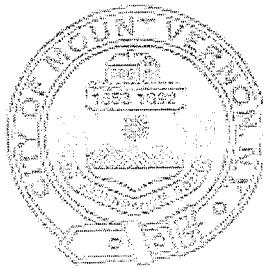


# **City of Mount Vernon, New York**

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## **Meeting Agenda - Final-revised**

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

**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, JANUARY 14, 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, 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).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**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. Department of Management Services: An Ordinance Authorizing the Procurement Manager to Attend the 2026 Exchange Conference Sponsored by the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO)

**Code:** LPW

2. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Attend the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) 2026 Winter Legislative Winter Meeting - (February 1, 2026 through February 3, 2026)

**Code:** LPW

3. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Attend the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) 94th Winter Meeting in Washington, DC - (January 28, 2026, through January 30, 2026)

**Code:** LPW

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4. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Transfer for the Renewal of iWorq Sewer Management and Fleet Enterprise Software

**Code:** LPW

5. Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget of the Board of Water Supply of the City of Mount Vernon

**Code:** LPW

6. Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Software-As-A-Service (SAAS) Agreement with Tyler Technologies for the Implementation of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System

**Code:** LPW

**To the Council:**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

7. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the Funding of the Youth Bureau's EmpowerMED Program - (set to commence in February 2026)

**Code:** HR

8. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Retroactively Enter into an Agreement with the Westchester County Youth Bureau to Accept Funds for the GEM Program and to Provide Required City Matching Funds - (January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028)

**Code:** HR

9. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, through the Westchester County Youth Bureau and Authorizing the Acceptance of Funds for the Youth Development Program (YDP) - (October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026)

**Code:** HR

10. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Westchester County Youth Bureau for the Acceptance of Grant Funds in the Amount of \$25,000 for the Moving in Motion (M.I.M) Program - (October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026)

**Code:** HR

11. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Approve Travel and Conference Participation for Youth and Staff of the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau to Attend the Annual Youth Leadership Forum - (February 2–3, 2026, in Troy, New York)

**Code:** HR

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12. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS) for the Spring Aviation Program under the Youth Employment Program (YEP)

Code: HR

13. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Organizational Capacity Building (OCB) to Provide Professional Development Services for the WDAY Staff in Support of the Youth Employment Program

Code: HR

14. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an agreement with Toss N Press, S-Corp, to Provide a Youth Food Hospitality Program through the Youth Bureau in Support of the Youth Employment Program - (scheduled to commence in February 2026 and conclude in May 2026)

Code: HR

15. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an agreement with The Flying Classroom, Parent Company of Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS), to Provide a Drone and Aviation Stem Program for Middle School Youth Funded Through the Project Rise Program - (over a six- to eight-week period)

Code: HR

16. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with The Flying Classroom to Provide a Drone FAA Training Program for High School Youth Funded Through the Project Rise Grant

Code: HR

**To the Council:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES**

17. Office of Emergency Management: An Ordinance Authorizing a Transfer of Appropriated Funds Within the Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted Budget to Support the Auxiliary Police Unit

Code: PSC

18. Fire Department: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Within the 2025 Fire Department Budget

Code: PSC

19. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing Training for Two (2) Members of Service to Attend a Command & Leadership Seminar - (April 27, 2026, through May 1, 2026)

Code: PSC

**To the Council:**

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**FINANCE AND PLANNING**

20. Department of Assessment: An Ordinance Authorizing a Refund for Overpayment of the 2025 County Tax Bill for Property Located at 255 Summit Avenue - (Section 165.39, Block 2063, Lot 29)

**Code:** FP

21. Department of Planning & Community Development: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Grant Funds from the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency in the total amount of \$324,630.00 for the Period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, and Authorizing Related Expenditures for the Position of Budget Specialist III (Grant Funded)

**Code:** FP

22. Department of Planning & Community Development: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Grant Funds from the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency in the total amount of \$233,193.00 for a Three-Year Period and to Continue Funding Grant-Funded Budget Specialist I Position

**Code:** FP

23. Department of Planning & Community Development: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 12, Adopted by the City Council on NOVEMBER 21, 2023, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT GRANTS FROM CITIES AND EXECUTE A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MOUNT VERNON FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER"

**Code:** FP

24. Department of Planning & Community Development: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 8, Adopted by the City Council on JANUARY 10, 2024, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MAYORS ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF THE MOUNT VERNON FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER"

**Code:** FP

25. Department of Planning & Community Development: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 31, Adopted by the City Council on AUGUST 14, 2025, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE CITIES FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FUND TO INCORPORATE LEGACY PLANNING SERVICES IN THE MOUNT VERNON FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER"

**Code:** FP

26. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon Retroactively Appointing Gwen Jackson to the Board of Assessment Review for a Five-Year Term

**Code:** FP

**ADD-ON****LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

27. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Granting a One (1) Year Leave of Absence to Lamont Radcliff, Motor Equipment Operator, Sanitation, Department of Public Works

**Code:** LPW

28. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, NY, Appointing Avery Ransom to the City of Mount Vernon Board of Ethics - (January 14, 2026 - January 13, 2028)

**Code:** LPW

**FINANCE AND PLANNING**

29. Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Comptroller to Extend the Agreement with PFK O'Connor Davies, LLP for Independent Auditing Services for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022

**Code:** FP

**OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT  
MANAGER TO ATTEND THE 2026 EXCHANGE CONFERENCE  
SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE  
PROCUREMENT OFFICIALS (NASPO)**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated December 8, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services formally requested authorization for the Procurement Manager, Gimeno Simmonds, to attend the 2026 Exchange Conference sponsored by the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) and the Procurement Professionals Alliance (PPA), to be held March 9–12, 2026, in Lake Buena Vista, Florida; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon seeks to ensure that its procurement practices are efficient, compliant, transparent, and aligned with nationally recognized best practices; and

**Whereas**, the Exchange Conference is a nationally recognized, executive-level procurement forum that convenes senior procurement officials from all U.S. states and territories to engage in advanced professional development, policy discussions, and strategic procurement planning; and

**Whereas**, the conference program includes educational sessions, strategic roundtables, continuing education units (CEUs), and peer-to-peer exchanges focused on modern procurement strategies, vendor engagement, and compliance practices; and

**Whereas**, a distinguishing feature of the conference is the opportunity for up to ten (10) structured One-on-One meetings with pre-qualified suppliers, providing direct exposure to emerging technologies, vendor capabilities, and innovative procurement solutions relevant to municipal operations; and

**Whereas**, participation in the Exchange Conference will enhance the City's procurement function by strengthening vendor evaluation methods, improving market intelligence, modernizing sourcing strategies, and reinforcing compliance with applicable procurement laws and policies; and

**Whereas**, NASPO will provide hotel accommodations, meals, conference registration reimbursement, and airline reimbursement up to Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00), and the early registration fee of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) is fully refundable upon participation and includes two (2) years of membership in the Procurement Professionals Alliance; and

**Whereas**, no City funds will be expended for travel, lodging, meals, or conference registration in connection with attendance at the Exchange Conference; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that attendance at this conference serves a valid public purpose and will directly benefit the City of Mount Vernon by improving operational effectiveness and the professional development of key personnel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization.** The City Council hereby authorizes the Procurement Manager, Gimeno Simmonds, to attend the 2026 Exchange Conference sponsored by the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) and the Procurement Professionals Alliance (PPA), to be held March 9–12, 2026, in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

**Section 2. No Expenditure of City Funds.** No City funds shall be expended for travel, lodging, meals, registration fees, or related expenses associated with attendance at the conference, as such costs shall be covered or reimbursed by NASPO as described herein.

**Section 3. Public Purpose.** The City Council determines that attendance at the Exchange Conference serves a legitimate public purpose by enhancing the City's procurement capabilities, strengthening vendor engagement strategies, expanding market intelligence, and promoting best practices in municipal procurement and compliance.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unenforceable, such judgment shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea      Gleason: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea      Wallace: Yea  
Thompson: Yea  
Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Gregory A. Bartsch*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
JAN 15 2026  
Date  
*Shawn Patterson*  
BY *Shawn Patterson*  
Mayor

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*Cathleen Gleason*  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*Derrick Thompson*  
President  
ATTEST:  
*Micelle Bonilla*  
City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ATTEND THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF MAYORS  
(NYCOM) 2026 WINTER LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated January 8, 2026, the Mayor formally requested authorization to attend the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) 2026 Winter Legislative Meeting to be held in Albany, New York, from February 1, 2026, through February 3, 2026; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is a member municipality of the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM), an organization that represents the interests of cities and villages throughout New York State; and

**Whereas**, the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon currently serves as Vice President of the New York Conference of Mayors and sits on the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Task Force; and

**Whereas**, during said conference, the Mayor will present on matters relating to Community and Economic Development and participate in discussions concerning proposed state legislation, policy changes, and budget priorities that directly impact municipalities, including the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, attendance at the NYCOM Winter Legislative Meeting is necessary and beneficial to ensure the City of Mount Vernon remains informed of, and actively engaged in, matters affecting municipal governance and advocacy at the state level; and

**Whereas**, the registration fee for the conference is Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$375.00), and the total cost of the trip, including transportation, lodging, and incidental expenses, shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00); and

**Whereas**, sufficient funds are available within the Fiscal Year 2026 adopted budget under Account No. A1030.402 – BOE Education and Travel, to cover the costs associated with said travel;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Authorization to Attend Conference.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to attend the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) 2026 Winter Legislative Meeting to be held in Albany, New York, from February 1, 2026, through February 3, 2026.

