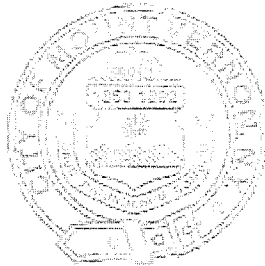


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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, May 13, 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, MAY 13TH, 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 / SWEARING IN

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. Management Services: An Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Transfer and Approving Payment to Vertosoft for OpenGov Asset Management and Permitting & Licensing Software through Solutions for the Department of Public Works
2. Management Services: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a 36-Month Service Renewal Agreement with Spectrum Business for Dedicated Fiber Internet, Managed Network Edge Services, Static IP Services, and DDos Protection
3. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor's Attendance at the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) 2026 Annual Meeting
4. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing Travel for a Representative of the Mayor's Office to Attend the Cities United Leading the Way Tour (LTW) Peer Exchange Convening - (June 17 - 19, 2026)

5. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Ratifying and Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Mount Vernon and the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA)
6. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Office Relocation, Space Optimization, and Renovation Plan for the Department of Recreation and the Department of Buildings, and Authorizing Related Expenditures
7. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Recreation to Co-Sponsor the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center Juneteenth Health Fair at Hartley Park - (Saturday, June 6, 2026)
8. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Celebration of National Public Works Week in the City of Mount Vernon, NY, from May 17, 2026 through May 23, 2026
9. City Council: Local Law No. __ of 2026 - A Local Law Amending Article VII-A, - § 86-b of the Mount Vernon City Charter Regarding the Composition of the Capital Projects Board

To the Council:**HUMAN RESOURCES**

10. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing a Partnership with Optimum for the City of Mount Vernon Employee Appreciation Day Event - (Monday, May 18, 2026, on City Hall Plaza)
11. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Mount Vernon Youth Bureau to Host the 6th Annual "Let Your Colors Shine" Pride Day Event, Authorizing the Raising of the Pride Flag at City Hall, and Providing for Public Safety Support and Related Expenditures - (Friday, June 5, 2026, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at City Hall Plaza)
12. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the County of Westchester for the Fun-Filled Summer (Park Activation Program) Grant
13. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1, Adopted by the City Council of March 25, 2026, Entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Recreation to Co-Sponsor the Antigua and Barbuda International Cultural Association (ABICA) International Food Festival"

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

14. Management Services: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Three (3) Year Lease Agreement with BEI Holdings, Inc. dba Business Electronics for the Upgrade of the Police Department Interview Room Recording System

To the Council:**FINANCE AND PLANNING**

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ADOPTED
15. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of a Policy for Waiver of Health Insurance - (COMP2026-02)
 16. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Adopting the City of Mount Vernon Finance Policy and Procedures Document and Related Financial Management Policies - (COMP2026-06)
 17. Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Adoption of a Comprehensive Policy and Procedures Document and Related Financial Policies
 18. Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Adoption of a Comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document and Related Financial Policies - (COMP2026-06)
 19. Comptroller: An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Finance Policy and Procedures Document and Related Financial Policies
 20. Comptroller: An Ordinance Adopting the Finance Policy and Procedures Document and Related Financial Policies - (COMP2026-06)
 21. Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Adoption of a Comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document and Related Financial Policies for the City of Mount Vernon - (COMP2026-06) - EZ Pass
 22. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Adopting a Uniform Workers' Compensation Reporting and Claims Process for the City of Mount Vernon - (REF. COMP2026-05)
 23. Comptroller: A Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of the 2021 Annual Independent Audit Prepared by PKF O'Connor Davies and the Implementation of any Necessary Correction Action Measures
 24. Department of Planning and Community Development: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with ARUP for Phase II of a New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Project

ADD-ON**LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

25. Department of Management Services: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a 24-Month Managed Server, Storage, and Backup Services Agreement with Hi-Link Technology Group Through SHI International Corp. Pursuant to Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 121923-SHI

FINANCE AND PLANNING

26. City Council: An Ordinance Authorizing the Office of the City Comptroller to Establish a Custodial Account for the Development Project Located at 230 West Third Street, Mount Vernon, New York
27. City Council: An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of a Custodial Account for the Development Project Located at 150 East First Street, Mount Vernon, New York
28. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon Declaring Itself as Lead Agency, Issuing a Determination Pursuant to SEQRA, and Granting Approval of the Application of Macquesten Station Takeover, LLC for the Station Plaza project
29.  Department of Planning and Community Development: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Retroactively Execute a First Contract Amendment with Mercy University for the Transitional Continued Operation of the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center (MV FEC) During a Transition Period

