

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

7:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

City Council

TANESIA M. WALTERS, J.D., M.P.A.
City Clerk

NICOLE J. BONILLA, M.B.A.
Deputy City Clerk

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024.**

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.****

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

ABSENT: None

PRESIDING: Cathlin B. Gleason, President

OTHERS: Tanesia M. Walters, City Clerk; Nicole J. Bonilla, Deputy City Clerk; Johan Powell, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Aide

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Cathlin B. Gleason 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 Gleason explained the 3-minute-plus-1 public comment rule. She then asked a Councilperson to lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President then proceeded to the Public Speakers session of the evening (listed below as public comment).

SWEARING IN

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deborah Carter Jenkins, 300 Gramatan Ave, Mount Vernon, NY - "neglect of the roundabout" - No Show

Wilma Frank, 239 South Columbus Ave, Mount Vernon, NY - "concerned about the crosswalk between South Columbus and Grandview, also the pavement is broken".

Danny Costa, 111 Rich Ave, Mount Vernon, NY - "City taxes" No Show

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Tanesia M. Walters

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

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

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1. [TMP -578](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [AV RFP Revision to proposal end date.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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2. [TMP -575](#)

Attachments: [RFQ Sustainability Consultant.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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3. [TMP -589](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter - ADA Accessible Elevator](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

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Absent: None

TMP -580

Code: LPW

Attachments: [NYCOM Annual Membership Conference 2024 NYCOM - 2024 Annual Meeting Agenda.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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TMP -586

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Deputy City Clerk Appt.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Browne, **Seconded:** Councilmember Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

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6. [TMP -577](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Legislation - 4 Passenger Buses 2024.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Thompson, **Seconded:** Councilmember Poteat

On the question: Councilmember Browne - procurement laws need to be followed, purchased through state contract, but this should come to the city council first.

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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7. [TMP -583](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Trip to Miami with 5 WDAY participants .pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Thompson, **Seconded:** Councilmember Poteat

On the question: Council President Gleason - This is a grant funded program that allowed the participants to fly on a private jet from Westchester Airport to Miami.

Councilmember Thompson - Thank you for Grants and these programs. There is a Youth Bureau gala coming up in July.

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

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8. [TMP -546](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [ReferralLetter-ICCConference.pdf](#)
[ICC Annual Conference 2024 Meeting.PNG](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

Aye: Councilmember Boxhill, Pro Tempore Browne, Councilmember Poteat, and Acting Pro Tempore Thompson

Nay: President Gleason

Absent: None

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9. [TMP -584](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Agenda Letter 4-30-24.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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10. [TMP -585](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Agenda Letter 4-29-24.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

On the question: Council President Gleason - Arson investigation course

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS:

Councilmember Browne-Mother's Day is this Sunday.
 Councilmember Thompson-wishing happy mother's day and thanks to the council for sending twenty-three families to the Steam House for a mother's day event.
 Council President Gleason- Happy mother's day also to the men, the foundation of Mount Vernon is the schools and it is also teachers appreciation week.
 Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Councilmember Poteat, **Seconded:** Councilmember Thompson

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no other further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
 Nicole Bonilla, MBA
 Deputy City Clerk