**Section 2. Authorization of Expenditures.** The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to pay for the conference registration fee, transportation, lodging, and incidental expenses related to the Mayor's attendance at the NYCOM 2026 Winter Legislative Meeting, in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

**Section 3. Budgetary Source.** All expenses authorized herein shall be charged to Account No. A1030.402 – BOE Education and Travel, or such other account as the Comptroller shall deem appropriate, consistent with the adopted Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
Thompson: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Gregory A. Bain*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
JAN 15 2026  
Date  
*Shawn Patterson-Harris*  
Mayor

*Matthew Gleason*  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*Derrick Thompson*  
President  
ATTEST  
*Miguel Bonilla*  
City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE  
OF MAYORS (USCM) 94TH WINTER MEETING  
IN WASHINGTON, DC**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated January 8, 2026, the Mayor formally requested authorization to attend the United States Conference of Mayors' (USCM) 94th Winter Meeting to be held in Washington, DC, from January 28, 2026, through January 30, 2026, and to participate fully in all official meetings, panels, and related events associated therewith; and

**Whereas**, the USCM Winter Meeting convenes hundreds of mayors from cities across the nation to address critical municipal issues, exchange best practices, and collaborate on policy solutions impacting America's cities; and

**Whereas**, the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon has been invited to attend and actively participate in the 94th Winter Meeting, including serving as a panelist on three (3) panels addressing Public Safety, Climate Best Practices, and Health Equity, and the vital role of municipal government; and

**Whereas**, during the course of the meeting, the Mayor will also testify before a United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources roundtable concerning electricity prices and energy affordability, thereby representing the interests of the City of Mount Vernon at the federal level; and

**Whereas**, the Mayor will additionally assume the role of Chair of the United States Conference of Mayors Task Force on Aging, further elevating the City's leadership and involvement in national municipal policy discussions; and

**Whereas**, the registration fee for member mayors to attend the 94th Winter Meeting is One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,750.00); and

**Whereas**, the total cost of attendance, including registration, transportation, lodging, and incidental expenses, is anticipated not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00); and

**Whereas**, sufficient funds are available within Budget Line A1030.402 – BOE Education and Travel to cover said expenses without adverse fiscal impact to the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization to Attend.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to attend the United States Conference of Mayors' 94th Winter Meeting to be held in Washington, DC from January 28, 2026, through January 30, 2026, and to participate fully in all official meetings, panels, and related events associated therewith.

**Section 2. Authorization of Expenditures.** The City Comptroller is hereby authorized to approve and process payment for all reasonable and necessary expenses associated with the Mayor's attendance at the meeting, including registration fees, transportation, lodging, and incidental expenses, in an amount not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

**Section 3. Funding Source.** All authorized expenditures pursuant to this ordinance shall be charged to Budget Line A1030.402 – BOE Education and Travel, or such other appropriate account as determined by the Comptroller, subject to the availability of funds.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
Thompson: Yea  
Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Frank A. Bais*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
JAN 14 2026  
Date  
*Shawn L. Jones*  
Mayor

*Cathleen Gleason*  
Councilperson  
  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*Deborah Thompson*  
President  
ATTEST:  
*Maria Bonilla*  
City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A BUDGET TRANSFER  
FOR THE RENEWAL OF iWorQ SEWER MANAGEMENT  
AND FLEET ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE**

**Whereas**, by correspondence dated December 31, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works formally requested authorization for the City Comptroller to transfer funds in the total amount of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$16,971.71) within the General Fund, as shown below; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon operates and maintains essential public infrastructure through its Department of Public Works, including sewer management and fleet operations; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Public Works is undertaking an ongoing restructuring of its fleet management process in order to improve operational efficiency, accountability, and service delivery; and

**Whereas**, the iWorQ sewer management and fleet enterprise software is a critical tool used by the Department of Public Works to support these operational and management functions; and

**Whereas**, funding is required to cover the renewal of the iWorQ sewer management and fleet enterprise software; and

**Whereas**, the transfer of funds within the adopted budget is necessary to ensure the continued operation of this software without increasing the overall budget; and

**Whereas**, the proposed budget transfer reallocates funds from an existing appropriation that has sufficient available balance to an account directly supporting contracted professional services required for this renewal;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Authorization of Budget Transfer.** The City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to transfer funds in the total amount of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$16,971.71) within the General Fund, as follows:

From:	Amount:	To:
A1620.414 Building Maintenance: Repairs to Plant & Equipment	\$16,971.71	A1440.405 Engineering Office: Contracted Outside Services

**Section 2. Purpose.** The funds transferred pursuant to this ordinance shall be used exclusively for the renewal of the iWorQ sewer management and fleet enterprise software to support the Department of Public Works' fleet management restructuring efforts.

**Section 3. Consistency with the Budget.** This budget transfer shall not increase the total amount of appropriations authorized in the adopted budget and is deemed necessary for the efficient operation of City services.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Robert A. Boxhill*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
Date: 1/14/2026  
BY: *John Gitterman*  
Mayor

*Cathleen Gleason*  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*Derrick Thompson*  
President  
ATTEST: *Nicole Bonilla*  
City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR  
2026 OPERATING BUDGET OF THE BOARD OF  
WATER SUPPLY OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated January 8, 2026, the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply formally requested authorization for the Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget of the Board of Water Supply to be approved and adopted in its entirety, as submitted to the City Council and on file with the City Clerk; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Water Supply of the City of Mount Vernon is charged with the responsibility of operating, maintaining, and managing the City's water supply system for the benefit of the public; and

**Whereas**, the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget reflects the anticipated operational needs of the Board of Water Supply for the 2026 fiscal year; and

**Whereas**, said budget has been prepared to ensure the continued delivery of essential water services to the residents and businesses of the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, the proposed budget is intended to maintain fiscal responsibility while ensuring compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations; and

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon has reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget of the Board of Water Supply and finds it to be in the best interest of the City and its residents to approve and adopt the same;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Board of Water Supply Budget.** The Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget of the Board of Water Supply, as submitted to the City Council and on file with the City Clerk, is hereby approved and adopted in its entirety.

**Section 2. Authorization to Implement Budget.** The Board of Water Supply is hereby authorized and directed to implement and administer the Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget in accordance with its terms and applicable law.

**Section 3. Consistency With Fiscal Controls.** All expenditures made pursuant to the adopted Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget shall be subject to applicable City fiscal controls, procurement requirements, and auditing procedures.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea  
Thompson: Yea  
Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Gregory S. Burt*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
JAN 15 2026  
Date  
By *Shane Miller*  
Mayor

*Cathleen Gleason*  
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Councilperson  
**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**  
*Derrick Thompson*  
President  
ATTEST: *MiddleBomella*  
City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ENTER INTO A SOFTWARE-AS-A-SERVICE (SAAS)  
AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES FOR  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENTERPRISE  
RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM**

**Whereas**, by correspondence dated January 5, 2026, the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply (the “Board”) formally requested authorization for the Mayor, on behalf of the Board of Water Supply, to enter into a Software-as-a-Service (SAAS) agreement with Tyler Technologies for the implementation and use of its Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, substantially in accordance with the submitted Scope of Work; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon Board of Water Supply is responsible for the administration, operation, and management of the City’s water utility services; and

**Whereas**, the Board seeks to modernize and enhance its financial, operational, and administrative systems through the adoption of an integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (“ERP”) platform; and

**Whereas**, Tyler Technologies is a nationally recognized provider of Software-as-a-Service (SAAS) solutions for municipal and public sector operations, including the ERP system formerly known as Munis; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon currently utilizes Tyler Technologies’ enterprise systems for its municipal operations, and alignment of the Board’s systems with the City’s existing platform will promote efficiency, consistency, data integrity, and interdepartmental coordination; and

**Whereas**, the Board proposes to adopt Tyler Technologies’ ERP system as its primary platform for water utility administration and operations management, with an effective date of January 1, 2026, and a targeted Go-Live date in calendar year 2027; and

**Whereas**, the estimated cost of the proposed agreement includes one-time implementation fees in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$253,179.00), exclusive of estimated travel costs in the amount of Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$24,660.00); and

**Whereas**, the agreement further includes a recurring annual subscription fee in the amount of Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$54,565.00), commencing July 1, 2026, for a three-year term, prorated as applicable; and

**Whereas**, a Scope of Work (“SOW”) outlining the services to be provided by Tyler Technologies has been submitted for review and consideration; and

**Whereas**, sufficient funds to support this implementation and associated agreement are available within the Board of Water Supply’s Fiscal Year 2026 adopted budget; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that entering into this agreement is in the best interests of the City of Mount Vernon and its residents and will improve the efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness of water utility operations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Authorization.** The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, on behalf of the Board of Water Supply, to enter into a Software-as-a-Service (SAAS) agreement with Tyler Technologies for the implementation and use of its Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, substantially in accordance with the submitted Scope of Work.

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**Section 2. Term and Effective Date.** The agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 2026, with implementation activities commencing thereafter and a targeted system Go-Live date in 2027. The subscription component of the agreement shall commence on July 1, 2026, for a three-year term, prorated as applicable.

**Section 3. Financial Authorization.** The City Council authorizes expenditures associated with the agreement, including:

- One-time implementation fees not to exceed \$253,179.00;
- Estimated travel-related costs not to exceed \$24,660.00; and
- Annual subscription fees in the amount of \$54,565.00, subject to proration and budgetary appropriations.

