 9. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance authorizing a Budget Line Transfer to Cover the Purchase of Lactation Pods for Mount Vernon City Hall
Code: LPW
 10. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Payment Contract Agreement with A+ Technology & Security Solutions Inc. for the Installation of Avigilon Cameras at DPW's Main Building (Canal Street) and Marina
Code: LPW
 11. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Payment Contract Agreement with A+ Technology & Security Solutions Inc. for the Installation of Interior and Exterior Avigilon Cameras at Memorial Field
Code: LPW
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12. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Payment Contract Agreement with A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. for the Installation of Avigilon Cameras at City Hall
Code: LPW
 13. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance to Establish a 2024 List of Qualified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) General Contractors
Code: LPW
 14. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance to Approve Engagement with Safety Kleen Systems, Inc. for Cleaning the Oil Water Separator at the Department of Public Works Facility (NYSDEC Consent Order Compliance)
Code: LPW
 15. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Retroactively Authorizing the Use of Purdys Park for a Community Outreach Event Organized by Con Edison Community Outreach Team (Saturday, August 3rd, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Code: LPW
 16. Department of Public Works : An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2, Adopted by the City Council on October 25, 2023, Entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF SMART COVER TECHNOLOGY FOR MS4 MANAGEMENT AND DATA COLLECTION"
Code: LPW
 17. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of the Mount Vernon Seventh Day Adventist Health Fair - (to be held at Hartley Park on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Code: LPW
 18. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Retroactively Authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of "the Twilight Series" by the Department of Recreation and Friends of Mount Vernon, Recreation and Youth Programs, Inc.
Code: LPW
 19. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mount Vernon Recreation Department to Co-Sponsor the "MVP Fitness Court Challenge with MVP Healthcare"
Code: LPW
 20. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mount Vernon Recreation Department to Co-Sponsor the Big Block party with Buttafly LLC - (Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Code: LPW
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21. Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Authorizing the Renewal of the Accounting Consultancy with Ms. Cynthia Owens for the Board of Water Supply

Code: LPW

22. Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance authorizing a Water Rate Increase Effective January 1, 2025

Code: LPW

23. City Council: An ordinance Regulating Business Video Cameras in the City of Mount Vernon, New York

Code: LPW

24. Office of the City Clerk: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon Acknowledging the City Council's Appointment to the Mount Vernon Charter Review Commission - (Morenike (Nike) E. Williams, SPHR)

Code: LPW

25. Office of the City Clerk: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon acknowledging the Mayoral appointment to the Mount Vernon Charter Review Commission (Rosia Blackwell Lawrence)

Code: LPW

To the Council:

HUMAN RESOURCES

26. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Feeding Westchester

Code: HR

27. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Smart Steps for the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Safe Place

Code: HR

28. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Retroactively Enter Into an Agreement with Break Bread, Not Hearts for the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Safe Place for Our Girls and Safe Haven Summer Programs

Code: HR

29. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Retroactively Enter into an Agreement with Inferno365 Fitness for the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Safe Place for Our Girls and Girls Embracing Maturing Programs (from July 9, 2024 to August 16, 2024)

Code: HR

To the Council:**PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES**

30. Fire Department: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds for the Purchase of a Fire Department Command Vehicle
- Code:** PSC
31. Fire Department: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 17, approved by the City Council on September 14, 2022, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE TWO (2) COMMAND VEHICLES AND PAYMENT OF THE EQUIPMENT WITH ARPA FUNDS"
- Code:** PSC
32. Fire Department: An Ordinance authorizing the Use of City Parking Lot #1 for a Fundraising Car Wash by Local 107 UFFA
- Code:** PSC
33. Industrial Development Agency: An Ordinance Establishing Temporary Designated On-Street Designated Parking at 30 Warren Place to Accommodate Holiday Shopping (November 5 and December 31, 2024)
- Code:** PSC
34. Department of Public Safety: An ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a One-Year Agreement with CentralSquare for Software Licensing and Maintenance
- Code:** PSC
35. Department of Public Safety/Parking Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Between Budget Lines Funded by the Police Department and the Parking Bureau
- Code:** PSC
36. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Retroactively Authorizing a One-Year Leave of Absence for Computer Console Operator, Deanna Algieri
- Code:** PSC
37. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Use of Funds from the State of New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) Grant for the Purchase of License Plate Reader Cameras and Related Technology
- Code:** PSC

38. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Use of Funds from the State of New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Technology Grant for the Construction of the Command Central Aware Room

Code: PSC

39. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Essential Equipment for the Emergency Service Unit (ESU) of the Department of Public Safety

Code: PSC

40. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Attendance of Department of public Safety Members at the 2024 International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference (October 18, 2024 to October 22, 2024)

Code: PSC

41. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing Attendance of Department of Public Safety Members at the 2024 Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Annual Public Safety Symposium - (September 17 to September 20, 2024)

Code: PSC

42. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 13, adopted by the City Council on July 10, 2024, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGET LINES FUNDED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)"

Code: PSC

43. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Permanent Closure of Roosevelt Square North to Non-Emergency Vehicles and the Erection of Regulatory Traffic Signs

Code: PSC

44. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Motorola Solutions Inc. for the Purchase of a Citywide Camera Surveillance System

Code: PSC

45. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with Electronic Systems Solutions, Inc. (ESS) for the Installation and Maintenance of a Citywide Camera Surveillance System

Code: PSC

46. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York Honoring and Recognizing the Retirement of Firefighter Kevin Holt

Code: PSC

47. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York Honoring and Recognizing the Retirement of Firefighter Nathaniel Tilford

Code: PSC

48. Office of the City Clerk: An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of Chapter 237-35, A and B of the City Code of the City of Mount Vernon, entitled "Taxicab Fares" to Increase Current Fares

Code: PSC

49. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York Honoring and Recognizing the Service of Wakanda Celebration, Incorporated

Code: PSC

50. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon Designating Itself as the Lead Agency for the Proposed Code Amendments Regarding Short-Term Rental Legislation, Referring the Amendments to the City Corporation Counsel, City Planning Board, and Westchester County Planning Board, and Scheduling a Public Hearing

Code: PSC

To the Council:

FINANCE AND PLANNING

51. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Comptroller to Write Off Unpaid Property Taxes and Interest for Certain Properties with New Homeowners

Code: FP

52. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Exploration and Execution of Alternative Measures for the Recovery of Delinquent Property Taxes

Code: FP

53. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing a Partnership with Working Advantage Plum Benefits For Employee Discounts

Code: FP

54. Department of Planning: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Cleary Consulting for Professional Planning Services for the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan

Code: FP

55. Department of Planning: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with AKRF, Inc. for Progress for Planning Analysis Services for the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan

Code: FP

56. Department of Planning: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Mid-Hudson Pattern for Progress for Planning Analysis Services for the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan

Code: FP

57. Office of the City Clerk: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, NY honoring the Life and Legacy of Lawrence A. Ross

Code: FP

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PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES

58. City Council: A Resolution Fixing the Date for a Public Hearing Regarding Local Law No. ___ of 2024 of the City of Mount Vernon, NY, Establishing a Local Government Code Enforcement Program

Code: PSC

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
GALLAGHER BASSETT FOR THIRD-PARTY
ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

Whereas, by letter dated August 6, 2024, the Corporation Counsel has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Gallagher Bassett to provide third-party administration services for the City's legal claims; and

Whereas, on June 12, 2024, the City Council of Mount Vernon approved the specifications for the City's proposal for a third-party administrator; and

Whereas, in response to this solicitation, the City received a proposal from Gallagher Bassett (GB), which was opened at the July 2, 2024, Board of Estimate meeting; and

Whereas, upon reviewing GB's proposal and consulting with the City's insurance broker and Comptroller, the Board of Estimate accepted GB's proposal at its July 16, 2024, meeting; and

Whereas, the services provided by GB will enhance the Law Department's ability to monitor cases, manage its relationship with the third-party administrator and excess carrier, and provide more accurate cash reserves and reports on open cases and trends; and

Whereas, the total anticipated cost for the recommended services is \$271,595.00, to be funded from Insurance Premiums Budget Code A.1910.487; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor is authorized to contract with Gallagher Bassett to provide third-party administration services for the City's legal claims.

Section 2. Compensation. The total anticipated cost for the services provided by Gallagher Bassett shall be \$271,595.00.

Section 3. Funding Source. Funds for this contract shall be available in the Insurance Premiums Budget Code A.1910.487.

Section 4. Responsibilities. The Law Department shall oversee the implementation and management of the contract with Gallagher Bassett, ensuring that the services provided enhance the department's ability to monitor and manage legal claims effectively.

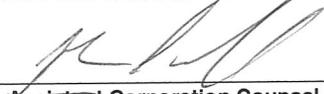
Section 5. Definitions.

- **Third-Party Administrator (TPA):** An external organization contracted to manage legal claims on behalf of the City.
- **Excess Carrier:** An insurance company providing coverage beyond the limits of the primary policy.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
 Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
 Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
 Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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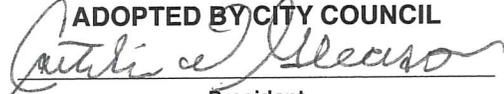
 Assistant Corporation Counsel
 Deputy

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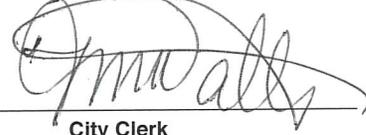


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THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

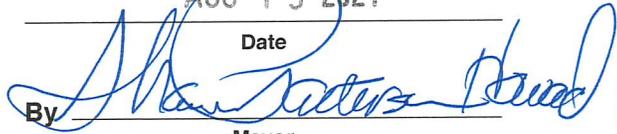


 President

ATTEST: 

 City Clerk

APPROVED
AUG 15 2024

 Date
By 

 Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2,
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 26,
2024, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES
TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR
A SUPPORT CONTRACT FOR THE DELL
VXRAIL ENVIRONMENT"**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The sixth (6th) Whereas clause, and Section 5 of Ordinance No. 2, adopted by the City Council on June 26, 2024, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR A SUPPORT CONTRACT FOR THE DELL VXRAIL ENVIRONMENT" is hereby amended as follows:

Whereas, the Dell VXRail system at City Hall and the Police Department has been instrumental in supporting the City of Mount Vernon's data management and operational needs; and

Whereas, to ensure the optimal functionality and security of the Dell VXRail system, a dedicated support contract is essential; and

Whereas, the current support arrangement requires updating to align with the latest technology standards and best practices; and

Whereas, a Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued to identify qualified vendors who can provide comprehensive support services, including routine maintenance and updates, troubleshooting and technical support, and performance optimization; and

Whereas, securing a dedicated support contract will enhance system reliability, provide cost-effective solutions, and offer access to expert support, thereby minimizing downtime and ensuring continuous operation; and

Whereas, the Department of Management Services has allocated a preliminary budget for this initiative and aims to initiate the RFP process by June 28, 2024, with the goal of finalizing the contract by July 8, 2024; and

Whereas, the Police Department has been consulted and supports this initiative, recognizing its importance for the continued support of critical systems; and **[Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That]**

Whereas, the Department of Management Services encountered issues with the paper of record, which prevented the advertisement and posting of the RFP on the initially requested date; and

Whereas, unforeseen circumstances necessitate further preparatory work, requiring additional time for the proper release and management of the RFP; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to ensure that all projects are carried out effectively and efficiently, with adequate time given for the RFP process to be conducted thoroughly and transparently; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Purpose. This ordinance authorizes the Department of Management Services to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a support contract for the Dell VXRail environment at City Hall and the Police Department to maintain and enhance the integrity and performance of the City's IT infrastructure.

Section 2. Definitions. For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

1. **“Dell VXRail”:** A hyper-converged infrastructure system that integrates computing, storage, networking, and virtualization resources.
2. **“Department of Management Services”:** The City department is responsible for managing the administrative and support functions of the City's operations.
3. **“Request for Proposals (RFP)”:** A formal solicitation issued to identify qualified vendors to provide specific services or products.

Section 3. Authorization. The Department of Management Services is authorized to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a support contract for the Dell VXRail environment at City Hall and the Police Department. The RFP shall seek to identify qualified vendors who can provide comprehensive support services, including:

- Routine maintenance and updates
- Troubleshooting and technical support
- Performance optimization

Section 4. Amendment to Ordinance No. 2. Ordinance No. 2, adopted on June 26, 2024, is hereby amended to allow the Department of Management Services to adjust the scheduled release dates for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Dell VxRail Support contracts as necessary.

Section 5. Notice Requirement. The Department of Management Services shall properly notify potential bidders and stakeholders of any adjustments to the RFP release dates to ensure a fair and transparent process.

Section [4] 6. Funding and Budget. Funds for this initiative have been preliminarily allocated within the Department of Management Services' budget. The Department shall ensure cost-effectiveness in the procurement process.

Section [5] 7. Timeline. The RFP process shall be initiated [by June 28, 2024], with the goal of finalizing the support contract [by July 8, 2024] to adjust the scheduled release dates for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Dell VxRail Support contracts as necessary. This timeline addresses any critical issues promptly and maintains seamless operations.

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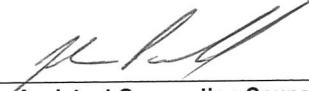
Section [6] 8. Stakeholder Involvement. City Hall and the police department are critical stakeholders for this RFP. The Department of Management Services shall consult with relevant stakeholders to ensure the support contract meets the needs of all parties involved.

Section [7] 9. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

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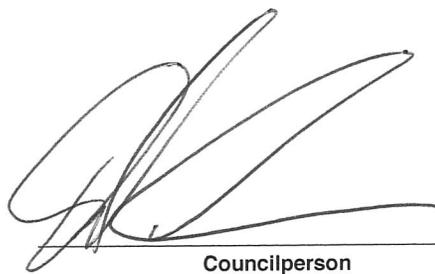
Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Potat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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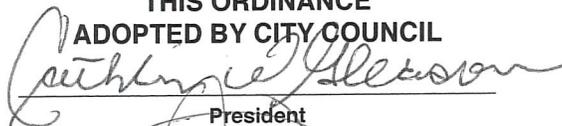
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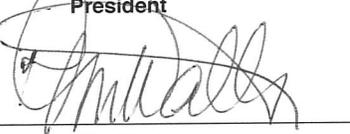


Councilperson

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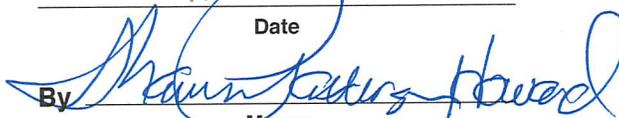


President

ATTEST: 

City Clerk

**APPROVED
AUG 15 2024**

Date
By 

Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES BUDGET

Whereas, by letter dated August 5, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services has requested legislation authorizing the Department to transfer \$35,000 from Budget Code A1680.486 (Technology Upgrades, Leases of Services & Shared Systems) to Budget Code A1680.407 (Reproduction & In-House Printing) to ensure adequate leasing and printing services funding; and

Whereas, the Department of Management Services has identified a need to transfer funds to ensure sufficient allocation for leasing and printing services; and

Whereas, the transfer of \$35,000 from Budget Code A1680.486 (Technology Upgrades, Leases of Services & Shared Systems) to Budget Code A1680.407 (Reproduction & In-House Printing) from exceeding its allocated budget; and

Whereas, maintaining budgetary compliance and operational efficiency within the Department of Management Services is essential for the effective functioning of city services; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization of Funds Transfer. The City Council authorizes the Department of Finance to transfer \$35,000 from Budget Code A1680.486 (Technology Upgrades, Leases of Services & Shared Systems) to Budget Code A1680.407 (Reproduction & In-House Printing) to ensure adequate leasing and printing services funding.

Section 2. Implementation. The Department of Finance is directed to make the necessary accounting adjustments to effectuate the transfer as specified in Section 1, ensuring compliance with all applicable financial regulations and policies.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

[Signature]
Councilperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature]
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Deputy

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

[Signature]
President

ATTEST: [Signature]
City Clerk

APPROVED
AUG 15 2024

[Signature]
Date
Mayor

APPROVED
Dept. _____

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE RETROACTIVELY APPROVING
THE ATTENDANCE OF DIRECTOR ALLEN
AT THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
BLACK JOURNALISTS' CONVENTION**

Whereas, by letter dated August 7, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services has requested legislation retroactively approving the attendance of Director Allen at the National Association of Black Journalists Convention held from July 31 to August 4, 2024; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of professional development and networking opportunities for its staff to enhance their skills and knowledge; and

Whereas, the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Convention is a premier multi-day conference focused on journalism education, career development, networking, and innovation; and

Whereas, Director Allen of the Department of Management Services attended the NABJ Convention from July 31 to August 4, 2024; and

Whereas, the total cost of attendance, amounting to \$2,440.59, was incurred and will be covered under budget line A1680.417 (training); and

Whereas, the cost breakdown for the conference is as follows: \$607.96 for travel, \$1,299.63 for hotel, and \$533.00 for conference registration; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Retroactive Approval. The City Council hereby retroactively approves Director Allen's attendance at the National Association of Black Journalists Convention, which was held from July 31 to August 4, 2024.

Section 2. Budget Allocation. The total cost of \$2,440.59 shall be covered under budget line A1680.417 (training), with the cost breakdown as follows:

- **Travel:** \$607.96
- **Hotel:** \$1,299.63
- **Conference Registration:** \$533.00

Section 3. Purpose. This ordinance officially sanctioned Director Allen's attendance at the NABJ Convention, acknowledging the value of such professional development activities to the City and its employees.

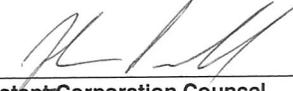
Section 4. Definitions.

- **Department of Management Services:** The City department oversees management operations, including employee training and development.
- **NABJ Convention:** A leading conference for journalism professionals, focusing on education, career development, networking, and innovation.

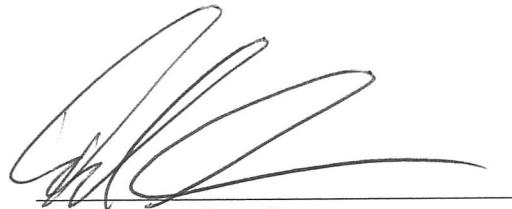
Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Abstain
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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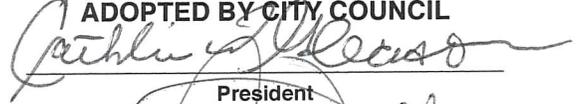


Assistant Corporation Counsel
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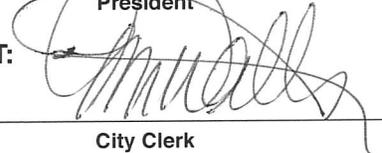


Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**



President

ATTEST: 

City Clerk

APPROVED
AUG 15 2024

Date

By _____
Mayor

APPROVED
Dept. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
SPONSORSHIP OF THE 3RD ANNUAL
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION**

Whereas, by letter dated July 1, 2024, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing the Office of the Mayor, the Recreation Department, and Westchester Latinos Unidos to sponsor the 3rd Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Howard Street Playground, with a rain date of September 29, 2024; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon values the diverse cultural heritage of its residents and seeks to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by recognizing the contributions of the Hispanic community; and

Whereas, the celebration will include live performances, activities for adults and children, food vendors, and drink vendors, and will require certain street closures and permissions to facilitate the event; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The City Council hereby authorizes the Office of the Mayor, the Recreation Department, and Westchester Latinos Unidos to sponsor the 3rd Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Howard Street Playground, with a rain date of September 29, 2024.

