

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Referral Packet - Final

Wednesday, February 25, 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, FEBRUARY 25, 2026.**

Scheduled for 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Mount Vernon, New York.

**** This meeting was held in the City Council Chambers, with virtual participation via ZOOM and CMVNY Facebook. The meeting was not closed to the public.****

PRESIDING: Derrick Thompson, President

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

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Derrick Thompson called the meeting to order and provided general house-keeping rules, including encouraging citizens to share the meeting on social media and what to do “in case of emergency”. Council President Thompson explained the 3-minute-plus-1 public comment rule. He then asked a Councilperson to lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President then proceeded to the Public Speakers session of the evening (listed below as public comment).

AWARDS

PRESENTATIONS

The Grace

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 Public Works / Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of the Title of DPW Deputy Commissioner (Administrative) to Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements, Amending the 2026 Fiscal Year Budget, and Providing for Funding and Salary Adjustment

Code: LPW

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

2. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Granting a One (1) Year Leave of Absence to Dwayne A. Jones, who Currently Serve as the Assistant Supervisor within the Department of Public Works

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Dwayne Jones - Leave of Absence - Acting Commissioner](#)

3. Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Authorizing Attendance of Two (2) Board of Water Supply Employees at the 2026 Young Professionals Summit in Charlotte, North Carolina

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter - 02112026](#)
[Supporting Doc - 02112026](#)

4. City Council: Local Law No. ____ - 2026 - A Local Law Amending Section 265 of Chapter 490 of the Laws of 1922, as amended, being the Charter of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, entitled "Liability of City in Actions for Damages or Injuries to Person or Property"

Code: LPW

Attachments: [LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2026 - AMENDING SECTION 265 OF CHAPTER 490 ENTITLED LIABILITY OF CITY IN ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES OR INJURIES TO PERSON OR PROPERTY \(THIS IS A LOCAL LAW FOR 2026\) - Copy](#)

- 5. City Clerk: A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 9 Adopted by the City Council on February 11, 2026, Establishing the Standard Workdays and Reporting Guidelines for Elected and Appointed Officials

Code: LPW

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

To the Council:

HUMAN RESOURCES

No Items

To the Council:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES

- 6. Fire Department: An ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Two (2) Pierce Sabre 1,500 GPM Fire Pumpers Funded through the HUD Community Development Block Grant Program and provided by the Urban Renewal Agency

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Agenda Letter 2-5-26](#)
[FDMV Grant Acceptance Letter \(HUD CDBG\)](#)
[2026 Resolution 2 Fire Apparatus Pumpers](#)

To the Council:

FINANCE AND PLANNING

- 7. Department of Planning and Community Development: An Ordinance Authorizing the Release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Professional Consulting Services to Prepare a Comprehensive Update to the City of Mount Vernon Zoning Ordinance

Code: FP

Attachments: [2026 Zoning Ordinance RFP Referral Letter 2.17.2026](#)

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS



City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Agenda Date: 2/25/2026

Agenda #: 1 -

City Council:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE TITLE OF DPW DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (ADMINISTRATIVE) TO CHIEF OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AMENDING THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET, AND PROVIDING FOR FUNDING AND SALARY ADJUSTMENT

Whereas, in correspondence dated February 10, 2026, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works formally requested authorization to defund and transfer the title of DPW Deputy Commissioner (Administrative) from the Department of Public Works to the Office of the Mayor, and reclassified as Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements, effective February 9, 2026; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the increasing complexity, scale, and regulatory oversight associated with infrastructure planning, capital improvement implementation, utility rehabilitation, grant administration, consent decree compliance, and long-term asset management; and

Whereas, the position of DPW Deputy Commissioner (Administrative), currently funded in part through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), has historically supported administrative and capital-related initiatives within the Department of Public Works; and

Whereas, the evolving operational and regulatory demands facing the City require centralized executive leadership and direct oversight of infrastructure and capital improvement initiatives across departments and related agencies; and

Whereas, the Mayor has determined that the establishment of a Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements within the Office of the Mayor will enhance coordination, ensure compliance with Federal, State, and local mandates, and provide executive-level oversight of capital projects and infrastructure systems, including direct operational authority extending to the Board of Water Supply; and

Whereas, the proposed Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements shall serve as the City's senior executive responsible for the planning, coordination, execution, and oversight of all infrastructure and capital-related projects across the Department of Public Works and the Board of Water Supply; and

Whereas, the funding structure for this position has been strategically developed to minimize impact on the City's General Operating Budget through EFC reimbursement, Board of Water Supply participation, and departmental cost savings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Transfer and Reclassification of Title. The title of DPW Deputy Commissioner (Administrative) is hereby defunded and transferred from the Department of Public Works to the Office of

the Mayor, and reclassified as Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements, effective February 9, 2026.

The Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements shall report to and serve under the general direction and supervision of the Mayor and shall exercise executive oversight over all City infrastructure and capital improvement initiatives, including coordination with and operational authority as assigned over the Board of Water Supply.

Section 2. Budget Transfer - 2026 Fiscal Year. The City Council hereby authorizes the following 2026 Fiscal Year budget transfers:

A. Transfer of Salary Appropriations

- **From:** A1490.101G - DPW Commissioner's Office (Salaries & Wages) - \$117,229
- **To:** A1210.101G - Office of the Mayor (Salaries & Wages) - \$117,229
- **From:** A1490.101 - DPW Commissioner's Office (Salaries & Wages) - \$14,132
- **To:** A1210.101G - Office of the Mayor (Salaries & Wages) - \$14,132

These transfers reflect the movement of funding associated with the former DPW Deputy Commissioner (Administrative) position to the Office of the Mayor.

Section 3. Salary Amendment and Funding Structure. The annual salary for the newly established Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements shall be set at \$175,147.29, Grade 16, in accordance with the CSEA Salary Scale as established by the Department of Human Resources.

Funding for said salary shall be allocated as follows:

1. Sixty-Seven Percent (67%) - \$117,229

To be reimbursed through eligible administrative funding from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).

2. Twenty-Five Percent (25%) - \$43,787

To be funded by the Board of Water Supply pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement, with revenues accepted into Budget Line **A2816 - Water Fund Transfer In**.

3. Eight Percent (8%) - \$14,132

To be funded through the Department of Public Works Budget Code **A1490.101**, derived from cost savings associated with the defunding of a Secretary position.

