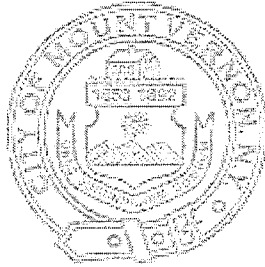


# **City of Mount Vernon, New York**

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## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL**

### **City Council**

*NICOLE BONILLA, M.B.A.  
City Clerk*

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 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:** Edward Poteat, Acting President

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

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Acting Council President Edward Poteat 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”. Acting Council President Poteat explained the 3-minute-plus-1 public comment rule. He then asked a Councilperson to lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting Council President then proceeded to the Public Speakers session of the evening (listed below as public comment).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**REFERRAL SESSION**

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON**

**To the Council:**

**LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Charter Review Commission: An Ordinance Authorizing the Extension of the Contract with the National Civic League (NCL) for Professional Services to Assist the 2024 Mount Vernon Charter Review Commission

**Code:** LPW

2. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Attend the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2025 Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from May 14th to May 16th, 2025

**Code:** LPW

3. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of a Total Wellness Sensory Room in City Hall's First Floor Employee Women's Bathroom

**Code:** LPW

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4. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a \$126,920 Technical Assistance Voucher from the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program for a Citywide Traffic Signal Study
- Code:** LPW
5. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Mount Vernon to Host the 2025 Arbor Day Celebration in Partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Zeta Nu Omega Chapter
- Code:** LPW
6. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Line Transfer Within the Department of Public Works for Education and Training Related to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Requirements
- Code:** LPW
7. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing Internal Training of Qualified Staff for Stormwater and Sewer State Mandates and Federal Consent Decree Actions
- Code:** LPW
8. Department Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Attendance of the Department of Public Works Deputy Commissioner John Nuculovic and Laborer Jawaad Abdul-Halim at the Basic Code Enforcement Training Course
- Code:** LPW
9. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Mount Vernon Recreation and Police Departments to Co-Sponsor "Rolling into Peace" in Hartley Park on Saturday, June 14, 2025
- Code:** LPW
10. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance authorizing the City of Mount Vernon, through the Department of Recreation, to Co-Sponsor the Cinco de Mayo Celebration with Westchester Latino Unidos - (May 5, 2025 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Hartley Park, with the rain site designated as the Doles Center at 250 South 6th Avenue)
- Code:** LPW
11. Department of Water: An Ordinance Retroactively Authorizing Attendance at the 2025 Mayors Water Council Meeting
- Code:** LPW

**To the Council:****HUMAN RESOURCES**

12. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Grant under the Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project (Project No. 2152), Execution of Necessary Agreements, and Implementation of Required Compliance Measures

**Code:** HR

13. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Flying Classroom for the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Solar Go Kart Summer Academy - (July 8th, 2025, to August 14, 2025 for \$45,000.00)

**Code:** HR

14. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Krishna Shah, CEO of Wellness with Krishna, to Provide Mental Wellness Sessions for the Ready4LIFE Program - (April 18th, 2025, to July 11, 2025 for \$10,000)

**Code:** HR

**To the Council:****PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES**

15. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Westchester County Department of Correction for Reimbursement of Prisoner Transportation Services for the Years 2023 and 2024

**Code:** PSC

**To the Council:****FINANCE AND PLANNING**

16. Department of Assessment: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Within the Department of Assessment Budget Lines for the Purpose of Assessor's Remapping

**Code:** FP

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

17. Office of the City Clerk: A Resolution Designating Megan Blades as a Marriage Clerk for the City of Mount Vernon, NY Pursuant to Section 15 of the Domestic Relations Law

**Code:** LPW

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES**

18. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with the City Court Marshal for Booting Services

**Code:** PSC

**OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT WITH THE  
NATIONAL CIVIC LEAGUE (NCL) FOR  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO ASSIST THE  
2024 MOUNT VERNON CHARTER REVIEW  
COMMISSION**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated March 18, 2025, the Chair of the 2024 Mount Vernon Charter Review Commission requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to extend the contractual agreement with the National Civic League ("NCL") to assist the 2024 Mount Vernon Charter Review Commission in its ongoing charter revision process; and

**Whereas**, the 2024 Mount Vernon Charter Review Commission (the "2024 Commission") has been established to review and recommend revisions to the City Charter; and

**Whereas**, public education and engagement are critical components of the charter revision process, as recognized in New York State's guide, "Revising City Charters in New York State," and

**Whereas**, the National Civic League, with its longstanding reputation for excellence in civic engagement and expertise in municipal charter revisions, has been assisting the 2024 Commission in its efforts; and

**Whereas**, the 2024 Commission has faced challenges, including member changes and time constraints, necessitating the continued engagement of NCL to ensure the successful completion of its mission; and

**Whereas**, NCL has submitted a scope of work, including technical assistance, research, public engagement, and facilitation services, as outlined in Exhibits A and B;

**Whereas**, funds for this professional service are available in Budget Code A1010.405; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to extend the contractual agreement with the National Civic League to provide continued professional services to the 2024 Mount Vernon Charter Review Commission in accordance with the terms outlined in Exhibits A and B.

**Section 2. Scope of Services.** The services to be rendered by NCL shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Conducting community surveys and public engagement initiatives;
2. Providing research and guidance on charter issues;
3. Designing and facilitating community forums;
4. Preparing final analyses and reports summarizing input and recommendations.