Section 2. Street Closures. The following streets shall be closed on Sunday, September 22, 2024, between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the event, including set-up and break-down times:

- Howard Street between North Terrace Avenue and West Lincoln Avenue.

Section 3. Sign Posting. The Department of Public Safety and Parking is hereby directed to post street closing signs indicating the above street closure locations and times. These signs shall be posted no later than Monday, September 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Section 4. Use of Public Spaces. Permission is granted to use the street beds and sidewalks to set up booths, tents, tables, and chairs for outdoor dining, food merchandise, and vendors, with no more than 30 vendors.

Section 5. Stage and Facilities. Permission is granted to:

- Authorize a stage placement at the West Lincoln Avenue end of Howard Street.
- Place two (2) Porta Potties for event attendees at the North Terrace side of Howard Street Park.

Section 6. Auxiliary Police. The Mount Vernon Auxiliary Police are requested to be present to act as crowd control and traffic management and provide overall assistance during the event.

Section 7. Bus Rerouting. The Beeline Bus System, Route 55: Local, commuting southbound on North High Street between Putnam and Elm Street, shall be rerouted accordingly to accommodate the event.

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Section 8. Funding. Funds for this event shall be appropriated from the following budget codes:

- Budget Code A7620.457 (Recreation Features and Other Expenses) not to exceed \$1,500.
- Budget Code A1210.404 (Miscellaneous) not to exceed \$10,000.

Section 9. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

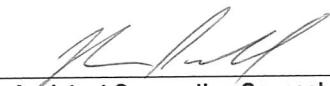
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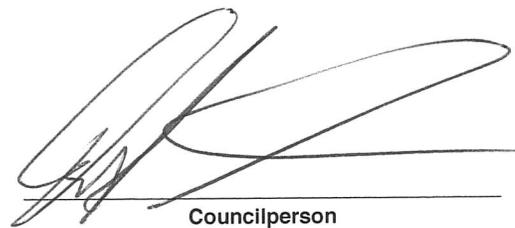
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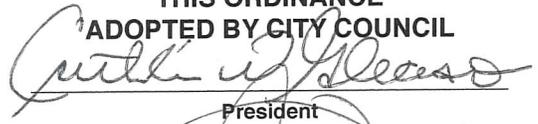

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Deputy

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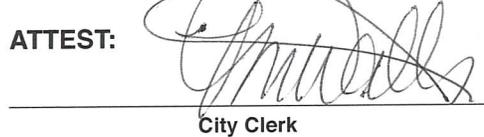
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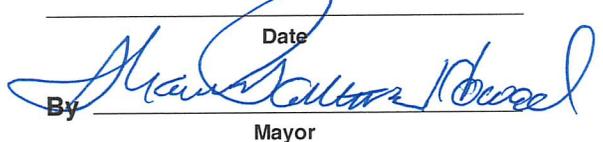
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ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**


President

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED
AUG 15 2024


Date
Mayor

AUG 14 2024

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH BLOOMBERG HARVARD CITY LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE FOR THE ONBOARDING OF A FELLOW

Whereas, by letter dated July 9, 2024, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative to allow the onboarding of a fellow for two (2) years; and

Whereas, for the past four years, the Patterson-Howard administration has worked with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative at the JFK School of Government (Harvard University) to address various issues faced by municipal governments; and

Whereas, this partnership has resulted in the opportunity for the City of Mount Vernon to engage with Bloomberg Harvard to start a fellowship program for one graduate student to work with the leadership team of the city for a two-year term, specifically within the Buildings Department; and

Whereas, this fellowship comes at no cost to the city; and

Whereas, the fellowship will involve the graduate student working with the leadership team of the Buildings Department to provide general support and improve workflows within the department; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon believes that the onboarding of this fellow will enhance the operations of the Building Department and benefit the community; and

Whereas, the full details of the MOU are provided in the attachment; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Enter into MOU. The City Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative to allow the onboarding of a fellow for two (2) years.

Section 2. Term and Scope of Fellowship. The fellow will work with the leadership team of the Buildings Department to provide general support and improve workflows within the department. The fellowship will last for a term of two (2) years.

Section 3. No Cost to City. The fellowship program and the onboarding of the fellow will come at no cost to the City of Mount Vernon.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

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Councilperson

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Assistant Corporation Counsel
Dept.

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

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President

ATTEST:

[Signature]
City Clerk

APPROVED

AUG 15 2024

Date

[Signature]
By Mayor

APPROVED

Dept.

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Brown: Abstain
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY FOR THE OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY & ENGAGEMENT

Whereas, by letter dated July 22, 2024, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing the Office of the Mayor to accept \$400,000 from the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) to support the Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement (NSE) staffing and operations; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to enhancing the safety and engagement of its neighborhoods through the effective operation of the Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement (NSE); and

Whereas, the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) has allocated \$400,000 to support the staffing and operations of the NSE; and

Whereas, the City Council has previously adopted resolutions creating the NSE and setting the salary for the director's position; and

Whereas, the acceptance of these funds will enable the hiring of a director and provide necessary staffing and operational resources for the NSE; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

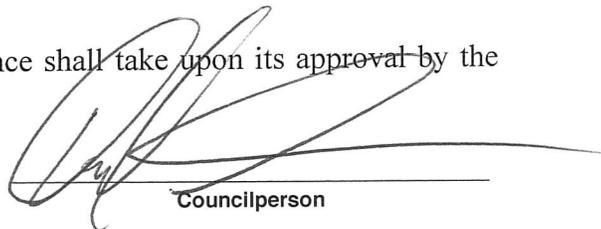
Section 1. Acceptance of Funds. The City Council of the City of Mount Vernon authorizes the Mayor to accept \$400,000 from the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) to support the Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement (NSE) staffing and operations.

Section 2. Allocation of Funds. The funds shall be allocated to the Mayor's Office under Budget Code A1210.101 to cover the hiring of a director, along with staffing and operational expenses for the NSE.

Section 3. Implementation. The Mayor's Office is authorized to proceed with the recruitment and hiring process for the director of the NSE and to allocate funds for necessary staffing and operational needs as per the budgetary provisions.

Section 4. Prior Resolutions. This ordinance recognizes and builds upon the prior resolutions adopted by the City Council establishing the NSE and determining the salary for the director's position.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.



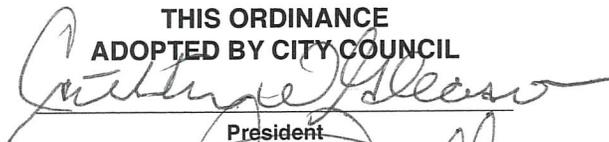
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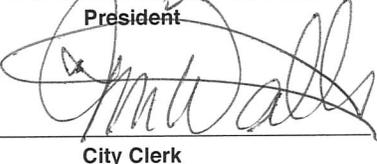
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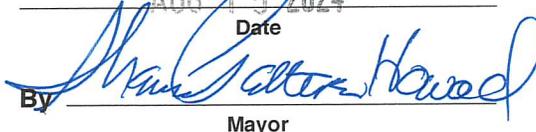


City Clerk

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AUG 15 2024
Date

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Dept. _____



Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE OFFICE
OF THE MAYOR FOR THE PURCHASE OF
OFFICE FURNITURE**

Whereas, by letter dated July 26, 2024, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing the transfer of funds within the Office of the Mayor, specifically the transfer of \$5,000 required from the Mayor's Office - Contracted Outside Expense (Account A1210.405) to Office Expense (Account A1210.401) to facilitate the purchase of new office furniture; and

Whereas, the Office of the Mayor requires new furniture to maintain an efficient and functional workspace; and

Whereas, it is necessary to transfer funds within the Office of the Mayor to accommodate the purchase of this new furniture; and

Whereas, the funds will be transferred from the Mayor's Office - Contracted Outside Expense (Account A1210.405) to Office Expense (Account A1210.401); **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

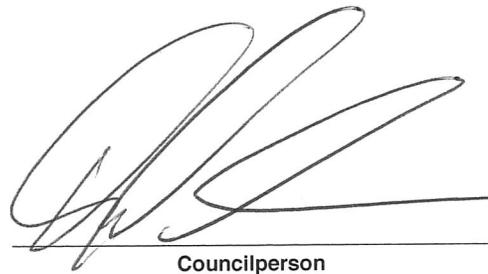
The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The City Council hereby authorizes the transfer of funds within the Office of the Mayor, specifically the transfer of \$5,000 required from the Mayor's Office - Contracted Outside Expense (Account A1210.405) to Office Expense (Account A1210.401) to facilitate the purchase of new office furniture.

Section 2. Purpose. This fund transfer aims to ensure that the Mayor's Office has the necessary resources to maintain a functional and efficient working environment by acquiring new office furniture.

Section 3. Implementation. The City's financial department is directed to execute the financial transactions required to complete the transfer of funds as authorized by this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.



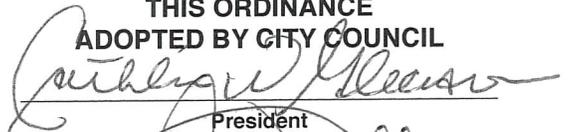
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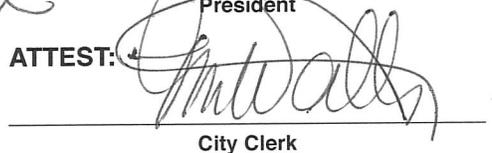
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**THIS ORDINANCE
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President

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED

AUG 15 2024

Date



By _____
Mayor

APPROVED

Dept. _____

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A BUDGET LINE TRANSFER TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF LACTATION PODS FOR MOUNT VERNON CITY HALL

Whereas, by letter dated July 8, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Works has requested legislation authorizing the transfer of funds in the amount of \$28,100.00 from A1620.414 (Building Maintenance: Repairs to Plant & Equipment) to A1620.203 (Building Maintenance: Equipment) to cover the purchase of lactation pods for Mount Vernon City Hall; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to ensuring compliance with the New York State Department of Labor’s official policy on breast milk expression, which mandates the provision of suitable accommodations for lactating mothers; and

Whereas, the purchase of lactation pods is necessary to meet the minimum required standard accommodation as per the state's labor laws; and

Whereas, it is necessary to transfer funds within the Building Maintenance budget to cover the cost of these lactation pods; and

Whereas, the following budget line transfer is proposed:

From:	Amount:	To:
A1620.414	\$28,100.00	A1620.203
(Building Maintenance: Repairs to Plant & Equipment)		(Building Maintenance: Equipment)

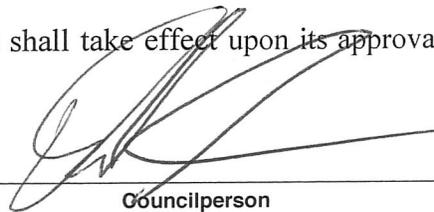
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization of Budget Line Transfer. The City Council hereby authorizes the transfer of funds in the amount of \$28,100.00 from A1620.414 (Building Maintenance: Repairs to Plant & Equipment) to A1620.203 (Building Maintenance: Equipment) to cover the purchase of lactation pods for Mount Vernon City Hall.

Section 2. Purpose of Transfer. The transferred funds will be used specifically for purchasing and installing lactation pods in Mount Vernon City Hall to ensure compliance with the New York State Department of Labor’s policy on breast milk expression.

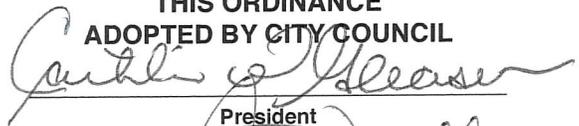
Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.


Councilperson

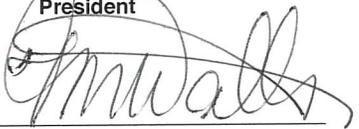
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President

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City Clerk

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Date

By _____
Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Brown: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO A PAYMENT CONTRACT
AGREEMENT WITH A+ TECHNOLOGY &
SECURITY SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF AVIGILON CAMERAS AT DPW'S
MAIN BUILDING (CANAL STREET) AND MARINA**

Whereas, by letter dated July 2, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Works has requested that the City Council enact legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a payment contract agreement with A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. to provide and install interior and exterior Avigilon cameras at DPW's Main Building (33 Canal Street) and Marina as specified in the attached quote; and

Whereas, A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. will provide the Department of Public Works with interior and exterior Avigilon cameras as specified in the attached quote; and

Whereas, the total cost for this payment agreement is \$145,130.25, which will be appropriated from Budget Line Bond Anticipated Notes (BANS) H1620.203.C948; and

Whereas, A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. is licensed with the NYS Department of State Contract #12000298891, which excludes it from the competitive bidding process in accordance with the 2024 City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy; and

Whereas, the attached proposal has been reviewed and approved in a joint operation by the Mount Vernon Police Department and Management Services; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

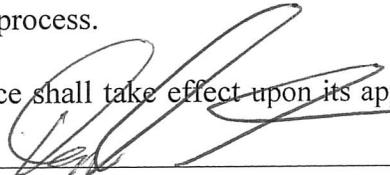
The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Enter into Agreement. The City Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into a payment contract agreement with A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. to provide and install interior and exterior Avigilon cameras at DPW's Main Building (33 Canal Street) and Marina as specified in the attached quote.

Section 2. Funding Appropriation. The total cost for this payment agreement, amounting to \$145,130.25, shall be appropriated from Budget Line Bond Anticipated Notes (BANS) H1620.203.C948.

Section 3. Exemption from Competitive Bidding. In accordance with the 2024 City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy and the licensure of A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. with the NYS Department of State Contract #12000298891, this agreement is exempt from the competitive bidding process.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.



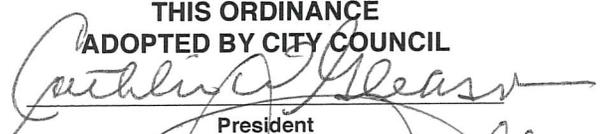
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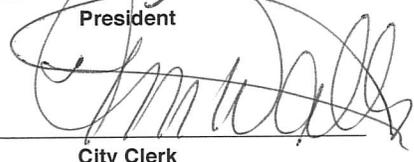
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Deputy

**THIS ORDINANCE
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President

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED

AUG 15 2024

Date



By Mayor

APPROVED
Dept. _____

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PAYMENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH A+ TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR AVIGILON CAMERAS AT MEMORIAL FIELD

Whereas, by letter dated July 2, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Works has requested that the City Council enact legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a payment contract agreement with A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. for the provision and installation of interior and exterior Avigilon cameras at Memorial Field as detailed in the attached proposal; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the need to enhance the security and safety of its public facilities; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety has identified a requirement for interior and exterior Avigilon cameras to be installed at various locations at Memorial Field; and

Whereas, A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. is a reputable provider of advanced security solutions and is licensed with the New York State Department of State under Contract #12000298891; and

Whereas, this licensure excludes A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. from the competitive bidding process in accordance with the 2024 City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy; and

Whereas, the total cost for the installation of these security cameras is \$58,031.75, which will be appropriated from Budget Line Bond Anticipated Notes (BANS) H1620.203.C948; and

Whereas, the proposal from A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. has been reviewed and approved in a joint operation by the Mount Vernon Police Department, Management Services, and the Department of Recreation; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Enter into Agreement. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a payment contract agreement with A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. to provide and install interior and exterior Avigilon cameras at Memorial Field as detailed in the attached proposal.

Section 2. Funding Appropriation. The cost of the payment agreement, totaling \$58,031.75, shall be appropriated from Budget Line Bond Anticipated Notes (BANS) H1620.203.C948.

Section 3. Exemption from Competitive Bidding. In accordance with the 2024 City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy and the licensure of A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. with the NYS Department of State Contract #12000298891, this agreement is exempt from the competitive bidding process.

Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Councilperson

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Assistant Corporation Counsel
Deputy

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

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President

ATTEST: [Signature]
City Clerk

APPROVED AUG 14 2024

[Signature]
Date
By [Signature]
Mayor

APPROVED

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Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ENTER INTO A PAYMENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT
WITH A+ TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY SOLUTIONS,
INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AVIGILON
CAMERAS AT CITY HALL**

Whereas, by letter dated July 2, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Works has requested the City Council enact legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a payment contract agreement with A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. for the provision and installation of interior and exterior Avigilon cameras at City Hall as specified in the attached quote; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety has requested that the City Council approve a resolution for the Mayor to enter into a payment contract agreement with A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc.; and

Whereas, A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. will provide the Department of Public Works with interior and exterior Avigilon cameras as specified in the attached quote; and

Whereas, the total cost for this payment agreement is \$80,933.69, which will be appropriated from Budget Line Bond Anticipated Notes (BANS) H1620.203.C948; and

Whereas, A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. is licensed with the NYS Department of State Contract #12000298891, which excludes it from the competitive bidding process in accordance with the 2024 City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy; and

Whereas, the attached proposal has been reviewed and approved in a joint operation by the Mount Vernon Police Department, Management Services, and Department of Recreation; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

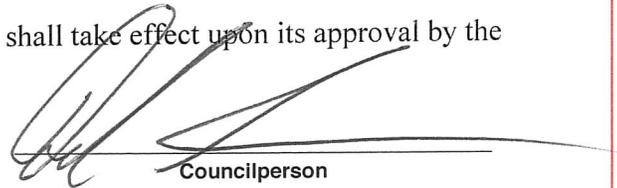
The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Enter into Agreement. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a payment contract agreement with A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. to provide and install interior and exterior Avigilon cameras at City Hall as specified in the attached quote.

Section 2. Funding Appropriation. The total cost for this payment agreement, amounting to \$80,933.69, shall be appropriated from Budget Line Bond Anticipated Notes (BANS) H1620.203.C948.

Section 3. Exemption from Competitive Bidding. In accordance with the 2024 City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy and the licensure of A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. with the NYS Department of State Contract #12000298891, this agreement is exempt from the competitive bidding process.