**Section 4. Budgetary Source.** All authorized expenditures shall be funded from monies appropriated in the Board of Water Supply's Fiscal Year 2026 adopted budget, or from such other funds as may be lawfully available.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
Thompson: Yea  
Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Gregory A. Baily*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
JAN 15 2026  
Date  
*Adam Patterson*  
Mayor

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*Justin Gleason*  
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Councilperson  
**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**  
*Derrick Thompson*  
President  
*Chloe Bonilla*  
ATTEST  
City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND  
FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE FUNDING OF THE  
YOUTH BUREAU'S EMPOWERMED PROGRAM**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated December 30, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept grant funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of implementing the Youth Bureau's EmpowerMED Program; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon, through its Youth Bureau, seeks to provide meaningful educational and career exploration opportunities to the City's youth, particularly those from underserved communities; and

**Whereas**, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services ("OCFS") has made available grant funding in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to support youth development programming; and

**Whereas**, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau has been awarded said funds to implement the EmpowerMED Program, an initiative designed to expand students' awareness of a broad range of careers in medicine and healthcare beyond traditionally visible roles; and

**Whereas**, the EmpowerMED Program is scheduled to commence in February 2026 and will be implemented in partnership with Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx location; and

**Whereas**, the EmpowerMED Program will provide an immersive educational experience for twenty-four (24) high school juniors and seniors, exposing participants to professionals across the medical and healthcare spectrum, including but not limited to surgeons, radiologists, epidemiologists, clinical laboratory scientists, respiratory therapists, and healthcare executives; and

**Whereas**, the program is intended to equip participating students with the confidence, vocabulary, and foundational understanding necessary to navigate careers in the medical field, thereby helping to reduce barriers for first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented minority students; and

**Whereas**, the grant funds are **reimbursable**, require no matching funds, and are to be recorded in Revenue Code A3389.1, with appropriations to the following budget codes:

- A7340.101 – Salaries
- A7340.402 – Travel
- A7340.405 – Contracted Outside Services
- A7340.407 – Leasing & Printing
- A7340.458 – Miscellaneous
- A7340.467 – Program Supplies
- A7340.803 – FICA; and

**Whereas**, the OCFS award letter is dated August 11, 2025, but was not received by the Youth Bureau's Executive Director until December 2025, resulting in the referral being submitted at this time; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that acceptance of this grant and implementation of the EmpowerMED Program is in the best interests of the City of Mount Vernon and its youth;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization to Enter into Agreement.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept grant funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of implementing the Youth Bureau's EmpowerMED Program.

**Section 2. Acceptance and Use of Funds.** The grant funds shall be accepted and utilized solely for the operation and administration of the EmpowerMED Program in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth by OCFS and applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

**Section 3. Budgetary Authorization.** The Comptroller is hereby authorized to record said funds in Revenue Code A3389.1 and to appropriate and expend such funds from the following budget codes: A7340.101, A7340.402, A7340.405, A7340.407, A7340.458, A7340.467, and A7340.803.

**Section 4. No Local Match Required.** This grant is reimbursable and requires no local matching funds, and no additional financial obligation shall be incurred by the City beyond the amount reimbursed by OCFS.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof.

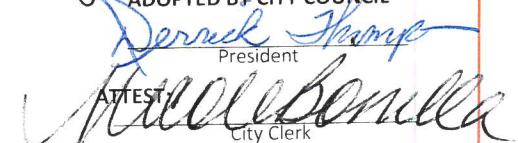
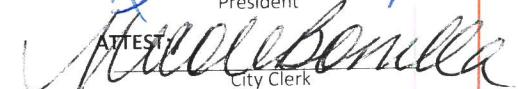
**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
 Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
 Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
 Thompson: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
 Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
  
 Date: JAN 14 2026  
 BY: Michael Patterson  
 Mayor

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*Turnquest-Jones, Gleason, Wallace, Thompson*  
 THIS ORDINANCE  
 ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
 President  
  
 City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING  
THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT  
WITH THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU  
TO ACCEPT FUNDS FOR THE GEM PROGRAM AND  
TO PROVIDE REQUIRED CITY MATCHING FUNDS**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated December 29, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization for the Mayor to retroactively enter into and execute an agreement with the Westchester County Youth Bureau, enabling the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau to accept grant funding in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the GEM Program; and

**Whereas**, the GEM Program is a three-year reimbursable grant, requiring a city cash match in the amount of Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$5,556.00) per year, for a total of three (3) years, commencing January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028; and

**Whereas**, the GEM Program provides after-school and summer programming at two to three (2-3) middle schools within the Mount Vernon City School District, targeting 55 middle school girls aged 11–15 residing in Mount Vernon neighborhoods, with an emphasis on social, physical, mental, and emotional support; and

**Whereas**, the purpose of the program is to equip participating youth with character education, leadership skills, civic engagement, and core competencies that foster positive personal growth and lifelong skill development; and

**Whereas**, grant funds shall be accounted for in revenue code A2229.8, with appropriations allocated to budget codes A7327.101 (Salaries), A6295.402 (Travel Expense), A6295.405 (Contracted Outside Services), A6295.458 (Miscellaneous), and A6295.467 (Program Supplies); and

**Whereas**, this is a reimbursable grant which requires the City's cash match of \$5,556 per year, which shall initially be paid out of budget line A7312.405 – Contracted Outside Services; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that participation in this program supports the education, personal development, and civic engagement of Mount Vernon youth and advances the public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Youth Bureau to accept grant funding in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the GEM Program for the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, in substantially the form presented to the City Council and on file with the City Clerk.

**Section 2. City Match.** The City is authorized to provide a cash match of Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$5,556.00) per year for each year of the grant, for a total of three (3) years. Initial matching funds shall be disbursed from budget line A7312.405 – Contracted Outside Services.

**Section 3. Funding and Appropriations.** Grant funds shall be accounted for in revenue code A2229.8 and appropriated to the following budget lines:

- A7327.101 – Salaries
- A6295.402 – Travel Expense
- A6295.405 – Contracted Outside Services
- A6295.458 – Miscellaneous
- A6295.467 – Program Supplies

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**Section 4. Reimbursable Grant.** This ordinance acknowledges that the GEM Program grant is reimbursable in nature, and the City's cash match is required as described herein.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the validity of the remaining provisions.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
Thompson: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Gregory A. Bally*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
JAN 15 2026  
Date  
*Shane Batterman*  
Mayor

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*Jeff Thompson*  
Jeff Thompson  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*Derrick Sharp*  
Derrick Sharp  
President  
ATTEST:  
*Nicole Bonilla*  
Nicole Bonilla  
City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK  
STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,  
THROUGH THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH  
BUREAU, AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF  
FUNDS FOR THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (YDP)**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated December 30, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, through the Westchester County Youth Bureau, for the acceptance of \$19,790.00 in funding for the Youth Development Program (YDP) for the period October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon, through its Youth Bureau, provides programs and services designed to promote positive youth development, workforce readiness, and economic security for young people; and

**Whereas**, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (“NYSOCS”), through the Westchester County Youth Bureau, has made available funding for Youth Services programs that support training, academies, enrichment activities, resources, and work experience opportunities for youth; and

**Whereas**, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau has been awarded funding in the amount of Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$19,790.00) for the Youth Development Program (YDP), a one-year reimbursable grant commencing October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; and

**Whereas**, the Youth Development Program is intended to serve youth between the ages of 14 and 24, supporting both internal and external growth through the Touchstone Life Areas by introducing economic security, workforce experience, and personal development opportunities; and

**Whereas**, the grant is reimbursable in nature and requires no local matching funds; and

**Whereas**, grant revenues shall be deposited in Revenue Code A2229.8, with appropriations to be made in Budget Code A7311.101 (Salaries) and Budget Code A7311.803 (FICA); and

**Whereas**, the award letter from NYSOCS is dated December 9, 2025, and submission of the referral request was delayed due to the Executive Director of the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau being on approved Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave and the intervening holiday season; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to authorize the acceptance of said funds and the execution of the necessary agreement to support youth development services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, through the Westchester County Youth Bureau, for the acceptance of \$19,790.00 in funding for the Youth Development Program (YDP) for the period October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

**Section 2. Acceptance of Funds.** The City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to accept said funds, which the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau shall administer in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

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**Section 3. Budgetary Authorization.** Grant revenues shall be recorded in Revenue Code A2229.8, with corresponding appropriations made in A7311.101 (Salaries) and A7311.803 (FICA). Said grant shall be reimbursable and shall require no matching funds from the City.

**Section 4. Implementation.** The Mayor, Corporation Counsel, Comptroller, and all other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement this Ordinance and to execute any documents required to effectuate the purposes herein.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
Thompson: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Gregory A. Bandy*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
*Shawn D. Howard*  
JAN 15 2026  
Date  
By Mayor

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*Christopher J. Jones*  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*Derrick Thompson*  
President  
*Michelle Bonilla*  
City Clerk  
ATTEST:

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU FOR THE  
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$25,000 FOR THE MOVING IN MOTION (M.I.M.) PROGRAM**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated December 29, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Youth Bureau for the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the Moving in Motion (M.I.M.) Program, for the grant period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon, through its Youth Bureau, provides programs and services designed to promote the physical, emotional, and social well-being of the City's youth; and

**Whereas**, the Westchester County Youth Bureau has awarded the City of Mount Vernon a one-year reimbursable grant in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the Moving in Motion (M.I.M.) Program, for the period commencing October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; and

**Whereas**, the purpose of the Moving in Motion (M.I.M.) sport education program is to foster a positive relationship with one's body by emphasizing function, capability, and overall wellness rather than aesthetics; and

**Whereas**, the M.I.M. Program provides a structured and supportive environment in which youth can manage stress, reduce anxiety, and build resilience through physical activity, goal setting, and skill development; and

**Whereas**, although the M.I.M. Program is not competitive in nature, it promotes emotional regulation, impulse control, and the ability to respond constructively to both success and adversity, thereby strengthening emotional intelligence and mental well-being; and

**Whereas**, the grant funds shall be accounted for as revenue in Revenue Code A2229.8, with corresponding appropriations in the following budget codes:

- A7338.101 – Salaries
- A7338.104 – Part-Time
- A7338.203 – Equipment
- A7338.401 – Travel Expense
- A7338.405 – Contracted Outside Services
- A7338.458 – Miscellaneous
- A7338.467 – Program Supplies; and

**Whereas**, this grant is fully reimbursable and does not require any cash or in-kind matching funds from the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, the award letter for said grant is dated December 9, 2025, and submission of the referral letter occurred thereafter due to the Executive Director being on Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave and the intervening holiday season; and

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon finds it to be in the best interest of the City and its youth to accept said grant and authorize the execution of the required agreement.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization to Enter into Agreement.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Youth Bureau for the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the Moving in Motion (M.I.M.) Program, for the grant period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

**Section 2. Acceptance and Use of Funds.** The City of Mount Vernon Youth Bureau is hereby authorized to accept and expend said grant funds strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth by the Westchester County Youth Bureau and for purposes related to the implementation and operation of the Moving in Motion (M.I.M.) Program.

