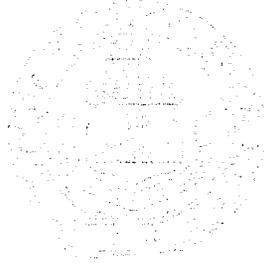


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## **City of Mount Vernon, New York**

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### **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**Monday, June 30, 2025**

**4:30 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ROOM 206**

### **City Council Special Meeting**

**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 30, 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:** Derrick Thompson, Acting City Council President

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

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Acting 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".

**REFERRAL SESSION**

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON**

**To the Council:**

**LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Water Department: An Ordinance Authorizing Attendance at the 2025 One Water Summit in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, Honoring Jacqueline Jones

**To the Council:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES**

**HELD**

- Department of Buildings: An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of Time Limits on Dormant Buildings Department Applications
4. Department of Buildings: An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of Ordinance No. 18, Adopted by the City Council on February 11, 2025, entitled "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE NEW YORK STATE BUILDING OFFICIALS CONFERENCE (NYSBOC) FOR MANDATORY IN-SERVICE TRAINING"

**OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT THE 2025 ONE WATER SUMMIT IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Whereas, in correspondence dated June 24, 2025, the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply formally requested authorization for two (2) employees to attend the 2025 One Water Summit in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from July 8 through July 11, 2025; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon Board of Water Supply is committed to advancing its mission through professional development, infrastructure modernization, and enhanced community engagement; and

Whereas, the 2025 One Water Summit, to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from July 8 to July 11, 2025, is a nationally recognized event convening water sector leaders for solution-oriented sessions, collaborative workshops, and peer learning opportunities; and

Whereas, participation in the One Water Summit will directly support the Board of Water Supply's key initiatives, including the Lead Service Line Replacement Program, backflow prevention compliance, and integrated water management best practices; and

Whereas, Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard is scheduled to be a featured speaker at the Summit, further underscoring the City's commitment to national leadership in water policy and equity; and

Whereas, the total cost for two (2) employees to attend the Summit, including registration, travel, lodging, and incidentals, shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) and shall be charged to budget code 001-581-581001, Staff Development & Training; 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 and the Board of Water Supply are hereby authorized to permit two (2) employees to attend the 2025 One Water Summit in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from July 8 through July 11, 2025.

Section 2. Expenditure of Funds. The total cost for registration, travel, lodging, and incidentals shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). Said expenditure shall be charged to budget code 001-581-581001, Staff Development & Training.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 6/30/2025 special

Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Browne: Absent Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

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Date

Signature of Mayor

Mayor

Signature of Councilperson

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Signature of Acting President

Acting President

ATTEST

Signature of City Clerk

City Clerk

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, HONORING JACQUELINE JONES

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon, New York, proudly recognizes **Jacqueline Jones**, whose extraordinary resilience, compassion, and dedication to uplifting others through personal courage and public service exemplify the highest ideals of our community; and

Whereas, **Jacqueline Jones**, a lifelong resident of Mount Vernon, has bravely shared her journey—a life marked by early trauma, survival of domestic violence, single motherhood, and a life-changing HIV diagnosis in 1992—which she met with unyielding strength and dignity. Despite going untreated for a decade, Jacqueline faced her diagnosis head-on during her pregnancy in 2002, taking every measure to protect her unborn child, who was born HIV-negative; and

Whereas, drawing strength from her experiences, Jacqueline became a fierce and compassionate advocate, serving as a spokesperson for the national campaign **HIV STOPS WITH ME**, a groundbreaking public health initiative that challenges stigma, raises awareness, and connects individuals to care, community, and support. Her openness has provided a powerful, humanizing voice for countless people still living in silence and fear, inspiring them to seek treatment and live with purpose and pride; and

Whereas, Jacqueline’s message, “*I am here and I care*,” has been a beacon of empathy and empowerment for those navigating life with HIV, and her steadfast presence through more than 33 years of survival stands as a symbol of hope and possibility for all; **Now, Therefore, be it**

**Resolved**, that on this 28th day of June 2025, during the **HIV/AIDS Awareness Walk – Increasing Awareness and Ending Stigma One Step at a Time**, the Mount Vernon City Council does hereby honor and commend **Jacqueline Jones** for her unwavering resilience, courageous public advocacy, and profound commitment to health equity and social justice.