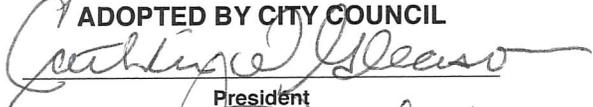
Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

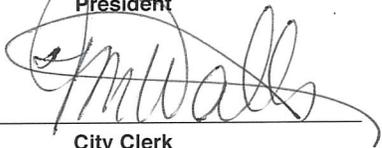

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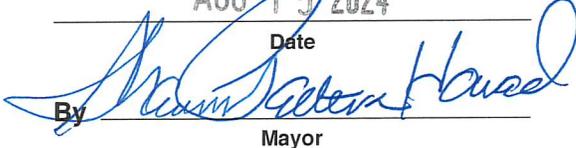

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President

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

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AUG 15 2024


By _____
Mayor

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Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A 2024 LIST OF
QUALIFIED MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MWBE)
GENERAL CONTRACTORS**

Whereas, by letter dated July 17, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Works has requested that the City Council enact legislation authorizing the establishment of a 2024 list of qualified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) General Contractors as identified below; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within the construction industry; and

Whereas, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on February 28, 2024, to identify and pre-qualify MWBE General Contractors with the requisite expertise, experience, and capacity to undertake various public works projects within the city; and

Whereas, numerous submissions from MWBE General Contractors were received and meticulously reviewed based on stringent criteria, including technical competence, financial stability, past performance, and compliance with regulatory requirements; and

Whereas, the evaluation process has identified the following qualified MWBE General Contractors who meet the established standards:

- Sierra Contractors Corp. - 203-06 39th Avenue, Bayside, NY 11361
- Bonanza Contracting LLC - 230 N. 7th Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10550
- Glorious Contracting, Inc. - 41 Springer Avenue, Yonkers NY 10704
- Coqui Creations Corp. DBA Landscape Concepts - 50 Sodom Road, Brewster NY 10509
- Apache Legend Group - 239 Lexington Avenue, Mount Kisco, NY 10549
- Aquatech Engineering P.C. - Bonita Vista Road, Mount Vernon, NY 10552
- W. Allen Engineering, LLC - 121 W. 27th Street, New York, NY 10001
- DACK Consulting Solutions - 2 William Street, White Plains, NY 10601
- DCH Construction, LLC – 40 S. Cole Avenue, Spring Valley, NY 10977
- Ray Copeland Building & Home Improvement, 25 S. 1st Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Whereas, the creation of this list will facilitate the engagement of qualified MWBE firms in public works projects, fostering a more inclusive economic environment and expediting the contractor selection process for upcoming projects; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Approval. The City Council approves establishing a 2024 list of qualified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) General Contractors as identified above.

Section 2. Authorization. The Mayor is authorized to formalize and utilize this list to engage MWBE General Contractors in public works projects within the City of Mount Vernon.

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Section 3. Collaboration. The Department of Public Works, in collaboration with the relevant city departments, is directed to proceed with the next steps in engaging these contractors for the city's projects. This will further the city's mission to deliver high-quality public works while supporting diverse business enterprises.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

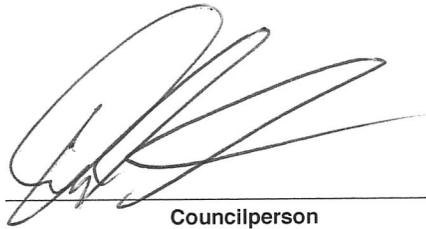
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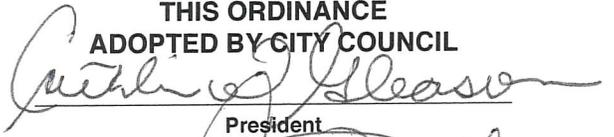

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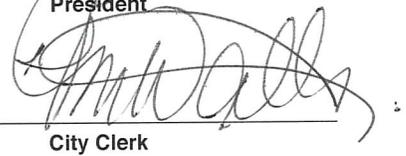
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President

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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AUG 15 2024

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Mayor

AUG 14 2024

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AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE ENGAGEMENT WITH SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC. FOR CLEANING THE OIL WATER SEPARATOR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

Whereas, by letter dated July 23, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Works has requested legislation to approve the expenditure of \$44,136 for the complete cleaning and servicing of the 10,000-gallon oil water separator at the DPW facility by Safety Kleen Systems, Inc.; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is required to comply with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) Consent Decree regarding the maintenance of environmental facilities; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works (DPW) facility houses a 10,000-gallon oil water separator that requires cleaning to meet these compliance standards; and

Whereas, Safety Kleen Systems, Inc. initially estimated the cost of cleaning this facility at \$22,121.15, but the discovery of an additional 18 inches of sludge necessitated further work, resulting in a final invoice of \$44,136; and

Whereas, the oil water separator is essential for preventing contaminants from entering local water systems, thereby protecting public health and the environment; and

Whereas, Safety Kleen Systems, Inc. is a reputable and experienced provider on Westchester County Contract RFB-WC-24076, capable of completing the required work efficiently and to high standards; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

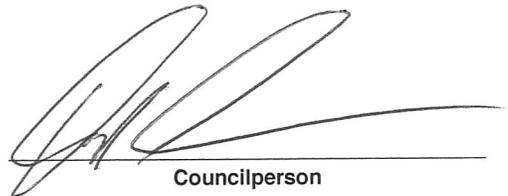
The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Approval of Expenditure. The City Council hereby approves the expenditure of \$44,136 for the complete cleaning and servicing of the 10,000-gallon oil water separator at the DPW facility by Safety Kleen Systems, Inc.

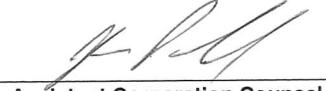
Section 2. Funding Source. The funds for this project shall be drawn from Budget Code A1640.435 – DPW: Gas, Diesel, Oil.

Section 3. Compliance and Environmental Stewardship. This ordinance underscores the City's commitment to maintaining compliance with NYS DEC regulations and upholding its responsibilities in environmental stewardship to protect public health and sustainability.

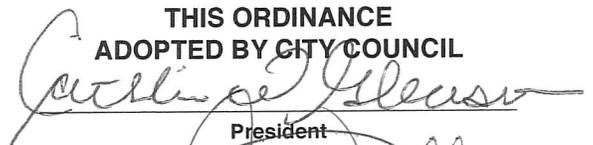
Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.


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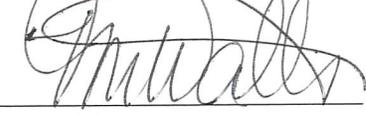
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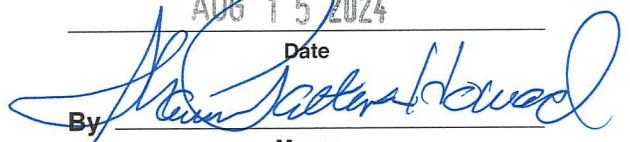

City Clerk

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Dept. _____

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AUG 15 2024

Date


By _____
Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Abstain
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING THE USE OF PURDYS PARK FOR A COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT ORGANIZED BY CON EDISON COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM (Saturday, August 3rd, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Whereas, by letter dated July 29, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation retroactively authorizing Con Edison's Community Outreach Team to use Purdys Park at 110 S. 9th Avenue for a community outreach event on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and

Whereas, Con Edison's Community Outreach Team is committed to engaging with the residents of Mount Vernon to provide valuable information and foster community involvement in the proposed Utility Thermal Energy Network (UTEN) project; and

Whereas, the event will include informational handouts about the UTEN project, along with food and snacks, to enhance community participation and engagement; and

Whereas, Purdys Park is an ideal location for this event due to its accessibility and proximity to the project's scope of work, providing an opportunity for maximum community involvement; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization for the Use of Purdys Park. The City Council retroactively authorizes Con Edison's Community Outreach Team to hold a community outreach event at Purdys Park at 110 S. 9th Avenue on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Section 2. Event Details. The event will provide informational handouts about the UTEN project and include food and snacks for attendees to foster community participation and engagement.

Section 3. Compliance with City Regulations. The event organizers shall comply with all applicable city regulations and public parks and facilities policies, including any necessary permits and insurance requirements.

Section 4. Responsibility for Clean-Up. Con Edison shall ensure that Purdys Park is cleaned and restored to its original condition following the event.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

Councilperson signature

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Assistant Corporation Counsel signature

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President signature

ATTEST: City Clerk signature

APPROVED AUG 15 2024

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By Mayor signature

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024 Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE
NO. 2, ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON
OCTOBER 25, 2023, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF SMART
COVER TECHNOLOGY FOR MS4 MANAGEMENT
AND DATA COLLECTION"**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The first decretal paragraph and Section 3 of Ordinance No. 2, adopted by the City Council on October 25, 2023, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF SMART COVER TECHNOLOGY FOR MS4 MANAGEMENT AND DATA COLLECTION" is hereby amended as follows:

Whereas by letter dated [October 18, 2023] July 30, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works seeks to amend Ordinance No. 2, adopted by the City Council on October 25, 2023, to procure twenty-five (25) Smart Cover sewer units for the City of Mount Vernon to enhance the City's sewer operations, management, and overall asset management for sanitary sewer collection and stormwater systems; and

Whereas the City of Mount Vernon has recently entered into a Consent Decree with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) concerning the rehabilitation, maintenance, and reporting requirements for the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance (CMOM) of the Sanitary Sewer System; and

Whereas the acquisition of Smart Cover sewer units is critical to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the City's sewer infrastructure; and

Whereas the Smart Cover sewer units offer significant advantages, including their ability to address MS4 Illicit Discharges during dry periods and Sanitary Sewer System Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) issues by continuously monitoring sewer flow and detecting abnormalities in real-time, enabling the prompt identification and mitigation of flood mitigation and I&I problems; and

Whereas the use of data-driven insights provided by the Smart Cover sewer units will optimize sewer system performance, reduce maintenance costs, and extend the lifespan of the City's sewer infrastructure; and

Whereas SmartCover is a Sole Source Manufacturer, patented and proprietary, with a configuration designed to be installed with no confined space entry per OSHA CFR 1910.146(b); **Now, Therefore,**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council, convened, hereby ordains, and enacts:

Section 1. Acquisition of Smart Cover Technology. The Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to purchase twenty-five (25) Smart Cover sewer units for the City of Mount Vernon to enhance sewer operations, management, and asset management for sanitary sewer collection and stormwater systems.

Section 2. Purpose of Acquisition. The acquisition of Smart Cover sewer units will serve the purpose of addressing MS4 Illicit Discharges and Sanitary Sewer System Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) issues, as well as providing continuous monitoring, real-time data collection, and prompt identification and mitigation of sewer system problems.

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Section 3. Funding. The total cost for this project is \$126,530.00, and the funding for this project will be sourced from Account Codes [H8120.203.C932] H8120.203.C934 and H8140.203.C935. The City will be eligible to receive a 100% reimbursement for this project via New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Grant Funding.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature]
Assistant Corporation Counsel

Deputy

**THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

[Signature]
President

ATTEST:

[Signature]
City Clerk

APPROVED

AUG 15 2024

Date

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By Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE MOUNT VERNON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST HEALTH FAIR

Whereas, by letter dated July 18, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Recreation has requested legislation authorizing the Department to co-sponsor the Mount Vernon Seventh Day Adventist Health Fair by extending the use of Hartley Park on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with no additional costs incurred by the city as scheduled maintenance staff will be present at the event; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to promoting wellness and healthy living within the community; and

Whereas, the Mount Vernon Seventh Day Adventist Church hosts its annual health fair, a highly anticipated community event that offers various services and activities designed to educate and empower attendees about various aspects of health; and

Whereas, the fair provides free health screenings, nutritional advice, fitness demonstrations, mental health resources, interactive workshops, family-friendly activities, and informational booths staffed by healthcare professionals and local organizations; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The City Council authorizes the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor the Mount Vernon Seventh Day Adventist Health Fair by extending Hartley Park on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 2. Event Details. The Mount Vernon Seventh Day Adventist Health Fair will include:

- Free health screenings
Nutritional advice
Fitness demonstrations
Mental health resources
Interactive workshops
Family-friendly activities
Informational booths staffed by healthcare professionals and local organizations

Section 3. Park Use. Hartley Park shall be available for the health fair on the specified date and time. The scheduled maintenance staff will be present during the event, ensuring the park is properly maintained without incurring additional costs to the city, with no additional costs incurred by the city as scheduled maintenance staff will be present at the event.

Section 4. Community Impact. The health fair aims to foster a healthier community by providing valuable resources and encouraging individuals to take proactive steps toward their well-being.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

Councilperson signature

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel signature

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President signature

ATTEST:

City Clerk signature

APPROVED AUG 15 2024

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By Mayor signature

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING THE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF "THE TWILIGHT SERIES" BY THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND FRIENDS OF MT. VERNON, RECREATION AND YOUTH PROGRAMS, INC.

Whereas, by letter dated July 24, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Recreation has requested legislation retroactively authorizing the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor "The Twilight Series" with the Friends of Mt. Vernon, Recreation and Youth Programs, Inc., from July 11, 2024, to August 1, 2024; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to promoting community engagement, healthy living, and athleticism among its residents; and

Whereas, "The Twilight Series," sponsored by Montefiore, returns for its second year to Memorial Field, providing an exciting blend of athletic competition and community spirit every Thursday from July 11, 2024, to August 1, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and

Whereas, this event features a variety of track and field activities, encouraging participation from all ages and enhancing community connections; and

Whereas, the Department of Recreation, in collaboration with Friends of Mt. Vernon, Recreation and Youth Programs, Inc., seeks to co-sponsor this event to build upon the success of last year's inaugural series; and

Whereas, funds for this event will be charged to Budget Code A7021.458, not to exceed \$5,000, and the Recreation Department will provide personnel, the venue, and insurance as part of the co-sponsorship; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The City Council retroactively authorizes the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor "The Twilight Series" with the Friends of Mt. Vernon, Recreation and Youth Programs, Inc., from July 11, 2024, to August 1, 2024.

Section 2. Funding. The funds allocated for this event shall not exceed \$5,000 and will be charged to Budget Code A7021.458.

Section 3. Responsibilities. As part of the co-sponsorship agreement, the Department of Recreation will provide the necessary personnel, the venue at Memorial Field, and insurance coverage.

Section 4. Event Details. "The Twilight Series" will occur every Thursday from July 11, 2024, to August 1, 2024, between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Memorial Field.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Signature of Assistant Corporation Counsel

Assistant Corporation Counsel

Deputy

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Signature of City Council President

President

ATTEST:

Signature of City Clerk

City Clerk

APPROVED

AUG 15 2024

Date

Signature of Mayor

Mayor

APPROVED Dept.

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024 Boxhill: Yea Browne: Nay Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
MOUNT VERNON RECREATION DEPARTMENT
TO CO-SPONSOR THE “MVP FITNESS COURT
CHALLENGE” WITH MVP HEALTHCARE**

Whereas, by letter dated July 31, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Recreation has requested legislation authorizing the Mount Vernon Recreation Department to co-sponsor the “MVP Fitness Court Challenge” with MVP Healthcare on Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fitness Court in Hartley Park, with a rain date of September 26, 2024, at the same time; and

Whereas, MVP Healthcare, in partnership with the National Fitness Campaign and the City of Mount Vernon, has been instrumental in establishing a state-of-the-art Fitness Court in Hartley Park to promote the health benefits of regular physical activity and provide a modern outdoor gym accessible to all residents; and

Whereas, the event will serve as a celebration of the Fitness Court, featuring fitness challenges, expert fitness tips, and local health food vendors, emphasizing the importance of a nutritious diet alongside physical exercise; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to supporting events that promote community health, fitness, and well-being; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Definitions. For this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

- **“MVP Fitness Court Challenge”** - the event co-sponsored by the Mount Vernon Recreation Department and MVP Healthcare, scheduled for September 19, 2024, with a rain date of September 26, 2024, at Hartley Park's Fitness Court.
- **“Co-Sponsorship”** - the active participation and support provided by the City of Mount Vernon in partnership with MVP Healthcare for the MVP Fitness Court Challenge.
- **“Support Services”** - the services provided by the City of Mount Vernon, including but not limited to, placing “No Parking” signs, dropping barricades, fire safety inspections, and deployment of public safety personnel.

Section 2. Authorization of Co-Sponsorship. The City Council authorizes the Mount Vernon Recreation Department to co-sponsor the MVP Fitness Court Challenge with MVP Healthcare on September 19, 2024, and to provide the necessary support services for the event.

Section 3. Department of Public Works Responsibilities. The Department of Public Works is authorized and directed to:

- Place “No Parking” signs 72 hours before the event.
- Drop barricades 24 hours in advance of the event.
- Block off four (4) parking spaces on Oakley Avenue from North 3rd Avenue to Gramatan Avenue.

Section 4. Fire Department and EMS Support. The Fire Department shall inspect the grills used for cooking food at the event to ensure that fire extinguishers are on hand. The Fire Department shall also alert the local EMS vendor to be on standby during the event.

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Section 5. Public Safety Support. The Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD) is requested to patrol the area during the event. The Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel shall be available as needed, with MVP Healthcare covering the expenses.

Section 6. No Cost to the City. There is *no* cost to the city for the co-sponsorship of this event. MVP Healthcare will cover all expenses related to public safety and other support services.

Section 7. Implementation. The Commissioner of the Mount Vernon Recreation Department shall oversee the coordination and implementation of the event, in collaboration with MVP Healthcare.

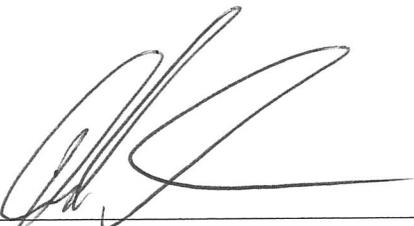
Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

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Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

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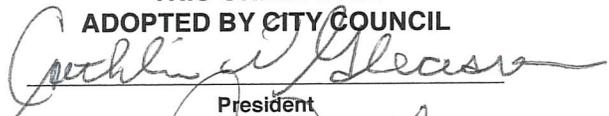
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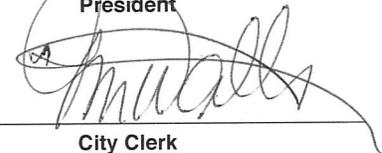
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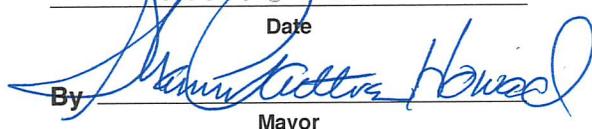


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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
MOUNT VERNON RECREATION DEPARTMENT
TO CO-SPONSOR THE BIG BLOCK PARTY WITH
BUTTAFLY LLC AT 148 SOUTH FOURTH AVENUE**

Whereas, by letter dated July 30, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Recreation has requested legislation authorizing the Mount Vernon Recreation Department to co-sponsor the BIG Block Party with Buttafly LLC at 148 South Fourth Avenue on Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and

Whereas, the mission of the BIG Block Party is to support the Mount Vernon community and empower children by providing essential school supplies for the upcoming academic year, as well as offering valuable community resources and a day of free, enjoyable activities; and

Whereas, the event will include a variety of activities such as free school supply distribution, complimentary haircuts, a fun zone with a bouncy house, face painting, a double dutch contest, community resource booths, free food, live entertainment, and more; and

Whereas, the activities planned for the event include free school supply distribution, complimentary haircuts, a fun zone with a bouncy house, face painting, a double Dutch contest, community resource booths, free food, and live entertainment; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works (DPW) is requested to provide support by placing barricades at the intersections of South 4th Avenue and East 2nd Street and South 4th Avenue and East 3rd Street, posting "No Parking" signs at least 72 hours before the event, and cleaning the streets following the event; and

Whereas, the Recreation Department will provide tables and chairs as part of its sponsorship, and the use of auxiliary police, Fire, and EMS services is requested, with a recommendation that two (2) police officers be hired for the event; and

Whereas, the event presents a unique opportunity to engage with the community and encourage the youth of Mount Vernon; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Co-Sponsor Event. The City Council authorizes the Mount Vernon Recreation Department to co-sponsor the BIG Block Party with Buttafly LLC at 148 South Fourth Avenue on Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Section 2. Definitions. For this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

- **"BIG Block Party"** - the community event organized by Buttafly LLC in collaboration with the City of Mount Vernon Recreation Department on August 31, 2024, at 148 South Fourth Avenue.
- **"Co-Sponsorship"** - the active participation and support provided by the City of Mount Vernon in partnership with Buttafly LLC for the BIG Block Party.
- **"Support Services"** - the services provided by the City of Mount Vernon, including but not limited to placing barricades, posting of "No Parking" signs, street cleaning, provision of tables and chairs, and deploying police, fire, and EMS personnel.