Section 4. Defunding of Prior Title. The title of DPW Deputy Commissioner (Administrative) is hereby defunded, and its salary allocation is reduced to \$0.00.

Simultaneously, the title of **Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements** is hereby funded at an annual salary of **\$175,147.29**.

Section 5. Authorization to Accept Transfer Funds. The Mayor and Comptroller are hereby authorized to accept reimbursement funds from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation

and funding transfers from the Board of Water Supply consistent with this Ordinance, and to make any accounting entries necessary to effectuate the intent of this legislation.

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

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, and the title transfer shall be effective February 9, 2026.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.

Mayor Office

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Mayor

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MALCOLM CLARK
Chief of Staff
KHENDRA DAVID
Deputy Chief of Staff

REVISED LETTER –

(2/10/2026)

February 5, 2026

Honorable City Council Members
The City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, New York
(Through the Office of the Mayor)

Re: Transfer (1) DPW Deputy Commissioner (Administrative) to Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

I am writing to formally request approval to transfer the DPW Deputy Commissioner (Administrative) funded by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) within the Department of Public Works, to the title of Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements within the Mayor’s Office, effective February 9, 2026.

This role will have oversight over all Infrastructure and Capital Improvements, with direct operational authority extending to the Board of Water Supply. This action reflects the City’s evolving infrastructure needs and the increasing scale, complexity, and regulatory demands associated with capital improvement planning, utility rehabilitation, grant initiatives, consent decree compliance and long-term asset management. The proposed Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements will serve as the City’s senior executive responsible for the planning, coordination, execution, and oversight of all infrastructure and capital-related projects across DPW and the Board of Water Supply, ensuring alignment with Federal, State, and local mandates.

Therefore, I am hereby requesting the following legislative approval(s) by this Honorable City Council and thereafter submitted to the Board of Estimate for authorization:

Step 1 - Transfer of Funds

Funding for this acquisition is available via the following 2026FY Budget Transfer.

Table with 2 columns: From, To. Row 1: A1490.101G: DPW Commissioner’s Office (Salaries and Wages) - \$117,229 to A1210.101G: Office of the Mayor (Salaries and Wages) - \$117,229. Row 2: A1490.101: DPW Commissioner’s Office - \$14,132 to A1210.101G: Office of the Mayor (Salaries and Wages) - \$14,132.

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Step 2 – Funding Sources

Given the expanded scope, technical responsibility, fiduciary oversight, and executive leadership required, it is proposed that the salary for this position be adjusted from \$117,229 to \$175,147.29, Grade 16 in accordance with the CSEA Salary Scale as established by Human Resources. The funding structure for this adjustment has been strategically developed to minimize impact on the City’s General Operating Budget:

- 67% or \$117,229 of the salary shall be reimbursed through New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) eligible administrative funding, and
25% or \$43,787 of the salary shall be funded by the Board of Water Supply, in accordance with the attached Memorandum of Agreement. The city will accept funding from the Board of Water Supply into line A2816 Water Fund Transfer In. and
8% or \$14,132 will be funded by the Department of Public Works Budget Code Transfer A1490.101 via Cost Savings from defunding the Secretary position.

Step 3 - Salary Amendment

The proposed promotion includes the following salary amendment to defund and transfer the funding for the DPW Deputy Commissioner (Administrative) title and fund the Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements title, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Title, Salary. Row 1: DPW Deputy Commissioner (Admin.) - Defund, \$0.00. Row 2: Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements - Fund, \$175,147.29

Step 4 – Salary Resolution - Subsequently, a corresponding separate Salary Resolution will be sent to the Board of Estimate, to coincide with this legislative request upon approval.

Thank you for consideration in this matter.

In Service,

Handwritten signature of Shawyn Patterson-Howard

Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor
City of Mount Vernon

Handwritten signature of Damani L. Bush

Damani L. Bush
DPW Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Carlton C. Spruill

Carlton C. Spruill
BOW Commissioner

SPH/db

Cc: Comptroller’s Office



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New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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Attachments: Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements – Job Specifications
Memorandum of Agreement – Mayor’s Office, DPW, BOW

CHIEF OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements, under the general direction and supervision of the Office of the Mayor, and in concert with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply, directs both field activities (preventative, corrective, capital, and large-scale emergency actions) regarding all infrastructure for both Department of Public Works and Board of Water Supply, as well as administration responsibilities particularly, serving on the Capital Projects Committee. This position involves working with leadership to prioritize capital projects city-wide, providing short- and long-term strategic assessments, supervising consultants and contractors and assisting the enforcement of stakeholder department. The primary personnel and bureau responsibilities are providing guidance, supervision, or direction of, the following: DPW Supervisor, Assistant DPW Supervisor, Water Superintendent, Water Foreman and Water Field Operations Staff, Highway Maintenance Bureau, Stormwater and Sanitary Sewers Bureau, Building Maintenance Staff, Engineering Bureau, Project Management staff, The Stormwater Coordinator, and DPW Accounting staff. This position also exercises supervision over professional, technical and administrative support staff, as pertaining to Capital Projects. The Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements have the additional duties of assisting in the development of the operational and capital budgets, asset management and personnel management, within both departments as required by Commissioners. This position is the executor of all Federal, State and Local mandated requirements. Examples could include, the Lead Service Line project as mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Federal Consent Decrees from the United States District Courts. The Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements is also charged with the additional duty of Administrative/Adjudications Hearing Officer related to citations/complaints and corresponding findings and fines regarding non-criminal illicit actions such as Sanitary/Stormwater and Sanitation infractions. Does related work as required.

SPECIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS POSITION: Relative to this position, the City of Mount Vernon, New York has (1) over 191 employees across two collective bargaining units and two Departments (Public Works and Board of Water Supply, (2) of over 100 miles of road; (3) over 200 miles of sanitary and storm sewers; (4) over 200 miles of water infrastructure; (5) over 3,000 catch basins; (6) over 3,000 manholes; (7) almost 5,000 street lights; (8) an operational fleet of over 250 rolling stock; (9) building maintenance of all municipal structures and real property including but not limited to, four firehouses, the Police Department/Court Complex, City Hall, Parking Structures, Parks and Playgrounds and DPW Facilities.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY):

Supervises requisite Operational Bureaus in Department of Public Works and Mount Vernon Board of Water Supply; Coordinates Lead Service Removal projects in conjunction with Sanitary and Stormwater Rehabilitation, Street Resurfacing and Utility Companies construction; Advises and assists the Commissioners in the formulation of policies, plans and programs; Enforces all applicable Codes and Standards in the public right-of-way; Functions as the Hearing Officer for Sanitary, Stormwater, Sanitation and other Public Right-of-Way illicit issues; Assists the Commissioner(s) with budgets; Assists in Capital Projects; Assists in grant writing and grant management; Oversee and assists City Engineer with jobs, tasks, specifications, and bids; Assists the Commissioners of Public Works and of Board of Water Supply with contracts;

Reviews and signs permit applications for work within Drafts Communication to be submitted to City Council Legislation and Board of Estimates; Acts as Construction Inspector for outside agencies and City of Mount Vernon Departments regarding sidewalk Acts as Construction Inspector and Officer in charge of paving operations and pavement maintenance.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITIES: Candidates must have mastery of leadership, management and supervision; Proficiency in sewer construction and maintenance, with the ability to lead and diagnose responses to issues, complaints and emergencies; Extensive knowledge of pavement maintenance, both corrective and preventative and experience in pavement maintenance planning;; Must have experience in Capital Projects and Capital Budgeting and proficiency with Operational Budgeting; Proficiency with building design, building code enforcement, and general contracting; Must be proficient with automotive equipment, preventative and corrective maintenance and planning/tracking of fleet maintenance; Experience supervising utility companies; Must have the ability to manage competing hi-priority tasks; Communicate effectively both verbally and in writing; The requisite physical conditioning regarding the demands of the position - including working on a construction site or ad hoc emergencies, standing, sitting, kneeling for extended periods of time, and lifting more than 20 pounds

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING: Graduation from a New York State recognized College or University with a Bachelor's Degree; PLUS, ten years of construction experience relatable to civil/municipal work, three of which must have been at a top supervisory/management experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR THIS POSITION:

1. Possession of a valid New York State Driver's License (Class D)
2. Possession of, or the ability to earn, New York State Grade 1 B, Grade 2 B, and Grade D Community Water Systems Operator's License(s) course/certification within 24 months

Civil Service Law, Section 22: Certification for positions. Before any new position in the service of a civil division shall be created or any existing position in such service shall be reclassified, the proposal therefore, including a statement of the duties of the position, shall be referred to the municipal commission having jurisdiction and such commission shall furnish a certificate stating the appropriate civil service title for the proposed position or the position to be reclassified. Any such new position shall be created or any such existing position reclassified only with the title approved and certified by the commission.

**City of Mount Vernon Civil Service Commission
Mt. Vernon, NY 10550**

New Position Duties Statement

Department head or other authorities requesting the creation of a new position, prepare a separate description for each new position to be created except that one description may cover two or more identical positions in the same organizational unit.
Forward one typed copy to this Commission.

1. Department Mayor's Office	Bureau, Division, Unit or Section Mayor's Office	Location of Position City Hall
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2. Description of Duties: Describe the work in sufficient detail to give a clear word picture of the job. Use a separate paragraph for each kind of work and describe the more important or time-consuming duties first. In the left column, estimate how the total working time is divided.

Job Title: Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements

Percent of Work

Job Duty

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Relative to this position, the City of Mount Vernon, New York has [1] over 191 employees across two collective bargaining

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements, under the general direction and supervision of the Office of the May

EXAMPLES OF WORK (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY):

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- Assists the Commissioner(s) with budgets
- Assists in Capital Projects
- Assists in grant writing and grant management
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- Assists Commissioners of Public Works and of Board of Water Supply with contracts
- Reviews and signs permit applications for work within city
- Crafts Communication to be submitted to City Council Legislation and Board of Estimates;
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- Proficiency with Operational Budgeting
- Proficiency with building design, building code enforcement, and general contracting
- Proficiency with automotive equipment, preventative and corrective maintenance and planning/tracking of fleet maintenance
- Experience supervising utility companies
- The ability to manage competing hi-priority tasks
- The ability to communicate well both verbally and in writing
- The requisite physical conditioning regarding the demands of the position - including working on a construction site or ad hoc eme

(Attach additional sheets if more space is needed)

3. Names and Titles of Persons Supervising this position (General, Direct, Administrative, etc.)

Name	Title	Type of Supervision
Shawyn Patterson-Howard	Mayor	General

4. Names and Titles of Persons Supervised by Employee in this position

Name	Title	Type of Supervision

5. Names and Titles of Persons doing substantially the same kind and level of work as will be done by the incumbent of this new position

Name	Title	Location of Position

6. What minimum qualifications do you think should be required for this position?

Education: High School Years
 College 4 Years, with specialization in Bachelor's of Science
 College Years, with specialization in

Experience: (list amount and type)

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING: [1] Graduation from a NYS recognized school of higher education resulting in a Baccalaureat

Essential knowledge, skills and abilities:

Type of license or certificate required:

7. The above statements are accurate and complete.

Date: 1/22/2026 Title: Mayor Signature:

Certificate of Civil Service Commission

8. In accordance with the provisions of Civil Service Law Section 22, the Mt. Vernon Civil Service Commission certifies that the appropriate civil service title for the position described is:

Title: Chief of Infrastructure & Capital Improvements
 Jurisdictional Classification:

Date: 1/22/2026 Signature: Shawyn Patterson-Howard

Action by Legislative Body or Other Approving Authority

9. Creation of described position

- Approved
- Disapproved

Date: Signature:

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City Council:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A ONE (1) YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO DWAYNE A. JONES, WHO CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR WITHIN THE 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 Dwayne A. Jones from his position as Assistant Supervisor within the Department of Public Works, effective February 23, 2026, through February 22, 2027, for the purpose of serving as the Acting Commissioner within the Department of Public Works; and

Whereas, Mr. Dwayne A. Jones currently serves as Assistant Supervisor within the Department of Public Works of the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, a vacancy exists in the position of Acting Commissioner within the Department of Public Works; and

Whereas, it is in the best interests of the City to grant Mr. Jones a temporary leave of absence from his civil service title in order to serve as Acting Commissioner within the Department of Public Works; and

Whereas, Mr. Jones is a member of the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), and his leave of absence shall be granted in accordance with the terms and provisions of his applicable CSEA Union Contract; and

Whereas, the requested leave of absence shall be for a period of one (1) year, commencing February 23, 2026, and ending February 22, 2027.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Leave of Absence - Dwayne A. Jones Ordinance."