Vote Taken As Follows: 6/30/2025 special

Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Browne: Absent Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature] Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

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Date

[Signature] Mayor

[Signature] Councilperson

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

[Signature] President

ATTEST

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TIME LIMITS ON DORMANT BUILDING DEPARTMENT APPLICATIONS**

**Whereas**, by letter dated June 13, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings formally requested the establishment of time limits on dormant building permit applications; and

**Whereas**, a substantial number of permit and approval applications remain inactive or dormant for prolonged periods, consuming staff time and administrative resources that could be allocated to current, active applications; and

**Whereas**, the continued review, monitoring, and communication regarding these dormant applications has hindered the Department's ability to operate efficiently and serve the public promptly; and

**Whereas**, the implementation of time limits for inactivity across all types of applications will promote timely compliance by applicants, reduce administrative backlog, and improve recordkeeping and operational efficiency; and

**Whereas**, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to ensure that the Department of Buildings' resources are focused on active applications that demonstrate progress toward completion; and

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon finds that the expiration of dormant applications will protect the public health, safety, and welfare by improving departmental responsiveness and effectiveness; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Definitions.**

(a) **Dormant Application:** Any application submitted to the Building Department for a permit or approval—including but not limited to permits for New Structures, Alterations, Demolition, Plumbing, Electrical, or Signage—for which no applicant-initiated activity has occurred for six (6) consecutive months from the date of filing.

(b) **Substantive Activity:** Includes submission of required documents, correction of identified deficiencies, responses to official correspondence from the Building Department, or any other action that demonstrates the applicant's intent to pursue the application.

**Section 2. Invalidation of Dormant Applications.**

1. Any application submitted to the Building Department shall be deemed invalid if there is no applicant-initiated activity for six (6) months following the date of filing, regardless of whether the applicable fee has been paid.

2. Applications deemed invalid due to inactivity shall not be eligible for renewal or reactivation.

3. If the applicant wishes to proceed with the proposed work after the application has been invalidated, a new application must be submitted and shall be subject to the rules, procedures, and fees in effect at the time of the new filing.

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**Section 3. Notice of Dormancy.** The Building Department may, but is not obligated to, notify applicants before declaring an application invalid due to dormancy. The absence of such notice shall not impact the enforceability of this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Applicability.** This Ordinance shall apply to all new and existing applications filed with the Building Department on or after the effective date. Any application that has already remained dormant for six (6) months or more as of the effective date shall be deemed invalid immediately.

**Section 5. Application Types Covered.** This Ordinance shall apply to, but is not limited to, the following categories of applications requiring review and issuance by the Building Department:

- New Structure Permits
- Alteration Permits
- Demolition Permits
- Plumbing Permits
- Electrical Permits
- Signage Permits
- Any other permits or approvals subject to review by the Department

**Section 6. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall continue in full force and effect.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

Date

BY

Mayor

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Acting President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Vote Taken As Follows: 6/25/2025  
Boxhill: Yea  
Gleason: Yea  
Potat: Absent  
Thompson: Yea  
Browne: Abstain  
Ordinance Not Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 18, ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 11, 2025, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE NEW YORK STATE BUILDING OFFICIALS CONFERENCE (NYSBOC) FOR MANDATORY IN-SERVICE TRAINING"

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Whereas, in correspondence dated June 13, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings formally requested authorization to amend Ordinance No. 18 of 2025 to authorize one (1) additional Code Enforcement Officer, Hediye Mamak, to attend the 2025 New York State Building Officials Conference (NYSBOC) to fulfill state-mandated in-service training requirements; and

Whereas, on February 11, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 18 of 2025 authorizing the attendance of eleven (11) Code Enforcement Officials at the 2025 New York State Building Officials Conference (NYSBOC), and allocated funds from Budget Code A.3620.451 (Training); and

Whereas, the New York State Department of State mandates annual in-service training for Code Enforcement Officials to maintain their certification; and

Whereas, an additional Code Enforcement Officer, Hediye Mamak, requires attendance at the 2025 NYSBOC Conference to fulfill this mandatory training requirement; and

Whereas, the cost of attendance for this additional officer is Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), which is to be appropriated from Budget Code A.3620.451 (Training); and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to ensure that all Code Enforcement Officials remain current with their required certifications; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Amendment to Ordinance No. 18 of 2025. Ordinance No. 18 of 2025 is hereby amended to authorize one (1) additional Code Enforcement Officer, Hediye Mamak, to attend the 2025 New York State Building Officials Conference (NYSBOC) to fulfill state-mandated in-service training requirements.

Section 2. Appropriation of Funds. The amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) shall be appropriated from Budget Code A.3620.451 (Training) to cover the cost of this training expense associated with this additional attendee.

Section 3. Retroactive Effect. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract and shall apply retroactively to cover any eligible costs already incurred related to the attendance of Officer Hediye Mamak at the 2025 NYSBOC Conference.

Vote Taken As Follows: 6/30/2025 special  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Nay  
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea  
Browne: Absent Ordinance Adopted

Vote Taken As Follows: 6/25/2025  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Nay  
Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea  
Browne: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

JUL - 1 2025

Date

BY [Signature] Mayor

[Signature] Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

[Signature] President

ATTEST:

[Signature] City Clerk

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