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A BUDGET
TRANSFER AND APPROVING PAYMENT TO
VERTOSOFT FOR OPENGOV ASSET
MANAGEMENT AND PERMITTING &
LICENSING SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Whereas, in correspondence dated May 5, 2026, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services, together with the Commissioner of Public Works, formally requested approval of a budget transfer in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$151,568.11) from Account A1640.435 (Department of Public Works – Gas, Diesel, Oil) to Account A1680.216 (Management Services – Application Services); and

Whereas, the requested budget transfer is necessary to facilitate payment to Vertosoft for the implementation of the OpenGov Asset Management and Permitting & Licensing software platforms for the Department of Public Works; and

Whereas, the proposed software implementation constitutes a three (3) year commitment intended to modernize and streamline asset management, permitting, licensing, and work order processes utilized by the Department of Public Works and related municipal operations; and

Whereas, the OpenGov Permitting & Licensing platform will provide constituents with enhanced public access and customer service capabilities, including the ability to submit applications and payments online twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week, monitor application status electronically, and benefit from expedited approvals through automated workflow processes; and

Whereas, the OpenGov platform will further permit the centralized storage and management of plans, permits, applications, supporting documentation, and fee calculations, thereby improving operational efficiency and transparency; and

Whereas, the OpenGov Asset Management software will establish a comprehensive and organized database for municipal infrastructure and equipment, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, vehicles, and heavy equipment, while improving the tracking and management of pothole repairs, maintenance activities, routine work orders, and related public works operations; and

Whereas, the implementation of these systems will replace the existing SeeClickFix and iWorQ platforms and is expected to improve efficiency, accountability, transparency, and service delivery across multiple departments within the City; and

Whereas, the total cost of the three (3) year commitment is Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$475,648.68), payable in three installments, with the first payment in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$151,568.11) to be funded through the approved budget transfer herein; and

Whereas, funding for subsequent annual payments shall be appropriated through Management Services Account A1680.216 in future fiscal year budgets.

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

Section 1. Authorization of Budget Transfer. The City Council hereby authorizes and approves a budget transfer in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$151,568.11), as follows:

From:	Amount:	To:
A1640.435 DPW (Gas, Diesel, Oil)	\$151,568.11	A1680.216 MS (Application Services)

Section 2. Approval of Payment to Vertosoft. The City Council hereby authorizes payment to Vertosoft for the implementation and licensing of the OpenGov Asset Management and Permitting & Licensing software solutions for the Department of Public Works in accordance with the terms outlined in the proposal and supporting documentation submitted to the Council.

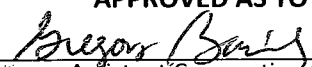
Section 3. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this Ordinance is to modernize municipal operations, improve efficiency in asset management and permitting functions, enhance transparency and accountability, and provide improved digital services and accessibility for residents and constituents of the City of Mount Vernon.

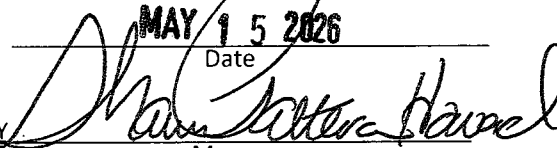
Section 4. Future Funding Authorization. The City Council acknowledges that the total contract amount for the three (3) year commitment is Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$475,648.68), and it is anticipated that future annual payments shall be budgeted through Account A1680.216 in subsequent fiscal years, subject to appropriation and approval in accordance with applicable law.

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 adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

Vote Was Taken As Follows:05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED
MAY 15 2026
Date

BY Mayor


Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO EXECUTE A 36-MONTH SERVICE RENEWAL
AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM BUSINESS FOR
DEDICATED FIBER INTERNET, MANAGED
NETWORK EDGE SERVICES, STATIC IP
SERVICES, AND DDoS PROTECTION**

Whereas, in correspondence dated May 5, 2026, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services formally requested authorization for the Mayor to execute a thirty-six (36) month service renewal agreement with Spectrum Business / Charter Communications Operating, LLC, for the provision of dedicated fiber internet, static IP services, Managed Network Edge services, managed switches and WiFi, and DDoS protection, in a form approved by the Corporation Counsel; and

Whereas, the Department of Management Services has requested authorization for the Mayor to execute a service renewal agreement with Spectrum Business / Charter Communications Operating, LLC, for the continuation of the City's existing telecommunications and network services; and

Whereas, the services to be renewed include dedicated fiber internet, static IP services, Managed Network Edge equipment and support, managed switches and WiFi services, and Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) protection for key City network locations; and