Section 3 Compensation:

- 1. The total cost for the extended services shall not exceed \$29,000.00.
- 2. NCL shall submit invoices according to the following schedule:
  - o \$8,000.00 upon contract execution;
  - o \$7,000.00 on June 1, 2025;
  - o \$7,000.00 on September 1, 2025;
  - o \$7,000.00 upon completion of all assistance, on December 1, 2025.
- 3. All invoices shall be paid within forty-five (45) days of receipt.


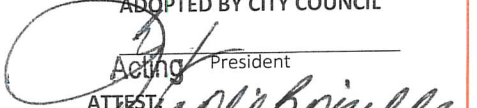
Section 4. Expenses. NCL shall be responsible for all costs and expenses, including travel, lodging, and meals, incurred in connection with the performance of services. Any additional expenses beyond the approved budget must receive prior written approval from the City.

Section 5. Term. The contract extension shall be effective upon execution and remain in force until September 1, 2025, with the option for renewal upon mutual agreement.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Deputy  
APPROVED  
APR 10 2025  
Date  
  
Mayor

  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
Acting President  
ATTEST  
  
City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ATTEND THE GREAT LAKES & ST. LAWRENCE  
CITIES INITIATIVE 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN FROM  
MAY 14 TO MAY 16, 2025

Whereas, in a letter dated March 31, 2025, the Mayor formally requested authorization to attend the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2025 Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from May 14 to May 16, 2025; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is a binational coalition of municipal leaders committed to the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of advancing sustainable water management strategies to address aging infrastructure, climate change impacts, and affordability challenges; and

Whereas, the Mayor's attendance at the Future of Fresh Water Conference hosted by the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will provide critical insights into innovative policies, funding opportunities, and best practices to enhance Mount Vernon's water infrastructure and public health; and

Whereas, the cost of registration for the conference will be paid for by the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, and the costs of transportation, incidentals, and hotel accommodations will be reimbursed by the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, not to exceed Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00); and

Whereas, the necessary travel expenses will be expensed from Budget A1210.402 – Travel Expense; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon, Shawyn Patterson-Howard, is hereby authorized to attend the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2025 Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from May 14 to May 16, 2025.

**Section 2. Funding.** The cost of registration for the conference will be paid for by the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, and the costs of transportation, incidentals, and hotel accommodations shall be reimbursed by the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, not to exceed Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00). Any additional costs shall require separate approval by the City Council.

**Section 3. Budgetary Appropriation.** The travel expenses shall be expensed from Budget A1210.402 – Travel Expense.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
APPROVED  
APR 10 2025  
Date  
Shawyn Patterson-Howard  
Mayor

Derrick Thonry  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
President  
Michele Bonilla  
City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
INSTALLATION OF A TOTAL WELLNESS  
SENSORY ROOM IN CITY HALL'S FIRST  
FLOOR EMPLOYEE WOMEN'S BATHROOM**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated March 31, 2025, the Mayor requested legislation authorizing The Social Butterfly Organization to install a Total Wellness Sensory Room in City Hall's first-floor employee women's bathroom; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount recognizes the importance of fostering a holistic approach to well-being for its employees; and

**Whereas**, The Social Butterfly Organization, under the leadership of CEO and Founder Priscilla Echi, has proposed the installation of a Total Wellness Sensory Room within City Hall's first-floor employee women's bathroom; and

**Whereas**, the Total Wellness Sensory Room is designed to provide faculty and staff with a space to decompress and reboot, thereby promoting mental, emotional, and physical well-being; and

**Whereas**, the installation and furnishing of the Total Wellness Sensory Room will be at no cost to the City, as all necessary items, including furniture, shelving, sensory items, wellness wall decals and art, and palm tree plants, will be donated; and

**Whereas**, The Social Butterfly Organization has successfully implemented Total Wellness Rooms in other facilities, demonstrating a commitment to community well-being and sustainability; and

**Whereas**, the initiative is supported by a grant from The Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Mind, Body, Soul program, further ensuring its sustainability and impact; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The City Council authorizes The Social Butterfly Organization to install a Total Wellness Sensory Room in City Hall's first-floor employee women's bathroom.

**Section 2. Installation and Maintenance:**

(a) The installation shall be conducted in coordination with City officials to ensure compliance with safety and accessibility regulations.

(b) The Social Butterfly Organization shall oversee the design and furnishing of the room, with assistance from two designated design assistants.

(c) Additional donated items may be included based on the available space and compatibility with the room's intended purpose.



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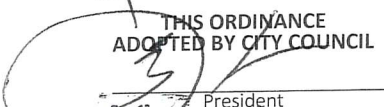
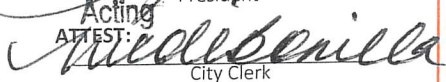
Section 3. Cost and Responsibilities:

- (a) The installation and furnishing of the Total Wellness Sensory Room shall be at no cost to the City of Mount.
- (b) The Social Butterfly Organization shall be responsible for the initial setup and any necessary adjustments to the room’s layout and design.
- (c) Any ongoing maintenance or additional modifications shall be subject to further review and approval by the City Council.

