

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes

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

Lead by Councilman Wallace

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

1.) Wilma Frank - 7:05 PM

Spoke on her situation with the Department of Buildings and needing a permit to have her roof repaired

Council Response:

Councilman Wallace: I will assist on helping expedite the process on getting a permit to fix a leaking proof

Councilwoman Gleason: I contacted Deputy Commissioner Mamak and she will help assist with the permit

Councilman Boxhill: I am confident that the issue will be handled quickly and I appreciate your apology Mrs. Frank

Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones: Thank you Mrs. Frank, but you don't owe us an apology for a first time offense. This will be helpful to others when they have a roof leak too

Council President Thompson: I will look at the forms because I am unsure of what permit is needed. The permits are there to protect homeowners.

2.) Cynthia Crenshaw - 7:08 PM

NO SHOW

3.) Geoff Monroe - 7:09 PM

Drones as a first response system in Mount Vernon

Council Response:

Councilman Wallace: I am not familiar with this item but I will review the information sent

Councilman Boxhill: I will review the information as well but thank you for sharing.

Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones: I read the article sent and was alarmed by the information and how they are using surveillance against immigrants

Council President Thompson: I believe the drones will be an asset and i agree there are pros and cons for everything.

4.) Sal's (Owner of Sal's Deli) - 7:14 PM

Work he's done and has completed everything a constituent asked for, but was still faced with complaints

Council Response:

Councilman Wallace: read letter out loud regarding 214 GRamatan Ave and 15 North St (Dina Perriello) into the record.

Councilwoman Gleason: Spoke on being victimized by being subjected to allegations and appreciate the investigation that was done and thanked the speaker (Sal) for coming in.

Councilman Boxhill: Thanked Sal for coming in and for his long service to Mount Vernon as a business owner. He then deferred his recommendation from corporation counsel

Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones: Spoke on being on the board when the building was being erected and the issues with the playground area and had no issues with out concerns and that all equipment and the wall was addressed. Thanked him for the level of integrity and ensured their safety.

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

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

ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

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

1. [TMP
-1801](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Approval for the Procurement Manager to attend the 2026 Exchange Conference](#)
[NASPO Exchange - NASPO](#)

Moved: Councilmember Gleason, Seconded by Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

2. [TMP](#)
[-1880](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Mayor Referral_NYCOM February 2026](#)

Moved: Councilmember Gleason, Seconded by Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

3. [TMP](#)
[-1879](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Mayor Referral_USCM January 2026](#)

Moved: Councilmember Gleason, Seconded by Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

4. [TMP](#)
[-1871](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Transfer of Funds - iWORQ 2025](#)

Moved: Councilmember Gleason, Seconded by Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

5. [TMP](#)
[-1881](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [FY Budget 2026 - Referral Letter](#)

Moved: Councilmember Gleason, Seconded by Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

6. [TMP](#)
[-1868](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [010526 - Referral Letter](#)

Moved: Councilmember Gleason, Seconded by Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

7. [TMP](#)
[-1858](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter-OCFS- EmpowerMED](#)
[Award Letter - OCFS EmpowerMED \\$30K](#)

Moved: Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

8. [TMP](#)
[-1859](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [GEM's Referral Letter - \\$50K](#)
[Award Letter GEM \\$50K](#)

Moved: Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

9. [TMP](#)
[-1860](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter-OCFS- Youth Services](#)
[Award Letter \\$19,790 OCFS](#)

Moved: Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

10. [TMP](#)
[-1861](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter-M.I.M-2025-2026](#)
[Award Letter -M.I.M \\$25K](#)

Moved: Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

11. [TMP](#)
[-1862](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [2026 Annual Youth Leadership Forum - Referral letter](#)
[Award Letter Yth Leadership Forum](#)

Moved: Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

12. [TMP](#)
[-1863](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter - FBO-Aviation \\$115K](#)
[BITTS- Aviation 2025-2026 Program Schedule](#)
[Ordinance Accepting \\$800,068 2025-2026 from WPLWDB](#)

Moved: Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

13. [TMP](#)
[-1864](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter - OCB-\\$20K](#)

Moved: Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

14. [TMP](#)
[-1865](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter - Toss N Press-\\$25K](#)
[Ordinance Accepting \\$800,068 2025-2026 from WPLWDB](#)

Moved: Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

15. [TMP](#)
[-1866](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter - Flying Classroom \\$20K- MS youth](#)
[Mt. Vernon Youth Bureau - FC Proposal \(Students Middle School\)](#)

Moved: Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

16. [TMP](#)
[-1867](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter - Flying Classroom \\$30K](#)
[Mt. Vernon Youth Bureau - FC Proposal \(Students High School\)](#)

Moved: Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

17. [TMP](#)
[-1872](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Referral Letter OEM FY26 Budget Appropriations Transfer Request – OEM Auxiliary Police Unit](#)

Moved: Councilmember Wallace, Seconded by Councilmember Turnquest-Jones

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

18. [TMP](#)
[-1829](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Agenda Letter -Transfer Of Funds updated](#)

Moved: Councilmember Wallace, Seconded by Councilmember Turnquest-Jones

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

19. [TMP](#)
[-1800](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [REFERRAL LETTER - COMMAND LEADERSHIP TRAINING](#)

Moved: Councilmember Wallace, Seconded by Councilmember Turnquest-Jones

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

20. [TMP](#)
[-1869](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Referral Letter 255 Summit Avenue](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, Seconded by Councilmember Wallace

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

21. [TMP](#)
[-1856](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Staff Report_ Budget Specialist III 12-16-25](#)
[URA](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, Seconded by Councilmember Wallace

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

22. [TMP](#)
[-1857](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Staff Report_ Budget Specialist I 12-16-25](#)
[URA](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, Seconded by Councilmember Wallace

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

23. [TMP](#)
[-1883](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Referral Letter Amendment Ordinance 12 add expenditure code for](#)
[FEC 1.8.2026](#)
[November 2023 Ordinance](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, Seconded by Councilmember Wallace

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

24. [TMP](#)
[-1882](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Referral Letter Amendment Ordinance 8 add expenditure code for FEC 1.8.2026 January 2024](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, Seconded by Councilmember Wallace

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

25. [TMP](#)
[-1876](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Referral Letter Amendment Ordinance 31 add expenditure code for FEC 1.8.2026 FEC Contract Amendment Approved Legislation 8_19_2025](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, Seconded by Councilmember Wallace

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

26. [TMP](#)
[-1837](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Gwen Jackson referral letter 01-14-2026 Assessment Review Board Appointment](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, Seconded by Councilmember Wallace

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

ADD-ON

To the Council:

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

27. **[TMP](#)**
[-1886](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Lamont Radcliff - Leave of Absence](#)

Moved: Councilmember Gleason, Seconded by Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

28. **[TMP](#)**
[-1885](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter Avery Ransom 01-14-2026](#)

Moved: Councilmember Gleason, Seconded by Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

29. [TMP](#)
[-1887](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [COMP2026 – 1 - Extension of PFK O’Connor Davies for Independent Auditing Services for the 2021 & 2022 PFK Extension Letter 2026](#)

Moved: Councilmember Boxhill, Seconded by Councilmember Wallace

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Wallace

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Jordan Riullano, JD
Deputy City Clerk