Section 1. Authorization of Leave of Absence. The City Council hereby authorizes and grants a one (1) year leave of absence to Mr. Dwayne A. Jones from his position as Assistant Supervisor within the Department of Public Works, effective February 23, 2026, through February 22, 2027, for the purpose of serving as Acting Commissioner within the Department of Public Works.

Section 2. Rights and Benefits. During the period of such leave, Mr. Jones shall retain the rights, status, and benefits provided under the applicable Civil Service Law and the terms and conditions of his CSEA Union Contract, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Section 3. Reversion to Title. Upon the expiration of the leave of absence, or earlier termination thereof, Mr. Jones shall be entitled to return to his position of Assistant Supervisor, subject

to the provisions of Civil Service Law and the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

Section 4. Effective Title. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.
DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS

SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD
Mayor

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DAMANI L. BUSH
Commissioner

February 13, 2026

Honorable City Council
Of the City of Mount Vernon
City Hall, Mount Vernon, New York
(*Through the Office of the Mayor*)

Re: Leave of Absence – Dwayne A. Jones

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

I respectfully request legislation from Your Honorable Body granting a one (1) year leave of absence for Mr. Dwayne A. Jones, Assistant Supervisor, to fill the position of Acting Commissioner within the Department of Public Works.

His leave of absence will be effective February 23, 2026, through February 22, 2027.

Kindly have the necessary legislation enacted upon your acceptance and acquiescence of this transaction.

Respectfully,

Damani L. Bush
DPW Commissioner
DB/db
Cc: Mr. Dwayne A. Jones



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City Council:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE OF TWO (2) BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY EMPLOYEES AT THE 2026 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SUMMIT IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Whereas, in correspondence dated February 11, 2026, the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply formally requested authorization for two (2) employees of the Board of Water Supply to attend the 2026 Young Professionals Summit to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, from March 22, 2026, through March 25, 2026; and

Whereas, the Board of Water Supply of the City of Mount Vernon is committed to ensuring the continued professional development and training of its employees to enhance operational efficiency, regulatory compliance, infrastructure modernization, and public service; and

Whereas, the 2026 Young Professionals (YP) Summit is a premier workshop designed for emerging leaders in the water and wastewater industry, providing advanced training in leadership development, industry best practices, and technical expertise; and

Whereas, the Summit will be held in Charlotte from March 22 through March 25, 2026; and

Whereas, attendance at the Summit directly aligns with the City's ongoing initiatives, including but not limited to the Lead Service Line Replacement Program, Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program, regulatory compliance efforts, infrastructure modernization, operational efficiency, and community engagement; and

Whereas, the Summit offers professional development sessions, collaboration with senior leadership regarding sector trends, risks, and opportunities, hands-on experience with water and wastewater tools, and interactive small-group problem-solving opportunities; and

Whereas, the registration fee for the Summit is Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per attendee; and

Whereas, the total expenses for registration, hotel accommodations, travel, and incidentals for two (2) employees shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00); and

Whereas, funding for said expenses is available in Budget Code 001-581-581001, Staff Development & Training;

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

Section 1. Authorization of Attendance. The City Council hereby authorizes two (2) employees of the Board of Water Supply to attend the 2026 Young Professionals Summit to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, from March 22, 2026, through March 25, 2026.

Section 2. Authorization of Expenditures. The City Council hereby authorizes expenditures for registration fees in the amount of \$300.00 per attendee and further authorizes reimbursement for reasonable and necessary expenses related to hotel accommodations, travel, and incidentals, provided that the total cost for both attendees shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

Section 3. Funding Source. All authorized expenditures shall be charged to Budget Code 001-581-581001, Staff Development & Training.

Section 4. Compliance. All travel and reimbursement shall be conducted in accordance with the City of Mount Vernon's policies, procedures, and applicable procurement and travel regulations.

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



BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

M O U N T V E R N O N , N E W Y O R K

MAYOR SHAWYN PATTERSON HOWARD COMMISSIONER CARLTON C. SPRULL SUPERINTENDENT JOHN F. ARENA

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February 11, 2026

VIA EMAIL:

Honorable Members of the City Council
(Through the Office of the Mayor)
City Hall – 1 Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

RE: REQUESTING FOR LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE TO THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SUMMIT

Dear Honorable Council Members:

This letter serves as a formal request for the enactment of legislation authorizing two (2) employees of the Board of Water Supply to attend the 2026 Young Professionals Summit in Charlotte, North Carolina, from March 22 to March 25, 2026.

The Young Professionals (YP) Summit is a premier water and wastewater industry workshop for young professionals to develop their leadership skills and industry knowledge. The Summit aligns directly with our mission and ongoing initiatives, including the Lead Service Line Replacement Program, Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program, regulatory compliance, infrastructure modernization, operational efficiency, and community engagement.

Attendees will benefit from professional development sessions, discussions with senior leadership on sector trends, risk, and opportunities, gain hands-on experience with water and wastewater tools and collaborate in interactive small-group problem solving to expand practical knowledge. Throughout the Summit, attendees will have ongoing opportunities to network with water sector experts and colleagues, fostering collaboration and professional connections.

The registration fee is \$300 per attendee. Total expenses (including registration fee(s)) for hotel accommodation, travel, and incidentals are not to exceed \$5,000 for both attendees. These costs will be charged to budget code 001-581-581001, Staff Development & Trainings.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton Sprull
Commissioner



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ATTENDANCE JUSTIFICATION TIPS

AWWA/WEF Young Professionals Summit | March 22-24, 2026

HOW TO SELL ATTENDANCE TO YOUR BOSS

YP Summit attendees will learn about emerging issues in the water industry and connect with a diverse group of water industry peers. The program is intended to challenge attendees to think critically about our industry (present and future) and to establish lasting connections with peers. Where else can you find so many professionals facing the same issues as your organization and learn how others are addressing those challenges? Are there solutions (or problems) you're not aware of? Following are several tips to guide you in your request for approval to attend the YP Summit.

JUSTIFY THE EXPENSE

- Focus on the knowledge and information you will bring back to your organization and team as a return on the initial investment.
- Emphasize relevant sessions and workshops designed to teach specific technical or soft skills that will assist you in being a better team player and future leader.
- Offer to deliver a short presentation and Q&A session about your summit experience upon your return to other young professionals in your workplace and their supervisors.
- Prepare a plan that shows who will help cover your workload while attending the YP Summit.