Section 4. Implementation. The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
APPROVED  
APR 10 2025  
Date  
  
BY \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
Acting President  
ATTEST:  
  
City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ACCEPT A \$126,920 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
VOUCHER FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
ENERGY'S (DOE) ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND  
CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG)  
PROGRAM FOR A CITYWIDE TRAFFIC SIGNAL STUDY**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated March 20, 2025, the Director of Sustainability and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to accept a \$126,920 Technical Assistance Voucher from the U.S. Department of Energy's EECBG Program to conduct a citywide traffic signal study; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to improving traffic management, energy efficiency, and sustainability; and

**Whereas**, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), through its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program, has awarded the City a Technical Assistance Voucher valued at \$126,920 to facilitate a comprehensive citywide traffic signal study; and

**Whereas**, this study will assess and analyze traffic flow, signal timing, energy efficiency, and opportunities for smart traffic management technologies across the City's 367 signalized intersections; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon will *not* receive direct funding, but rather the DOE will procure and directly compensate a qualified vendor to conduct the study in accordance with DOE procurement policies, ensuring transparency and competitiveness; and

**Whereas**, the acceptance of this voucher presents no financial or administrative burden on the City and has been reviewed and approved by the City's Law Department; and

**Whereas**, the anticipated benefits of the traffic signal study include improved traffic flow and safety, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, increased energy efficiency, and data-driven support for future funding applications; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization to Accept Technical Assistance Voucher.** The City Council authorizes the Mayor to accept the \$126,920 Technical Assistance Voucher from the U.S. Department of Energy's EECBG Program to conduct a citywide traffic signal study.

**Section 2. No Direct Funding to the City.** The City of Mount Vernon acknowledges that it will not receive direct funds under this voucher. The DOE will select and directly compensate a qualified vendor to perform the study, adhering to its established procurement policies.

**Section 3. Scope of Traffic Signal.** The study will include but is not limited to:

- (a) Analyzing traffic flow efficiency and congestion patterns.
- (b) Assessing current signal timing and synchronization for optimization.
- (c) Identifying opportunities for LED signal retrofits and smart traffic management technologies.
- (d) Exploring the feasibility of adaptive traffic control system integration.

**Section 4. Expected Benefits.** The traffic signal study aims to:

- (a) Enhance traffic flow and improve pedestrian and vehicle safety.
- (b) Reduce vehicle idling and greenhouse gas emissions, promoting environmental sustainability.
- (c) Identify energy-efficient upgrades such as LED traffic signals, reducing operational costs.
- (d) Provide essential data for future funding applications to modernize traffic signal infrastructure.

**Section 5. Improvement and Administration.** The Department of Public Works shall oversee the City's coordination with the DOE and the selected vendor to facilitate the study, ensuring compliance with the terms and objectives outlined in this ordinance.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025

Boxhill: Yea      Browne: Absent  
 Gleason: Yea      Thompson: Yea  
 Poterat: Yea      Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

APR 10 2025

Date

By

Mayor

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Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Acting President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF  
MOUNT VERNON TO HOST THE 2025 ARBOR DAY  
CELEBRATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALPHA  
KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. - ZETA NU  
OMEGA CHAPTER**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated March 26, 2025, the Director of Sustainability and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works requested authorization to host the 2025 Arbor Day Celebration in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Zeta Nu Omega Chapter at Hartley Park on April 26, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and

**Whereas**, Arbor Day is an annual observance that promotes tree planting and environmental stewardship; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of sustainability, environmental justice, and public engagement in fostering a cleaner and greener community; and

**Whereas**, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Nu Omega Chapter has demonstrated a commitment to environmental awareness and community service through their "Enhance Our Environment" initiative, which aims to plant 12,000 trees over four years; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Public Works has proposed a collaborative event with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Zeta Nu Omega Chapter to host an Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Hartley Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and

**Whereas**, the planned Arbor Day Celebration will include a tree planting ceremony, environmental educational tabling, and community engagement activities, with a total cost not exceeding \$5,000 under Budget Code A8560.439; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to host the 2025 Arbor Day Celebration in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Zeta Nu Omega Chapter at Hartley Park on April 26, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Section 2. City Contribution.** The Department of Public Works shall provide a dedication plaque for the planted tree in recognition of this partnership and the shared commitment to environmental sustainability.

**Section 3. Event Components.** The Arbor Day Celebration shall include the following key elements: a) Tree Planting Ceremony sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Zeta Nu Omega Chapter; b) Environmental education and outreach tables hosted by local organizations; c) Complimentary light refreshments for attendees.

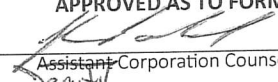

**Section 4. Budget Allocation.** The total cost for this event shall not exceed \$5,000 and shall be allocated under Budget Code A8560.439.

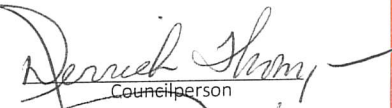
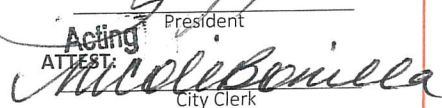
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**Section 5. Long-Term Partnership.** The City of Mount Vernon acknowledges and supports the continued collaboration with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Zeta Nu Omega Chapter, to promote environmental awareness, community engagement, and sustainability initiatives within the City.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

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BY \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
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Acting President  
ATTEST:  
  
City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A BUDGET LINE  
TRANSFER WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
RELATED TO MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM  
SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) REQUIREMENTS

Whereas, in a letter dated April 1, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works requested authorization for the Comptroller to execute the budget line transfer shown below within the Department of Public Works; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to compliance with state mandates, federal consent decree directives, and best practices for environmental management related to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4); and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works has identified a need for internal personnel to receive requisite education and certification to ensure adherence to applicable regulations and industry standards; and

Whereas, a budget line transfer is necessary to allocate funds for education and training expenses from existing appropriations within the Department of Public Works' budget; and

Whereas, the transfer of funds will not require additional appropriations but will reallocate existing resources to support compliance and professional development efforts; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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



**Section 1. Authorization of Budget Transfer.** The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to execute the following budget line transfer within the Department of Public Works:


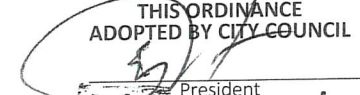

From:	Amount:	To:
A8120.405 (Sewers: Outside Contracting)	\$4,296.00	A1490.417 (Education / Training)

**Section 2. Purpose of Transfer.** The transferred funds shall be utilized exclusively for education, certification, and internal personnel training regarding compliance with state and federal mandates, including best practices for environmental stewardship concerning the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4).

