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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

7:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

City Council

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, JD
Deputy City Clerk*

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025.**

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

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

PRESIDING: Danielle Browne, President

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

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lead by Deputy Corporation Counsel Powell

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Annette

Shands *declined

Council Responses:

- a. Councilman Boxhill - Thank you for you points on this, we'll look into this
- b. Councilman Poteat - is the issue on the 9th ave building the knocking down the building? We will look into that more

2. Malcom Clark 55 Ehrbar Ave, Mount Vernon, NY 10552 [Charter Review Commission]

Council Responses:

- a. Council President Browne - I do find it hypocritical this is, and the lack of process, but we as a council do not hold the power to dissolve the commission, and we also don't have the ability to make them do something in particular. We do have the power to investigate and we can come up with a resolution on the matter.
- b. CM Boxhill - The citizens are the most important factor and I thank you for bringing this forward in front of everyone. I cant support this without the support of the citizens
- c. CM Thompson - I expect our residents come out and I expect tomorrows meeting goes how its supposed to. We need to gather facts and vote without emotion. We will use tomorrow to gather info and understand what is being asked.
- d. CM Poteat - The lack of public scrutiny and public input is at large. I look forward to our meeting tomorrow on this issue so that we can uncover these problems

3. Makeda Sabree 10 South 2nd Ave, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 [Concern with parking every Friday for religious service from 12 noon to 3:00 pm to allow them to have meters blocked to worship]

Council Responses:

- a. CP Browne - Maybe we can meet with other councilmen to discuss a period where there is no

ticketing. I do understand the worshipping period so we will work to find a solution to this matter.

- b. CM Boxhill - I also not sure how much we can do on this matter
- c. CM Gleason - I'm not sure we can do much about this issue. But I will reach out to the lot near by and see if we can work something out.
- d. CM Thompson - Police commissioner is working on it, and hopefully we have some result of it later this week
- e. CM Poteat - I will sit down with Police DEpartment to resolve this matter

4. Delores Mack 55 Ehrbar Ave, Mount Vernon, NY 10552 [The better of Mount Vernon]
Council Responses:

- a. CP Browne - we put out an Request For Proposals about the item. We have selected a contractor, but I will follow up and see where we are with that. As far as the sidewalks goes, the property owners are responsible to repair the sidewalks. It is a larger problem, but Department of Public Works is working on it.
- b. CM Boxhill - I agree that the mice situation is ridiculous, and we definitely need to look into this more.
- c. CM Gleason - We are doing a city-wide sidewalk survey, so they will map out the area. We are developing more creative ways for larger developments. We just ask when these developments come, the people of mount Vernon pay attention

5. Lynn Cheek 333 Hawthorne Terrace, Mount Vernon, NY 10552

Council Responses:

- a. CP Browne - I agree, and the same issues was spoken about. The perception was that more people were for it than not. I'm not in favor of it, and believe there are other locations for this event that should be explored.
- b. CM Boxhill - I went to the event last year and I enjoyed the event but your voice is heard
- c. CM Gleason - I understand your concern, and why it was at Traphagen in previous years. My concern is, we work for you all. I believe that there was plenty that came out tonight in opposition of it, and I understand people don't want their homes blocked off on a holiday.
- d. CM Thompson - Some residents are in favor of the event happening and some who don't. We want to respect the people and their property and their privacy. We did look into the school like previous years but the funding was less than previous years. So we will look into more talks about the matter before the next meeting
- e. CM Poteat - I believe you are correct, and I believe the Wakanda celebration is a nuisance. We will work with the applicants and see if there is another location. The same issues arising from before, are the same issue we are hearing now

6. Steven Horton 107 Villa St., Mount Vernon, NY 10552

Council Responses:

- a. CM Boxhill - The public really needs to chime in. I haven't seen a realistic timeline for this change and I need to understand this more.
- b. CM Gleason - Both types of governments are going to have the same issues. If we decide to go with this government you will not have a voice. The reason we work so well is because you all's voice is heard here. Yes, we have deficiencies, but that is because we cannot be everywhere all at once. We need your voices to know how to operate better.