HIGHLIGHT THE DETAILS

- Session Content:
 - Program topics and speakers to be announced soon.
 - Once announced, identify specific program topics that are relevant to your organization's work, a project you are going to be working on in the future, or maybe even a topic that you are looking to explore as a part of your career path.
- Building Your Network:
 - Young professionals from all types of vocational backgrounds attend YP Summit. You'll meet utility operators, engineering consultants, vendor representatives, municipal employees, representatives from both research and permitting agencies, finance consultants, and employees who work in various roles from administration to operations to field work to project management and design.
 - There will be plenty of opportunities to network with young professionals from across North America, Canada, and other countries, each with their own unique water industry experience, challenges, and perspectives.
 - You'll get to know people who could potentially become future clients, sub-contractors, or consultants on your projects or with your company.





2026 Registration Costs

Registration is reduced for both AWWA/WEF members and students.

Not a member? Join [AWWA](#) or [WEF](#) and save now!

Refer to the [YP Summit registration information](#).

Consider staying for the WEF/AWWA [Utility Management Conference \(UMC\)](#), taking place the same week as YP Summit. During this prestigious management conference, you will learn about the latest approaches, practices, processes, techniques, case studies, and research in all aspects of utility management.

Registration Type	Member Super Saver	Non-Member Super Saver
Young Professional		
2026 YP Summit	\$220	\$300
2026 YP Summit + UMC	\$395	\$500
Students		
2026 YP Summit	\$0	\$80
2026 YP Summit + UMC	\$75	\$175

Expenses Worksheet

Use the worksheet below to develop a cost estimate for attending the YP Summit.

Expense	Cost
Summit Registration	\$ Member Rate
Lodging	\$288 to \$320 per night, inclusive of tax
Mileage Reimbursement	
Flight	
Transportation (Airport to Hotel)	
Transportation (Hotel to Airport)	
Parking Reimbursement	
Food Per Diem	
Total Cost:	\$



Are you a utility YP? Apply for a [scholarship](#) to attend the 2026 YP Summit! The deadline to apply is December 1, 2025.



Benefit Examples

"I'll make connections with people who could potentially save us time and money in the future."

UTILITY CONTACTS: I will find other utilities facing the same problems we face and will develop contacts who can share their knowledge of cost-effective solutions, so that I can learn from their mistakes and benefit from their successes.

VENDOR CONTACTS: I will meet vendors who know our processes and how they can be cost-effectively improved, including new technologies that can save us money in the long term.

SUPPORT CONTACTS: Government officials and consultants will know which technologies qualify for grant funding and how to obtain it.

REGULATORY CONTACTS: Agency reps can help us clarify and understand our regulatory requirements so that we remain current on compliance issues.

"I hope to hear others' viewpoints on these topics to find solutions to our current challenges."

Issue 1: Example: regulatory compliance

Issue 2: Example: equipment issue

Issue 3: Example: customer service challenge

Issue 4: Example: workplace or management process improvement

"I'll find ways to do more with what we already have."

I will meet vendors and operators who know our processes well and can give us insight into how we can deliver better performance using current equipment at a lower cost.

"I'll learn about new technologies we should research."

I will see where the industry is heading and the newest innovations that are making operations more cost-effective.

"This will provide opportunities for others to cross-train on my role's responsibilities."

I plan to have _____ cover my duties while I am away. I will have this person ready to assume these duties before my departure, will meet with them for a debrief upon my return and will provide counselling/feedback/coaching for this person with written reports for supervisor's use and for their personnel file.

"I'll prepare presentations to share information upon my return."

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: I will prepare and submit a written report to my manager of my findings and of the short-term and long-term action items that result from what I learn at YP Summit.

STAFF BRIEFINGS: I will prepare and deliver a staff briefing of my findings so that others may benefit from what I learn.

TRAINING ASSISTANCE: I will help others learn how to effectively attend a major summit such as the YP Summit and deliver the maximum benefit to the Utility upon their return.



SAMPLE LETTER

After you have identified the specific advantages of attending the YP Summit, provide the expenses and benefits to your manager. Below is a sample letter you can use as a template for your request.

< Date >

Dear < supervisor's name > ,

I would like to attend the AWWA/WEF Young Professionals (YP) Summit and YP workshops in Charlotte, North Carolina on March 22-24, 2026. The event includes professional development sessions directly applicable to my work and will allow me to network with various water industry experts and colleagues. Many of the presentations are tailored to the <your specialty> profession and provide valuable insights on improving our infrastructure and operational efficiency. With the attached cost estimate, I am seeking your approval for the registration fee, time, and travel.

The water industry faces significant workforce challenges, including a shortage of skilled professionals and an aging workforce. Attending this summit will directly support my development and benefit our organization by:

- Fostering meaningful peer connections that support my career growth and advance the future of the water sector.
- Developing interpersonal and leadership skills specific to the water and wastewater industry.
- Broadening my understanding of the water sector through increased awareness of industry roles, challenges, and opportunities.

This year's program will cover topics that align with several challenges we face, such as <bring up a specific issue>, regulatory compliance, equipment efficiency, and customer service improvements. I will also have the opportunity to engage with a wide variety of hands-on water and wastewater tools and approaches in a team setting to expand practical knowledge and build lasting peer-to-peer support networks.

The opportunity to network and gain knowledge in specific areas of the water industry makes my attendance at the YP Summit a worthwhile investment, yielding rich dividends for <name of your organization>. As you will see in the attached cost estimate, registration rates for young professionals to attend are significantly discounted. I am confident that my participation will not only enhance my own professional development but also contribute directly to advancing <name of your organization> goals as we prepare for the future workforce needs of the water sector.

Sincerely,
< Your Name >



City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Agenda Date: 2/25/2026

Agenda #: 4.

City Council:

LOCAL LAW NO. ___ - 2026

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 265 OF
CHAPTER 490 OF THE LAWS OF 1922, AS
AMENDED, BEING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY
OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, ENTITLED
“LIABILITY OF CITY IN ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES
OR INJURIES TO PERSON OR PROPERTY”**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, as follows:

Section 1. Section 265 of Article XVIII of Chapter 490 of the Laws of 1922, being the Charter of the City of Mount Vernon, entitled “Liability of City in actions for damages or injuries to person or property,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 265. Liability of City in actions for damages or injuries to person or property.

