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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

7:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

City Council

*NICOLE BONILLA, M.B.A.
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, J.D.
Deputy City Clerk*

**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 Memorial Room, 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; Nicole J. Bonilla, Deputy City Clerk; Bryan Johnson, Corporation Counsel; Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Aide

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Councilmember Boxhill.

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

Councilmember Boxhill read the proclamation and presented the document to the family.

Councilmember Boxhill explained that there is currently a tree planted in Brush Park and a plaque will be placed at the tree.

Council President Gleason stated that it is important that people who give back to the community are honored and family is what makes Mount Vernon great.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Molly Franco, MSW, 40 East Sidney Ave, Mount Vernon, NY - ("The increasing number of tobacco retailers in the city of Mount Vernon and its potential impact on youth and families.")

The speaker is part of a non-profit organization called Power Against Tobacco. The organization aids in bringing issues to residents and she is a public health advocate. Speaker discuss the danger of smoking and the increase of tobacco dealers in the city. There are policies that limit flavored tobacco retailers and cap the number of retailers. Speaker offered her services to help enact policies.

Council Responses:

Councilmember Boxhill - Would like to meet for a follow up

Councilmember Thompson - I do believe we have to do more with tobacco because most of these shops do not respect our youth. We have 16 public schools and 2 charters. I've visited a couple of stores and they are selling to our youth.

Councilmember Browne - I have a draft legislation for business licenses for tobacco shops, I would like to collaborate with you to make it robust. There is a problem in Mount Vernon, and high incidents of respiratory incidents, it is a problem. We must get ahead of it, so we do not have to grandfather all these businesses. There is only one license shop in Mount Vernon and these shops are selling cannabis as well.

Council President Gleason - Thank you for paying attention because you reached out to us about getting the signs for the playground.

Kamil Choshal, 550 Locust Street, Mount Vernon, NY, kamil.ghoshal@tc.columbia.edu - ("No

parking within thirty feet of a stop sign, what are the ticket issuance practices")
 No show as of 7:19 pm and 7:21 pm

Thomas Bailey, South High Street, Mount Vernon, NY, thomas.bailey94@yahoo.com - ("Speed bumps on the street where I live.")

The speaker requested speed bumps on his street to limit the number of speeding vehicles.

Council Responses:

Councilmember Boxhill - We should look into that; I will follow up.

Councilmember Thompson - I know there are several areas in the city where people do speed. However, putting speed bumps in the streets is not the answer at this present time. We must get safety police and get Police presence in the area. Speed bumps prevent us from snowplowing properly and slows down emergency vehicles. We will continue to work with you. We want everyone to be good neighbors and follow the rules of the city.

Councilmember Browne - There is a process for speed bumps. There is a traffic study. The city was moving away from speed bumps. I will speak with public works to see what we can do to slow down traffic. What are the cross streets?

Speaker Bailey - Mount Vernon Ave and Grove St

Councilmember Browne - Give your information to our Legislative Aid so we can follow up with you.

Council President Gleason - There are a lot of things we can temporarily do. As Councilmember Thompson said, we can put a patrol to be a deterrent. We have temporary speed bumps, but many drive around it because they don't go curb to curb. Give info to Legislative Aid.

Michael Scalar - The speaker who was not signed up asked a question regarding MWBE list and law. Council President Gleason responded to the speaker and stated, "we are not voting on that tonight. We have put together legislation, it is on our website. Antoinette will email it to you, give her your information."

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Tanesia M. Walters

PRESENT: Councilmember Jaevon Boxhill, Pro Tempore Danielle Browne Esq., Councilmember Edward Poteat, and President Cathlin Gleason

ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

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

1. **TMP -801**

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter - Request to Authorize the Mayor to Contract with Gallagher Bassett to Serve as the Third-Party Administrator for the City's Legal Claims.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

2. [TMP -791](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Dell VxRail ordinance for RFP Date Change for City Council August 14 2024.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

3. [TMP -795](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Approval of budget transfer of \\$35,000 from A1680.486 to A1680.407 for August 14th 2024 city council.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

4. [TMP -807](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Request for Attendance of the National Association of Black Journalist for Director Allen.pdf](#)
[NABJ24 August 2nd Part 2.pdf](#)
[NABJ24 August 2nd.pdf](#)
[NABJ24 August 3rd.pdf](#)
[NABJ24 August 4th.pdf](#)
[NABJ24 JULY 31st.pdf](#)
[NABJ24 August 1st.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: Councilmember Browne - abstaining because this is the first time Director Allen has went on a conference without approval.