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
APPROVED  
  
Date  
BY  
Mayor

  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
Acting President  
ATTEST:  
  
City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING INTERNAL  
TRAINING OF QUALIFIED STAFF FOR  
STORMWATER AND SEWER STATE MANDATES  
AND FEDERAL CONSENT DECREE ACTIONS**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated April 1, 2025, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works requested authorization for the enrollment of three senior members of the Department in the New York QPSWPPP+ Program (Qualified Preparer of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans - Advanced) and the associated Minor Courses Bundle; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is responsible for stormwater management, pollution prevention, and compliance with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS-4) mandates, as well as actions required under the Federal Consent Decree; and

**Whereas**, the City has faced challenges in hiring a qualified stormwater coordinator or civil engineer with the necessary expertise in MS-4 regulations and compliance; and

**Whereas**, outsourcing stormwater management responsibilities to external consultants or contractors has proven to be costly and inefficient; and

**Whereas**, training existing senior personnel will build internal expertise, ensure compliance with state and federal mandates, foster long-term cost savings and operational efficiency; and

**Whereas**, investing in professional development will enhance the capacity of the Engineering and Management Divisions to effectively manage stormwater compliance, plan maintenance, and implement best practices; and

**Whereas**, the proposed training will equip key personnel with the necessary certifications to serve the City's interests without continual reliance on external consultants; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization of Training.** The City Council hereby authorizes and approves the enrollment of the following personnel in the New York QPSWPPP+ Program (Qualified Preparer of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans - Advanced) and the associated Minor Courses Bundle:

1. Commissioner of Public Works – D. Bush
2. Deputy Commissioner – J. Nuculovic
3. Lead Operational Sewer Staff – A. Montero

Mr. Montero shall additionally complete the Minor Courses Bundle covering:

- Public Education and Outreach
- Public Participation/Involvement
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Runoff Control
- Post-Construction Runoff Control
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

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**Section 2. Training Cost and Funding.** The total cost for the training program shall not exceed Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars (\$4,296.00), allocated as follows:

- StormwaterOne CP2000B QPSWPPP certification for three personnel: \$3,672.00 (\$1,224.00 per certification)
- MS299 Bundle: \$624.00 (one-time purchase)


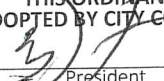
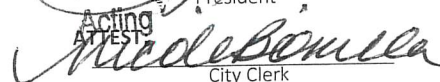
Funding for this training shall be sourced from the Education/Training Budget Code A1490.417.

**Section 3. Implementation and Reporting.** The Department of Public Works shall oversee the enrollment and successful completion of the training program. Upon completion, trained personnel shall provide a report to the City Council detailing the knowledge gained, implementation strategies, and anticipated cost savings resulting from the program.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
Boxhill: Yea     Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea     Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea     Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
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By \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
ATTENDANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
WORKS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JOHN NUCULOVIC  
AND LABORER JAWAAD ABDUL-HALIM AT  
THE BASIC CODE ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COURSE**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated April 2, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works requested authorization and approval for Deputy Commissioner John Nuculovic and Laborer Jawaad Abdul-Halim to attend the Basic Code Enforcement Training Course (9E 20-0890 - Residential Code of New York State 2020), which will be conducted online on the specified dates; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of proper code enforcement to ensure public safety, property maintenance, and an improved quality of life for its residents; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Public Works plays a critical role in enforcing municipal codes and maintaining compliance with the Residential Code of New York State (2020); and

**Whereas**, the Basic Code Enforcement Training Course (9E20-0890 - Residential Code of New York State) provides essential instruction on best practices for effective code enforcement; and

**Whereas**, John Nuculovic and Jawaad Abdul-Halim, a Laborer with the Department of Public Works, has been selected to attend this course to enhance his knowledge and expertise in code enforcement; and

**Whereas**, the training will be conducted entirely online on various dates from May 12, 2025, through October 17, 2025, with instructional sessions and examination dates as outlined in the course schedule; and

**Whereas**, there is no associated cost with this training, making it a beneficial opportunity for the City of Mount Vernon; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The City Council hereby authorizes and approves the attendance of John Nuculovic and Jawaad Abdul-Halim at the Basic Code Enforcement Training Course (9E20-0890 - Residential Code of New York State 2020), as administered online on the dates specified.

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of this training is to equip the Department of Public Works with enhanced knowledge and best practices in code enforcement, thereby improving the City's ability to issue effective code enforcement tickets and maintain public health and safety. Discussion and insights will be exchanged among peers, public and private sector stakeholders, and subject matter experts to optimize the use of tools for more effective code enforcement.

**Section 3. Training Schedule.** John Nuculovic and Jawaad Abdul-Halim are authorized to attend the following training sessions:

Instructional Dates:

- May 12, 13, 14, 15;
- June 23, 24, 25, 26;
- July 14, 15, 16, 17;
- August 11, 12, 13, 14
- August 25, 26, 27, 28;
- October 6, 7, 8, 9.