No civil action shall be maintained against the City for damages or injuries to person or property sustained in consequence of any street, highway, city tree, bridge, culvert, sidewalk, crosswalk, curb, sanitary sewer or storm drains, public parking lot or parking garage being defective, out of repair, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed unless, previous to the occurrence resulting in such damages or injury, written notice of the defective, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed condition of said street, highway, city tree, bridge, culvert, sidewalk, crosswalk, curb, sanitary sewer or storm drains, public parking lot or parking garage was actually given to the Commissioner of Public Works and that there was a failure or neglect within a reasonable time after the receipt of such notice to repair or remove the defect, danger or obstruction complained of. No such action shall be maintained for damages or injuries to the person or property sustained solely in consequence of the existence of snow or ice upon any sidewalk, crosswalk, street, highway, bridge, culvert, city tree, public parking lot or parking garage unless written notice thereof relating to the particular place was actually given to the Commissioner of Public Works, and there was a failure or neglect to cause such snow or ice to be removed, or the place otherwise made reasonably safe within a reasonable time after the receipt of such notice.

The City shall not be liable in a civil action for damages or injuries to person or property or invasion of personal or property rights of any name or nature whatsoever, whether casual or continuing, arising at law or in equity, alleged to have been caused or sustained, in whole or in part, by or because of any omission of duty, wrongful act, fault, neglect, misfeasance or negligence on the part of the City, or any of its agents, officers or employees unless a written notice of claim shall have been made and served in compliance with Section 50-e of the General Municipal Law, nor unless an action shall be commenced thereon within one year after the

happening of such accident or injury or the occurrence of such act, omission, fault or neglect but no action shall be commenced to recover upon or enforce any such claim against the City until the expiration of three months after the service of said notice. The Mayor of said City may, within the period of three months from the time of the presentation of any claims against the City, require the claimant to be sworn before him with relation to such claim, and when so sworn, to swear orally as to any facts relating to the justice of such claim. Nothing contained in this section shall be held to repeal or modify or waive any existing requirement or statute of limitations which is applicable to these classes of actions but, on the contrary, shall be held to be additional requirements to the right to maintain such action, nor shall anything herein contained be held to modify any existing rule of law relative to the question of contributory negligence, nor to impose upon the City any greater duty or obligation than it shall keep its streets and public places in a reasonably safe condition for public use and travel.

The term street as used herein shall include the curbstone, an avenue, underpass, road, alley, lane, boulevard, concourse, parkway, road or path within a park, park approach, driveway, thoroughfare, public way, public square, and public parking area. The term sidewalk as used herein shall include an underpass, pedestrian walk or path, step or stairway. The term bridge as used herein shall include a viaduct or overpass.

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If any clause, sentence, phrase, paragraph or any part of this section shall, for any reason be adjudged finally by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this section but shall be confined in its operation and effect to the clause, sentence, phrase, paragraph or part thereof directly involved in the controversy or action in which such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that the remainder of this section would have been adopted had any such provisions not been included.

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File #: TMP -1977

Agenda Date: 3/11/2026

Agenda #: 5.

City Council:

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 9
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 11,
2026, ESTABLISHING STANDARD WORKDAYS AND
REPORTING GUIDELINES FOR ELECTED AND
APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

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

Section 1. The Chart in Section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 adopted by the City Council on February 11, 2026, entitled “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARD WORKDAYS AND REPORTING GUIDELINES FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS,” is hereby amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon participates in the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS); and

WHEREAS, NYSLRS requires participating employers to establish standard workdays for elected and appointed officials in order to properly report service credit; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller’s Office, through the NYSLRS Pension Integrity Bureau, requires employers to adopt a formal resolution identifying such standard workdays and the method of reporting time worked; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon maintains records of activities and/or recertifications of records of activities for elected and appointed officials as submitted to and maintained by the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to formally establish standard workdays and authorize reporting to NYSLRS based upon those records in compliance with applicable law and regulations;

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

Section 1. Purpose. This Resolution establishes the standard workdays and reporting guidelines for elected and appointed officials of the City of Mount Vernon for purposes of reporting service credit to the New York State and Local Retirement System.

Section 2. Reporting Method. The City of Mount Vernon shall report to the New York State and Local Retirement System Pension Integrity Bureau either:

- a Record of Activities, or
- a Recertification of the Record of Activities,

based upon records maintained by and submitted to the City Clerk.

Section 3. Standard Workdays and Records of Activities. The following officials are hereby assigned the indicated standard workdays, terms of office, and records of activities, and such information is authorized to be reported to NYSLRS:

Name:	Title:	Standard Workday	Term:	Record of Activities
Shawyn Patterson-Howard	Mayor	7.0	01/01/2024-12/31/2027	30.51
Darren Morton	Comptroller	7.0	01/01/2022-12/31/2025	<u>22.30</u> [20.00]
Danielle Browne	City Council Member	6.0	01/01/22 - 12/31/2025	16.62
Edward Poteat	City Council Member	6.0	01/01/22 - 12/31/2025	4.78
Derrick Thompson	City Council Member	6.0	01/01/24 - 12/31/2027	13.67
Cathlin Gleason	City Council Member	6.0	01/01/22 - 12/31/2025	17.33
Jaevon Boxhill	City Council Member	6.0	01/01/24 - 12/31/2027	13.17

Section 4. Authorization. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to submit this Resolution and all required documentation to the New York State and Local Retirement System Pension Integrity Bureau.

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

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ESTABLISHING THE STANDARD
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FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mount Vernon, New York, hereby establishes the following as Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials, listing a Record of Activities or a Recertification of the Record of Activities. The city will report the following to the New York State and Local Retirement System Pension Integrity Bureau based on records maintained and submitted to the City Clerk

TITLE	NAME	STANDARD WORKDAY	TERM	RECORD OF ACTIVITIES
Mayor	Shawyn Patterson-Howard	7.0	01/01/2024-12/31/2027	30.51
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RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.



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Agenda #: 6.

