

## 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.



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.

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

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