**Section 3. Budgetary Authorization.** The grant funds shall be recorded as revenue in **A2229.8**, with appropriations made in the following budget codes: A7338.101, A7338.104, A7338.203, A7338.401, A7338.405, A7338.458, and A7338.467, or such other budget codes as may be deemed necessary by the Comptroller, provided the total appropriations do not exceed the grant award.

**Section 4. No Local Match Required.** This Ordinance acknowledges that the grant is reimbursable in nature and requires no matching funds from the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
 Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
 Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
 Thompson: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*James A. Balch*  
 Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
*John C. Thompson*  
 Date: JAN 15 2026  
 BY: *John C. Thompson*  
 Mayor

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*John C. Thompson*  
 Councilperson  
 THIS ORDINANCE  
 ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*Derrick Thompson*  
 President  
*Michelle Bonilla*  
 City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO APPROVE TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION FOR YOUTH AND STAFF OF  
THE MOUNT VERNON YOUTH BUREAU TO  
ATTEND THE ANNUAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated December 29, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization for the Mayor to approve the participation of seven (7) youths and two (2) staff members of the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau, including the Executive Director, in the Annual Youth Leadership Forum hosted by the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus on February 2–3, 2026, in Troy, New York; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon, through its Youth Bureau, is committed to providing leadership development, civic engagement, and educational opportunities for the City's youth; and

**Whereas**, the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus hosts an Annual Youth Leadership Forum that provides unified planning, advocacy, networking opportunities, interactive leadership training, and educational seminars for youth ages twelve (12) and older; and

**Whereas**, the 2026 Annual Youth Leadership Forum will be held over two (2) days, from February 2 through February 3, at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 235 Hoosick Street, Troy, New York; and

**Whereas**, the forum includes team-building exercises, group discussions, and opportunities for youth participants to meet with Assembly Members, State Senators, and other elected officials, while receiving timely information on state issues, regulations, innovations, and funding impacting positive youth development; and

**Whereas**, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau seeks authorization for seven (7) youth participants and two (2) Youth Bureau staff members, including the Executive Director, to attend said forum; and

**Whereas**, all costs associated with participation, including registration, lodging, meals, transportation, and related expenses, are fully funded by a grant from The New York Community Trust Foundation, administered by the Youth Empowerment Advocacy Council (Y.E.A.C.) Program, at no cost to the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, estimated and actual costs for ten (10) individuals include registration, hotel accommodations, per diem commuter meals, bus tolls, and gas reimbursement, with funds to be accounted for in revenue code A2229.8 and appropriated through budget codes A7330.402 (Travel Expense), A7330.423 (Conference), and A7330.458 (Miscellaneous); and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that participation in this conference serves a valid public purpose, supports positive youth development, and advances the mission of the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Authorization of Participation.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to approve the participation of seven (7) youths and two (2) staff members of the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau, including the Executive Director, in the Annual Youth Leadership Forum hosted by the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus on February 2–3, 2026, in Troy, New York.

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**Section 2. Authorization of Expenditures.** The Mayor is further authorized to approve and permit expenditures related to conference registration, lodging, meals, transportation, and incidental expenses associated with attendance at the forum, provided that such expenditures are fully funded by grant revenues and incur no additional cost to the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 3. Funding Source and Budgetary Accounts.** All revenues and expenditures related to this ordinance shall be accounted for in revenue code A2229.8, with appropriations charged to budget codes A7330.402 (Travel Expense), A7330.423 (Conference), and A7330.458 (Miscellaneous), or such other accounts as may be deemed appropriate by the Comptroller.

**Section 4. No Fiscal Impact.** This ordinance shall have no adverse fiscal impact on the City of Mount Vernon, as all authorized costs are fully supported by grant funding.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
 Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
 Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
 Thompson: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Gregory Bad*  
 Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
 JAN 15 2026  
 Date  
*John Peter Brown*  
 BY  
 Mayor

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*John Peter Brown*  
 Councilperson  
 THIS ORDINANCE  
 ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*Derrick Thompson*  
 President  
 ATTEST:  
*Nicole Bouelle*  
 City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BARRINGTON  
IRVING TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOL (BITTS)  
FOR THE SPRING AVIATION PROGRAM UNDER  
THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (YEP)**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated December 31, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS) to provide Fixed Base Operator (FBO) training to ten (10) young adults as part of the Spring Aviation Program under the Youth Employment Program (YEP); and

**Whereas**, on October 22, 2025, an ordinance was enacted approving the City of Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's acceptance of \$800,068 in funds from the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Board to support the Youth Employment Program (YEP); and

**Whereas**, the Youth Bureau seeks to provide career preparation for young adults ages 18 and older in the aviation industry; and

**Whereas**, Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS) is qualified to provide Fixed Base Operator (FBO) training, including instruction for Line Service Technicians, Customer Service, and Maintenance, Repair, and Operation Technicians; and

**Whereas**, the City desires to provide ten (10) participants with this specialized training for a period of four (4) months at a cost of \$115,000, which will be reimbursed through the YEP grant; and

**Whereas**, participants will be required to attend all classes on dates and times set by the Youth Bureau and agreed upon with BITTS; and

**Whereas**, the program will be funded by the YEP grant and the upfront costs will be disbursed from Account A7321.405 (Contracted Outside Services), with no City matching funds required;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS) to provide Fixed Base Operator (FBO) training to ten (10) young adults as part of the Spring Aviation Program under the Youth Employment Program (YEP).

**Section 2. Funding.** The total amount payable under the agreement shall not exceed One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000), which shall be reimbursed from the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Board YEP grant. Upfront payments shall be made from Account A7321.405 (Contracted Outside Services).

**Section 3. Program Requirements.** Participants shall attend all scheduled classes and training sessions as set by the Youth Bureau and agreed upon with BITTS. The program shall provide instruction in the following areas:

1. FBO Line Service Technician
2. Customer Service
3. Maintenance, Repair, and Operation Technician

**Section 4. Reimbursable Grant.** The expenditures authorized herein shall be reimbursed through the YEP grant. No City matching funds shall be required.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
Thompson: Yea  
Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Gregory A. Bais*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
*Mark Sutton House*  
Date: JAN 13 2026  
BY: *Mark Sutton House*  
Mayor

*John H. Jones*  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*David Thompson*  
President  
ATTEST:  
*Michelle Bonilla*  
City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH  
ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING (OCB)  
TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
SERVICES FOR THE WDAY STAFF IN SUPPORT  
OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated December 31, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Organizational Capacity Building (OCB) to provide professional development services for staff of the Workforce Development and Youth (“WDAY”) program; and

**Whereas**, in an ordinance adopted on October 22, 2025, the City of Mount Vernon Youth Department was authorized to accept grant funding in the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$800,068.00) from the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Board to support the City’s Youth Employment Program (YEP); and

**Whereas**, Organizational Capacity Building (OCB) is an organization that works with public and nonprofit entities to strengthen internal systems and partnerships through the development of logic models, strategic plans, theories of change, data management systems, new program and curriculum development, coaching, and professional development for staff at all levels; and

**Whereas**, the purpose of the proposed professional development is to enhance staff capacity by transitioning from reactive practices to proactive, problem-solving, and systems-based management approaches that ensure program effectiveness, operational excellence, and long-term sustainability of the Youth Employment Program; and

**Whereas**, the total cost of the professional development services shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), with services to conclude on or before June 30, 2026; and

**Whereas**, said services shall be funded through a reimbursable grant, which does not require any matching funds from the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, the initial up-front costs associated with this agreement shall be disbursed from budget line A7321.405 – Contracted Outside Services, with reimbursement to the City upon submission and approval of eligible expenses; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that providing targeted professional development for WDAY staff directly supports effective administration of grant-funded youth workforce programs and advances the public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Organizational Capacity Building (OCB) to provide professional development services for WDAY staff in support of the Youth Employment Program, in substantially the form presented to the City Council and on file with the City Clerk.

**Section 2. Term.** The term of the agreement shall commence upon execution and shall conclude no later than June 30, 2026, unless earlier terminated in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

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**Section 3. Compensation.** Compensation under said agreement shall not exceed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for services rendered.

**Section 4. Funding Source.** Initial expenditures under this agreement shall be paid from budget line A7321.405 – Contracted Outside Services, with full reimbursement to the City from grant funds received from the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Board, in accordance with applicable grant requirements.