7. Sergio Rodriguez 345 Hawthorne Terrace, Mount Vernon, NY 10552 - NO SHOW

8. Hope Maribel 2 Fisher Dr., Mount Vernon, NY 10552Council Responses:

- a. CP Browne - Hopefully we receive a favorable vote.
- b. CM Gleason - I agree with this idea, it'll be voted on tonight
- c. CM Poteat - I believe Council will vote on the theatre project shortly. Thank you for you stand on Tina Sattin

9. Geoff Monroe Mount Vernon, NY 10553Council Responses:

- a. CP Browne - The reason it was mandated was because it was a New York State mandated policy. We cannot do anything about that but if you want more info you can look further into that. We appreciate your comments.
- b. CM Gleason - When it comes to public funds, a lot of municipalities adopt this thought process. I would like to discuss further at a later time for this.
- c. CM Thompson - I do appreciate your input. I want to clarify that out city council chambers are better than how it used to be. Nothing will be 100% but no matter how good something is, someone will critique what has been done. Its okay for us to disagree but its not okay for us to be disagreeable.

10. Fab Bell 26 Euclid Ave, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 - NO SHOW**REFERRAL SESSION**

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

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

ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON**To the Council:**

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

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1. [TMP
-1474](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Wakanda Complete](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

****CALLED FOR****

held

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2. [TMP-1511](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Hilltop completed application and responses](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: President Browne

Absent: None

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3. [TMP-1512](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Christ Apostolic Completed application and re](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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4. [TMP-1472](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Mayor's Office Referral - 4th Annual Hispanic DPW Response](#)
[FDMV Approval_4th Annual Hispanic Heritag](#)
[MVPD Approval_4th Annual Hispanic Heritag](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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5. [TMP-1482](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Updated Street Resurfacing 25-26 Street Resur](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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6. [TMP-1483](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Zonzini- Emergency at Macquesten-Devonia-L](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: Boxhill - Aye

Poteat - Aye

Thompson - Aye

Gleason - Abstain

Browne - Abstain

NEED 2nd Vote

adopted

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

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7. [TMP-1484](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Zonzini- Emergency at Beechwood-Columbus](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: Councilman Boxhill - Aye
 Councilman Poteat - Aye
 Councilman Thompson - Aye
 Councilman Gleason - Abstain
 Council President Browne - Aye

adopted

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

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8. [TMP-1485](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Zonzini- Emergency at Doles Center](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: Councilman Boxhill - Aye
 Councilman Poteat - Aye
 Councilman Thompson - Aye
 Councilman Gleason - Abstain
 Council President Browne - Aye

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Councilperson Gleason

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9. [TMP-1437](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Updated Pest Management and Control Bid Ac](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: Councilman Boxhill - Aye

Councilman Poteat - Aye

Councilman Thompson - Aye

Councilman Gleason - Aye

Council President Browne - Abstain

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: President Browne

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10. [TMP-1505](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Contract Amendment Request-Weathertight](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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11. [TMP-1500](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Ammended City fest letter](#)
[City Fest 2025-AMENDED-fire](#)
[City Fest 25-PD](#)
[DPW Updated City Fest Approval](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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12. [TMP-1501](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [buddy white projectReferral letter 2025](#)
[FD Response 2025 Buddy White Project](#)
[DPW Response Buddy White Project](#)
[PD Response Buddy White](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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13. [TMP](#)
[-1506](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Juan Peralta Sr. Plaza refferral 7.1.25](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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14. [TMP](#)
[-1509](#)

Code: LPW

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

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15. [TMP](#)
[-1498](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [SP4OG Startup Smart up Entrepreneurship Flyer 2025 \(003\)](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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16. [TMP -1507](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [SP4OG Startup instructor](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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17. [TMP -1508](#)

Code: HR

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

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[TMP
-1518](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Transfer of Funds - Sewer Line](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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[TMP
-1517](#)

Code: LPW

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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[TMP
-1515](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Tina Sattin Referral](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilman Gleason: I wanted to give the Williams family on behalf of the council, our condolences because seargeant Williams, lost his wife recently

Councilman Boxhill: I also want to give the Johnson family our condolences for Brian Johnson, he too lost a loved one recently.

Councilman Thompson: I want to give a moment of silence for those who have passed and their families at the end of this meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Jordan Riullano, JD
Deputy City Clerk