Whereas, these services provide critical network connectivity supporting the City's operations at City Hall and multiple satellite locations, including 1 Roosevelt Square, 2 Roosevelt Square, 250 South 6th Avenue, 470 East Lincoln Avenue, and 50 West 3rd Street; and

Whereas, the existing Spectrum network infrastructure is fully integrated into the City's technology environment and supports daily governmental operations, and any lapse or unplanned replacement of such services would create operational disruptions and increased cybersecurity risks; and

Whereas, the proposed renewal enhances current services by incorporating DDoS protection, maintaining up-to-date licensing and equipment support, and allowing the City to continue utilizing its existing infrastructure while benefiting from renewed pricing and promotional credits; and

Whereas, the proposed agreement is for a term of thirty-six (36) months, with an estimated recurring cost of approximately Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$13,177) per month, for a total estimated value of Four Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$474,372) over the term, exclusive of applicable taxes, fees, surcharges, and credits; and

Whereas, the agreement includes a promotional credit in the amount of Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$6,160), to be applied as credits of Three Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$3,080) for each of the first two months following processing; and

Whereas, funding for these services is available through the Telecommunications budget line Account No. 1912.441; and

Whereas, the proposed renewal has been reviewed by the Department of Management Services in coordination with the Finance and Legal Departments in accordance with standard contract review procedures; and

Whereas, the continuity of these services is essential to maintaining uninterrupted City operations, secure communications, and reliable network performance across all departments.

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

Section 1. Authorization to Execute Agreement. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a thirty-six (36) month service renewal agreement with Spectrum Business / Charter Communications Operating, LLC, for the provision of dedicated fiber internet, static IP services, Managed Network Edge services, managed switches and WiFi, and DDoS protection, in a form approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Section 2. Approval of Expenditure. The Comptroller is hereby authorized to pay the costs associated with the agreement, with an estimated monthly recurring cost of approximately \$13,177, and a total estimated contract value of approximately \$474,372 over the term of the agreement, exclusive of applicable taxes, fees, surcharges, and credits.

Section 3. Funding Source. The expenditures authorized herein shall be charged to the Telecommunications budget line, Account No. 1912.441, or such other account as may be designated by the Comptroller.

Section 4. Contract Terms and Benefits. The City Council acknowledges that the agreement includes promotional credits totaling \$6,160, enhanced cybersecurity protections including DDoS mitigation, and continued support and maintenance of existing network infrastructure essential to City operations.

Section 5. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure the continuity, reliability, and security of the City's telecommunications infrastructure, to support uninterrupted municipal operations, and to maintain and enhance cybersecurity protections across City networks.

Section 6. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions 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 and Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature]
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

MAY 15 2026

Date

[Signature]
Mayor

[Signature]
Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

[Signature]
President

ATTEST:

[Signature]
City Clerk

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 05/13/2026

Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea

Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea

Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S
ATTENDANCE AT THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE
OF MAYORS (NYCOM) 2026 ANNUAL MEETING**

Whereas, by correspondence dated April 1, 2026, Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard requested authorization to attend the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) 2026 Annual Meeting, to be held in Bolton Landing, New York, from May 13 through May 15, 2026; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of continued professional development, intergovernmental collaboration, and participation in statewide municipal organizations; and

Whereas, the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Annual Meeting provides a forum for municipal leaders across New York State to exchange best practices, discuss legislative priorities, and strengthen effective local governance; and

Whereas, the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon serves as a NYCOM Executive Committee Board Member and has served for three (3) consecutive years, including service on the Women's Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, the Mayor has served as President of the Women's Advisory Committee from 2025–2026 and will be sworn in as First Vice President at the 2026 NYCOM Annual Meeting; and

Whereas, attendance at the NYCOM 2026 Annual Meeting will provide valuable opportunities for networking with fellow mayors and municipal officials, as well as engagement in policy discussions relevant to the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, registration fees for member mayors are waived for this event; and

Whereas, the total cost of travel, lodging, transportation, and incidental expenses is not anticipated to exceed Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00); and

Whereas, funding for said expenses shall be allocated from the Austerity Budget Code A1030.402 upon submission of proper documentation, subject to the availability of funds and the Comptroller's approval, subject to proper documentation and compliance with applicable procurement and fiscal procedures;

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

Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to attend the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) 2026 Annual Meeting in Bolton Landing, New York, from May 13, 2026, through May 15, 2026.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this authorization is to permit the Mayor's participation in official NYCOM programming, including leadership responsibilities, networking opportunities, and professional development activities consistent with the City's interests.

Section 3. Funding Authorization and Cap. All reasonable and necessary expenses associated with attendance at the NYCOM 2026 Annual Meeting, including transportation, lodging, and incidental expenses, shall be paid from the Austerity Budget Code A1030.402 upon submission of proper documentation, subject to the availability of funds and Comptroller's approval. Total expenditure shall not exceed Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00).