**Section 5. No Matching Funds Required.** This ordinance affirms that the grant funding supporting this agreement is reimbursable in nature and does not require the use of City matching funds.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the validity of the remaining provisions.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
 Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
 Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
 Thompson: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
 Bryan A. Barr  
 Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
 JAN 15 2026  
 Date  
  
 BY Steven Ritter-Harold  
 Mayor

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 Jonathan Turnquest-Jones  
 Councilperson  
 THIS ORDINANCE  
 ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
 Darren Thomas  
 President  
  
 Michele Bonilla  
 City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TOSS N PRESS,  
S-CORP, TO PROVIDE A YOUTH FOOD HOSPITALITY  
PROGRAM THROUGH THE YOUTH BUREAU IN  
SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated December 30, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Toss N Press, S-Corp, to design and implement a sixteen (16) week food hospitality training program for youth through the City's Youth Bureau; and

**Whereas**, the proposed program shall serve approximately five to six (5-6) high school-aged youth and is scheduled to commence in February 2026 and conclude in May 2026; and

**Whereas**, in an ordinance adopted on October 22, 2025, the City of Mount Vernon Youth Department was authorized to accept grant funding in the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$800,068.00) from the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Board to support the City's Youth Employment Program (YEP); and

**Whereas**, Toss N Press, S-Corp shall partner with the Youth Bureau to provide participating youth with hands-on, real-world restaurant experience, including but not limited to ServSafe certification, entrepreneurship training, job readiness skills, mentorship, meals, and exposure to career pathways within the hospitality industry; and

**Whereas**, the program shall culminate in a graduation and showcase event, to which parents, community stakeholders, funding partners, and elected officials shall be invited to attend; and

**Whereas**, the total cost of the sixteen (16) week program shall not exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for services rendered; and

**Whereas**, said program shall be funded through a reimbursable grant, which does not require any matching funds from the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, the initial up-front expenditures associated with this agreement shall be disbursed from budget line A7321.405 – Contracted Outside Services, with reimbursement to be made upon submission and approval of eligible expenses; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that providing workforce development and career-oriented training opportunities for youth supports economic mobility, strengthens the local workforce, and serves the best interests of the residents of the City of Mount Vernon;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Toss N Press, S-Corp to provide a sixteen (16) week youth food hospitality training program through the Youth Bureau, in substantially the form presented to the City Council and on file with the City Clerk.

**Section 2. Term.** The term of the agreement shall commence in February 2026 and conclude in May 2026, unless earlier terminated in accordance with its terms.

**Section 3. Compensation.** Compensation under said agreement shall not exceed the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

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**Section 4. Funding Source.** Initial expenditures under this agreement shall be paid from budget line A7321.405 – Contracted Outside Services, with full reimbursement to the City to be made from grant funds received through the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Board in accordance with applicable grant requirements.

**Section 5. No Matching Funds Required.** This ordinance affirms that the grant funding supporting this agreement is reimbursable in nature and does not require the use of City matching funds.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the validity of the remaining provisions.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
 Boxhill: Yea Cleason: Yea  
 Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
 Thompson: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Barry A. Baw*  
 Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
 JAN 15 2026  
 Date

BY  
*Mark J. Cappa*  
 Mayor

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*John J. Jones*  
 Council Person  
 THIS ORDINANCE  
 ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*Derrick Thig*  
 President  
*Michelle Bonilla*  
 City Clerk  
 ATTEST

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
FLYING CLASSROOM, PARENT COMPANY OF  
BARRINGTON IRVING TECHNICAL TRAINING  
SCHOOL (BITTS), TO PROVIDE A DRONE AND  
AVIATION STEM PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL  
YOUTH FUNDED THROUGH THE PROJECT RISE GRANT**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated January 5, 2026, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with The Flying Classroom, parent company of Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS), to provide a Drone and Aviation STEM Program for middle school-aged youth; and

**Whereas**, the Flying Classroom proposes to provide a six (6) to eight (8) week instructional Drone Program serving approximately ten to fifteen (10–15) middle school students through a combination of in-person and virtual instruction; and

**Whereas**, the program will provide students with hands-on tools and instruction to build drones and learn core STEM concepts, including but not limited to aerodynamics, motion, coding, programming, flight pathways, mathematics, engineering, measurements, data analysis, design, and mechanics; and

**Whereas**, in addition to technical knowledge, participating youth will develop essential skills such as hand-eye coordination, problem-solving, teamwork, and exposure to careers in aviation, photography, filmmaking, mapping, and other high-demand STEM-related fields; and

**Whereas**, the total cost of the Drone Program shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for services rendered; and

**Whereas**, said program shall be funded through the Project RISE grant, in partnership with FSW, which is a reimbursable grant and does not require any local matching funds; and

**Whereas**, the initial up-front costs associated with this agreement shall be disbursed from budget line A7321.405 – Contracted Outside Services, with reimbursement to be made upon grant approval and submission of eligible expenses; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that participation in this program advances educational enrichment, workforce development, and youth engagement initiatives within the City of Mount Vernon;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with The Flying Classroom, parent company of Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS), for the provision of a youth Drone and Aviation STEM Program, for a period of six (6) to eight (8) weeks, in substantially the form presented to the City Council and on file with the City Clerk.

**Section 2. Compensation.** Compensation under said agreement shall not exceed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), subject to the terms and conditions of the Project RISE grant.

**Section 3. Funding Source.** The initial expenditures for this program shall be paid from budget line A7321.405 – Contracted Outside Services, with full reimbursement to the City to be made through the Project RISE grant, in accordance with grant requirements and procedures.

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**Section 4. No Matching Funds Required.** This ordinance acknowledges that the Project RISE grant is reimbursable in nature and does not require the use of City matching funds.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
 Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
 Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
 Thompson: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

*Gregory A. Bays*  
 Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

JAN 15 2026

Date

BY

*John Peter Howard*

Mayor

*Christopher J. Jones*  
 Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
 ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

*Derrick Thompson*  
 President

ATTEST:

*Christopher J. Jones*  
 City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
FLYING CLASSROOM TO PROVIDE A DRONE  
FAA TRAINING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
THROUGH THE PROJECT RISE GRANT**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated January 5, 2026, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with The Flying Classroom, parent company of Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS), to provide a drone training program for high school-aged youth; and

**Whereas**, the proposed program shall serve approximately ten to fifteen (10–15) high school students over a period of six (6) to eight (8) weeks, with instruction delivered both in-person and virtually; and

**Whereas**, the Flying Classroom shall provide instruction funded through the Project RISE grant in partnership with FSW, which is a reimbursable grant and does not require City matching funds; and

**Whereas**, participating youth will learn practical STEM concepts and physics principles, including aerodynamics, motion, coding, programming, flight pathways, mathematics, engineering, measurements, data analysis, design, and mechanics, in a hands-on environment; and

**Whereas**, the program will also cultivate essential skills such as hand-eye coordination, problem-solving, teamwork, and provide exposure to careers in aviation, as well as complementary fields such as photography, filmmaking, and mapping; and

**Whereas**, the total cost of the program shall not exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00), with initial up-front costs to be disbursed from budget line A7321.405 – Contracted Outside Services, with full reimbursement to the City through the Project RISE grant; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that providing hands-on STEM training and career exposure to youth supports educational development, workforce readiness, and the long-term interests of Mount Vernon residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with The Flying Classroom, parent company of Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS), to provide drone training for high school students under the Project RISE grant, in substantially the form presented to the City Council and on file with the City Clerk.

**Section 2. Term.** The term of the agreement shall be six (6) to eight (8) weeks, commencing upon execution of the agreement, unless earlier terminated in accordance with its terms.

**Section 3. Compensation.** Compensation under this agreement shall not exceed the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

**Section 4. Funding Source.** Initial expenditures for this program shall be disbursed from budget line A7321.405 – Contracted Outside Services, with full reimbursement to the City through the Project RISE grant in accordance with grant requirements.

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**Section 5. No Matching Funds Required.** This ordinance acknowledges that the Project RISE grant is reimbursable in nature and does not require City matching funds.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the validity of the remaining provisions.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
Thompson: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

*Gregory A. Barr*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

*JAN 15 2026*  
Date

BY  
*Shawn Patenkamp*  
Mayor

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*Lynthia J. Jones*  
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

*Derrick Thompson*  
President

ATTEST:  
*Millie LeBaron*  
City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF  
APPROPRIATED FUNDS WITHIN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026  
ADOPTED BUDGET TO SUPPORT THE AUXILIARY POLICE UNIT**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated January 6, 2026, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management (“OEM”) formally requested authorization for the Comptroller to transfer appropriated funds in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) within the Fiscal Year 2026 adopted budget to properly align funding with the department having administrative and operational responsibility for the Auxiliary Police Unit, as set forth below; and

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon duly adopted the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, which includes appropriations for the operation of the Auxiliary Police Unit; and

**Whereas**, the Office of Emergency Management has assumed direct administrative, operational, and oversight responsibility for the Auxiliary Police Unit; and

**Whereas**, the requested transfer consists of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Mount Vernon Police Department budget line A3120.462 – Auxiliary Police to the Office of Emergency Management budget line A3640.462 – Auxiliary Police; and

**Whereas**, the Comptroller’s Office has confirmed that the funds requested to be transferred are available, properly appropriated, and included in the Fiscal Year 2026 adopted budget; and

**Whereas**, the transfer will enable the Office of Emergency Management to effectively manage Auxiliary Police Unit expenditures, including but not limited to training, equipment, uniforms, and operational readiness activities that directly support public safety and emergency response throughout the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, the requested transfer does not increase the overall Fiscal Year 2026 budget and represents a necessary reallocation to reflect the functional and operational structure of the Auxiliary Police Unit;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Authorization of Budget Transfer.** The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) within the Fiscal Year 2026 adopted budget as follows:

<b>From:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>	<b>To:</b>
A3120.462 Auxiliary Police (Mount Vernon Police Department)	\$25,000.00	A3640.462 Auxiliary Police (Office of Emergency Management)

**Section 2. Purpose of Transfer.** The purpose of this transfer is to realign budgetary resources to the Office of Emergency Management, the department with direct administrative, operational, and oversight responsibility for the Auxiliary Police Unit, and to ensure continued support for its public safety functions.

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**Section 3. No Increase in Overall Budget.** This ordinance shall not increase the total appropriations of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, but shall constitute a reallocation of existing, duly adopted funds.