Council President Gleason - I will say "Aye". I'm ok with approving but next time go to your committee chair if there is a time constraint.

adopted

Aye: Councilmember Boxhill, Councilmember Poteat, Thompson, and President Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Pro Tempore Browne

5. [TMP -752](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral - 3rd Annual Hispanic Heritage 2024.pdf](#)
[PD Response Hispanic Heritage.pdf](#)
[DPW Response Hispanic Heritage Month.pdf](#)
[FD Response Hispanic Heritage Month.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: Councilmember Browne - Councilmember Boxhill put it on the agenda. This should have came before the council before it went to the Mayor

Councilmember Poteat - Did you (to Councilmember Browne) get the clarification you needed?

Councilmember Browne - Yes, from Johan. Everything else will be signed when the fellow is on boarded.

adopted

Aye: Councilmember Boxhill, Councilmember Poteat, Thompson, and President Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Pro Tempore Browne

6. [TMP -729](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter - Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) with Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

7. [TMP -754](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Acceptance of Funds.pdf](#)
[June 14 2023 Creation of Office.pdf](#)
[March 13, 2024 Creation of Director.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

8. [TMP -760](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter - Transfer of Funds 7-24-24.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

9. [TMP -726](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Mamava Letter.pdf](#)
[NYS DOL Policy on the rights of employees to pump in the workplace](#)
[Information for Employers for Breast Pumping](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion to take item numbers 10-12 as a block vote, as they all pertain to cameras in different locations.

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

take items as block vote

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

10. **[TMP -738](#)**

Code: LPW

Attachments: [A+ Technology Contract Agreement for Camera Legislation \(33 Canal Street\).pdf](#)

adopted

11. **[TMP -739](#)**

Code: LPW

Attachments: [A+ Technology Contract Agreement for Camera Legislation \(Memorial Field\).pdf](#)

adopted

12. **[TMP -740](#)**

Code: LPW

Attachments: [A+ Technology Contract Agreement for Camera Legislation \(City Hall\).pdf](#)

adopted

approved the Consent Agenda

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

13. [TMP -750](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Establishing 2024 List of MWBE Qualified Contractors \(revised 2nd version\).pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: Councilmember Poteat - I would like to say that I am proud of Commissioner Bush on getting this together to help black and brown business owners.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

14. [TMP -757](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [NYSDEC CONSENT ORDER COMPLIANCE-DPW FACILITY-OIL-WATER SEPARATOR CLEANING.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: Councilmember Browne - I will abstain because I am not sure if the procurement policy was properly followed.

adopted

Aye: Councilmember Boxhill, Councilmember Poteat, Thompson, and President Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Pro Tempore Browne

15. [TMP -769](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Use of Purdys Park for Con Ed Community Outreach.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

16. [TMP -777](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Acquisition of Smart Cover Technology - amendment.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

17. [TMP -753](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [7th Day Health Fair.pdf](#)
[PD Response Recreation SDA Health Fair.pdf](#)
[FD Response Recreation Health Fair Co Sponsor.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

18. [TMP -759](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [twilight series .pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

Aye: Councilmember Boxhill, Councilmember Poteat, Thompson, and President Gleason

Nay: Pro Tempore Browne

Absent: None

19. [TMP -778](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [MVP COURT CHALLENGE.pdf](#)
[DPW Response MVP Fitness.pdf](#)
[FP Response MVP Fitness Court Challenge.pdf](#)
[PD Response MVP Fitness Court Challenge.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

20. [TMP -779](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [big block party.pdf](#)
[PD Response Big Block Party.pdf](#)
[DPW Response Big Block Party.pdf](#)
[FD Response Big Block Party.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

21. [TMP -725](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [WTR - Referral Letter 07092024.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: Commissioner Spruill (Mount Vernon Department of Water Supply) spoke on his request to renew the contract for Ms. Owens. Commissioner Spruill stated that Ms. Owens has been employed for six to seven months and we were not allowed to hire because we were in the

middle of an audit. We brought her in as an consultant at the same rate of pay. We only have one accountant in the office and she was brought in to help. Her contract ends in August and we want to renew for two years with the right to terminate the contract when the audit is completed. The audit has a lot of accounting confusion and we're almost there. She is central to us getting us through the audit, She was getting \$35 per hour, we want to increase the rate of pay to \$50, that is the rate she had when she was with the board of water supply. She consented to the \$35 initially as to be in compliance with the rules of the audit. All of our other consultants are paid at the \$50 per hour rate.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

22. [TMP -751](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Water Rate Increase Request.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

23. [TMP -816](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Business Camera Regulation.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

24. [TMP -789](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Morenike E Williams.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

25. [TMP -790](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Rosia Blackwell Lawrence.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

26. [TMP -787](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Feeding WestchesterLegletter.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Thompson, **Seconded:** Councilmember Poteat

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

27. [TMP -749](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [SP4OG Smart Steps summer.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Thompson, **Seconded:** Councilmember Poteat

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

28. [TMP -758](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Safe Haven SP4OG summer w Chef Green.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Thompson, **Seconded:** Councilmember Poteat

On the question: Council President Gleason - What was the reason for this coming to us late?