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Section 3. Department of Public Works Responsibilities. The Department of Public Works is authorized and directed to:

- Place barricades at the intersections of South 4th Avenue and East 2nd Street and South 4th Avenue and East 3rd Street.
- Post "No Parking" signs at the designated locations at least 72 hours prior to the event.
- Clean the streets following the conclusion of the event.

Section 4. Recreation Department Sponsorship. The Recreation Department shall provide tables and chairs for the event as part of its sponsorship role.

Section 5. Public Safety Support. The City Council authorizes the deployment of auxiliary police, Fire, and EMS services for the event and recommends that two (2) police officers be hired to ensure public safety during the event.

Section 6. Implementation. The Commissioner of the Mount Vernon Recreation Department shall oversee the coordination and implementation of the event in collaboration with event organizers.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval.

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
 Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
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 Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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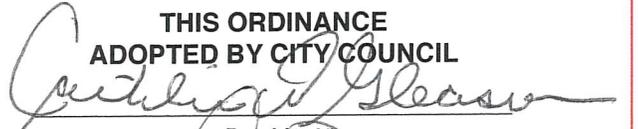


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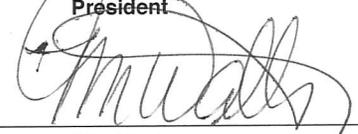
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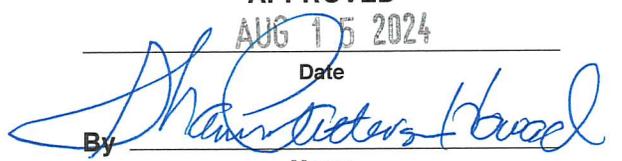
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 City Clerk

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 AUG 15 2024

 Date

 By _____
 Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE ACCOUNTING CONSULTANCY CONTRACT WITH MS. CYNTHIA OWENS FOR THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

Whereas, by letter dated July 9, 2024, the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply has requested legislation authorizing the renewal of the accounting consultancy contract with Ms. Cynthia Owens from August 23, 2024, to August 23, 2026; and

Whereas, the Board of Water Supply of the City of Mount Vernon has identified a need to renew the accounting consultancy contract with Ms. Cynthia Owens, whose expertise has significantly contributed to the efficiency and fiscal accountability of the department; and

Whereas, Ms. Owens has played a crucial role in expediting the completion of fiscal audits, including the successful completion of the fiscal audit for 2019 and active progress on audits for the fiscal years 2020-2023, with a target completion by March 2025; and

Whereas, the continuation of Ms. Owens' consultancy will enhance the operational effectiveness of the department, including the Lead Service Line Program, and maintain up-to-date fiscal accountability; and

Whereas, the necessary funds for this consultancy have been allocated in the adopted 2024 Board of Water Supply budget under the account code 001-526-526002, designated for "PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EXPENSES - ACCOUNTING"; and

Whereas, the consulting agreement mirrors the law department's previously drafted and approved contract; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Renew Consultancy Contract. The City Council authorizes the renewal of the accounting consultancy contract with Ms. Cynthia Owens from August 23, 2024, to August 23, 2026.

Section 2. Compensation. Ms. Owens will be compensated at the rate of \$35.00 per hour through December 31, 2024. Commencing January 1, 2025, the hourly rate will increase to \$50.00 due to increased responsibilities and professional performance.

Section 3. Funding. The Board of Water Supply budget will provide funds for this consultancy under Account Code 001-526-526002, which is designated for "PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EXPENSES—ACCOUNTING."

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

[Signature] Councilperson

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[Signature] Assistant Corporation Counsel Deputy

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

[Signature] President

ATTEST:

[Signature] City Clerk

APPROVED

AUG 15 2024

Date

[Signature] Mayor

APPROVED

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Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea
Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea
Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea
Ordinance Adopted

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A WATER RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

Whereas, by letter dated July 18, 2024, the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to implement a water rate increase effective January 1, 2025; and

Whereas, the Mount Vernon Board of Water Supply is facing cash flow concerns that necessitate a rate increase to ensure the continued provision of water services and operational stability; and

Whereas, the Board of Water Supply has not implemented a rate increase since 2018, despite a significant rise in the cost of goods and services, including a 21% increase in the direct cost of water amounting to \$982,702 over the past six years; and

Whereas, the cost of employee salaries, benefits, and contract obligations has increased due to inflation and the rise in the cost of living, with wages increasing by 31.20% in 2024 and health benefits costs rising by 120% since 2018; and

Whereas, the Mount Vernon Board of Water Supply has reestablished fiscal accountability and advanced operations despite the compounding factors of the pandemic and pre-existing fiscal and legal challenges; and

Whereas, the cost of water to Mount Vernon residents remains one of the lowest in Westchester County, an increase is necessary to stabilize operational cash flow and balance the budget; and

Whereas, the proposed rate increase will provide approximately \$1,842,318 in budget revenue based on average water consumption, easing the operational budget disparity; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization of Attendance. The City Council authorizes the Mayor to implement a water rate increase effective January 1, 2025.

Section 2. Rate of Increase. The water rate will increase by 18.1%, resulting in a \$0.66 increment in the billable rate from \$3.64 to \$4.30 per 100 cubic feet of water.

Section 3. Billable Amount. The minimum billable amount per quarter will change from \$54.60 to \$64.50.

Section 4. Rate Increment. The following factors justify the rate increment:

- 1. The Mount Vernon Board of Water Supply has not initiated a rate increase since 2018.
2. The direct cost of water has increased by 21% to 25% (\$982,702) over the past six years.
3. The cost of health benefits for employees has increased by 120% since 2018.
4. The cost of employee salaries, benefits, and contract obligations has increased due to cost of living and inflation, with wages increasing by 31% in 2024.
5. The impact of inflation on all operational goods and services.
6. The present negative operational cash flow without cash reserve.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Councilperson signature and title

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel signature and title

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President signature and title

ATTEST:

City Clerk signature and title

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Mayor signature and title

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Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Potat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING
BUSINESS VIDEO CAMERAS IN THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the need to regulate certain business establishments within its jurisdiction to require video camera systems for the public health, safety, and welfare; and

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “City of Mount Vernon Business Video Camera Ordinance.”

Section 2. Video camera systems required. The following business establishments shall install and maintain a video camera system (referred to as “system”): businesses that are licensed to sell alcohol by the State of New York to the public for consumption, either on or off premises; smoke shops and/or tobacco retailers; cannabis retail dispensaries and/or consumption sites; businesses whose premises are regularly open to the public for any amount of time between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 4:00 a.m.; check-cashing businesses; licensed secondhand dealers that buy and sell precious metals; pharmacies that are licensed by the State of New York; motor vehicle body repair shops; motor vehicle service and repair facilities; and pawn shops that are licensed by the City of Mount Vernon (collectively referred to in this chapter as “businesses”). The system shall conform to the following requirements:

A. The video cameras shall be installed at or near each and every entrance or exit regularly used by customers or employees. The cameras shall be positioned so as to view and record a full frame of the individual’s face as he/she is entering and/or exiting the business establishment and, to the extent practicable, activity within 15 feet of the area around each entrance or exit.

B. The video cameras shall be sufficiently light-sensitive and provide sufficient image resolution (supported by additional lighting if necessary) to produce easily discernible and accurate facial images recorded at all times.

C. The video camera shall record at a minimum speed of eight frames per second.

D. The video cameras’ images shall be capable of being viewed through use of appropriate technology, including, but not limited to, a computer screen or closed-circuit television monitor.

E. The video recorder shall be digital in nature and be capable of transferring the recorded images to a portable, digital form of media.

F. The video cameras are not required to have audio capability.

G. The video cameras shall be maintained in good working condition.

H. The video cameras shall be in operation and recording during all hours of operation of the business and for two hours after the business closes.

I. The recordings made by video cameras installed and maintained pursuant to this section shall be indexed by dates and times.

Section 3. Operating procedures. The businesses subject to the provisions of this chapter must comply with the following requirements in relation to the preservation of the recordings, storage of the system, availability of recordings, dissemination of recordings, inspection of systems and certification of compliance:

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A. The recordings made by video cameras installed and maintained pursuant to this chapter must be preserved for a minimum of 30 days.

B. The recordings made by video cameras installed and maintained pursuant to this chapter must be made available to the City of Mount Vernon Police Department for purposes of an official investigation or when approved by the Police Commissioner or his/her designee.

C. The recordings must be turned over to the City of Mount Vernon Police Department upon its demand while the business is open and/or as soon as possible if the business is closed.

D. All recordings made by video cameras installed and maintained pursuant to this chapter while in possession of the business shall be stored in a locked receptacle, preferably located in a controlled access area, to which only authorized personnel may have access, or shall otherwise be secured so that only authorized personnel may access such video recordings.

E. The business shall keep a log of all instances of requests for, access to, dissemination and use of recorded materials made by video cameras installed and maintained pursuant to this chapter. Copies of the access log shall be provided to the City of Mount Vernon Police Department upon demand.

F. The system must be available to the City of Mount Vernon Building Department and Police Department for inspection at all times, during such time that the business is open to the public, to ensure compliance with the requirements set forth in this chapter.

G. Each business subject to the provisions of this chapter shall submit a certification report to the Police Department, on a form prescribed by said department, by January 31 of each year. The report shall certify that the business has complied with this chapter.

Section 4. Installation of video cameras. The businesses subject to the provisions of this chapter must comply with the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and the Code of the City of Mount Vernon when installing and maintaining the system. All necessary permits must be applied for and obtained from the Mount Vernon Building Department, including, but not limited to, an equipment permit and an electrical permit. Drawings and specifications shall be submitted to the Mount Vernon Building Department showing the proposed location of the system and the technical details of the system.

Section 5. Time for compliance. Extension of time for compliance. The businesses subject to the provisions of this chapter shall complete the installation of the required system by no later than March 1, 2025. In the event the business demonstrates a good reason why it cannot meet this date set for obtaining and installing a system, the Building Department, or his/her designee, may for such good reason stated grant one extension of time to comply with this chapter, such time not to exceed six months.

Section 6. Enforcement.

A. Notice of violation. When the Building Department or Police Department finds that a person has violated or failed to meet a requirement of this chapter, it may order compliance by written notice of violation to the responsible person.

B. Penalties. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a violation and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in an amount not exceeding \$1,000 or be imprisoned for a period not exceeding 15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such.

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Section 7. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the City Council's review, passage, and approval.

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Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

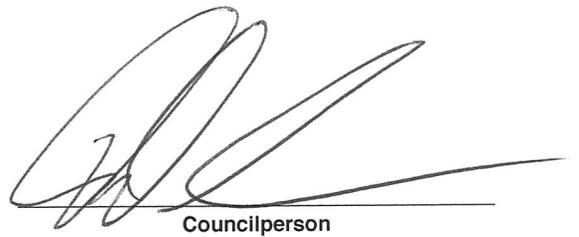
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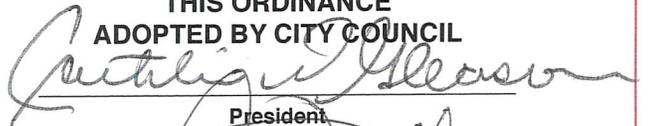

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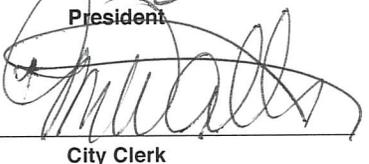
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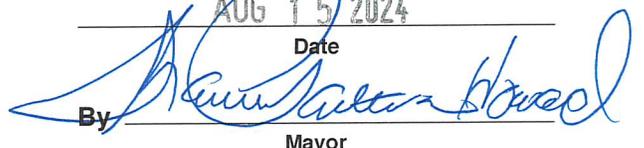
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By _____
Mayor

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT TO THE MOUNT VERNON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Whereas, Section 268 of the Mount Vernon City Code provides for the appointment of members to the Charter Review Commission ("Commission") to review the existing Charter of the City and recommend revisions or amendments to the residents of the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the Commission is composed of 15 members appointed no later than every 10th year following the expiration of the term of the previous Commission; and

Whereas, the City Council acknowledges the necessity of appointing qualified individuals to serve on the Commission to ensure a comprehensive review and potential revision of the City Charter; **Now, Therefore, Be It**

Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, as follows:

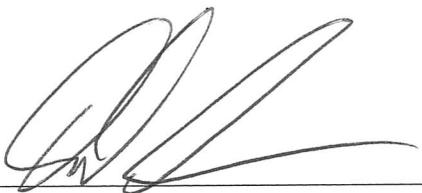
Section 1. Appointment of Commission Member. The City Council hereby appoints the following individual as a member of the Mount Vernon Charter Review Commission:

- Morenike (Nike) E. Williams, SPHR

Section 2. Responsibilities of the Commission. The Commission shall conduct a thorough review of the City of Mount Vernon's existing Charter and recommend any revisions or amendments deemed necessary for the City's residents.

Section 3. Term of the Commission. The Commission shall serve until its recommendations are presented and addressed, as provided by Section 268 of the Mount Vernon City Code, and a subsequent Commission is appointed no later than every 10th year thereafter.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval by the City Council.



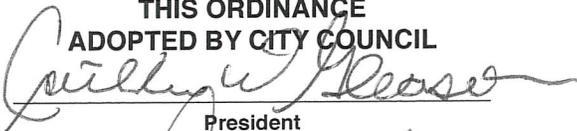
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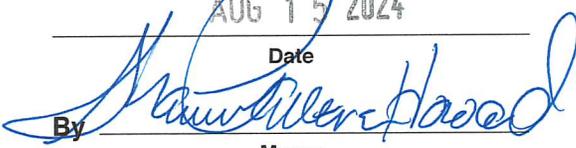
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Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON ACKNOWLEDGING THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE MOUNT VERNON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Whereas, Section 268 of the Mount Vernon City Code provides for the appointment of members to the Charter Review Commission ("Commission") to review the existing Charter of the City and recommend revisions or amendments to the residents of the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the Commission is to be composed of 15 members appointed no later than every 10th year following the expiration of the term of the previous Commission; and

Whereas, the City Council recognizes the importance of appointing dedicated and qualified individuals to serve on the Commission to ensure a comprehensive review and potential revision of the City Charter; and

Whereas, the Mayor has appointed Rosia Blackwell Lawrence to serve on the Charter Review Commission; **Now, Therefore, Be It**

Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Acknowledgment of Mayoral Appointment. The City Council hereby acknowledges the appointment of the following individual by the Mayor to the Mount Vernon Charter Review Commission:

- Rosia Blackwell Lawrence

Section 2. Responsibilities of the Commission. The Commission shall conduct a thorough review of the City of Mount Vernon's existing charter and recommend any revisions or amendments deemed necessary for the city's residents.

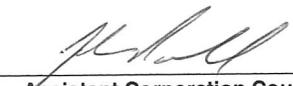
Section 3. Term of the Commission. The Commission shall serve until its recommendations are presented and addressed, as provided by Section 268 of the Mount Vernon City Code, and a subsequent Commission is appointed no later than every 10th year thereafter.

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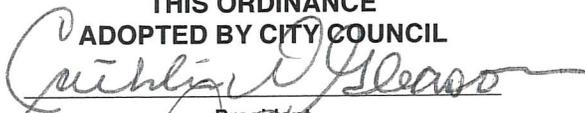
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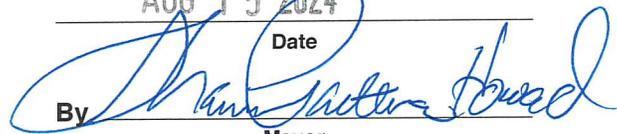


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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH FEEDING WESTCHESTER

Whereas, by letter dated August 1, 2024, the Commissioner of the Recreation Department has requested legislation authorizing Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, on behalf of the Mount Vernon Recreation Department, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Feeding Westchester, as outlined in the attached document; and

Whereas, Feeding Westchester has been a vital resource for the Mount Vernon community, significantly contributing to the well-being of its residents by addressing food insecurity and providing nutritious meals to people of all ages; and

Whereas, Feeding Westchester's efforts support the healthy development of children and ensure that senior citizens receive the nourishment necessary for a dignified and healthy life, thereby reinforcing the health and unity of the community; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon and Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard seek to continue this beneficial relationship by entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Feeding Westchester; and

Whereas, the MOU includes the use of Link2Feed, a holistic client management system designed for hunger relief organizations, which will collect, manage, and report service data, ensuring compliance and effective program management; and

Whereas, Feeding Westchester will provide Chromebooks, hotspot service, and a scanner barcode for the program, covering the costs of monthly licensing fees and services for its various programs, without incurring any costs to the City of Mount Vernon; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Enter MOU. The City Council authorizes Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, on behalf of the Mount Vernon Recreation Department, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Feeding Westchester, as outlined in the attached document.

Section 2. Implementation of Link2Feed. The City of Mount Vernon will implement the Link2Feed client management system to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of service delivery for Feeding Westchester programs within the community.

Section 3. No Cost to the City. There shall be no financial obligation incurred by the City of Mount Vernon under this MOU, as Feeding Westchester will cover all associated costs, including those for equipment, services, and program licensing.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Derrick Thoms
Councilperson

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL
Catherine Gleason
President

ATTEST:
City Clerk

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AUG 15 2024

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By Mayor

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Boxhill: Yea Brown: Yea
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Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SMART
STEPS FOR THE MOUNT VERNON YOUTH
BUREAU'S SAFE PLACE FOR OUR GIRLS PROGRAM**

Whereas, by letter dated July 12, 2024, the Deputy Director for the Youth Bureau has requested that the City Council enact legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Smart Steps for the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Safe Place for Our Girls program, covering the period from July 9, 2024, through August 16, 2024; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to providing educational and entrepreneurial opportunities for its youth; and

Whereas, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau has been approved to accept a grant from the Department of Health & Human Services and the Administration for Children and Families for the Safe Place for Our Girls program, in the amount of \$999,999.00 for the contract period of August 30, 2023 – August 30, 2024; and

Whereas, the Safe Place for Our Girls program aims to deliver the Startup Smartup entrepreneurship curriculum and provide training and support for the "Shark Tank" presentation; and

Whereas, Startup Smartup is an online program teaching the fundamentals of entrepreneurship using video tutorials and guidebooks to teach students how to start specific jobs and develop essential business skills; and

Whereas, Smart Steps will provide twenty-four (24) 2-hour sessions at the rate of \$225.00 per hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays, totaling \$5,400.00, twelve (12) 2-hour sessions at the rate of \$200.00 per hour on Fridays, totaling \$2,400.00, and six (6) hours of service for pre/post preparation, including the day of the "Shark Tank" presentation at the rate of \$225.00 per hour, totaling \$1,350.00; and

Whereas, the final cost to deliver this program will not exceed \$9,150.00, and funds for this program are to be accounted for in Expense Code A7318-405 (contracted expenses); **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Enter into Agreement. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Smart Steps for the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Safe Place for Our Girls program, covering the period from July 9, 2024, through August 16, 2024.

Section 2. Smart Steps Deliverables. Smart Steps shall deliver the Startup Smartup entrepreneurship curriculum and provide training and support in preparation for the "Shark Tank" presentation as outlined in the agreement.