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Examination Dates:

- May 21, 23;
- July 1, 3;
- July 23, 25;
- August 20, 22;
- September 3, 5;
- October 15, 17.

**Section 4. Cost.** There shall be no financial burden on the City of Mount Vernon for this training as it is provided at no cost.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Date

Mayor

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THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Acting President

ATTEST:

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF  
MOUNT VERNON RECREATION AND POLICE  
DEPARTMENTS TO CO-SPONSOR "ROLLING  
INTO PEACE" IN HARTLEY PARK ON  
SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

**Whereas**, in a letter dated March 26, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Recreation requested legislation authorizing the City of Mount Vernon Recreation and Police Departments to co-sponsor "Rolling into Peace" in Hartley Park on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to fostering community engagement, public safety, and positive relationships between residents and law enforcement; and

**Whereas**, "Rolling Into Peace" is a free roller-skating event organized by ten African American officers who currently work for or have formerly worked for the Mount Vernon Police Department, aimed at giving back to the community in observance of Gun Violence Awareness Month; and

**Whereas**, the event will feature free food, giveaways, roller skating, face painting, arts and crafts, a bouncy house, and participation from community-based organizations, such as S.N.U.G. and the Mount Vernon Youth Shelter; and

**Whereas**, the event will require city resources, including staffing, equipment, and auxiliary police patrol; and

**Whereas**, the funding for staffing the event will be charged to Budget Code A7310.104, not to exceed \$2,500.00; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The City of Mount Vernon Recreation and Police Departments are hereby authorized to co-sponsor "Rolling into Peace" in Hartley Park on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.


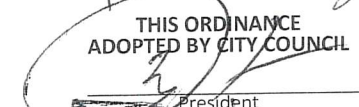
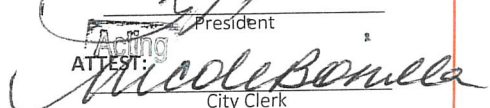
**Section 2. City Support and Resources.** The City shall provide tables, chairs, grills, a banner, and a bouncy house for the event. Additionally, the Auxiliary Police Department is requested to patrol the event if available.

**Section 3. Funding.** Funding for staffing and necessary expenses shall be allocated from Budget Code A7310.104, with total expenditures not exceeding \$2,500.00.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF  
MOUNT VERNON, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT  
OF RECREATION, TO CO-SPONSOR THE  
CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION WITH  
WESTCHESTER LATINO UNIDOS**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated March 11, 2025, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Recreation requested authorization to co-sponsor the Cinco de Mayo celebration with Westchester Latino Unidos on Monday, May 5, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Hartley Park, with the rain site designated as the Doles Center at 250 South 6th Avenue; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the cultural and historical significance of Cinco de Mayo, which celebrates Mexican heritage and unity; and

**Whereas**, the celebration will include cultural festivities such as music, food, and family-friendly activities, fostering community engagement and cultural pride; and

**Whereas**, the estimated cost to the City of Mount Vernon for co-sponsorship is approximately \$1,500, to be allocated from Budget Code A7620.457 (Recreation features and other expenses); and

**Whereas**, the City's Department of Public Safety and Department of Public Works have been requested to provide necessary support services to ensure the safety and success of the event; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The City of Mount Vernon, through its Department of Recreation, is hereby authorized to co-sponsor the Cinco de Mayo celebration with Westchester Latino Unidos on Monday, May 5, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Hartley Park, with the rain site designated as the Doles Center at 250 South 6th Avenue.

**Section 2. Funding.** The City of Mount Vernon shall allocate up to \$1,500 for the event, to be expended from Budget Code A7620.457 (Recreation features and other expenses).

**Section 3. Departmental Support:**

1. The Department of Public Works shall assist with event logistics as follows:
  - o Pick up bagged trash post-event.
  - o Drop off wooden barricades at the event site the day before for recreation staff to set up.
  - o Pick up wooden barricades post-event.
2. The Department of Public Safety shall:
  - o Assign a patrol supervisor and sector to monitor the event.
  - o Deploy the Auxiliary Police Department as needed.
  - o Authorize additional officers at the organizers' expense should additional police presence be required.


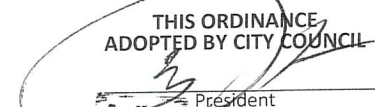
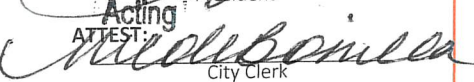
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**Section 4. Police Support.** The Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD) shall have a patrol car in the area and provide Auxiliary Police support within the park as necessary.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
Boxhill: Yea      Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea      Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea      Ordinance Adopted

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Assistant Corporation Counsel  
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By \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

  
Councilperson  
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Acting President  
ATTEST:  
  
City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING  
ATTENDANCE AT THE 2025 MAYORS WATER  
COUNCIL MEETING

**Whereas**, in a letter dated March 24, 2025, the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply requested legislation retroactively authorizing three (3) employees of the Board of Water Supply to attend the 2025 Mayors Water Council Meeting in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from April 3 to April 4, 2025; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of staff development and training in matters related to water supply management, infrastructure, and policy; and

**Whereas**, the 2025 Mayors Water Council Meeting will address key topics including Lancaster's Green Infrastructure Program, EPA water regulations, water affordability, and public risk communications; and

**Whereas**, three (3) employees of the Board of Water Supply have been selected to attend this meeting to enhance their knowledge and skills in critical water management policies and practices; and

**Whereas**, there is no registration fee for this event, and the anticipated hotel accommodations are not expected to exceed \$1,000 for all three attendees, with expenses to be charged to Budget Code 001-581-581001 (Staff Development & Training); and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that participation in this meeting is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon and its residents; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The City Council hereby retroactively authorizes three (3) employees of the Board of Water Supply to attend the 2025 Mayors Water Council Meeting in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from April 3 to April 4, 2025.