City Council:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ACCEPT TWO (2) PIERCE SABRE 1,500 GPM FIRE
PUMPERS FUNDED THROUGH THE HUD COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND
PROVIDED BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY**

Whereas, in correspondence dated February 5, 2026, the Commissioner of the Fire Department formally requested that the City Council authorize the Mayor to accept the acquisition of two (2) Pierce Sabre 1,500 GPM fire pumpers from the Urban Renewal Agency, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,799,500.00, with funding provided through the HUD Community Development Block Grant Program; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to ensuring the safety, health, and welfare of its residents through the provision of effective fire protection and emergency response services; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon Fire Department requires modern and reliable fire apparatus in order to maintain appropriate response capabilities and to replace aging equipment; and

Whereas, the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Mount Vernon (“URA”) has made available two (2) Pierce Sabre fire pumpers, each with a 1,500-gallon-per-minute pumping capacity (collectively, the “Fire Apparatus”), at a total cost not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,799,500.00); and

Whereas, the Fire Apparatus will be paid for using funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) program, in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations; and

Whereas, upon delivery and acceptance, title to the Fire Apparatus shall vest in the City of Mount Vernon, and the Fire Apparatus shall become the property of the City; and

Whereas, once titled to the City of Mount Vernon, all maintenance, operational, and related costs associated with the Fire Apparatus shall be the responsibility of the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the attached resolution and supporting documentation and finds that acceptance of the Fire Apparatus is in the best interests of the City of Mount Vernon and its residents;

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

Section 1. Authorization to Accept Fire Apparatus. The Mayor is hereby authorized to

accept two (2) Pierce Sabre 1,500 GPM fire pumpers from the Urban Renewal Agency at a total cost not to exceed \$1,799,500.00, funded through the HUD Community Development Block Grant program.

Section 2. Ownership and Title. Upon receipt and acceptance, title to the Fire Apparatus shall be vested in the City of Mount Vernon, and the Fire Apparatus shall become the sole property of the City.

Section 3. Maintenance and Operational Responsibility. The City of Mount Vernon shall assume full responsibility for all maintenance, operational, insurance, and related costs associated with the Fire Apparatus upon transfer of title.

Section 4. Compliance with Applicable Laws. The acquisition and acceptance of the Fire Apparatus shall be subject to and carried out in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, including those governing the HUD CDBG program.

Section 5. Authorization of Additional Actions. The Mayor, Fire Commissioner, Corporation Counsel, and any other authorized City officials are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions and execute any documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect 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 and Contract.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.
FIRE DEPARTMENT

SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD
Mayor

Fire Headquarter – 470 East Lincoln Avenue
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Chief of Operations

Honorable Members of the City Council
City Hall
1 Roosevelt Square
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Through the Office of the Mayor

February 5, 2026

Dear Honorable Council Members:

This letter is to request that the City Council enact legislation that would enable the Fire Department to accept the following Fire Apparatus (Two Pierce Sabre 1,500 GPM Pumpers) for \$1,799,500.00. This apparatus will be provided by the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) and paid for with HUD CDBG funding program.

Please see the attached Resolution and supporting documentation for this request. Once received by the City of Mount Vernon, these Fire Apparatus will be titled to, and the property of said entity, and all maintenance and operational costs will be the responsibility of the title holder.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted:

Kevin B. Holt
Fire Commissioner

“The Jewel of Westchester”



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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

February 5, 2026

This letter serves as a request for approval and award of Urban Renewal/HUD CDBG Grant funds for the approval of two Fire Pumpers for the Mount Vernon Fire Department. The Mount Vernon Fire Department is located just north of NYC and borders the Village of Pelham and Pelham Manor to the east, the Village of Bronxville and the Village of Tuckahoe to the north, and the city of Yonkers to the West. According to the U.S. Census Survey, approximately 73,000 residents live in the city, making it the 8th-largest in New York State and the 2nd-most densely populated city in the state.

Although the official census number is approximately 73,000, we believe the more accurate figure is 100,000, based on the volume of trash collected per annum by the city's Public Works Department and the city's hidden population density. This may be a mitigating factor contributing to the number of fires and related injuries to which Mount Vernon First Responders must respond.

The city's topography is also noteworthy. The city's terrain can be described as "hilly". The sheer volume of calls the fire department responds to daily significantly accelerates the wear and tear on our fire apparatus fleet.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department has a census of 153 Firefighters/Officers and a fleet of 15 Fire Apparatus. This includes Conventional Fire Pumpers, Heavy Rescue, and Aerial Apparatus. Our current vehicle inventory does not meet the NFPA-recommended safety fire standard. On any given month, 35% percentage of the City's fire apparatus is inactive due to mechanical maintenance issues.

We currently have 7 Fire Pumpers: 2 2020 1,500 GPM Pumpers, 2 2010 1,500 GPM Pumpers, 2 2004 2,000 GPM Pumpers, and 1 1993 1,500 GPM Pumpers. Due to age and call volume, maintenance and repair issues are continually placing this aged fleet out of service.

The city had 43 structure fires in 2025, 29 in 2024, 48 in 2023, and 7 in 2026. Our total call volume in 2025 was 12,429 incidents.

Respectfully Submitted

Kevin B. Holt
Fire Commissioner

"The Jewel of Westchester"

RESOLUTION 2026

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT 2 FIRE TRUCKS FROM THE MVURA FOR USE IN FIRE STATION NUMBER 3 AND TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency ("URA") administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds from the US. Department of Housing and Urban. Development ("HUD"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the CDBG Program is to meet the national objective by providing quality of life for low and moderate communities; and

WHEREAS fire Station # 3 is located and provides service to a designated low and moderate income area within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has historically had six Fire Pumpers to fight structural fires and rescue victims in burning or unsafe buildings: The City's current fleet of fire pumpers consists of 7 five-pumpers: 2 – 2020 Pierce Sabre 1,500 GPM pumpers, 2 – 2010 Pierce Arrow 1,500 GPM pumpers, 2 – Ferrara 2,000 GPM pumpers and 1 -1993 Pierce Arrow 1,500 GPM pumper.

WHEREAS, the City has four fire pumpers currently in service: two with five years of service, one with fifteen years of service, and one with twenty-one years of service. Three pumpers are presently out of service due to mechanical issues, parts availability, and age. Best practices in fire safety for a city of this density and population dictate that at least four pumpers be in service to appropriately respond to community needs and ensure firefighter safety.

WHEREAS, the purchase of these two Pierce Sabre Pumpers fire apparatus is necessary to ensure an effective response to Mount Vernon's serious fire safety threats; and

WHEREAS the URA recognized this need and voted at their Board meeting in resolution 2025-17 to purchase these trucks for the low and moderate community benefit; and

WHEREAS the URA considered three different cooperative purchasing programs and chose the Trucks that met Federal procurement policy under 24 CFR 200 et al; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two fire trucks purchased by the URA be accepted by the City of Mont Vernon taking all responsibilities for the Trucks maintenance, insurance and use moving forward.