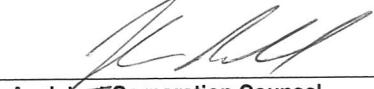
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Section 3. Funding. The total cost for the services provided by Smart Steps shall not exceed \$9,150.00, and the funds for this program shall be appropriated from Expense Code A7318-405 (contracted expenses).

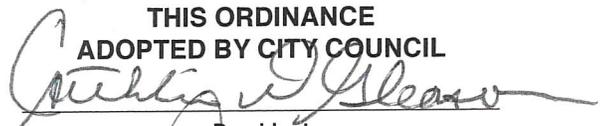
Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Deputy


Councilperson

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Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RETROACTIVELY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BREAK BREAD, NOT HEARTS FOR THE MOUNT VERNON YOUTH BUREAU'S SAFE PLACE FOR OUR GIRLS AND SAFE HAVEN SUMMER PROGRAMS

Whereas, by letter dated July 21, 2024, the Deputy Director for the Youth Bureau has requested that the City Council enact legislation authorizing the Mayor to retroactively enter into an agreement with Break Bread not Hearts, for the provision of nutrition and cooking instruction sessions for the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Safe Place for Our Girls and Safe Haven Summer Programs for the period of July 9, 2024, through August 16, 2024; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to supporting the well-being and development of its youth through various programs and initiatives; and

Whereas, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Safe Place for Our Girls, serving 32 participants, and Safe Haven Summer Programs, serving 71 participants, provide essential services and opportunities for young people in the community; and

Whereas, in an ordinance dated September 13, 2023, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau was approved to accept a grant from the Department of Health & Human Services and the Administration for Children and Families for the Safe Place for Our Girls program in the amount of \$999,999.00 for the contract period of August 30, 2023, to August 30, 2024; and

Whereas, an ordinance dated March 13, 2024, authorized the Mayor to enter into a retroactive service agreement with the Westchester County Youth Bureau and the Board of Legislators in the amount of \$180,718.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024; and

Whereas, Break Bread Not Hearts, founded in 2012, operates with the philosophy of "Cooking UP Community" and is dedicated to supporting local and regional farmers and producers, providing nutrition and cooking instruction sessions; and

Whereas, Break Bread, Not Hearts will provide six (6) nutrition/cooking instruction sessions per program at the rate of \$600.00 per session, and conduct a "cook-off" at the end of the summer program, with program fees not exceeding \$7,800.00; and

Whereas, funds for this program are to be equally accounted for in Expense Codes A7318-405 (contracted expenses) and A7314-458 (miscellaneous); **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to retroactively enter into an agreement with Break Bread Not Hearts for the provision of nutrition and cooking instruction sessions for the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Safe Place for Our Girls and Safe Haven Summer Programs for the period of July 9, 2024, through August 16, 2024.

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Section 2. Funding. The total cost for the services that Break Bread Not Hearts provides shall not exceed \$7,800.00, with funds equally allocated from Expense Codes A7318-405 and A7314-458.

Section 3. Program Details. Break Bread Not Hearts shall conduct six (6) nutrition/cooking instruction sessions per program and a "cook-off" at the end of the summer program, providing organic and natural food, cooking utensils, and necessary supplies.

Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**THIS ORDINANCE
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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RETROACTIVELY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH INFERNO365 FITNESS FOR THE MOUNT VERNON YOUTH BUREAU'S SAFE PLACE FOR OUR GIRLS AND GIRLS EMBRACING MATURITY PROGRAMS

Whereas, by letter dated August 5, 2024, the Deputy Director of the Youth Bureau has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to retroactively enter into an agreement with Inferno365 Fitness to deliver the ULIFTT curriculum for the Safe Place for Our Girls and Girls Embracing Maturity programs from July 9, 2024, through August 16, 2024, at a total cost not to exceed \$9,000.00; and

Whereas, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau has established the Safe Place for Our Girls (SP4OG) and Girls Embracing Maturity (GEM) programs to provide essential life skills, leadership qualities, and personal development tools to young girls; and

Whereas, the Youth Bureau received a grant in the amount of \$999,999.00 from the Department of Health & Human Services and the Administration for Children and Families for the SP4OG program, as approved in an ordinance dated September 13, 2023, for the period August 30, 2023, through August 30, 2024; and

Whereas, the Youth Bureau has been authorized, as of March 13, 2024, to enter into a service agreement with the Westchester County Youth Bureau and the Board of Legislators for an amount of \$180,718.00 for the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024; and

Whereas, Inferno365 Fitness has been identified to deliver its ULIFTT curriculum, offering six (6) 1-hour sessions to the GEM program at a total cost of \$3,000.00 and twelve (12) 1-hour sessions to the SP4OG program at a total cost of \$6,000.00, with a final cost not to exceed \$9,000.00; and

Whereas, funds for these services are to be drawn from Expense Codes A7327.458 (miscellaneous) and A7318-405 (contracted expenses); **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor is authorized to retroactively enter into an agreement with Inferno365 Fitness to deliver the ULIFTT curriculum for the Safe Place for Our Girls and Girls Embracing Maturity programs from July 9, 2024, through August 16, 2024, at a total cost not to exceed \$9,000.00.

Section 2. Funding Allocation. The necessary funds for this agreement shall be allocated from Expense Codes A7327.458 (misc.) and A7318-405 (contracted expenses), as specified.

Section 3. Definitions:

- **ULIFTT Curriculum:** A program developed by Inferno365 Fitness designed to equip young individuals with life skills, leadership qualities, and personal development tools.
- **GEM Program:** Girls Embracing Maturity, a program aimed at empowering young girls in Mount Vernon.
- **SP4OG Program:** Safe Place for Our Girls, a program designed to support and develop young girls in Mount Vernon.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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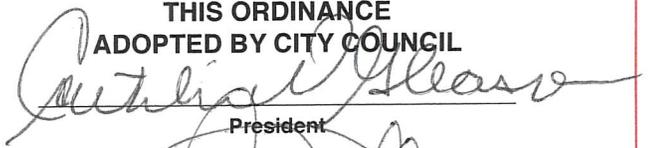
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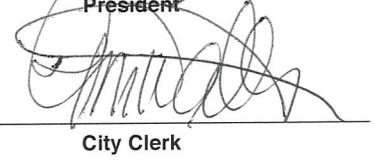
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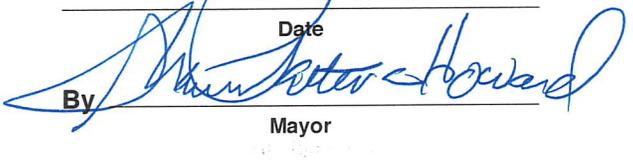
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 By 
 Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMAND VEHICLE

Whereas, by letter dated July 30, 2024, the Commissioner of the Fire Department has requested legislation authorizing the transfer of \$4,805.00 to cover the increased pricing for the Fire Department Command Vehicle, a 2023 Chevy Silverado 2500HD; and

Whereas, the City Council of Mount Vernon previously authorized the purchase of a Fire Department Command Vehicle under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

Whereas, the vehicle, a 2023 Chevy Silverado 2500HD, was ordered in 2022; and

Whereas, due to COVID-19, there have been significant delays and backlogs in vehicle deliveries, resulting in an increase in pricing; and

Whereas, an additional amount of \$4,805.00 is required to cover the increased cost of the vehicle; and

Whereas, it is necessary to transfer funds to secure the purchase of this essential Fire Department Command Vehicle; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization of Fund Transfer. The City Council authorizes the transfer of \$4,805.00 to cover the increased pricing for the Fire Department Command Vehicle, a 2023 Chevy Silverado 2500HD.

Section 2. Source of Funds. The funds for this transfer shall be allocated from available budget lines within the Fire Department's ARPA allocation, shown in the Chart below, ensuring no disruption to other essential services or projects.

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Section 3. Purpose of Transfer. The transferred funds shall be used exclusively to cover the cost increase associated with purchasing the Fire Department Command Vehicle, as previously authorized by City Council legislation.

Section 4. Implementation. The Comptroller's Office will execute the necessary financial transactions to complete this fund transfer promptly.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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President signature line

ATTEST:

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Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 17, ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2022, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE TWO (2) COMMAND VEHICLES AND PAYMENT OF THE EQUIPMENT WITH ARPA FUNDS"

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The first decretal paragraph, the second WHEREAS CLAUSE Section 3 of Ordinance No. 17, adopted by the City Council on September 14, 2022, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE TWO (2) COMMAND VEHICLES AND PAYMENT OF THE EQUIPMENT WITH ARPA FUNDS" is hereby amended as follows:

WHEREAS, by letter dated [August 17, 2022] July 30, 2024, Fire Commissioner, Deborah M. Norman has requested legislation to amend Ordinance No. 17, adopted by the City Council on September 14, 2022, authorizing the purchase of two (2) Command Vehicles and payment of equipment using ARPA funds ("ARP") in the amount of [\$167,293.00] \$172,098.00. The respective Command Vehicles identified as Car 1A and Car 2, are the emergency response vehicles of the Fire Department's Chief of Operations and the On-Duty 24-hour shift Commander Battalion 2/Duty Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell Award Contracts Firetrucks Unlimited / AEV #110921 Public Safety has been identified and the vehicles are shown below:

Table with 2 columns: Vehicle Description and Amount. Rows include CAR 1A - 2022 Chevy Tahoe SSV Conversion - AEV Specialty Vehicles (\$79,949.00), CAR 2 - 2022 Chevy Silverado 2500HD - AEV Specialty Vehicles (\$87,344.00 / \$92,149.00), and TOTAL: (\$167,293.00 / \$172,098.00).

NOW, THEREFORE,

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The Fire Department is hereby authorized to purchase of two (2) Command Vehicles and payment of equipment using ARPA funds in the amount of \$167,293.00. The respective Command Vehicles identified as Car 1A and Car 2 are the emergency response vehicles of the Fire Department's Chief of Operations and the On-Duty 24-hour shift Commander Battalion 2/Duty Fire Chief.

Section 2. Funds for the aforesaid not to exceed [\$167,293.00] \$172,098.00 are available in ARPA Funds Budget Line A3410.203 ARP and purchased through Government Services GOV-002 6.1.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY PARKING LOT #1 FOR A FUNDRAISING CAR WASH BY LOCAL 107 UFFA

Whereas, by letter dated July 31, 2024, the Commissioner of the Fire Department has requested legislation authorizing Local 107 UFFA to utilize City Parking Lot #1, exclusive of the permitted area, on August 24, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to conduct a Fundraising Car Wash; and

Whereas, the Executive Board of Local 107 UFFA has requested authorization to utilize City Parking Lot #1 for a Fundraising Car Wash to support their Calendar; and

Whereas, the car wash will be set up inside Parking Lot #1, located between South 5th and South 6th Avenues, and has been coordinated with the Parking Bureau and Mount Vernon Police Department; and

Whereas, the Fire Department supports this fundraising activity but is not directly involved in the event; and

Whereas, this event provides an opportunity for community engagement and support for Local 107 UFFA; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Use City Parking Lot #1. The City Council authorizes Local 107 UFFA to utilize City Parking Lot #1, exclusive of the permitted area), on August 24, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to conduct a Fundraising Car Wash.

Section 2. Coordination and Compliance. Local 107 UFFA shall coordinate with the Parking Bureau and Mount Vernon Police Department to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations and to maintain safety and order during the event.

Section 3. Liability and Responsibilities:

- 1. Local 107 UFFA shall be responsible for any set-up and clean-up associated with the event.
2. Local 107 UFFA agrees to indemnify and hold the City of Mount Vernon harmless from any claims or liabilities arising from the use of City Parking Lot #1 for this event.

Section 4. Insurance. The foregoing permission is granted upon the express condition that the said LOCAL 107 UFFA shall assume all liability for and will indemnify and hold the City of Mount Vernon harmless of and from any damages that occur to persons or property because of the holding of said "Car Wash" and that said LOCAL 107 UFFA before acting upon this ordinance, shall file with the City Clerk and to be approved by the Corporation Counsel, a public liability policy covering the City of Mount Vernon as an additional insured with policy limits of at least \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for each event.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect only upon filing the above-described documents in the office of the City Clerk of Mount Vernon.

[Signature] Councilperson

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[Signature] Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

[Signature] President

ATTEST: [Signature] City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY
DESIGNATED ON-STREET PARKING AT
30 WARREN PLACE TO ACCOMMODATE
HOLIDAY SHOPPING**

Whereas, by letter dated July 30, 2024, the Director of Business Development has requested legislation authorizing temporary designated on-street parking established along the property line of 30 Warren Place from November 5, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Parking shall be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and

Whereas, American Christmas, the property owner of 30 Warren Place, Mount Vernon, is opening its 110,000-square-foot warehouse to the public for the first time for “A Christmas Experience” called “Holiday Lane”; and

Whereas, “Holiday Lane” is a tour experience of American Christmas’ iconic holiday displays within the showroom and warehouse, including a pop-up retail store offering holiday decorations and themed products for purchase; and

Whereas, the proceeds from “Holiday Lane” will benefit three nonprofit organizations located within the City of Mount Vernon: the Mount Vernon Boys and Girls Club, Y-COP, and Northeast Steam Starter Academy; and

Whereas, it is necessary to establish designated parking spaces along the property line of 30 Warren Place to accommodate visitors to the event from November 5, 2024, through December 31, 2024; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1: Designated Parking.

1.1 Location and Duration: Temporary designated on-street parking spaces are hereby established along the property line of 30 Warren Place from November 5, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Parking shall be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

1.2 Number of Spaces: Approximately 14 parking spaces shall be designated for this purpose, with each space estimated to be occupied for one-hour intervals.

Section 2: Event Details:

2.1 Event Description: “Holiday Lane” is a public event hosted by American Christmas. It features a tour of holiday displays and a pop-up retail store.

2.2 Beneficiaries: Proceeds from the event will benefit the Mount Vernon Boys and Girls Club, Y-COP, and Northeast Steam Starter Academy, all located within the City of Mount Vernon.

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Section 3: Implementation:

3.1 Signage and Enforcement: The Department of Public Works shall install appropriate signage to indicate designated parking areas. Enforcement of parking regulations will be the responsibility of the Mount Vernon Police Department.

3.2 Coordination: American Christmas shall coordinate with the Mount Vernon Police Department and the Department of Public Works to ensure smooth traffic flow and access during the event.

Section 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage by the City Council.

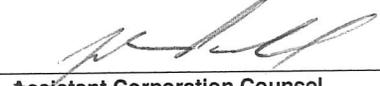
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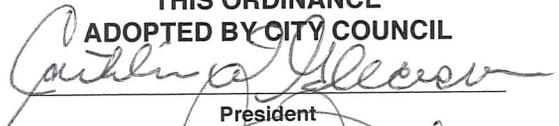

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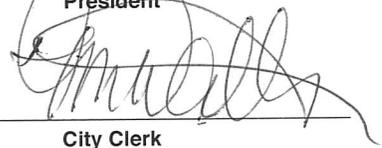
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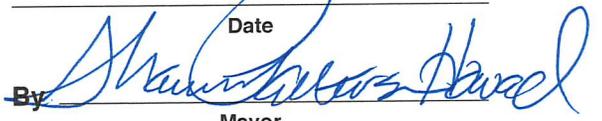

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ATTEST:


City Clerk

**APPROVED
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Date


By _____
Mayor

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT
WITH CENTRALSQUARE FOR SOFTWARE
LICENSING AND MAINTENANCE**

Whereas, by letter dated August 7, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation for the Mayor to enter into a one-year agreement with CentralSquare for the renewal of the software licensing and maintenance agreement for the 'Impact' CAD and RMS systems; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety has utilized the 'Impact' CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) and RMS (Records Management System) software from CentralSquare since 2015 to manage its 911 call intake, coordination, and records management functions; and

Whereas, the software licensing and maintenance agreement with CentralSquare expired on March 1, 2024, and there is a need to renew this agreement for a period of one year to ensure continued functionality and support; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety anticipates transitioning to a new CAD and RMS software system provided by Tyler Technology and does not expect to extend this contract beyond February 2025; and

Whereas, the Honorable Council, on April 24, 2024, approved an ordinance updating the City of Mount Vernon's Procurement procedures, which includes an exemption for professional services requiring special or technical skills, such as customized computer software, as outlined in Section 6, subsection A, sub-subsection b(ix); and

Whereas, the cost for this contract renewal will be \$160,374.49, which will be satisfied from Budget Line A3120.416 (Computerization/Technology Upgrades); **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a one-year agreement with CentralSquare for the renewal of the software licensing and maintenance agreement for the 'Impact' CAD and RMS systems.

Section 2. Term. The contract term shall be from March 1, 2024, to February 28, 2025.

Section 3. Cost. The total cost of the contract renewal is \$160,374.49, to be paid from Budget Line A3120.416 (Computerization/Technology Upgrades).

Section 4. Exemption. Pursuant to the City of Mount Vernon's Procurement procedures, this contract is exempt from the competitive procurement process due to its nature as a professional service requiring special or technical skills and involving customized software.

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Section 5. Definitions.

- **Department of Public Safety:** The City department responsible for maintaining public safety through effective management of emergency services.
- **CentralSquare:** The software provider for the 'Impact' CAD and RMS systems used by the Department of Public Safety.
- **CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch):** A system used to manage and coordinate emergency calls and dispatch services.
- **RMS (Records Management System):** A system used to manage and store records and data related to public safety operations.

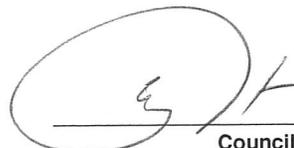
Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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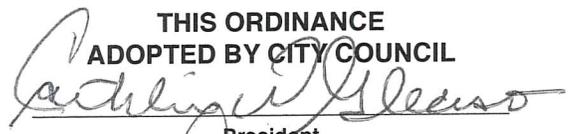


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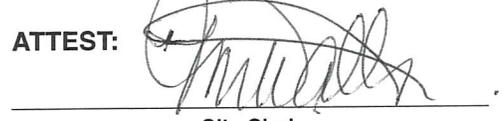
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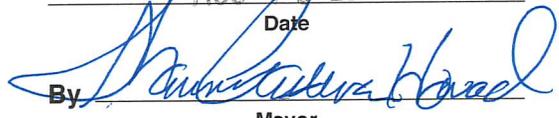


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 Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGET LINES FUNDED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE PARKING BUREAU

Whereas, by letter dated August 5, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing the transfer of \$75,000.00 from Budget Line A1130.203 (Parking Bureau Equipment) to Budget Line A3120.203 (Police Dept Equipment) to facilitate the acquisition and repair of necessary equipment for the Department of Public Safety; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon has determined a need for the transfer of funds to facilitate upcoming equipment purchases for the Department of Public Safety; and

Whereas, a review has concluded that \$75,000.00 must be transferred from Budget Line A1130.203 (Parking Bureau Equipment) to Budget Line A3120.203 (Police Dept Equipment); and

Whereas, the funds will be utilized to cover the purchase of essential equipment, including the Motorola Solutions Radio System, the Emergency Service Unit, and repairs to the current radio system, enhancing the operational capabilities of the Department of Public Safety; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization of Funds Transfer. The City Council authorizes the transfer of \$75,000.00 from Budget Line A1130.203 (Parking Bureau Equipment) to Budget Line A3120.203 (Police Dept Equipment) to facilitate acquiring and repairing necessary equipment for the Department of Public Safety.