**Section 2. Expenses.** All related expenses, including hotel accommodations not to exceed \$1,000 in total, shall be charged to Budget Code 001-581-581001 (Staff Development & Training).

**Section 3. Retroactive Approval.** This ordinance shall serve as retroactive approval for the attendance of the three (3) employees at the event.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

Date

BY

Mayor

Councilor

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Nay    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance Not Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ACCEPT A GRANT UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR  
THE SOUTH FOURTH STREET PARK GREEN  
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 2152),  
EXECUTION OF NECESSARY AGREEMENTS, AND  
IMPLEMENTATION OF REQUIRED COMPLIANCE MEASURES**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated March 14, 2025, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Recreation requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant for \$675,000 awarded by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) under the Environmental Protection Fund grant program for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project (Project No. 2152); and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon was previously awarded up to \$1,790,000 in funding under the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) associated with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project (Project No. 2152); and

**Whereas**, this grant will support the integration of green infrastructure elements, including porous pavement, stormwater street trees, bioretention systems, and a green wall, which will modernize Fourth Street Park while enhancing stormwater management and climate resilience; and

**Whereas**, the successful execution of this project will contribute to the City's sustainability goals, improve public recreational infrastructure, and provide long-term environmental and social benefits; and

**Whereas**, in order to accept this grant and proceed with the project, the City of Mount Vernon must submit a signed authorizing resolution to enter into a contract with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and comply with applicable regulatory requirements, including the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR); and

**Whereas**, the City must provide essential documentation such as a boundary map, property deed, and an opinion of municipal counsel, and coordinate with OPRHP's Regional Grant Administrator (RGA) to develop an implementation plan, project scope, and budget allocation; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization to Accept Grant Funding.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to accept a grant for \$675,000 awarded by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) under the Environmental Protection Fund grant program for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project (Project No. 2152).

**Section 2. Execution of Agreements.** The Mayor, or an authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), and any other applicable entities to facilitate the receipt and administration of the grant funding.

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**Section 3. Creation of Capital Expenditure Code.** Upon acceptance of the grant, the Office of the Comptroller shall establish a dedicated capital expenditure code to ensure proper allocation, tracking, and reporting of the funds in compliance with all applicable financial and regulatory requirements.


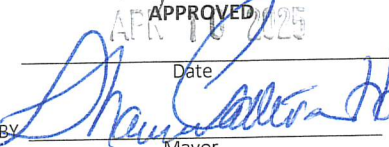
**Section 4. Compliance with regulatory Requirements.** The City of Mount Vernon shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including but not limited to:


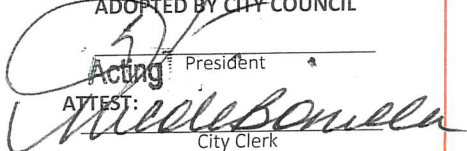

- (a) The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR);
- (b) Any permitting and environmental assessments required for project implementation;
- (c) Submit required documentation, including but not limited to a boundary map, property deed, and an opinion of municipal counsel, to finalize the grant agreement.

**Section 5. Project Implementation and Administration.** The City shall coordinate with OPRHP's Regional Grant Administrator (RGA) to develop a detailed implementation plan, project scope, and budget allocation. The City shall allocate necessary resources for project administration, oversight, and reporting to ensure compliance with all grant terms and conditions.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

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Assistant Corporation Counsel  
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By  
Mayor

  
Councilperson  
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ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
Acting President  
ATTEST:  
  
City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
FLYING CLASSROOM FOR THE MOUNT VERNON  
YOUTH BUREAU'S SOLAR GO KART SUMMER ACADEMY**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated March 31, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau requested authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Flying Classroom, led by CEO Captain Barrington Irving and his team, to implement the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Solar GO KART Summer Academy for the period of July 8, 2025, through August 14, 2025, for a total amount not to exceed Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00); and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to providing educational and engaging programs for youth that enhance their learning experiences and skill sets in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and literacy (STEM+); and

**Whereas**, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau seeks to partner with the Flying Classroom, led by CEO Captain Barrington Irving and his team at the Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS), to implement the Solar GO KART Summer Academy for middle school students in grades 6-8; and

**Whereas**, this six-week program, running from July 8, 2025, to August 14, 2025, will provide 15 students with immersive hands-on STEM+ experiences, teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills, culminating in the construction of two (2) solar go-karts; and

**Whereas**, the program will be delivered through a combination of live virtual sessions and in-person training at Recreational Brush Park from August 5, 2025, through August 14, 2025; and

**Whereas**, funding for this program in the amount of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) is available and allocated as follows:

- Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from revenue code A4790.6 associated with budget code A6295.405 (State reimbursable grant - Project RISE);
- Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from revenue code A4820 associated with budget code A7316.405 (no cost to the city, funds are readily available, and no matching funds required); **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization into Agreement.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Flying Classroom, led by CEO Captain Barrington Irving and his team, to implement the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Solar GO KART Summer Academy for the period of July 8, 2025, through August 14, 2025, for a total amount not to exceed Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00).