Response: Councilmember Browne - Director Butler-Burrell was instructed if the date was closely approaching, she was instructed to add it retroactively.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

29. [TMP -797](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Inferno365 Fitness summer.\(1\)docx.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Thompson, **Seconded:** Councilmember Poteat

On the question: Council President Gleason - Is this the same reason at number 29?

Response: Councilmember Thompson - Yes.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

30. [TMP -774](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Agenda Letter ARPA Transfer .pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: none

Response: Council President Gleason - Just to clarify, this is not the purchase of a new vehicle. This vehicle was approved for purchase last year, but it was not in stock. The vehicle is now available, but since the initial purchase the price has increased and this is an amendment to the funds to cover the additional cost.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

31. [TMP -776](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Agenda Letter ARPA Amend Legislation.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

On the question: none

Response: Council President Gleason - This resolution was passed last year.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

32. [TMP -780](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Agenda Letter Union Local 107 Event .pdf](#)
[FDMV- Event Map .pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: none

Response: Councilmember Poteat - They did check in with PD (police department) and the event was approved.

Council President Gleason - Supplied insurance?

Clerk Walters - The insurance certificate is in preparation for the event.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

33. [TMP -775](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Referral Letter Designated Parking American Christmas July 2024.pdf](#)
[American Christmas - Holiday Lane 2023 News Article.pdf](#)
[Street View 30 Warren Place.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: Council President Gleason - All questions answered?

Response: Councilmember Browne - Yes.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

34. [TMP -700](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [CentralSquare Referral Letter \(2\).pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: none

Response: Councilmember Poteat - The PD (Police Department) will use this software for about a year or less and then moving on to Tyler.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

35. [TMP -794](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Request to Transfer Funds Between Budget Lines PB to PD](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

36. [TMP -763](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Leave of Absence D. Algieri](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

37. [TMP -764](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [LETECH Grant Use MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS \(2\)](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

38. [TMP -765](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [LETECH GRANT USE ESS](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: none

Response: Council President Gleason - I am very excited because this is a much needed added tool to start the process of having an aware room. It will be a game changer for the city of Mount Vernon. This is great for us.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

39. [TMP -766](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [ESU EQUIPMENT PURCHASE](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

40. [TMP -767](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [2024 IACP CONFERENCE BOSTON](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

41. [TMP -768](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [2024 DCJS PUBLIC SAFETY SYMPOSIUM](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

42. [TMP -771](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [ARPA TRANSFER AMENDED](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

43. [TMP -773](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [PD STREET CLOSURE](#)
[PD STREET CLOSURE MAP](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: none

Response: Councilmember Poteat - Thank you to Chief Olifars and Commissioner Gibson. This was difficult but now it is finalized and getting passed.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

44. [TMP -812](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Purchase of Citywide Cameras Motorola Solutions Referral Letter](#)
[Motorola LPR Brochure](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

45. [TMP -811](#)**Code:** PSC**Attachments:** [CitywideCameras ESS Referral Letter](#)**Moved:** Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne**On the question:** none**Response:** none

adopted

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

Motion to take items 46, 47 and 49 as a block vote.

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

take items as block vote

Aye: Councilmember Boxhill, Pro Tempore Browne, Councilmember Poteat, Thompson, and President Gleason**Nay:** None**Absent:** None46. [TMP -781](#)**Code:** PSC**Attachments:** [A RESOLUTION FIREFIGHTER KEVIN HOLT.pdf](#)

adopted

47. [TMP -782](#)**Code:** PSC**Attachments:** [A RESOLUTION FIREFIGHTER NATHANIEL TILFORD.pdf](#)

adopted

48. [TMP -796](#)**Code:** PSC**Attachments:** [Taxi Fare Increase.pdf](#)**Moved:** Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne**On the question:** Councilmember Browne - Did we get the comparative data?**Response:** Clerk Walters - Yes.

Councilmember Browne - I did not see it.

Council President Gleason - I did not see it either.

(Item needs to go for a second vote)

held

Aye: Councilmember Boxhill, Councilmember Poteat, and Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Pro Tempore Browne, and President Gleason

49. [TMP -808](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Wakanda Resolution.pdf](#)

adopted

approved the Consent Agenda

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

50. [TMP -815](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Short Term Rental Lead Agency and Public Hearing Reso.pdf](#)
[Short Term Rental Proposed Local Law.pdf](#)
[Short Term Rental EAF.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: Councilmember Poteat- How long? Probably October?

Response: Council President Gleason - I would not commit to that. Because any amendments by any other agencies will extend it. I do not want to give misinformation to residents. I do not want to commit to a date. Hopefully by the end of the year.

