

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

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026**

**7:00 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL**

### **City Council**

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA  
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, JD  
Deputy City Clerk*

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**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026.**

**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:** Derrick Thompson, President

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

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Derrick Thompson 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 Thompson explained the 3-minute-plus-1 public comment rule. He 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).

**AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS**

(IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH)

COUNCILWOMAN GLEASON - HONORED COMMISSIONER DAMANI BUSH

COUNCILMAN BOXHILL - HONORED YOLANA JONES

COUNCILMAN WALLACE - PASTOR DAMON MACK

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1.) Wilma Frank - 7:03 & 7:16 PM NO SHOW

**Building Department permits**

2.) Imani Lawrence - 7:04 PM VIRTUAL

**Spoke on Mount Vernon's rapid infrastructure and expansion programs**

Council Response:

Councilman Wallace: addressed the speakers concerns about how the monitoring system can be used positively and help deter and solve crimes

Councilwoman Gleason: The program will be used for crime fighting and will not be used for federal purposes

Councilman Boxhill: I did request a community forum for input and explained that it is a test period that the city does not have to continue use, but we should have a discussion with the community

Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones: acknowledged receipt of her email and addressed her concerns and discussed the need for the Police Department for how they are housing information and who they are releasing it too.

Council President Thompson: requested the possibility of the drone program and we expect it to do things in regard to public safety. It can use thermal technology to see if people are trapped in a fire. It is

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a one year trial bases and the council can terminate if we feel it is harming our community.

3.) Maraina T Brown - 7:07 PM

**Spoke on being arrested by Mount Vernon Police and falsely arrested.**

Council Response:

Councilman Wallace: spoke with her today in the law department about her case that happened on January 16th. She spoke with her attorney and did speak with the Police Department and she is aware of the recommendations from myself, her attorney and the police department. The situation is more or less about "you did it to me and I did it to me" and she has her mind to make up and she has been given the options and to save her license, there was a suggestion by the attorney and it sounded valid to me and the police department echoed the same sentiments. Do you want to pursue and go after the people because you were not wrong? There is something called being "right and being dead right"

Councilwoman Gleason: You can submit a form with the Police Department and it will be investigated

Councilman Boxhill: apologized for the bad experience from the Police Department and will inquire with the department

Council President Thompson: Will defer to Public Safety and Codes chair to get answers to questions

4.) Geoff Munroe - 7:12 PM

**AI Legislation and drones**

Council Response:

Councilman Wallace: spoke about his tour with the Police Department and inquired about the drone program

Councilwoman Gleason: I did give recommendations to the law department to pass legislation that Police Department will not assist with ICE raids unless it has to do with criminal activity. We do know that there are 2 spots open, we have has members drop out and we have reached out to the community so they can submit a request to the council, so they can join.

Councilman Boxhill: Requested an email with all his demands so he can follow up

Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones: Along with Councilwoman Gleason, we have had discussions about ICE and we do have a committee that is in process and an ally presentation for immigration.

**REFERRAL SESSION**

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

**PRESENT:** Council President Derrick Thompson, Pro Tempore Jaevon Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Cathlin Gleason, Councilmember Cynthia Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Andre Wallace

**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:

Motion to take items #1 - 6 as a block vote

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**Moved:** Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

take items as block vote

**Aye:** Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

1. [TMP  
-1914](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [DPW 1.29.26 140\\_6 Code Amendment](#)

**Moved:** Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

2. [TMP  
-1917](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [DPW 1.29.26 140\\_24 Code Amendment](#)

**Moved:** Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

3. [TMP  
-1918](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [DPW 1.29.26 191\\_3 Code Amendment](#)

**Moved:** Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

4. [TMP  
-1919](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [DPW 1.29.26 227\\_38 Code Amendment](#)

**Moved:** Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

5. [TMP-1920](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [DPW 1.29.26 227\\_55 Code Amendment](#)

**Moved:** Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

6. [TMP-1921](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [DPW 1.29.26 226\\_56 Code Amendment](#)

**Moved:** Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

**Moved:** Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

approved the Consent Agenda

**Aye:** Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

7. [TMP-1933](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff Local Law](#)

Councilman Wallace: there are unequal representation from all branches of government and the comptroller's office is not represented on the board.

Mayor Patterson - Howard: no objection

held

8. [TMP-1932](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Local Law for Capital Projects Board](#)

Councilman Wallace: there are unequal representation from all branches of government and the

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comptroller's office is not represented on the board.

Mayor Patterson - Howard: no objection held

9. [TMP-1936](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Resolution Standard Work Day and ROA 2025](#)

**Moved:** Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Councilman Wallace: Abstain - I was not here in 2025

adopted

**Aye:** Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, and Councilmember Turnquest-Jones

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** Councilmember Wallace

**To the Council:**

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

**No Items**

**To the Council:**

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

10. [TMP-1931](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Local Law for Red Light Cameras](#)

**Moved:** Councilman Wallace, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

**Aye:** Council President Thompson, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

**Nay:** Pro Tempore Boxhill

**Absent:** None

**To the Council:**

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

11. [TMP-1908](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Referral Letter parking in lieu for cc 4.16 Final Zoning 267 - Multi-family parking requirement](#)

HELD - by co - chair Councilman Wallace: Zoning board members state that the language needs to be changed  
held

12. [TMP-1926](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Rescind ltr 328 South 1st Avenue. 2nd 2026](#)

**Moved:** Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Wallace

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

**Aye:** Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

13. [TMP-1925](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Recommendation ltr 328 South 1st Avenue.2nd 2026](#)

**Moved:** Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Wallace

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

**Aye:** Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

14. [TMP](#)  
[-1929](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Budget Schedule Local Law](#)

**Moved:** Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Wallace

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

**Aye:** Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

**Nay:** Acting Pro Tempore Gleason

**Absent:** None

15. [TMP](#)  
[-1930](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Local Law for Tax installment Plans](#)

**Moved:** Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Wallace

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

**Aye:** Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**ADD-ON**

**To the Council:**

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

16. [TMP](#)  
[-1910](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [City Council Referral Letter - Ms. Lomari Payne - Assistant Commissioner - Revised - February 5, 2026](#)  
[ASSISTANTCOMMISSIONEROFPUBLICWORKSJOBSPEC](#)

**Moved:** Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:**

adopted

**Aye:** Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

17. [TMP-1913](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [City Council Referral Letter - Chief of Infrastructure - February 9 2026](#)  
[Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements Specs](#)

held

18. [TMP-1941](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [City Council Referral Letter - Mr. Jawwad Abdul-Halim - Code Enforcement Coordinator - Revised - February 5 2026](#)  
[CODEENFORCEMENTCOORDINATORJOBSPEC2026](#)

**Moved:** Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:**

adopted

**Aye:** Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Gleason: Wishing a Happy Birthday to Council President Thompson

Motion to Adjourn

**Moved:** Councilman Wallace, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

approved

**Aye:** Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Jordan Riullano, JD  
Deputy City Clerk