Section 2. Implementation. The Department of Finance is directed to make the necessary accounting adjustments to effectuate the transfer as specified in Section 1, ensuring compliance with all applicable financial regulations and policies.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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[Signature] Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

[Signature] President

ATTEST:

[Signature] City Clerk

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AUG 15 2024

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[Signature] Mayor

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Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
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Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING
A ONE-YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR COMPUTER
CONSOLE OPERATOR, DEANNA ALGIERI**

Whereas, by letter dated July 30, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation retroactively authorizing a one-year leave of absence for Deanna Algieri, Computer Console Operator, to serve as a Civil Service Crime Analyst within the Department of Public Safety; and

Whereas, Deanna Algieri, a Computer Console Operator, has requested a one-year leave of absence to assume the Civil Service position of Crime Analyst within the Department of Public Safety; and

Whereas, the City Council passed increased funding for the Crime Analyst position at the meeting held on June 26, 2024; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to support the professional development and career advancement of its employees; and

Whereas, the leave of absence, if approved, will be retroactively effective as of July 1, 2024; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Approval of Leave of Absence. The City Council retroactively approves a one-year leave of absence for Deanna Algieri, Computer Console Operator, to serve as a Civil Service Crime Analyst within the Department of Public Safety.

Section 2. Effective Date. The leave of absence shall be retroactively effective as of July 1, 2024.

Section 3. Terms and Conditions. Deanna Algieri shall retain all rights and privileges associated with her current position as Computer Console Operator during the leave of absence period, consistent with the applicable laws and regulations governing such employment actions.

Section 4. Reinstatement. Upon completion of the one-year leave of absence, Deanna Algieri shall have the right to return to her position as Computer Console Operator or a comparable position within the City of Mount Vernon, subject to the availability of such positions and in accordance with Civil Service regulations.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.



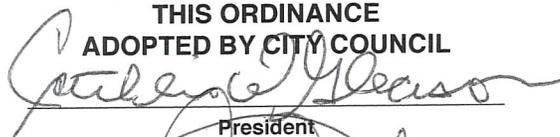
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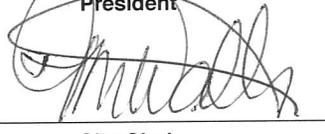


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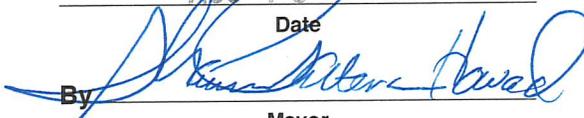
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Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERAS AND RELATED TECHNOLOGY

Whereas, by letter dated July 25, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing the use of \$803,488.00 from the State of New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Technology Grant to purchase the specified technology package from Motorola Solutions Inc., as detailed in this ordinance; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety has identified a need to enhance citywide law enforcement capabilities through the deployment of advanced technology; and

Whereas, the State of New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has provided a Law Enforcement Technology Grant (LETECH) for \$1,028,565.00, which has been allocated to budget line A3120.203 (Equipment); and

Whereas, the City Council approved the acceptance of this grant on June 12, 2024, and the Board of Estimate approved it on June 17, 2024; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety requests authorization to utilize \$803,488.00 of these funds to purchase a comprehensive technology package to enhance public safety and investigative capabilities; and

Whereas, the purchase includes the following items:

Item	Description	Price
Motorola LPR Package	39 fixed license plate reader cameras, software, equipment, and installation	\$549,395.00
Command Center AWARE/Investigate Package	2-year software package	\$249,173.00
Callyo	Motorola app-based software for investigations and evidence collection	\$4,920.00
Grand Total:		\$803,488.00

Whereas, the Command Central AWARE room will allow the police department to connect, view, and control real-time camera feeds from across the city and interface with patrol units to provide visual scene access; and

Whereas, Motorola Solutions Inc. is the vendor providing the labor and materials under NYS contract # PT68722, thereby eliminating the need for competitive bidding as per the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy adopted on April 24, 2024; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization of Funds. The City Council authorizes \$803,488.00 from the State of New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Technology Grant to purchase the specified technology package from Motorola Solutions Inc., as detailed in this ordinance.

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Section 2. Procurement and Budget. The \$803,488.00 expenditure will be applied to Budget Code A3120.203 (Equipment) in accordance with the terms of the LETECH grant and the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy.

Section 3. Implementation. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to proceed with acquiring and installing the specified technology items to enhance the city's law enforcement capabilities.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

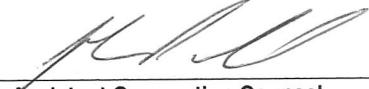
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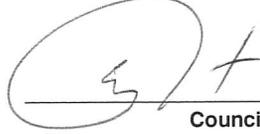
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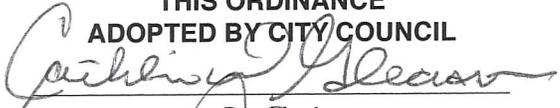
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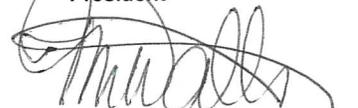

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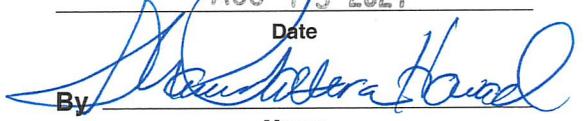
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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE
OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK
STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SERVICES LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY
GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
COMMAND CENTRAL AWARE ROOM**

Whereas, by letter dated July 25, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing the use of \$220,576.98 from the State of New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Technology Grant to purchase supplies, equipment, and labor necessary for the construction of the Command Central AWARE room at police headquarters; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety has identified the need for a Command Central AWARE room to enhance the capabilities of the Mount Vernon Police Department in monitoring and controlling real-time camera feeds across the city; and

Whereas, the State of New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has provided a Law Enforcement Technology Grant (LETECH) in the total amount of \$1,028,565.00, which has been allocated to Budget Line A3120.203 (Equipment); and

Whereas, the City Council approved the acceptance of this grant on June 12, 2024, and the Board of Estimate approved it on June 17, 2024; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety requests authorization to utilize \$220,576.98 of these funds to purchase supplies, equipment, and labor necessary for the construction of the Command Central AWARE room within police headquarters; and

Whereas, the construction of the AWARE room will enable the police department to connect, view, and control real-time camera feeds citywide and interface with patrol units for enhanced situational awareness; and

Whereas, Electronic Systems Solutions, Inc. (ESS) will provide the labor and materials under NYS contract # PT68793, eliminating the need for competitive bidding as per the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy adopted on April 24, 2024; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization of Funds. The City Council authorizes the use of \$220,576.98 from the State of New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Technology Grant to purchase supplies, equipment, and labor necessary for the construction of the Command Central AWARE room at police headquarters.

Section 2. Procurement and Budget. The \$220,576.98 expenditure will be applied to Budget Code A3120.203 (Equipment) in accordance with the terms of the LETECH grant and the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy.

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Section 3. Implementation. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to proceed with acquiring necessary supplies, equipment, and labor from Electronic Systems Solutions, Inc. (ESS) for the construction of the Command Central AWARE room.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

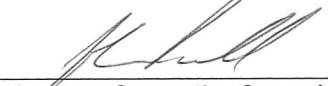
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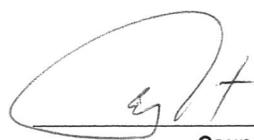
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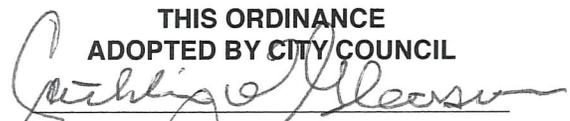


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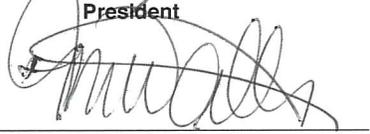


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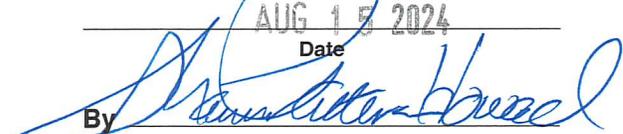


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By Mayor

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICE UNIT (ESU) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Whereas, by letter dated July 25, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing the Department of Public Safety to purchase the Jaws of Life Cutter and the Jaws of Life Spreader from Atlantic Diving Supplies Inc. (ADS) at a total cost of \$28,994.54; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety has identified the need for new essential equipment for the Emergency Service Unit (ESU) to enhance response capabilities during vehicular accidents, crime scenes, and urgent rescue events; and

Whereas, the equipment to be purchased includes the Jaws of Life Cutter and the Jaws of Life Spreader, which are critical for life-saving operations; and

Whereas, the total cost for these two pieces of equipment is \$28,994.54, as detailed below:

Item Name	Description	Price
Jaws of Life Cutter	S789 E3 Cutter, includes two (2) 9Ah batteries and one (1) 110 Volt Charger	\$13,848.18
Jaws of Life Spreader	SP555 E3 Spreader, includes two (2) 9Ah batteries and one (1) 110 Volt Charger	\$15,146.36
Total Cost:		\$28,994.54

Whereas, the company providing the equipment is Atlantic Diving Supplies Inc. (ADS), under NYS contract #PC69011, which allows for procurement without competitive bidding as per the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy adopted on April 24, 2024; and

Whereas, this acquisition is necessary to ensure the ESU is equipped with the latest and most effective tools to carry out its mission of public safety and emergency response; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization of Purchase. The City Council authorizes the Department of Public Safety to purchase the Jaws of Life Cutter and the Jaws of Life Spreader from Atlantic Diving Supplies Inc. (ADS) at \$28,994.54.

Section 2. Implementation and Execution. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to execute all necessary actions to complete this purchase and ensure the timely delivery and deployment of the equipment.

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Section 3. Compliance with Procurement Policy. This purchase complies with the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy, as the equipment is being acquired under NYS contract #PC69011, thereby exempting it from competitive bidding requirements.

Section 4. Effective Date of Ordinance. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

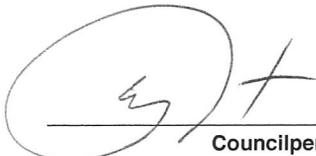
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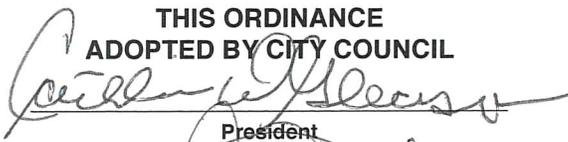
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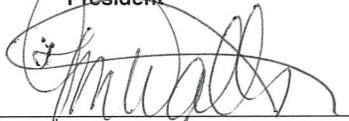


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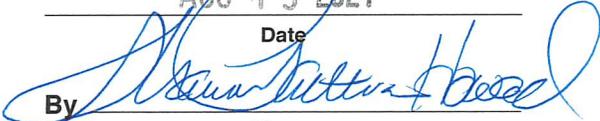


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By _____
Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS AT THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (IACP) CONFERENCE (October 18, 2024, to October 22, 2024)

Whereas, by letter dated July 18, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing the Commissioner, Chief, and a Lieutenant from the Department of Public Safety to attend the 2024 International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference in Boston, MA, from October 18, 2024, to October 22, 2024; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety recognizes the importance of continuous education and professional development for its leadership team to enhance their skills and knowledge in law enforcement; and

Whereas, the IACP Conference represents the largest and most significant event for law enforcement professionals, offering opportunities to learn new techniques and improve overall effectiveness; and

Whereas, the Commissioner, Chief, and a Lieutenant from the Department of Public Safety are invited to attend this conference to gain valuable insights and engage with law enforcement leaders from around the world; and

Whereas, the total cost for the attendance of these three members, including conference registration, hotel accommodations, ground transportation (gas and tolls), and meals, is not to exceed \$10,000.00, and will be covered by Budget Line #A3120.451 (Training); Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization for Attendance. The City Council hereby authorizes the Commissioner, Chief, and a Lieutenant from the Department of Public Safety to attend the 2024 International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Boston, MA, from October 18, 2024, to October 22, 2024.

Section 2. Financial Provisions. The total cost for participation in this conference, including all necessary expenses such as conference registration, hotel accommodations, ground transportation (gas and tolls), and meals, shall not exceed \$10,000.00 and will be paid from Budget Line #A3120.451 (Training).

Section 3. Implementation and Execution. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to execute all necessary arrangements for attendance, ensuring the process is carried out efficiently and within the approved budget.

Section 4. Compliance with City Policies. Attendance and expenses shall comply with all applicable city policies and procedures regarding travel and training for city personnel.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Assistant Corporation Counsel signature

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President signature

ATTEST: City Clerk signature

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Date

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS AT THE 2024 DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (DCJS) ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY SYMPOSIUM (September 17, 2024, to September 20, 2024)

Whereas, by letter dated July 18, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing the Commissioner, Lieutenant, and Sergeant from the Department of Public Safety to attend the 2024 Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Annual Public Safety Symposium in Albany, NY, from September 17, 2024, to September 20, 2024; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety recognizes the importance of continuous education and professional development for its leadership team to enhance their skills and knowledge in public safety and criminal justice; and

Whereas, the 2024 Division of Criminal Justice Services Annual Public Safety Symposium offers valuable insights into new public safety initiatives, evidence-based violence reduction practices, and other contemporary criminal justice topics; and

Whereas, the Commissioner, Lieutenant, and Sergeant from the Department of Public Safety are invited to attend this symposium to gain valuable insights and engage with public safety leaders from around the state; and

Whereas, the total cost for the attendance of these three members, including hotel accommodations, ground transportation (gas and tolls), and meals, is not to exceed \$5,000.00, and will be covered by Budget Line #A3120.451 (Training); Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization for Attendance. The City Council authorizes the Commissioner, Lieutenant, and Sergeant from the Department of Public Safety to attend the 2024 Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Annual Public Safety Symposium in Albany, NY, from September 17, 2024, to September 20, 2024.

Section 2. Financial Provisions. The total cost for participation in this symposium, including all necessary expenses such as hotel accommodations, ground transportation (gas and tolls), and meals, shall not exceed \$5,000.00 and will be paid from Budget Line #A3120.451 (Training).

Section 3. Implementation and Execution. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to execute all necessary arrangements for attendance, ensuring the process is carried out efficiently and within the approved budget.

Section 4. Compliance with City Policies. Attendance and expenses shall comply with all applicable city policies and procedures regarding travel and training for city personnel.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

[Signature] Councilperson

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[Signature] Assistant Corporation Counsel Deputy

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

[Signature] President

ATTEST: [Signature] City Clerk

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APPROVED AUG 15 2024 Date By [Signature] Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13,
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 10, 2024,
ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGET LINES FUNDED
THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)”**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The first decretal paragraph, the last Whereas clause, and Section 3 of Ordinance No. 13, adopted by the City Council on July 10, 2024, entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGET LINES FUNDED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)” is hereby amended as follows:

Whereas, by letter dated [June 19, 2024] July 26, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation amending Ordinance No. 13 adopted by the City Council on July 10, 2024 authorizing the transfer of [\$10,000.00] \$38,039.00 from Budget Line A3120.458ARP SDI-001 3.16 (Violence Prevention and Quality of Life Program Initiatives) to Budget Line A3120.203ARP SDI-001 3.16 (Violence Prevention and Quality of Life Equipment) to facilitate the purchase of 21 mobile computers for the Department of Public Safety; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon has received funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to support various initiatives aimed at enhancing public safety and quality of life; and

Whereas, Budget Line A3120.458ARP SDI-001 3.16 was designated as the Violence Prevention and Quality of Life Program Initiatives Budget Line for the Department of Public Safety and funded with an amount of \$400,000; and

Whereas, Budget Line A3120.203ARP SDI-001 3.16 was designated as the Violence Prevention and Quality of Life Equipment Budget Line for the Department of Public Safety and funded with \$1,000,000; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety requires the purchase of 21 mobile computers to be placed within Department of Public Safety vehicles, at a total cost of \$147,039.00; and

Whereas, it is necessary to transfer funds in the amount of [\$10,000.00] \$38,039.00 from Budget Line A3120.458ARP SDI-001 3.16 to Budget Line A3120.203ARP SDI-001 3.16 to facilitate this purchase; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Purpose. This ordinance authorizes the transfer of funds between budget lines funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to facilitate the purchase of mobile computers for the Department of Public Safety.

Section 2. Definitions. For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

1. **“ARPA”:** American Rescue Plan Act, a federal funding initiative to support state and local government response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impacts.
2. **“Budget Line A3120.458ARP SDI-001 3.16.”** The Violence Prevention and Quality of Life Program Initiatives Budget Line for the Department of Public Safety.

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3. "Budget Line A3120.203ARP SDI-001 3.16." The Violence Prevention and Quality of Life Equipment Budget Line for the Department of Public Safety.

4. "Department of Public Safety": The City of Mount Vernon Department is responsible for public safety, including the police and fire departments.

5. "Mobile Computers." Tablet-style computers are designed to be placed within public safety vehicles, enabling access to critical systems and data.

Section 3. Authorization to Transfer Funds. The City Council hereby authorizes the transfer of [\$10,000.00] \$38,039.00 from Budget Line A3120.458ARP SDI-001 3.16 (Violence Prevention and Quality of Life Program Initiatives) to Budget Line A3120.203ARP SDI-001 3.16 (Violence Prevention and Quality of Life Equipment) to facilitate the purchase of 21 mobile computers for the Department of Public Safety.

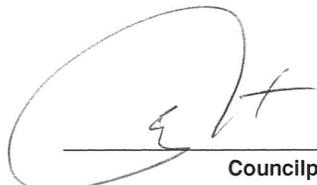
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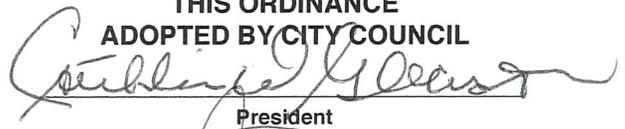
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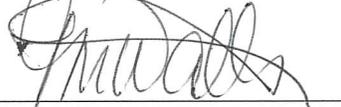
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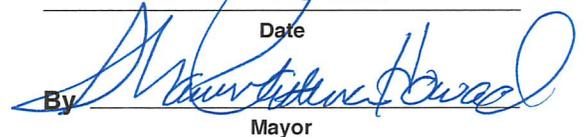

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT CLOSURE OF ROOSEVELT SQUARE NORTH TO NON-EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND THE ERECTION OF REGULATORY TRAFFIC SIGNS

Whereas, by letter dated July 25, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing the permanent closure of Roosevelt Square North between North 5th Avenue and North 6th Avenue to non-emergency vehicles; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works has conducted a traffic analysis regarding the proposed closure of Roosevelt Square North between North 5th Avenue and North 6th Avenue; and

Whereas, the traffic analysis concluded that the street closure would have a minimal impact on traffic operating conditions; and

Whereas, the permanent closure of Roosevelt Square North to non-emergency vehicles will enhance public safety in front of the Mount Vernon Police Department; and

Whereas, it is necessary to install regulatory traffic signs to facilitate the new traffic pattern and ensure compliance; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization of Street Closure. The City Council authorizes the permanent closure of Roosevelt Square North between North 5th Avenue and North 6th Avenue to non-emergency vehicles.