Section 4. Compliance. All expenditures shall be subject to submission of proper documentation and shall comply with all applicable City of Mount Vernon purchasing policies, fiscal procedures, and audit requirements.

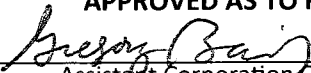
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Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

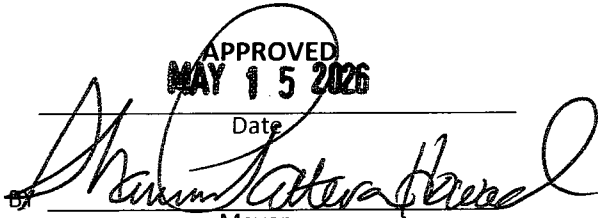
Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, subject to prior approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

Vote Was Taken As Follows:05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Nay
Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

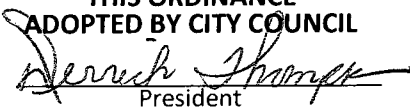
APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED
MAY 15 2026


Date
Mayor


Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

City Clerk



City of Mount Vernon

Travel and Training Request Form

Employee Information

- **Employee Name:** Shawyn Patterson-Howard
- **Title:** Mayor
- **Department:** Office of the Mayor

Travel Details

- **Destination (City/State):** Bolting Landing, NY
- **Purpose of Travel:** 2026 NYCOM Annual Meeting
- **Conference / Training / Meeting Name:** NYCOM
- **Travel Dates (From – To):** May 13 - May 15, 2026

Travel Justification (Check all that apply)

Please answer the following questions to support the necessity of this travel request:

- ☐ **Is this travel a requirement of your job duties?**
 - ☒ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ **Is this travel required to maintain a professional license or certification?**
 - ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - If yes, specify certification/license: Elected Officials Academy
- ☐ **Is this travel required as a result of an audit finding or corrective action plan?**
 - ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - If yes, identify audit or corrective action plan: _____
- ☐ **Is this travel funded by an external source or sponsorship?**
 - ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - If yes, identify funding source: NYCOM Exec. Committee
- **Additional Justification (if applicable):**
Mayor to be sworn in as 1st Vice President

Estimated Travel Costs

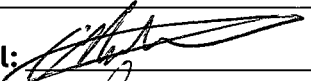
- Registration / Tuition: \$ 0.00
- Transportation (Air/Rail/Auto): \$ 0.00
- Lodging: \$ 586.78
- Meals & Incidentals: \$ 0.00
- Other (Specify): \$ 0.00

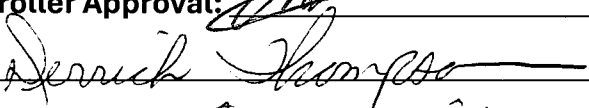
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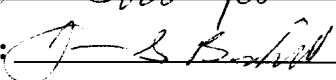
Approvals

Employee Signature:  Date: 4/13/2026

Department Head Approval: _____ Date: _____

Finance / Comptroller Approval:  Date: _____

Mayor Approval:  Date: _____

Council President Approval:  Date: _____

Submission of this form does not constitute approval. Travel may not be booked until all required approvals are obtained.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TRAVEL FOR
A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE
TO ATTEND THE CITIES UNITED LEADING
THE WAY (LTW) PEER EXCHANGE CONVENING

Whereas, in correspondence dated May 5, 2026, the Mayor formally requested authorization for one staff member to attend the Cities United Leading the Way (LTW) Peer Exchange Convening scheduled for June 17 through June 19, 2026, in Greensboro, North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Mayor's Office has requested authorization for one staff member to attend the Cities United Leading the Way (LTW) Peer Exchange Convening scheduled for June 17 through June 19, 2026, in Greensboro, North Carolina; and

Whereas, the designated staff member to attend said convening is Tajean Turnier, Director of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon previously participated as a host city during Cities United's Leading the Way Tour in June 2025, demonstrating the City's commitment to advancing community safety and violence prevention initiatives; and

Whereas, the upcoming Peer Exchange Convening will provide an opportunity for participating municipalities to engage in peer-to-peer learning, exchange best practices, and collaborate with national partners to strengthen local strategies related to public safety and community well-being; and

Whereas, the convening will focus on key areas including youth engagement, innovation, and cross-sector partnerships as essential components of comprehensive violence prevention and community safety efforts; and

Whereas, all costs associated with registration, travel, and lodging for attendance at the convening will be fully covered by the hosting organization, resulting in no financial impact to the City of Mount Vernon or the Office of the Mayor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Authorization of Travel. The City Council hereby authorizes Tajean Turnier, Director of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, to attend the Cities United Leading the Way (LTW) Peer Exchange Convening in Greensboro, North Carolina, from June 17 through June 19, 2026.