Corporation Counsel Johnson - We have to allow for the public discourse. We might need to make amendments based on feedback.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

51. [TMP -792](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [COMP2024-09- Request to Write-off Taxes from 2019 Insufficient Check Payment .pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

52. [TMP -793](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [COMP2024-10- Request for RPF Bulk Sale-Assignment of Tax Liens.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

On the question: none

Response: Councilmember Thompson- Please don't ignore the Comptroller's notices.

Councilmember Browne - We are doing what we can to keep Mount Vernon residents in their homes. As a city, we have to enforce. It is a way to get Mount Vernon renters into these homes. Councilmember Poteat - Piggybacking off of Council Woman Browne, we did some work to have a work around. We had Commissioner Rausse come and speak on it.

Councilmember Boxhill - I second Councilman Thompson. Don't ignore it. Comptroller Morton is doing a good job working with homeowners.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

53. [TMP -803](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [COMP2024-11- COMP2024-11 – Request permission for the Comptroller to enter partnership with Working Advantage – Plum Benefits .pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

54. [TMP -800](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Comp Plan Cleary Consultant Contract 2024 Referral Letter.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

On the question: Council President Gleason - Council Woman Browne, do you have a question?

Response: Councilmember Browne - No, I do not.

adopted

Aye: Pro Tempore Browne, Councilmember Poteat, Thompson, and President Gleason

Nay: Councilmember Boxhill

Absent: None

55. [TMP -804](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Comp Plan AKRF. Contract 2024 Referral Letter.pdf](#)
[AKRF Contract.8.11.24.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

56. [TMP -805](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Comp Plan Mid-Hudson PP. Contract 2024 Referral Letter.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

57. [TMP -712](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LAWRENCE A. ROSS.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

ADD-ON

To the Council:

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

Motion to enter into executive session to consultant with Corporation Counsel at 8:35 pm.

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

go into Executive Session

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion to exit executive session at 8:46 pm.

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

58. [TMP -786](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Letter of Necessity - Law Dept & Clerk.pdf](#)
[8142024 - MT VERNON LOCAL LAW PH AT - Copy.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Browne

On the question: Councilmember Browne - Why are we setting the date and not the mayor?

Response: Corporation Counsel Johnson - We have to have the local law passed the city council and has to have a public hearing and its adopted, then the mayor will have a public hearing.

Councilmember Browne - That is not typically how it is done. We only have public hearings if it's a planning/zoning.

Corporation Counsel Johnson - 2024 information from NYCOM, this is how it is done. Since it has not been on your test for the required amount of time, the mayor can write a letter of necessity, but it does not negate the need for a public hearing by the city council.

Councilmember Browne - Share that with me. We have a strong mayor system, that should not be a requirement for us. I'm not sure if we should be going this route.

Corporation Counsel Johnson - based on research I did today, the local law is required prior to the adoption. That is my recommendation that the cc have a public hearing.

Council President Gleason - I agree with Council Woman Browne, but I see your point (to Corporation Counsel Johnson). We can recess for 5 minutes for council to read and we can take a break.

Corporation Counsel Johnson - I suggest an executive session.

Council President Gleason - Agreed.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilmember Browne - ARPA, this is the last year in contract. Some of these things require an RFP and those take time. I'm sounding the alarm, know of any needed RFP's, put them out now. We do not want to have to return unused ARPA funds.

Councilmember Thompson - You can see Council Woman Browne and other elected officials in a basketball game. Caitlin is 5' 3" and she played basketball. I ran track and swam, but I will be playing in the game.

Council President Gleason - "I'm offended". I was not asked to join this basketball classic. I will be there to support.

Corporation Counsel - We have to invite Rai Benjamin.

Councilmember Thompson - Rai don't want none of this! I'm just joking.

Councilmember Browne - The game will be in St. Mary's park in the Bronx, this Saturday at 2:30 pm.

Councilmember Poteat - I was late because I was at a campaign fundraiser for the Harris & Waltz campaign in Manhattan. We have a presidential election coming up. You can volunteer for the campaign, phone banking and knocking on doors.

Council President Gleason - I'm going to rephrase that. Please exercise your right to vote, no matter who the candidate is.

Clerk Walters - I want to remind all residents on the upcoming on site voter registration on September 28th and October 5th, those are on Saturday, from Noon to 9:00 pm, here at City Hall. (**date has been*

changed from October 5th to October 10th)

Council President Gleason - What is the very last day to register to vote, whether they do it here at City Hall or elsewhere?

Clerk Walters - I don't remember at this moment, it is on our website.

Council President Gleason - We'll make sure we put it in our newsletter in the Clerk's Corner.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no other further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Nicole Bonilla, MBA
Deputy City Clerk