**Section 4. Authorization to Implement.** The Comptroller is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to implement the provisions of this ordinance.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
Thompson: Yea  
Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

*Benjamin B. B.*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

JAN 15 2026

Date

*Stephen L. Harwood*  
BY  
Mayor

*John J. Cullinan*  
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

*Derrick Thomas*  
President

*Michelle Bouie*  
City Clerk

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## AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE 2025 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated December 23, 2025, the Fire Commissioner formally requested authorization for the transfer of funds within the 2025 Fire Department budget as shown below; and

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon is authorized to adopt ordinances and approve budgetary transfers pursuant to the City Charter and applicable provisions of the New York State General Municipal Law; and

**Whereas**, the adopted 2025 Budget for the City of Mount Vernon includes appropriations for the Fire Department to ensure the safety, preparedness, and effective operation of fire and emergency services; and

**Whereas**, the Fire Department has identified a need to reallocate funds within its 2025 budget to secure funding for essential firefighter emergency equipment; and

**Whereas**, such equipment includes, but is not limited to, firefighter turnout gear, boots, and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) pads, all of which are critical to the safety of Fire Department personnel and the public; and

**Whereas**, sufficient funds exist within the Fire Department's salary account to accommodate a transfer without adversely impacting staffing or operations; and

**Whereas**, the proposed transfer will ensure that Fire Department members are adequately equipped to perform their duties safely, efficiently, and effectively;

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:

**Section 1. Authorization of Budget Transfer.** The City Council hereby authorizes the transfer of funds within the 2025 Fire Department budget as follows:

From:	Amount:	To:
A3410.105 – Retired Disabled Firefighter	\$19,000.00	A3410.499 – Uniform & Protection Equipment
A3410.105 – Retired Disabled Firefighter	\$8,000.00	A3410.203 - Equipment
<b>Total Transfer Amount: \$27,000.00</b>		

**Section 2. Purpose of Transfer.** The funds transferred pursuant to this Ordinance shall be used exclusively to purchase essential firefighter emergency equipment, including turnout gear, boots, and AED pads, to enhance firefighter safety and operational readiness.

**Section 3. Administration.** The Commissioner of Finance and all other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement the transfers authorized by this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

*Gregory A. Bap*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

*John J. Doherty*  
Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

*Donald J. Thompson*  
President

*Nicole Bonilla*  
City Clerk

**APPROVED**

**JAN 15 2026**

Date

*Shawn Patterson-Dowd*  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TRAINING  
FOR TWO (2) MEMBERS OF SERVICE TO  
ATTEND A COMMAND & LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated December 8, 2025, the Acting Commissioner/Chief of the Department of Public Safety formally requested authorization for two (2) Members of Service of the Mount Vernon Police Department to attend the Command & Leadership Seminar Training to be held at the Westchester County Police Academy from April 27, 2026, through May 1, 2026; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes that effective leadership within the Police Department is essential to maintaining public safety, organizational integrity, and professional excellence; and

**Whereas**, the Mount Vernon Police Department has identified a Command & Leadership Seminar Training designed to enhance leadership skills through theory and practical application grounded in behavioral science, organizational theory, and police-oriented case studies; and

**Whereas**, said training emphasizes leadership as a science, with a focus on logic, critical thinking, organizational culture, change management, effective communication, and conflict resolution; and

**Whereas**, the Command & Leadership Seminar Training will be held at the Westchester County Police Academy, located at 2 Dana Road, Valhalla, New York 10595, from April 27, 2026, through May 1, 2026; and

**Whereas**, the Police Department seeks authorization for two (2) Members of Service to attend said training; and

**Whereas**, the total cost of the training is One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), which covers complete course registration; and

**Whereas**, sufficient funds are available to cover this expenditure under Budget Line A3120.451 (Training); and

**Whereas**, it is necessary and appropriate to authorize the use of a Department vehicle for travel to and from the training site in furtherance of official City business;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization of Training.** The City Council hereby authorizes two (2) Members of Service of the Mount Vernon Police Department to attend the Command & Leadership Seminar Training to be held at the Westchester County Police Academy from April 27, 2026, through May 1, 2026.

**Section 2. Authorization of Expenditure.** The City Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for course registration, to be charged to Budget Line A3120.451 (Training).

**Section 3. Authorization for Use of Department Vehicle.** The authorized Members of Service are hereby permitted to utilize a Department vehicle for travel to and from the training location, in accordance with all applicable City and Department policies.

**Section 4. Implementation.** The Police Commissioner, Comptroller, and all other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or section directly involved in the controversy.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
Thompson: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

*Gregory A. Barr*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

JAN 15 2026

Date

*Shane Gantua Howard*  
By  
Mayor

*John J. O'Connor*  
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

*Daniel G. Harrington*  
President

ATTEST:  
*Michele Bonilla*  
City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR  
OVERPAYMENT OF THE 2025 COUNTY TAX BILL  
FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 255 SUMMIT  
AVENUE - (SECTION 165.39, BLOCK 2063, LOT 29)

**Whereas**, by correspondence dated January 5, 2026, the Commissioner of the Department of Assessment requested authorization for the Comptroller to issue a refund of an overpayment of 2025 County real property taxes in the amount of \$360.13 to the owner of the property located at 255 Summit Avenue, Tax Map Section 165.39, Block 2063, Lot 29, as approved by the Westchester County Tax Commissioner; and

**Whereas**, the property located at 255 Summit Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York, designated on the City of Mount Vernon Tax Map as Section 165.39, Block 2063, Lot 29, was assessed and billed for County real property taxes for the 2025 tax year; and

**Whereas**, the owner of the above-referenced property submitted an Application for Refund or Credit of Real Property Taxes (Form RP-556) to the Westchester County Department of Finance; and

**Whereas**, said application was reviewed and approved by the Westchester County Tax Commissioner, Victor L. Mallison, on November 18, 2025; and

**Whereas**, the approval determined that, due to a clerical error resulting from the failure of the Assessor to act on a partial exemption, the property owner was improperly charged on the 2025 County tax bill; and

**Whereas**, as a result of this error, the property owner is entitled to a refund of County taxes in the amount of Three Hundred Sixty Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$360.13); and

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon finds it to be in the best interest of the City to authorize said refund in accordance with applicable law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization of Refund.** The City Council hereby authorizes the Comptroller to issue a refund for an overpayment of 2025 County real property taxes in the amount of \$360.13 to the owner of the property located at 255 Summit Avenue, Tax Map Section 165.39, Block 2063, Lot 29, as approved by the Westchester County Tax Commissioner.

**Section 2. Directions to City Officials.** The City Comptroller, or such other authorized fiscal officer of the City of Mount Vernon, is hereby directed to process and issue the refund in the amount of \$360.13, in accordance with the approved Application for Refund or Credit of Real Property Taxes (RP-556).

**Section 3. Source of Funds.** Said refund shall be paid from the appropriate City tax account or fund designated for County tax collections and adjustments.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

*Gregory A. Bandy*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
JAN 15 2026

*Shawn Ritter-Hurst*  
BY Date  
Shawn Ritter-Hurst  
Mayor

*J. S. Bushell*  
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

*Dennis J. Tracy*  
President

ATTEST: *Michelle Bonilla*  
City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MOUNT VERNON  
URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT  
OF \$324,630.00 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2026,  
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028, AND AUTHORIZING  
RELATED EXPENDITURES FOR THE POSITION  
OF BUDGET SPECIALIST III (GRANT FUNDED)**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated December 30, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Planning & Community Development formally requested authorization for the Mayor to accept grant funds from the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency in the total amount of \$324,630.00 for the three-year period beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028, subject to the terms and conditions of the grant award; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is authorized to receive and expend grant funds from governmental and quasi-governmental agencies for municipal purposes consistent with the City Charter and applicable law; and

**Whereas**, the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency (“MVURA”) administers federal housing and community development programs on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Continuum of Care (CoC), and HOME-ARP programs; and

**Whereas**, MVURA has made available grant funding in the total amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$324,630.00) for a three-year period commencing January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028; and

**Whereas**, such grant funds are intended to support administrative functions related to the financial management and accounting operations of MVURA; and

**Whereas**, the grant funds will be utilized to cover the salary costs associated with the position of Budget Specialist III (Grant Funded) in the annual amount of One Hundred Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$108,210.00), budgeted under Expenditure Code A8020.101; and

**Whereas**, the position of Budget Specialist III (Grant Funded) is currently included in the City’s 2026 Annual Estimates (Budget) and is actively supporting the financial operations of MVURA, including the completion and reconciliation of outstanding audits; and

**Whereas**, consistent with prior grant awards and established practice, the City of Mount Vernon provides fringe benefits for the Budget Specialist III position as a partial local match to the grant funding; and

**Whereas**, the City’s total financial contribution toward fringe benefits for this position over the three-year grant period is estimated to be Two Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$233,733.60), to be funded under expenditure code ranges 9010 through 9070; and

**Whereas**, the continuation of this position is necessary to ensure sound financial oversight, compliance with federal grant requirements, and the timely administration of MVURA programs for the benefit of City residents;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:

**Section 1. Authorization to Accept Grant Funds.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to accept grant funds from the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency in the total amount of \$324,630.00 for the three-year period beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028, subject to the terms and conditions of the grant award.

**Section 2. Authorization of Expenditures.** The grant funds accepted pursuant to this Ordinance shall be used to fund the salary of the Budget Specialist III (Grant Funded) position in the amount of \$108,210.00 annually, charged to Budget Expenditure Code A8020.101, or any successor code as designated by the Comptroller.

**Section 3. Fringe Benefits and Local Match.** The City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to continue providing fringe benefits for the Budget Specialist III (Grant Funded) position as a local match to the grant, in an amount estimated not to exceed \$233,733.60 over the grant period, to be paid from expenditure code ranges 9010 through 9070, subject to annual budget appropriations.