**Section 2. Program Implementation.** The Solar GO KART Summer Academy shall be conducted in accordance with the approved curriculum, which is nationally aligned to ensure a comprehensive educational experience for all participants. The program shall include virtual instruction and in-person sessions at Recreational Brush Park from August 5, 2025, through August 14, 2025.

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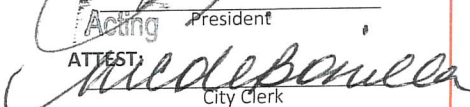
**Section 3. Funding and Accounting.** The allocated funds shall be disbursed as follows:

- (a) Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) shall be drawn from revenue code A4790.6 associated with budget code A6295.405, as part of the State reimbursable grant - Project RISE.
- (b) (b) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be drawn from revenue code A4820 associated with budget code A7316.405, with *no* cost to the city and no matching funds required.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

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Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Deputy  
APPROVED  
APR 10 2025  
Date  
  
BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

  
Derrick Thompson  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
Acting President  
ATTEST:  
  
Nedde Bonilla  
City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KRISHNA SHAH,  
CEO OF WELLNESS WITH KRISHNA, TO PROVIDE MENTAL  
WELLNESS SESSIONS FOR THE READY4LIFE PROGRAM**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated March 31, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau requested authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement Krishna Shah, CEO of Wellness With Krishna, to provide 15 mental wellness sessions for the Ready4LIFE program during the service period of April 18, 2025, to July 11, 2025, for \$10,000.00; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of mental wellness and emotional regulation for the participants of the Ready4LIFE program; and

**Whereas**, Krishna Shah, CEO of Wellness with Krishna, has been identified as a qualified provider to offer 15 mental wellness sessions utilizing a variety of modalities, including Yoga, Reiki, Sound Therapy, Breathwork, and Meditation; and

**Whereas**, these sessions will incorporate themes and learning goals through diverse activities such as journaling, reflective writing, nature-based practices, creative expression, and group discussions; and

**Whereas**, three special events are scheduled on April 23, 2025, May 14, 2025 (at City Hall Plaza), and June 25, 2025, to enhance the program's impact; and

**Whereas**, the service period will run from April 18, 2025, to July 11, 2025, and will be funded through Revenue Code A4820.4 associated with Budget Code A7335.405 in the amount of \$10,000.00, with no cost to the City, and no matching funds required; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization to Enter into Agreement.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Krishna Shah, CEO of Wellness With Krishna, to provide 15 mental wellness sessions for the Ready4LIFE program during the service period of April 18, 2025, to July 11, 2025, for \$10,000.00.

**Section 2. Scope of Services.** Krishna Shah shall provide mental wellness sessions centered around specific themes and learning goals using diverse modalities, including but not limited to:

- (a) Yoga
- (b) Reiki
- (c) Sound Therapy
- (d) Breathwork
- (e) Meditation
- (f) Reflective journaling and writing exercises
- (g) Nature-based practices (where feasible)
- (h) Creative expression through art and movement in Group discussions and sharing circles.

**Section 3. Special Events.** Three special events will be conducted as part of the program on the following dates and locations:

- (a) April 23, 2025,
- (b) May 14, 2025 (City Hall Plaza); and
- (c) June 25, 2025

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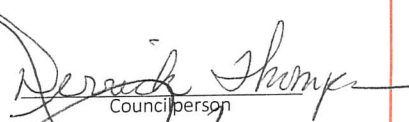
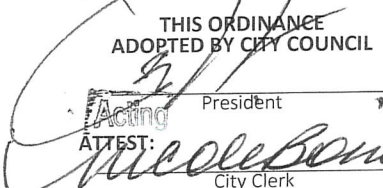
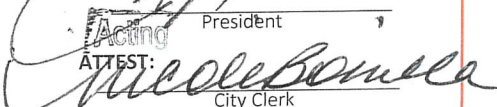
**Section 4. Funding.** The agreement shall be funded through Revenue Code A4820.4 associated with Budget Code A7335.405 for \$10,000.00. These funds are readily available, require *no* matching funds, and incur no cost to the City.

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

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Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

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Acting President  
ATTEST:  
  
City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF  
PRISONER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated March 18, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Department of Correction for the reimbursement of prisoner transportation services provided by the Mount Vernon Police Department for the years 2023 and 2024; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon provides round-trip prisoner transportation services between the Mount Vernon Police Department and the Westchester County Department of Correction for individuals remanded by court order to the Westchester County Jail who are required to appear before the local Court; and

**Whereas**, the Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD) utilizes its personnel and vehicles for the provision of these transportation services; and

**Whereas**, the Westchester County Department of Correction has agreed to reimburse the City of Mount Vernon for the costs associated with the transportation of prisoners for the years 2023 and 2024; and

**Whereas**, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Department of Correction to ensure proper reimbursement of transportation costs; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Department of Correction for the reimbursement of prisoner transportation services provided by the Mount Vernon Police Department for the years 2023 and 2024.

**Section 2. Payment Structure.** Under the terms of the agreement, the reimbursement rates for prisoner transportation shall be as follows:

**For 2023:**

- \$230.73 per round trip with two police officers
- \$346.10 per round trip with three police officers

**For 2024:**

- \$237.65 per round trip with two police officers
- \$356.49 per round trip with three police officers

**Section 3. Vehicle Usage Reimbursement.** In addition to personnel costs, the City of Mount Vernon shall be reimbursed for vehicle usage at a rate of \$0.67 per mile, based on an estimated distance of 16 miles each way between the City of Mount Vernon and the Westchester County Jail.