Section 2. Traffic Sign Installation. The Commissioner of Public Safety is hereby authorized to direct the installation of the following regulatory traffic signs:

Sign	Number of Signs:	Location of Sign:
DO NOT ENTER	Two (2)	North 5th Avenue and Stevens Avenue (northeast corner of the intersection AND traffic island in the middle of North 5th Avenue) – the face of the sign must be visible to traffic facing north on North 5 th Avenue at Stevens Avenue
NO RIGHT TURN (ARROW)	One (1)	North 5th Avenue and Roosevelt Square North (northwest corner of intersection) – the face of the sign must be visible to traffic facing south on North 5th Avenue at Roosevelt Square North
LEFT TURN ONLY (ARROW)	Two (2)	West Prospect Avenue and North 5th Avenue (northeast and southeast corners of intersection) the face of the sign must be visible to traffic facing west on West Prospect Avenue at North 5th Avenue

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DO NOT ENTER EMERGENCY VEHICLES ONLY	Two (2)	Roosevelt Square North and North 5 th Avenue (northwest and southwest comers of intersection) —the face of the sign must be visible to traffic facing west on West Prospect Avenue at North 5th Avenue
NO STOPPING /STANDING/ PARKING - (arrows facing both directions)	Three (3)	The northern sidewalk of Roosevelt Square North between North 5th Avenue and North 6th Avenue

Section 3. Implementation. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall oversee the implementation of the traffic signs as specified in Section 2.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval by the City Council.

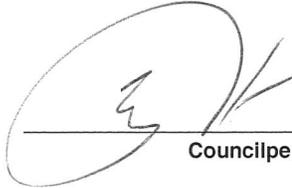
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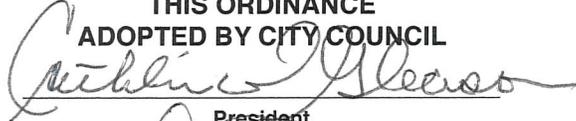
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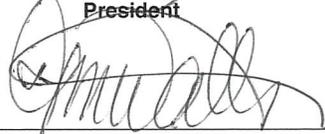


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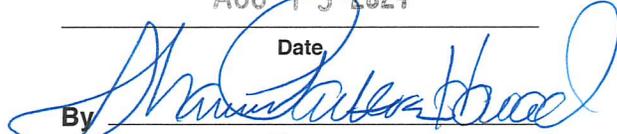


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Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CITYWIDE CAMERA SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

Whereas, by letter dated August 7, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions Inc. for the purchase of a citywide camera surveillance system, as detailed in the proposal; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety has identified the need for a citywide camera surveillance system to enhance public safety and improve law enforcement capabilities; and

Whereas, Motorola Solutions Inc. has proposed a solution comprising license plate recognition (LPR) cameras to assist with major thoroughfare patrols, foot patrols, crime pattern locations, and traffic stops, while providing real-time surveillance for faster case resolutions; and

Whereas, Motorola Solutions Inc. is under New York State contract #PT68722, eliminating the need for competitive bidding as per the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy adopted April 24, 2024; and

Whereas, the total cost for the purchase of the surveillance system is \$47,880.00, to be paid from Budget Line Bond Anticipated Notes (BANS) H1620.203.C948; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions Inc. for the purchase of a citywide camera surveillance system, as detailed in the proposal.

Section 2. Contract Amount. The total payment of \$47,880.00 for the services provided by Motorola Solutions Inc. shall be charged to Budget Line Bond Anticipated Notes (BANS) H1620.203.C948.

Section 3. Procurement Policy Compliance. Pursuant to the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy adopted on April 24, 2024, the contract with Motorola Solutions Inc. is exempt from competitive bidding requirements due to its status under New York State contract #PT68722.

Section 4. Definitions.

Citywide Camera Surveillance System: A network of cameras, including license plate recognition (LPR) cameras, installed across the city to enhance public safety and assist law enforcement.

License Plate Recognition (LPR) Cameras: Cameras designed to capture and recognize vehicle license plates for the purpose of monitoring and managing traffic and law enforcement activities.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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ATTEST:

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By

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS, INC. (ESS)
FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
A CITYWIDE CAMERA SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM**

Whereas, by letter dated August 7, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Electronic Systems Solutions, Inc. (ESS) for the installation and maintenance of a citywide camera surveillance system, as detailed in the proposal; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety has identified the need for a comprehensive citywide camera surveillance system to enhance public safety and improve law enforcement capabilities; and

Whereas, Electronic Systems Solutions, Inc. has proposed a solution comprising license plate recognition (LPR) cameras to assist with major thoroughfare patrol, foot patrol, crime pattern locations, and traffic stops, while providing real-time surveillance for faster case resolutions; and

Whereas, ESS is under New York State contract #PT68793, eliminating the need for competitive bidding as per the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy adopted April 24, 2024; and

Whereas, the total cost for the installation and maintenance of the surveillance system is \$161,903.88, to be paid from Budget Line Bond Anticipated Notes (BANS) H1620.203.C948; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Electronic Systems Solutions, Inc. to install and maintain a citywide camera surveillance system, as detailed in the proposal.

Section 2. Contract Amount. The total payment of \$161,903.88 for the services provided by Electronic Systems Solutions, Inc. shall be charged to Budget Line Bond Anticipated Notes (BANS) H1620.203.C948.

Section 3. Procurement Policy Compliance. Pursuant to the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy adopted April 24, 2024, the contract with Electronic Systems Solutions, Inc. is exempt from competitive bidding requirements due to its status under New York State contract #PT68793.

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Section 4. Definitions.

• **Citywide Camera Surveillance System:** A network of cameras, including license plate recognition (LPR) cameras, installed across the city to enhance public safety and assist law enforcement.

• **License Plate Recognition (LPR) Cameras:** Cameras designed to capture and recognize vehicle license plates for the purpose of monitoring and managing traffic and law enforcement activities.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

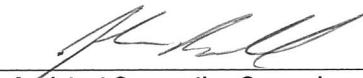
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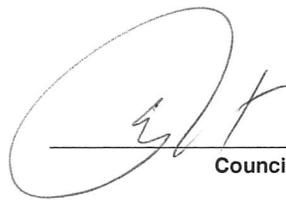
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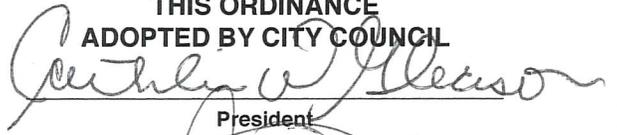

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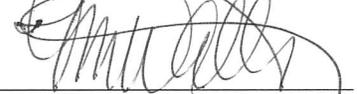


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Mayor

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK
HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE
RETIREMENT OF FIREFIGHTER KEVIN HOLT**

Whereas, the great City of Mount Vernon, NY, joins the Fire Administration in recognizing the retirement of **FIREFIGHTER KEVIN HOLT**, from Active Service on July 31, 2024; and

Whereas, **FIREFIGHTER KEVIN HOLT** served four years in the United States Navy, and then on September 6, 1991, he joined the Mount Vernon Fire Department. **Firefighter Holt** comes from a family with a history of serving the city of Mount Vernon. His brother currently serves as a Firefighter, and his sister serves in the medical field at Mount Vernon Hospital; and

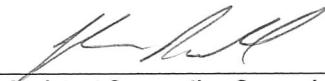
Whereas, in the past thirty years, **FIREFIGHTER KEVIN HOLT** was assigned to Engine and Ladder companies in all four Fire Stations, and for the past twenty years, he served as Aide to the Battalion Deputy Chiefs. This honorable assignment signifies his exceptional ability to remain levelheaded under extreme circumstances. It is a testament to his professionalism, which is necessary in this role to assist the Incident Commander during emergencies. Firefighters and Officers look to **Firefighter Holt** for his knowledge and leadership skills. He was elected by Local 107 of the Uniformed Firefighters Association as their President and served in this capacity for several years. During and after this honorable role, **Firefighter Holt** advocated for the betterment of the Fire Department; and

Whereas, **FIREFIGHTER KEVIN HOLT** received numerous recognitions during his service, including Certificates of Commendations, Unit Citations, and Letters of Appreciation, for his excellent performance of duty. He leaves an honorable legacy of achievement and dedication with the department, and the city of Mount Vernon, New York; **Now, Therefore, be it**

Resolved, that the City Council joins with the citizens of the City of Mount Vernon, NY, to recognize and honor **FIREFIGHTER KEVIN HOLT**, for his exemplary service during his tenure and for his dedication and commitment to our great city.

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
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 Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
 Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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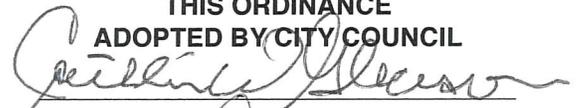


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**THIS ORDINANCE
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 President

ATTEST: 

 City Clerk

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 Date


 Mayor

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK
HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE
RETIREMENT OF FIREFIGHTER NATHANIEL TILFORD**

Whereas, the great City of Mount Vernon, NY, joins the Fire Administration in recognizing the retirement of **FIREFIGHTER NATHANIEL TILFORD**, from Active Service on June 28, 2024; and

Whereas, **FIREFIGHTER NATHANIEL TILFORD** served three years in the United States Navy, and then on September 6, 1999, he joined the Mount Vernon Fire Department. **Firefighter Tilford** loved and was honored to serve his country in the Navy. He often spoke about the pride and gratitude he felt. We are grateful that he has poured that same passion and commitment into our community for more than twenty-four years; and

Whereas, **FIREFIGHTER NATHANIEL TILFORD** was assigned Motor Pump Operator to Engine Company 206. He served in this capacity with pride and consistency. **Firefighter Tilford** was known as the "Gentle Giant and Gentleman" of the fire station. He is always willing to assist and mentor new firefighters. He is always uplifting and displays an infectious positive attitude; and

Whereas, **FIREFIGHTER NATHANIEL TILFORD** received numerous recognitions during his service, including Unit Citations and Letters of Appreciation. He leaves an honorable legacy of leadership and commitment in the department, and the city of Mount Veron, New York. His duty to the community reflects great credit upon himself; **Now, Therefore, be it**

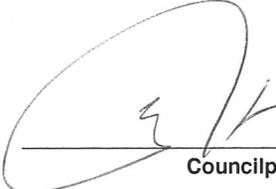
Resolved, that the City Council joins with the citizens of the City of Mount Vernon, NY, to recognize and honor **FIREFIGHTER NATHANIEL TILFORD**, for his exemplary service during his tenure and for his dedication and commitment to our great city.

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
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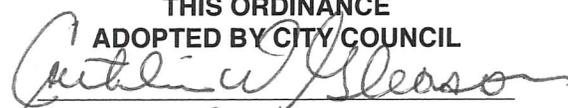


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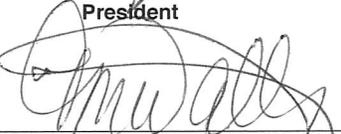


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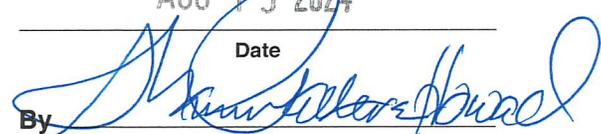
President

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City Clerk

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AUG 15 2024

Date

By _____
Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 237-35, A AND B OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, ENTITLED "TAXICAB FARES" TO INCREASE CURRENT FARES

NOT ADOPTED

Whereas, the Taxicab Commission of the City of Mount Vernon, pursuant to Section 238-3(a) of the City Code entitled "Taxicab Commission," has considered the concerns and suggestions from citizens, organizations, and groups within the city regarding the need for a fare increase to address the financial pressures caused by high gas prices and inflation; and

Whereas, the Taxicab Commission, after careful deliberation, has voted to recommend an increase in the base fare to ensure that taxicab drivers are better able to maintain their vehicles and provide an improved service experience for passengers; and

Whereas, by letter dated August 5, 2024, the City Clerk has requested an amendment to Chapter 237-35 A and B of the City Code concerning "Taxicab Fares" to increase the current rates by \$1.00 (one dollar); and

Whereas, the Taxicab Commission has recommended that the City Council enact legislation to amend Chapter 237-35(A) and (B) of the City Code to reflect a \$1.00 increase in the flat rate for conveying passengers within the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to ensure that taxicab fares are adjusted to reflect the current economic conditions and to maintain the quality of service for residents and visitors; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

§ 237-235 - Taxicab fares. The lawful sums to be collected for the hire of a taxicab shall be as follows:

Section 1. Amendment to Chapter 237-35(A) – Taxicab Fares for Single Passengers

Chapter 237-35(A) of the City Code of Mount Vernon is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. For conveying a single passenger from any place within the city limits: flat rate fee of \$7.00 [\$6.00] and flat rate fee of \$1.00 for each additional passenger traveling with such person.

Section 2. Amendment to Chapter 237-35(B) – Taxicab Fares for Passengers over 60 Years of Age

Chapter 237-35(B) of the City Code of Mount Vernon is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. For conveying a person 60 years of age or over as a single passenger within the city limits: flat rate fee of \$6.00 [\$5.00], and \$1.00 for each additional passenger traveling with such person.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

New matter underlined Deleted matter in brackets []

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Councilperson THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Assistant Corporation Counsel

President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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Date

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By _____ Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024 Boxhill: Yea Browne: Abstain Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea Gleason: Abstain Ordinance Not Adopted

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK
HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE
OF WAKANDA CELEBRATION, INCORPORATED**

Whereas, the great City of Mount Vernon, NY, joins the community in recognizing the service of **WAKANDA CELEBRATION, INCORPORATED** to the community for seven years; and

Whereas, **WAKANDA CELEBRATION INCORPRATED** was founded by Rose Luangisa. The purpose and mission of the organization are to educate, unite, and bring about positive change in the community; and

Whereas, **WAKANDA CELEBRATION, INCORPRATED,** is a free annual outdoor community event that successfully celebrates African culture through art, music, fashion, and food. The well-anticipated event features a variety of educational activities for children, live music, traditional African drumming and dancing, an African market that features food, and apparel from local vendors and the Swahili Children's Village; which provides engaging workshops and programs for children; and

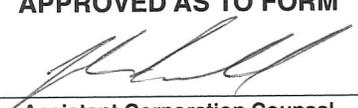
Whereas, Rose Luangisa was born in Bukoba, Tanzania. She came to the United States in 1987 and earned both a B.S. in Computer Information Systems and an MBA from Iona University. Her vision started with the African Family Day, which was held at Mount Vernon's Memorial Field. With its popularity and growth in attendance, the African Family Day was reimagined and renamed to the **WAKANDA CELEBRATION, INCORPRATED** in 2018. In addition to the Wakanda Celebration, Rose Luangisa, along with the Luangisa family established The Luangisa African Gallery. In 2022, Rose Luangisa founded the Luangisa African Museum & Cultural Arts Center. The Museum and Arts Center keeps its base in Mount Vernon, NY and is dedicated to preserving and showcasing the rich heritage of African arts, history, and traditions. The goal is to provide the community with a deeper understanding and appreciation of African culture and foster dialogue and engagement between people of all backgrounds; **Now, Therefore, be it**

Resolved, that the City Council joins with the City of Mount Vernon, NY citizens to recognize and honor **WAKANDA CELEBRATION, INCORPRATED,** for their positive impact, commitment, and dedication to our great city for seven successful years. We wish you many more successful years to come.



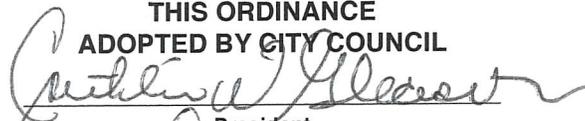
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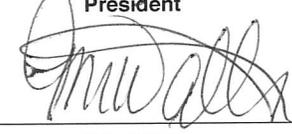
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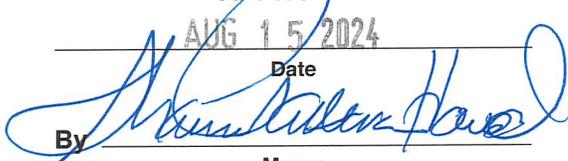


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AUG 15 2024

Date



By
Mayor

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Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON DESIGNATING ITSELF AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS REGARDING SHORT-TERM RENTAL LEGISLATION, REFERRING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CORPORATION COUNSEL, CITY PLANNING BOARD, AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD, AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon proposes to amend Chapter 267 (Zoning) of the Code of the City of Mount Vernon (“Code”) to enact Article XV entitled “Short-Term Rentals,” and to amend Code Section 267-17 regarding regulations to permit short-term rentals in all residential districts in the City of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is necessary and desirable, as a matter of public policy, to regulate short-term rentals in the City of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, in conjunction with its Staff, prepared a draft of “A Local Law to Amend Chapter 267 (Zoning) of the Code of the City of Mount Vernon to Regulate Short-Term Rentals” (“Code Amendment”), a copy of which is annexed to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Code Amendment is classified as a Type I Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617 (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to designate itself as the Lead Agency for the uncoordinated review of the Code Amendment under SEQRA pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.6(b)(1); and

WHEREAS, the City Council is required to refer the Code Amendment to the Corporation Counsel and Planning Board for their respective reviews and reports pursuant to Section 267-59 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 267-59 of the Code requires the Corporation Counsel and the Planning Board to report its recommendations to the City Council concerning the Code Amendment within 30 days after referral; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is also required to refer the Code Amendment to the Westchester County Planning Board pursuant to Section 267-62 of the Code, and Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of scheduling a Public Hearing on the Zoning Amendment for September __, 2024, pursuant to Section 267-60 of the Code; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby designates itself as the Lead Agency for review of the Code Amendment under SEQRA; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to refer the Code Amendment to the City of Mount Vernon Corporation Counsel and Planning Board for their respective reports pursuant to Section 267-59 of the Code; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to refer the Code Amendment to the Westchester County Planning Board in accordance with Section 267-62 of the Code, and Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law; **BE IT FURTHER**

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RESOLVED, that the City Council shall hold a Public Hearing on the Code Amendment on September 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, Council Chambers – Room 206, 1 Roosevelt Square N., Mount Vernon, New York, 10550, where public comment will be heard regarding the Code Amendment, and written comments on the Code Amendment are requested, and will be accepted by the City Council up to ten (10) days following the close of the Public Hearing; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall arrange to fulfill the notice requirements for the Public Hearing pursuant to Section 267-61 of the Code; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

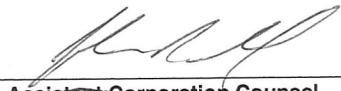
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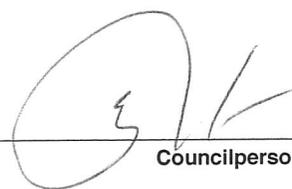
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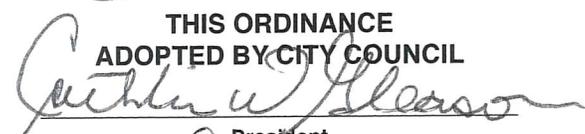


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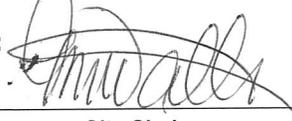
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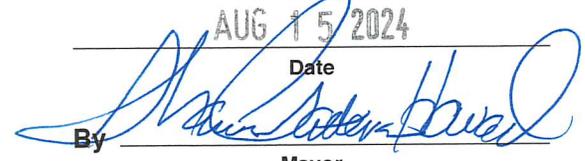
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President

ATTEST: 

City Clerk

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By _____
Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPTROLLER TO WRITE OFF UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES AND INTEREST FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITH NEW HOMEOWNERS

Whereas, by letter dated August 5, 2024, the Comptroller has requested legislation authorizing the write off amount of \$31,130.55 of unpaid property taxes and interest for the properties listed in the attached document, where new owners are not responsible for taxes due before their ownership; and

Whereas, the bank reconciliations for the years 2019 through 2021 were not completed during the former Comptroller's tenure, leading to discrepancies in the property tax records; and

Whereas, these discrepancies resulted in insufficient payments not being reconciled, nor were tax payments due re-levied to the affected properties; and

Whereas, during the reconciliation process, the affected property records were adjusted, taxes were re-levied, and notices of payment due were issued to property owners; and

Whereas, a small percentage of properties with new owners received arrears notices despite having conducted title searches during the purchase process, where it was reported that no taxes were due; and

Whereas, it is deemed unfair and inappropriate to hold new owners responsible for unpaid taxes and interest accrued before their ownership, as they relied on the title search conducted during their property purchase; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Write Off Unpaid Property Taxes. The Comptroller is hereby authorized to write off \$31,130.55 of unpaid property taxes and interest for the properties listed in the attached document, where new owners are not responsible for taxes due before their ownership.