**Section 4. Administration of Grant.** The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept, administer, and comply with the requirements of the grant, including agreements, certifications, and reports required by MVURA or applicable federal regulations.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea  
Thompson: Yea  
Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

*Gregory D. Bax*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

*A. S. Boxhill*

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

*Derrick Thompson*

President

ATTEST:

*Michelle Benilla*

City Clerk

APPROVED

*JAN 15 2026*

Date

BY

*Alma M. Thompson*

Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MOUNT  
VERNON URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$233,193.00 FOR A THREE-YEAR  
PERIOD AND TO CONTINUE FUNDING A  
GRANT-FUNDED BUDGET SPECIALIST I POSITION**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated December 30, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Planning & Community Development formally requested authorization for the Mayor to accept grant funds from the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency in the total amount of \$233,193.00 for the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon receives federal housing and community development funds administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Continuum of Care (CoC), and HOME-ARP programs; and

**Whereas**, the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency administers said HUD grant programs on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Planning and Community Development requires administrative and fiscal oversight capacity to properly manage, monitor, and report on said grant programs and to prepare for required annual audits; and

**Whereas**, HUD grant funds administered through the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency provide administrative funding for the position of Budget Specialist I (Grant Funded) at an annual rate of \$77,731.00 for a three-year period; and

**Whereas**, the total grant funding to be accepted for said position equals Two Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$233,193.00) for the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028; and

**Whereas**, the position of Budget Specialist I (Grant Funded) is currently included in the City's 2026 Annual Estimates (Budget) under Budget Expenditure Code A8020.101; and

**Whereas**, in alignment with prior grant awards, the City of Mount Vernon provides fringe benefits as a partial match to the grant funding and proposes to continue providing such fringe benefits in support of the Budget Specialist I position; and

**Whereas**, the City's financial commitment for fringe benefits associated with said position is estimated to be \$167,898.96 over the three-year grant period, under budget code ranges 9010 through 9070; and

**Whereas**, the Budget Specialist I reports to the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Community Development and assists in monitoring yearly grant funds, preparing financial documentation, and supporting annual audits; and

**Whereas**, the Budget Specialist I currently manages grant funding totaling approximately \$1.1 million under the Continuum of Care program, serving sixty-nine (69) households, including families and individuals in need of housing assistance with rents not exceeding thirty percent (30%) of gross monthly income; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that acceptance of said grant funds and continuation of the Budget Specialist I position serve the best interests of the City of Mount Vernon and ensure continued compliance with federal grant requirements;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

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**Section 1. Authorization to Accept Grant Funds.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to accept grant funds from the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency in the total amount of \$233,193.00 for the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

**Section 2. Purpose of Grant Funds.** Said grant funds shall be used exclusively to support the continued funding of the position of Budget Specialist I (Grant Funded) within the Department of Planning and Community Development, including salary and allowable administrative costs, as permitted by HUD regulations.

**Section 3. City Match – Fringe Benefits.** The City of Mount Vernon shall continue to provide fringe benefits for the Budget Specialist I position as a partial match to the grant funding, in an estimated amount of \$167,898.96 over the three-year grant period, to be paid from budget code ranges 9010 through 9070, subject to annual budget appropriations.

**Section 4. Budgetary Authorization.** The Comptroller is hereby authorized to make all necessary budgetary entries and adjustments to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, consistent with the adopted annual budgets and applicable financial controls.

**Section 5. Administration.** The Department of Planning and Community Development is authorized to administer the grant funds in coordination with the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency and to take all actions necessary to ensure compliance with HUD grant requirements.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part directly involved.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
 Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
 Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
 Thompson: Yea  
 Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

*Henry D. Bain*  
 Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

JAN 15 2026

Date

BY *James Peter Bain*

Mayor

*J. S. Bain*  
 Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
 ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

*Wersch Thompson*  
 President

ATTEST: *Willie Bonilla*  
 City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12,  
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER  
21, 2023, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT GRANTS FROM CITIES  
AND EXECUTE A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE  
AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
MOUNT VERNON FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER"**

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

**Section 1.** The first decretal paragraph of Ordinance No. 12, adopted November 21, 2023, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT GRANTS FROM CITIES AND EXECUTE A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MOUNT VERNON FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER," is hereby amended, and an additional paragraph is added to include the required expense code, as follows:

**Whereas**, in a letter dated January 9, 2026, [November 14, 2023], the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Planning & Community Development formally requested authorization to amend Ordinance No. 12, adopted by the City Council on November 21, 2023, authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund in the amounts of \$150,000 and execute a technical assistance service agreement with said organization to establish the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center within the City of Mount Vernon; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 12, as adopted by the City Council on November 21, 2023, is hereby amended to add Expense Code 8020.405, authorizing the Department of Finance to process all payments associated with and in support of the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center (MVFEC).

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mount Vernon has prepared an implementation proposal to establish and operate a Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) in collaboration with Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFFEF) and Mercy University; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has participated in a year-long process to prepare the FEC implementation proposal, requesting a grant of \$150,000 from Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund to support the operation of the FEC; and

**WHEREAS**, in anticipation of receiving the grant, the City requests approval to enact legislation authorizing the Mayor to accept the grant and execute a technical assistance service agreement with Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the FEC will provide free, professional, one-on-one financial counseling and coaching to residents, managed by Mercy University with support from federal funds, the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund grant, and the African American Mayors Association; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

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

**Section 1. Authorization to Accept Grant and Execute Agreement.** The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to accept grants from Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund in the amount of \$150,000 and execute a technical assistance service agreement with said organization to establish the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center within the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 2. FEC Operational Budget.** The FEC's operational budget for two years, totaling \$580,000, shall be funded through \$400,000 in federal funds from the City's American Rescue Plan Act budget, \$150,000 grant from Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, and \$30,000 from the African American Mayors Association.

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**Section 3. FEC Management.** Mercy University is authorized to manage the FEC and hire and train three full-time employees. The FEC will become operational in February 2023 after staff training and facilities are set up.

**Section 4. Oversight and Promotion.** The Department of Planning and Community Development will oversee the initiative, work with community and nonprofit partners to promote services, and establish partnerships with local service providers.

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

New Matter Underlined

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Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
 Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
 Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
 Thompson: Yea  
 Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Gregory A. Bond*  
 Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
 JAN 15 2026  
 Date  
*John S. Miller, Mayor*  
 BY  
 Mayor

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*John S. Miller*  
 Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
 ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

*Deborah Thompson*  
 President

*Nicole Bonilla*  
 City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8,  
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY  
10, 2024, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE  
AFRICAN AMERICAN MAYORS ASSOCIATION IN  
SUPPORT OF THE MOUNT VERNON FINANCIAL  
EMPOWERMENT CENTER”**

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

**Section 1.** The first decretal paragraph of Ordinance No. 8, adopted on January 10, 2024, entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MAYORS ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF THE MOUNT VERNON FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER,” is hereby amended, and an additional paragraph is added to include the required expense code, as follows:

**Whereas**, in a letter dated January 9, 2026, [January 2, 2024], the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Planning & Community Development formally requested authorization to amend Ordinance No. 8, adopted by the City Council on January 10, 2024, authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the African American Mayors Association (“AAMA”) to support the operation of the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center. The Department of Planning and Community Development will work with Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (“CFEF”) and Mercy University to launch the new Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center (“FEC”) within the City of Mount Vernon; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 8, as adopted by the City Council on January 10, 2024, is hereby amended to add Expense Code 8020.405, authorizing the Department of Finance to process all payments associated with and in support of the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center (MVFEC).

**WHEREAS**, the grant from AAMA will supplement the FEC operational budget. The FEC is also funded through \$400,000 in federal funds from the City’s American Rescue Plan Act budget and a \$150,000 grant from Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, in anticipation of receiving the grant, the City requests approval to enact legislation authorizing the Mayor to accept the grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the FEC will provide free, professional, one-on-one financial counseling and coaching to residents, managed by Mercy University with support from federal funds, the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund grant, and the African American Mayors Association; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

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

**Section 1. Authorization to Accept Grant and Execute Agreement.** The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to accept a grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the African American Mayors Association (“AAMA”) to support the operation of the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center. The Department of Planning and Community Development will work with Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (“CFEF”) and Mercy University to launch the new Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center (“FEC”) within the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 2. FEC Operational Budget.** The FEC’s operational budget for two years, totaling \$580,000, shall be funded through \$400,000 in federal funds from the City’s American Rescue Plan Act budget, \$150,000 grant from Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, and \$30,000 from the African American Mayors Association.

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**Section 3. FEC Management.** Mercy University is authorized to manage the FEC and hire and train three full-time employees.

**Section 4. Oversight and Promotion.** The Department of Planning and Community Development will oversee the initiative, work with community and nonprofit partners to promote services, and establish partnerships with local service providers.

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

New Matter Underlined

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Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea  
Thompson: Yea  
Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Gregory A. Bantz*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
JAN 13 2026

Date  
*Thomas A. Banz*  
BY  
Mayor

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*J. S. Boxhill*  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*Derrell Thompson*  
President  
ATTEST:  
*Meredith Bonilla*  
City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 31,  
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 14,  
2025, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH  
THE CITIES FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FUND TO  
INCORPORATE LEGACY PLANNING SERVICES IN THE  
MOUNT VERNON FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER"**

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

**Section 1.** The first decretal paragraph of Ordinance No. 31, adopted on August 14, 2025, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE CITIES FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FUND TO INCORPORATE LEGACY PLANNING SERVICES IN THE MOUNT VERNON FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER," is hereby amended, and an additional paragraph is added to include the required expense code, as follows:

**Whereas**, in a letter dated January 9, 2026, [August 4, 2025], the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Planning & Community Development formally requested authorization to amend Ordinance No. 31, adopted by the City Council on August 14, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to execute the "First Grant Amendment," dated June 1, 2025, with the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, amending the original FEC Implementation Grant Agreement dated February 1, 2024, to incorporate Legacy Planning Services into the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 31, as adopted by the City Council on August 14, 2025, is hereby amended to add Expense Code 8020.405, authorizing the Department of Finance to process all payments associated with and in support of the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center (MVFEC).