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City Council:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON ZONING ORDINANCE

Whereas, in correspondence dated February 17, 2026, the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Community Development formally requested authorization to prepare and release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional consulting services to prepare a comprehensive update to the City of Mount Vernon Zoning Ordinance; and

Whereas, the City Council of the Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of maintaining a modern, legally defensible, and user-friendly Zoning Ordinance that advances the health, safety, and general welfare of the community; and

Whereas, in November 2025, following a multi-year, two-phase planning process that included extensive public engagement, technical analysis, and intergovernmental coordination, the City adopted its first Comprehensive Plan since 1968 (the "Comprehensive Plan"); and

Whereas, the Comprehensive Plan establishes a long-term vision for land use, housing, economic development, transportation, sustainability, environmental resilience, and community character, with an emphasis on transit-oriented development, equity, and sustainable growth; and

Whereas, implementation of the Comprehensive Plan requires a comprehensive modernization and restructuring of the City's existing Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency with the adopted vision and contemporary planning standards; and

Whereas, the Department of Planning and Community Development has determined that the services of a qualified and experienced professional planning consultant are necessary to assist in preparing a comprehensive update to the Zoning Ordinance; and

Whereas, the scope of services will include, but not be limited to, a full diagnostic review of the existing Zoning Ordinance; development of updated zoning districts; preparation of use tables, dimensional standards, design guidelines, and administrative procedures; and completion of technical analyses including buildout studies, redevelopment feasibility assessments, infrastructure capacity evaluations, and land-use scenario modeling; and

Whereas, the selected consultant will be responsible for managing and facilitating a robust public and stakeholder engagement process to ensure transparency and meaningful community participation; and

Whereas, the consultant shall also prepare and coordinate all required environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), including preparation of a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), addressing potential impacts on transportation, infrastructure, schools, municipal services, historic resources, and environmental sustainability; and

Whereas, funding for such consulting services is available in the adopted 2026 City Budget under Contracted Outside Services Budget Line 8020.405; and

Whereas, the City Council desires to authorize the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) in accordance with the City's procurement policies, including publication through OpenGov and appropriate public notice in The Journal News (LoHud), to ensure compliance with applicable laws and transparency in the procurement process.

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

Section 1. Authorization to Release Request for Proposals. The City Council hereby authorizes the Department of Planning and Community Development to prepare and release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional consulting services to prepare a comprehensive update to the City of Mount Vernon Zoning Ordinance.

Section 2. Scope of Services. The RFP shall solicit proposals from qualified planning consultants to perform, at a minimum, the following services:

1. Conduct a comprehensive diagnostic review of the existing Zoning Ordinance;
2. Draft updated zoning districts, use tables, dimensional standards, design standards, and administrative procedures;
3. Conduct citywide and neighborhood-level analyses, including buildout studies, redevelopment feasibility assessments, infrastructure capacity evaluations, and land-use scenario modeling;
4. Manage and facilitate a comprehensive public and stakeholder engagement process;
5. Prepare and coordinate all required environmental review documentation pursuant to SEQRA, including a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS); and
6. Provide best-practice guidance to support equitable development, environmental resilience, multimodal transportation access, economic vitality, and long-term growth management.

Section 3. Procurement Process. The release of the RFP shall be conducted in accordance with the City's established procurement procedures. The RFP shall be published through OpenGov, and appropriate public notice shall be placed in The Journal News (LoHud) to ensure broad public awareness and compliance with applicable requirements.

Section 4. Funding. Funding for the consulting services authorized herein shall be paid

from the Contracted Outside Services Budget Line 8020.405 as adopted in the 2026 City Budget.

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, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

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



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February 19, 2026

VIA EMAIL:

Honorable City Council Members
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RE: Request for the City Council to enact legislation to authorize release of a Request For Proposals for consulting services for the preparation of an update to the City of Mount Vernon Zoning Ordinance. For consideration on the agenda for the February 25, 2026, City Council meeting.

Honorable City Council President Thompson and Council Members:

I respectfully submit this letter requesting that the City Council authorize the Department of Planning and Community Development to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional consulting services to prepare a comprehensive update to the City of Mount Vernon Zoning Ordinance.

In November 2025, following a multi-year, two-phase planning process that included extensive public engagement, technical analysis, and intergovernmental coordination, the City adopted its first Comprehensive Plan since 1968. The Comprehensive Plan establishes a long-term vision for land use, housing, economic development, transportation, sustainability, and community character, with a strong emphasis on transit-oriented development, equity, and environmental resilience. Implementation of this vision requires a comprehensive modernization of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

The selected consultant will provide significant technical expertise and planning support necessary to translate the Comprehensive Plan into an updated and legally defensible regulatory framework. This work will include a full diagnostic review of the existing Zoning Ordinance to identify inconsistencies, outdated provisions, and areas requiring clarification or modernization. The consultant will develop updated zoning districts, use tables, dimensional standards, design guidelines, and administrative procedures that support predictable and equitable development. The scope also includes conducting citywide and neighborhood-level analyses such as buildout studies, redevelopment feasibility assessments, infrastructure capacity evaluations, and land use scenario modeling to ensure the zoning framework aligns with growth projections and community goals.

In addition, the consultant will manage and facilitate public and stakeholder engagement process to ensure transparency and meaningful community participation. The firm will be responsible for preparing and coordinating the required environmental review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), which will include preparation of a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) addressing potential impacts on transportation, infrastructure, schools, municipal services, historic resources, and environmental sustainability. The consultant will also provide best practice guidance to support equitable development, environmental resilience, multimodal transportation access, economic vitality, and long-term growth management consistent with contemporary planning standards.





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This Request for Proposals is intended to assist the City in selecting a qualified and experienced planning consultant capable of delivering a modern, user-friendly, and legally sound Zoning Ordinance that advances the goals adopted in the Comprehensive Plan.

The Request for Proposals will be released after City Council approval in accordance with the City's established procurement procedures, including publication on Opengov. In addition, appropriate public notice will be placed in The Journal News (LoHud) to ensure broad public awareness and compliance with applicable requirements.

The consultant fees for this work will be paid through the Contracted Outside Services budget line 8020.405 in the adopted 2026 City Budget. A draft of the Zoning Ordinance Request for Proposals is attached for your review and consideration.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Rausse".

JAMES RAUSSE, FAICP, WEDG

cc: Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard
Comptroller Darren M. Morton
Malcolm Clark, Chief of Staff