Section 2. Implementation. The Comptroller shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the unpaid taxes and interest are properly written off in the city's financial records.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature]
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Deputy

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Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL
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President

ATTEST:
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City Clerk

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AUG 15 2024
Date
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Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REQUEST
FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR EXPLORATION AND
EXECUTION OF ALTERNATIVE MEASURES FOR
THE RECOVERY OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES**

Whereas, by letter dated August 2, 2024, the Comptroller has requested legislation authorizing the Office of the Comptroller to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Bulk Sale/Assignment of Delinquent Real Property Tax Liens and/or for Collection Services on the Delinquent Real Property Tax Liens, as determined by the recommended list in accordance with the Real Estate Property Tax Law; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon has not initiated In Rem Foreclosure Proceedings since 2014, resulting in significant property tax arrears; and

Whereas, recent federal and state laws, including the United States Supreme Court decision in *Tyler v. Hennepin County*, impact the cost-effectiveness of executing In Rem Foreclosure Procedures, as municipalities are prohibited from retaining surplus value from seized properties exceeding the tax debt; and

Whereas, the prolonged lapse since the last In Rem procedure has led to a substantial accumulation of properties in tax arrears, warranting the exploration of alternative methods for recouping these tax arrears; and

Whereas, the current property tax indebtedness to the City, inclusive of County and School taxes and penalties, totals over \$50 million dollars, placing a significant financial burden on the City; and

Whereas, the Office of the Comptroller has actively attempted to collect these tax arrears over the past two years with limited success, necessitating the exploration of more effective solutions; and

Whereas, the City Charter provides a Tax Lien Sale provision, offering a potential alternative to the In Rem procedure for recovering delinquent property taxes; and

Whereas, the City Council acknowledges the absence of available cash reserves and the significant liabilities facing the City, including pending liabilities under appeal, impeding effective capital improvement planning and investment management; and

Whereas, the City is obligated to explore alternatives to In Rem procedures to expedite returns and mitigate additional debt incurred from the two-year collection period for the 2020-2023 school taxes due to the Mount Vernon City School District; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Explore and Execute Alternative Measures. The City Council authorizes the Office of the Comptroller to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Bulk Sale/Assignment of Delinquent Real Property Tax Liens and/or for Collection Services on the Delinquent Real Property Tax Liens, as determined by the recommended list in accordance with the Real Estate Property Tax Law.

Section 2. Payment Plans for Delinquent Properties. The Office of the Comptroller is authorized to propose payment plans for delinquent properties once the State approves the amendment to Real Estate Property Tax Law 783, subject to City Council approval.

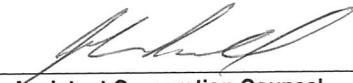
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Section 3. Implementation. The Office of the Comptroller shall take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this ordinance and ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

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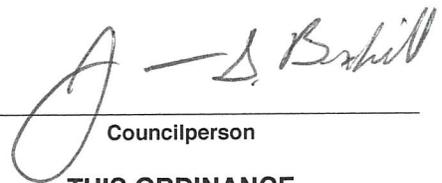
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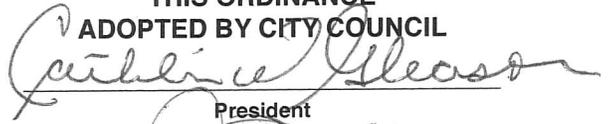
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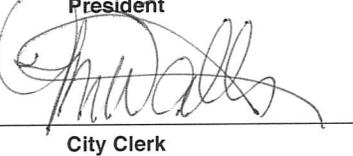
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President

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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Date
By _____
Mayor

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PARTNERSHIP
WITH WORKING ADVANTAGE-PLUM
BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS**

Whereas, by letter dated August 6, 2024, the Comptroller has requested legislation authorizing the City to partner with Working Advantage-Plum Benefits to provide exclusive discounts and special offers to City employees; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of providing employee perks to enhance employee engagement and retention; and

Whereas, Working Advantage-Plum Benefits is the leading Corporate Discount Program provider, offering exclusive discounts and special offers on services and experiences that employees value, including theme parks, attractions, hotels, electronics, fitness memberships, gift cards, live events, and more; and

Whereas, partnering with Working Advantage-Plum Benefits provides a cost-effective means of offering additional benefits to City employees, with no cost to the City; and

Whereas, new employees will have access to these perks from their first day of hire, providing immediate value and contributing to a competitive employment package; and

Whereas, the City had previously enrolled with Working Advantage in 2009, but the program was never introduced to employees, and now plans are in place to effectively communicate and promote the program through the Employee Benefits Specialist; and

Whereas, Working Advantage handles all customer service related to ticket and sale inquiries, thereby minimizing the administrative burden on the City; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The City of Mount Vernon is authorized to partner with Working Advantage-Plum Benefits to provide exclusive discounts and special offers to City employees.

Section 2. Implementation. The Employee Benefits Specialist shall oversee the program's implementation and communication, ensuring all departments and employees are informed about the benefits and enrollment process.

Section 3. Enrollment. The HR team shall include information about the Working Advantage-Plum Benefits program in the new hire packet, allowing new employees to access perks from their first day of employment.

Section 4. No Cost to the City. Partnering with Working Advantage-Plum Benefits shall be free of cost to the city. The program operates on a commission basis from employee purchases, with no hidden fees or contractual obligations for the City.

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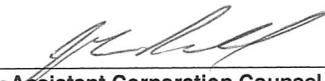
Section 5. Definitions.

- **Working Advantage-Plum Benefits:** A Corporate Discount Program provider offering exclusive discounts and special offers to employees.
- **Employee Benefits Specialist:** The designated City staff member responsible for managing employee benefits and communicating program details.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

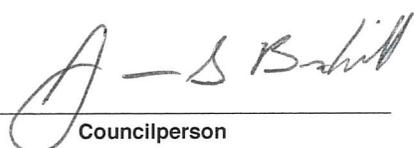
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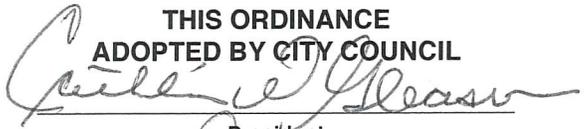
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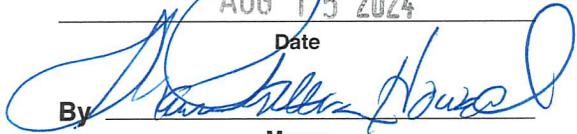
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ATTEST: 

 City Clerk

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 Date
By 

 Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH
CLEARY CONSULTING FOR PROFESSIONAL
PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE MOUNT
VERNON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Whereas, by letter dated August 6, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Planning & Community Development has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract extension with Cleary Consulting for professional planning services related to the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is in the process of developing a Comprehensive Plan to guide future growth and development in key areas such as housing, economic development, urban design, open space and parks, traffic, climate change and resilience, air quality, zoning, and public policy; and

Whereas, Cleary Consulting has been engaged to provide professional planning services to assist in the development of the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan; and

Whereas, there is a need to extend the scope of services provided by Cleary Consulting to ensure a comprehensive and thorough analysis of the plan; and

Whereas, the service contract fee for the extended scope of services will be paid using funds from the Department of Planning and Community Development Contracted Outside Services budget line A8020.405; and

Whereas, the Department of Planning and Community Development will collaborate with Cleary Consulting to manage the day-to-day operations and implementation of the study; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor is authorized to execute a contract extension with Cleary Consulting for professional planning services related to the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan.

Section 2. Compensation. Cleary Consulting shall be compensated in the amount of \$60,250 for the extended scope of services.

Section 3. Funding Source. The service contract fee shall be paid from the Department of Planning and Community Development Contracted Outside Services budget line A8020.405.

Section 4. Responsibilities. The Department of Planning and Community Development, in collaboration with Cleary Consulting, shall oversee the study's management and implementation.

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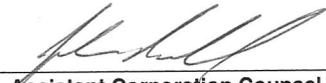
Section 5. Definitions.

- **Comprehensive Plan:** A strategic framework to guide the city's long-term growth and development.
- **Planning Services:** Professional services involving data collection, synthesis, and development of recommendations on various aspects of urban planning.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

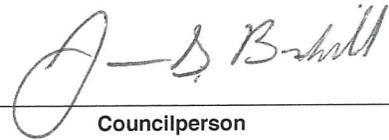
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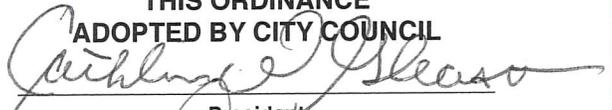
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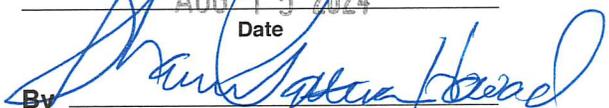


 City Clerk

APPROVED

AUG 15 2024

 Date



 Mayor

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH AKRF, INC. FOR PROGRESS FOR PLANNING ANALYSIS SERVICES FOR THE MOUNT VERNON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Whereas, by letter dated August 6, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Planning & Community Development has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to execute separate contracts with AKRF, Inc. for Progress to provide planning analysis services for the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon seeks to develop a Comprehensive Plan to guide future growth and development, addressing critical areas such as housing, economic development, urban design, open space and parks, traffic, climate change and resilience, air quality, zoning, and public policy; and

Whereas, AKRF, Inc. for Progress has been identified as a qualified consultant to provide planning analysis services essential for completing the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan; and

Whereas, the service contract fees for these consultants will be paid using funds from the Department of Planning and Community Development Contracted Outside Services budget line A8020.405; and

Whereas, the Department of Planning and Community Development will collaborate with the consultants to manage the day-to-day operations and implementation of the study; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor is authorized to execute separate contracts with AKRF, Inc. for Progress to provide planning analysis services for the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan.

Section 2. Compensation: AKRF, Inc. will be compensated \$79,500.00 for its services.

Section 3. Funding Source. The service contract fees shall be paid from the Department of Planning and Community Development Contracted Outside Services budget line A8020.405.

Section 4. Responsibilities. The Department of Planning and Community Development will oversee the study's management and implementation, working with the consultants.

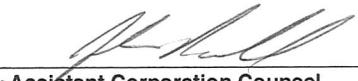
Section 5. Definitions.

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- **Planning Analysis Services:** Professional services involving data collection, synthesis, and development of recommendations on various aspects of urban planning.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

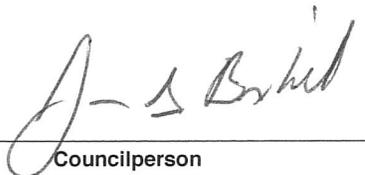
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 Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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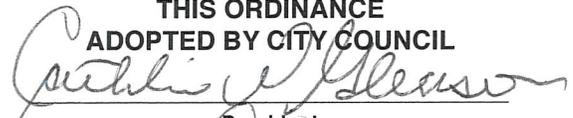
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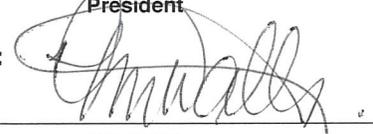


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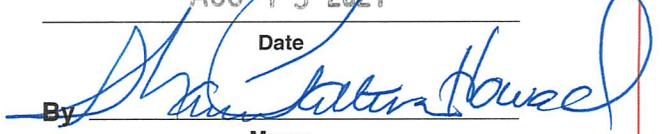


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 City Clerk

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AUG 15 2024

 Date
 By 

 Mayor

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH
MID-HUDSON PATTERN FOR PROGRESS
FOR PLANNING ANALYSIS SERVICES FOR
THE MOUNT VERNON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Whereas, by letter dated August 6, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Planning & Community Development has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Mid-Hudson Pattern for Progress to provide planning analysis services for the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon seeks to develop a Comprehensive Plan to guide future growth and development, addressing critical areas such as housing, economic development, urban design, open space and parks, traffic, climate change and resilience, air quality, zoning, and public policy; and

Whereas, Mid-Hudson Pattern for Progress has been identified as a qualified consultant to provide planning analysis services essential for completing the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan; and

Whereas, the service contract fee for the consultant will be paid using funds from the Department of Planning and Community Development Contracted Outside Services budget line A8020.405; and

Whereas, the Department of Planning and Community Development will collaborate with the consultant to manage the day-to-day operations and implementation of the study; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Mid-Hudson Pattern for Progress to provide planning analysis services for the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan.

Section 2. Compensation: Mid-Hudson Pattern for Progress shall be compensated in the amount of \$58,500.00 for their services.

Section 3. Funding Source. The service contract fees shall be paid from the Department of Planning and Community Development Contracted Outside Services budget line A8020.405.

Section 4. Responsibilities. The Department of Planning and Community Development will oversee the study's management and implementation in collaboration with the consultant.

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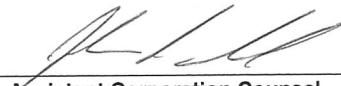
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Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

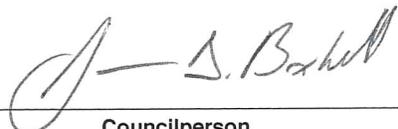
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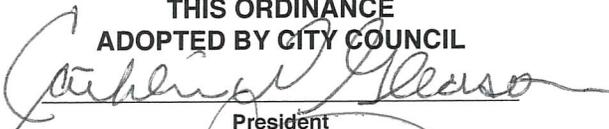
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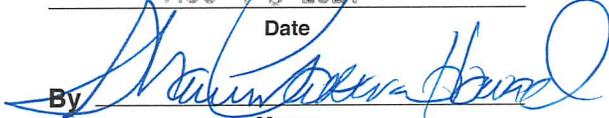
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 City Clerk

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AUG 15 2024



 Date
 Mayor

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY HONORING
THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LAWRENCE A. ROSS**

Whereas, Lawrence Alonzo Ross, born on October 30, 1983, to Alencia Rumph and Rodney Alonzo Ross, was a beloved member of the Mount Vernon community; and

Whereas, Lawrence was raised by his cherished grandmother, Emma Rumph, and attended the public schools of Mount Vernon, NY; and

Whereas, Lawrence had a passion for sports, particularly as a fan of the New York Yankees and New York Giants, and he was known for his active participation in football and baseball in Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, and the Bronx; and

Whereas, Lawrence worked as a teacher's assistant in the NYC Public Schools, and devoted his free time to coaching the Mount Vernon Razorbacks and the Mount Vernon Youth Basketball League, demonstrating his commitment to youth and community development; and

Whereas, Lawrence was deeply dedicated to his family, especially his grandmother, Emma Rumph, and his two daughters, Kianna J. Ross and Naevia S. Ross, who were the light of his life; and

Whereas, Lawrence shared a close bond with his brother, Ronald Ross, and his sister, Kyammi Jenkins, and was a devoted fiancé to Megan Salter; and

Whereas, Lawrence departed this life on January 26, 2021, at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, NY, leaving behind a legacy of love, dedication, and community spirit; and

Whereas, Lawrence's bright smile, willingness to help others, and profound impact on his family, friends, and the community will be dearly missed; **Now, Therefore, be it**

Resolved, By The City Council Of The City Of Mount Vernon, New York:

Section 1. The City of Mount Vernon honors the life and legacy of Lawrence Alonzo Ross, recognizing his contributions to the community and his unwavering love for his family.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Mount Vernon joins with its citizens and many friends and family and extends its deepest condolences to Lawrence's loving grandmother, Emma Rumph, his daughters, Kianna J. Ross and Naevia S. Ross, his brother, Ronald Ross, his sister, Kyammi Jenkins, his father, Rodney A. Ross, his fiancé, Megan Salter, and all his nephews, nieces, cousins, colleagues, and friends.

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Section 3. The City of Mount Vernon acknowledges that Lawrence's journey has just begun, so:

Don't think of him as gone away
His journey has just begun
Life holds so many facets
this earth is only one
Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.
Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can pass away.
And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched
for nothing loved is ever lost
and Lawrence was loved oh, so much!

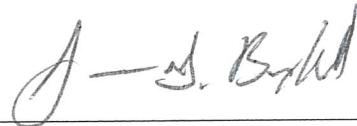
Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

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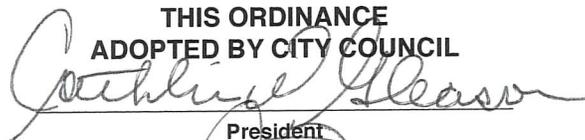
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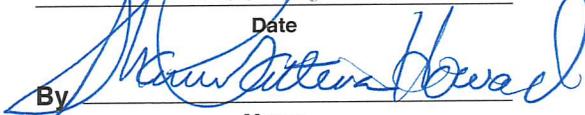
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President

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City Clerk

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A RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING LOCAL LAW NO. __ OF 2024 OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY, ESTABLISHING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

RESOLVED, that the City Council shall hold a Public Hearing on September 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, Council Chambers – Room 206, 1 Roosevelt Square N., Mount Vernon, New York, 10550, where public comment will be heard regarding Local Law No. __ of 2024 of the City of Mount Vernon, NY, Establishing a Local Government Code Enforcement Program, and will be accepted by the City Council up to ten (10) days following the close of the Public Hearing; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall arrange to fulfill the notice requirements for the Public Hearing pursuant to Section 267-61 of the Code; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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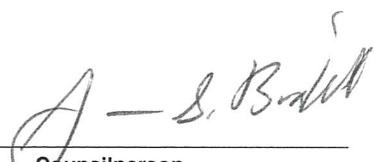
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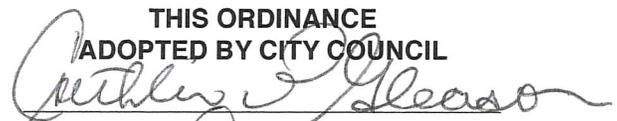
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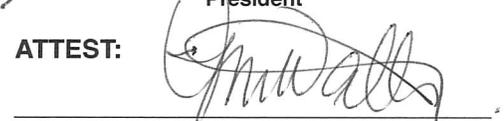

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President

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED

AUG 15 2024

Date


Mayor

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