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon previously entered into a Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Implementation Grant Agreement with the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFE Fund) on February 1, 2024, to provide free, professional financial counseling to city residents; and

**Whereas**, the CFE Fund has issued a proposed First Grant Amendment to the aforementioned agreement, dated June 1, 2025, to expand the scope of services offered at the Mount Vernon FEC to include Legacy Planning services; and

**Whereas**, this amendment provides an additional Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) in grant funding, to be deposited under Revenue Code A2705.1 "Gifts and Donations," to support the integration of Legacy Planning into the City's FEC programming; and

**Whereas**, the amendment includes an extension of the contract term through May 31, 2027, updates to the Scope of Work, Model, and Budget Exhibits (B, C, and D), and a revised disbursement schedule of \$25,000 in Year 1 and \$25,000 in Year 2; and

**Whereas**, the inclusion of Legacy Planning services—such as wills, beneficiary designations, estate planning education, and intergenerational wealth preservation—aligns with the City's objectives to promote financial stability and empower residents with future planning tools; and

**Whereas**, the City Council deems it in the best interest of the residents of Mount Vernon to authorize the Mayor to enter into the First Grant Amendment to facilitate these services; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

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**Section 1. Authorization to Execute Contract Amendment.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to execute the First Grant Amendment, dated June 1, 2025, with the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, amending the existing Financial Empowerment Center Implementation Grant Agreement originally dated February 1, 2024.

**Section 2. Purpose of Amendment.** The purpose of the amendment is to integrate Legacy Planning services into the Financial Empowerment Center, including but not limited to estate planning education, will and beneficiary designation support, and other intergenerational wealth preservation services.

**Section 3. Grant Funding and Budgeting.** The additional grant funding of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) shall be deposited in Revenue Code A2705.1 "Gifts and Donations" and shall be appropriated in accordance with the updated Scope of Work and Budget provided in the amendment.

**Section 4. Term Extension and Disbursement Schedule.** The term of the contract shall be extended through May 31, 2027, with a disbursement schedule of \$25,000 in Year 1 (June 2025–May 2026) and \$25,000 in Year 2 (June 2026–May 2027), subject to performance-based benchmarks and documentation requirements as detailed in the amendment.

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

New Matter Underlined

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Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
 Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
 Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
 Thompson: Yea  
 Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Bryan A. Basye*  
 Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
 JAN 15 2026  
 Date  
*Shawn Patterson*  
 Mayor

*J. B. III*  
 Councilperson  
 THIS ORDINANCE  
 ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*Derrick Hayes*  
 President  
 ATTEST  
*Micelle Bonella*  
 City Clerk

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON RETROACTIVELY  
APPOINTING GWEN JACKSON TO THE BOARD OF  
ASSESSMENT REVIEW FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the New York State Real Property Tax Law, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon is authorized to appoint members to the Board of Assessment Review; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of Mr. Rey Hollingsworth as a member of the Board of Assessment Review expired on September 30, 2025, thereby creating a vacancy on said Board; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to fill said vacancy in order to ensure the continued and effective operation of the Board of Assessment Review; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Real Property Tax Law requires that members of the Board of Assessment Review be residents of the City of Mount Vernon and possess extensive knowledge of the housing stock within the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gwen Jackson is a resident of the City of Mount Vernon and possesses extensive knowledge and experience in real estate and buildings through her service as a code enforcement officer; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jackson is qualified to serve on the Board of Assessment Review and is recommended for appointment to a five (5) year term retroactively commencing October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, newly appointed members of the Board of Assessment Review are required to complete training administered by New York State, and timely appointment is necessary to meet the training deadline of March 2026;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Appointment.** Ms. Gwen Jackson is hereby appointed as a member of the Board of Assessment Review of the City of Mount Vernon to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Mr. Rey Hollingsworth.

**Section 2. Term of Office.** The appointment of Ms. Gwen Jackson shall be for a term of five (5) years, retroactively commencing on October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2030.

**Section 3. Qualifications.** The City Council finds Ms. Gwen Jackson to be fully qualified to serve on the Board of Assessment Review in accordance with the requirements of New York State Real Property Tax Law.

**Section 4. Training Requirement.** Ms. Gwen Jackson shall complete all training requirements mandated by New York State for members of the Board of Assessment Review within the applicable timeframes.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
Thompson: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Gray A. Bajis*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
JAN 15 2026  
Date  
*Maurice Peter Kuehnel*  
BY Mayor

*J. S. Bell*  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*Derrick Thompson*  
President  
ATTEST:  
*Melodeonella*  
City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A ONE (1) YEAR  
LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO LAMONT RADCLIFF,  
MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, SANITATION,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated January 14, 2026, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works formally requested authorization to grant a one (1) year leave of absence to Mr. Lamont Radcliff, Motor Equipment Operator Sanitation (MEO-S), to enable him to serve in the position of Sanitation Foreman within the Department of Public Works; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Lamont Radcliff is presently employed by the City of Mount Vernon as a Motor Equipment Operator Sanitation (MEO-S) within the Department of Public Works; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Radcliff has been selected to fulfill the position of Sanitation Foreman within the Department of Public Works; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and Teamsters Local 456, employees may be granted a leave of absence under specified circumstances; and

**Whereas**, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested that the City Council authorize a one (1) year leave of absence for Mr. Radcliff to enable him to serve in the position of Sanitation Foreman; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that granting said leave of absence is in the best interests of the City and consistent with applicable labor agreements and operational needs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization of Leave of Absence.** A one (1) year leave of absence is hereby granted to Mr. Lamont Radcliff, Motor Equipment Operator Sanitation (MEO-S), for the purpose of fulfilling the position of Sanitation Foreman within the Department of Public Works.

**Section 2. Term of Leave.** The leave of absence authorized herein shall be effective from January 9, 2026, through January 8, 2027, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Teamsters Local 456 collective bargaining agreement.

**Section 3. Compliance with Collective Bargaining Agreement.** All rights, benefits, and conditions applicable to this leave of absence shall be governed by and subject to the provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and Teamsters Local 456.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

*Gregory A. Bart*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

**APPROVED**

**JAN 15 2026**

Date

BY

Mayor

Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

*Derrick Thompson*  
President

ATTEST:

*MiddleBouilla*  
City Clerk

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY,  
APPOINTING AVERY RANSOM TO THE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON BOARD OF ETHICS**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 24, Section 24-7 of the Code of the City of Mount Vernon provides for the appointment of members to the Board of Ethics by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon is authorized and empowered to make such appointments in accordance with the provisions of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to fill vacancies and ensure the continued effective functioning of the Board of Ethics; and

**WHEREAS**, Avery Ransom has been recommended for appointment to the Board of Ethics and is deemed qualified to serve in such capacity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Appointment.** Avery Ransom is hereby appointed as a member of the City of Mount Vernon Board of Ethics pursuant to Chapter 24, Section 24-7 of the Code of the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 2. Term of Office.** The term of appointment for Avery Ransom shall be for two (2) years, commencing on January 14, 2026, and expiring on January 13, 2028.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea  
Thompson: Yea  
Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*Henry A. Bay*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
JAN 15 2026  
Date  
*Howard*  
By: *Howard*  
Mayor

*Cathleen Gleason*  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
*Derrick Thompson*  
President  
ATTEST:  
*Nicole Bonella*  
City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPTROLLER  
TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH PFK O'CONNOR  
DAVIES, LLP FOR INDEPENDENT AUDITING  
SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021 AND 2022**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated January 14, 2026, the Comptroller formally requested authorization to extend the City's agreement with PFK O'Connor Davies, LLP to provide independent auditing services for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022, in substantially the form presented to the City Council; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is required by law and sound fiscal practice to obtain annual independent audits of its financial statements; and

**Whereas**, PFK O'Connor Davies, LLP has served as the City of Mount Vernon's independent auditor for several years and possesses significant institutional knowledge of the City's financial operations; and

**Whereas**, under normal circumstances, the City would issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for independent auditing services every five (5) years; and

**Whereas**, the City is currently experiencing fiscal challenges and is working to regain timeliness and compliance with required annual financial reporting; and

**Whereas**, transitioning to a new auditing firm at this time could result in additional delays, increased costs, and loss of institutional continuity during a critical period of fiscal recovery; and

**Whereas**, maintaining continuity with the current independent auditor will promote efficiency, cost control, and timely completion of outstanding audits; and

**Whereas**, the Comptroller has recommended that the City extend its agreement with PFK O'Connor Davies, LLP to complete the independent audits for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022; and

**Whereas**, the proposed cost for the completion of the Fiscal Year 2021 audit is One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000), and the proposed cost for the completion of the Fiscal Year 2022 audit is One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000); and

**Whereas**, sufficient funds for these services are available within the appropriate budgeted accounts for professional auditing services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Comptroller of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to extend the City's agreement with PFK O'Connor Davies, LLP to provide independent auditing services for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022, in substantially the form presented to the City Council.

**Section 2. Compensation.** The total compensation authorized under this Ordinance shall not exceed One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) for Fiscal Year 2021 and One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000) for Fiscal Year 2022, subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

**Section 3. Funding.** Payment for the services authorized herein shall be made from the appropriate budgeted accounts for professional audit services, as certified by the Comptroller.

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**Section 4. Compliance with Law.** The extension authorized by this Ordinance shall be subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Votes Taken: Jan. 14, 2026  
Boxhill: Yea  
Turnquest-Jones: Yea  
Thompson: Yea  
Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

*Augie & Bob*  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

JAN 15 2026  
Date

BY

*David L. Johnson*

Mayor

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*J. S. Bork*  
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

*Derrick Thompson*  
President

ATTEST:

*Adelle Bonilla*  
City Clerk