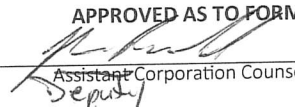
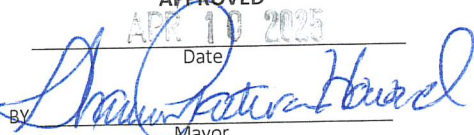
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**Section 4. Deposit of Funds.** All funds received from the Westchester County Department of Correction according to this agreement shall be deposited into Budget Line A2229.5 (County Transport for Prisoners).

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Deputy Assistant Corporation Counsel  
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Date  
Mayor

  
Councilperson  
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President  
Attest:  
  
City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER  
OF FUNDS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ASSESSMENT BUDGET LINES FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF ASSESSOR'S REMAPPING

**Whereas**, in a letter dated March 20, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Assessment requested legislation authorizing the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be transferred from Budget Code A1355.407 (Leasing, Printing & Copying) to Budget Code A1355.204 (Assessor's Remapping) within the Department of Assessment budget; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to ensuring the accuracy and maintenance of its official mapping; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Assessment requires funding for Assessor's Remapping to ensure accurate and up-to-date property records and mapping; and

**Whereas**, there are available funds in Budget Code A1355.407 (Leasing, Printing & Copying) that can be reallocated to Budget Code A1355.204 (Assessor's Remapping) to support these necessary mapping updates; and

**Whereas**, the proposed transfer is budget-neutral and does not increase the overall expenditure of the City's budget; and

**Whereas**, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to ensure its mapping remains current for assessment, planning, and legal purposes; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Transfer of Funds.** The sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) is hereby authorized to be transferred from Budget Code A1355.407 (Leasing, Printing & Copying) to Budget Code A1355.204 (Assessor's Remapping) within the Department of Assessment budget.



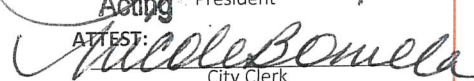
**Section 2. Purpose.** The transferred funds shall be used solely for the purpose of Assessor's Remapping to maintain accurate and up-to-date official mapping for the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 3. Implementation.** The Comptroller's Office and all relevant City departments are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to effectuate the transfer of funds as outlined in this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Absent  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
APPROVED  
APR 10 2025  
Date  
  
BY  Mayor

  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
Acting President  
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**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MEGAN BLADES  
AS A MARRIAGE CLERK FOR THE CITY OF  
MOUNT VERNON, NY UNDER SECTION 15  
OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW**

**Whereas**, Section 15 of the Domestic Relations Law of the State of New York establishes the duties and responsibilities of town and city clerks concerning the processing and issuance of marriage licenses; and

**Whereas**, the City Clerk's Office of Mount Vernon is responsible for overseeing and administering marriage licenses in accordance with state law and local procedures; and

**Whereas**, in a letter dated April 7, 2025, the City Clerk formally requested legislation to authorize the designation of Megan Blades as a Marriage Clerk for the City of Mount Vernon, granting her the authority to process and review marriage licenses pursuant to Section 15 of the Domestic Relations Law of the State of New York; and

**Whereas**, Megan Blades serves as an Administrative Aide in the Office of the City Clerk and performs duties related to processing and reviewing marriage licenses; and

**Whereas**, in order to ensure the efficient and lawful administration of marriage license procedures, it is necessary to designate Megan Blades as a Marriage Clerk, empowering her to carry out such responsibilities in accordance with Section 15 of the Domestic Relations Law; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon seeks to enhance the accessibility and efficiency of marriage license processing by authorizing qualified personnel to perform these duties; **Now, Therefore, Be It**

**Resolved** by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, in a regular meeting duly convened, as follows:

**Section 1. Designation of Marriage Clerk.** Megan Blades is hereby designated as a Marriage Clerk for the City of Mount Vernon, authorized to process and review marriage licenses in accordance with Section 15 of the Domestic Relations Law of the State of New York.

**Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities.** As a Marriage Clerk, Megan Blades shall have the authority to review, process, and maintain marriage license applications and related documents in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and procedures established by the City Clerk's Office.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

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Date

BY

Mayor

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
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Poteat: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE  
CITY COURT MARSHAL FOR BOOTING SERVICES

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the necessity of effective parking enforcement to maintain order and enhance revenue collection; and

Whereas, since the expiration of the previous agreement in 2019, the City has experienced a decline in parking enforcement efficiency and parking-related revenues; and

Whereas, the City Court Marshal has a demonstrated record of success in partnering with the City to enhance revenue generation through enforcement initiatives; and

Whereas, in a letter dated April 8, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety requested authorization for the Mayor to enter into a two-year contract agreement with City Court Marshal for the provision of booting services; and

Whereas, the City seeks to enter into a two-year contractual agreement with the City Court Marshal at an annual cost of \$120,000 to facilitate booting services for vehicles with significant outstanding violations; and

Whereas, the cost of this agreement will be funded from Budget Line A1130.405;  
**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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


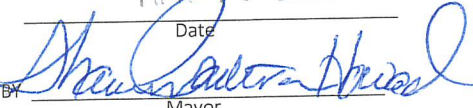
**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a two-year contract with the City Court Marshal for booting services, at an annual cost of \$120,000, to enhance parking enforcement and revenue collection efforts.

**Section 2. Scope of Services.** Under the terms of the contract, the City Court Marshal shall be responsible for the identification and immobilization of scofflaw vehicles with outstanding violations, summonses, fines, penalties, and/or liens.

**Section 3. Funding.** The total expenditure for the contract shall not exceed \$120,000 annually and shall be allocated from Budget Line A1130.405.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/9/025  
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