Section 2. No Cost to the City. The City Council acknowledges and affirms that all expenses related to registration, transportation, lodging, and participation in the convening shall be covered by the sponsoring organization, and no costs shall be incurred by the City of Mount Vernon.

Section 3. Purpose and Intent. Attendance at the convening is deemed to serve a valid public purpose by enhancing the City's capacity to implement effective violence prevention strategies, strengthen community partnerships, and promote safe, healthy, and thriving neighborhoods.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

MAY 15 2026

Date

BY

Mayor

Caitlin J. Mason
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Vote Was Taken As Follows:05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING
THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
AND THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION (CSEA)**

Whereas, in correspondence dated May 6, 2026, the Mayor formally requested authorization to ratify, approve, and adopt the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Mount Vernon (the "City") and the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), together with all terms, conditions, wage adjustments, and ancillary provisions contained therein, and such legislation shall be known and may be cited as the "CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification Ordinance"; and

Whereas, the City and the CSEA (the "Union") have engaged in collective bargaining negotiations concerning the terms and conditions of employment for members of the bargaining unit represented by the Union; and

Whereas, the City and the Union have reached a mutually agreed upon collective bargaining agreement intended to address and update the provisions of the prior expired agreement; and

Whereas, the negotiated agreement provides for retroactive wage adjustments and other contractual modifications affecting bargaining unit employees represented by the Union; and

Whereas, the agreed-upon salary increases are intended to provide fair and equitable compensation adjustments for bargaining unit members while maintaining the operational and fiscal interests of the City; and

Whereas, in correspondence submitted to the Honorable City Council, authorization was requested for the ratification and approval of the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Civil Service Employees Association; and

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the terms of the proposed agreement and finds it to be in the best interests of the City and its employees to approve and ratify said agreement; and

Whereas, the agreement further contains additional negotiated provisions mutually agreed upon by the City and the Union concerning employment matters and contractual updates.

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

Section 1. Ratification and Approval of Agreement. The collective bargaining agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), together with all terms, conditions, wage adjustments, and ancillary provisions contained therein, is hereby ratified, approved, and adopted.

Section 2. Authorized Wage Increase. The following salary increases for all eligible bargaining unit members represented by the Civil Service Employees Association are hereby authorized and approved:

1. Effective January 1, 2024, all bargaining unit members' salaries shall be increased retroactively by one and one-half percent (1.5%); and
2. Effective January 1, 2025, all bargaining unit members' salaries shall be increased retroactively by one and one-half percent (1.5%); and
3. Effective January 1, 2026, all bargaining unit members' salaries shall be increased retroactively by two percent (2%); and
4. Effective January 1, 2027, all bargaining unit members' salaries shall be increased retroactively by three percent (3%); and

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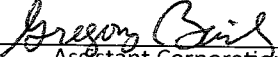
Section 3. Implementation. The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, Commissioner of Human Resources, and any other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement, including the processing of retroactive compensation adjustments and execution of any required documents.

Section 4. 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 5. 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.

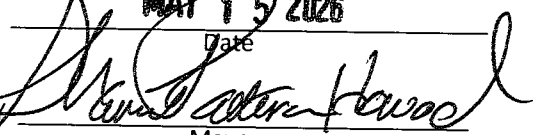
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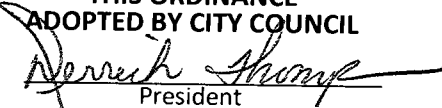
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MAY 13 2026


Mayor


Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL


President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE
RELOCATION, SPACE OPTIMIZATION, AND
RENOVATION PLAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
RECREATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
BUILDINGS, RELATED EXPENDITURES, AND
AUTHORIZING RELATED EXPENDITURES**

Whereas, in correspondence dated May 24, 2026, the Mayor formally requested authorization of a proposed office relocation, space optimization, and renovation initiative involving the Department of Recreation and the Department of Buildings, to be undertaken in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Management Services; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to modernizing municipal operations, improving service delivery, and ensuring that City departments are equipped to effectively serve residents, contractors, and stakeholders; and

Whereas, after careful review of the operational and spatial needs of the Department of Buildings and the Department of Recreation, it has been determined that the current office configuration no longer adequately supports efficient daily operations; and

Whereas, the Department of Buildings has experienced substantial operational growth over several years and has outgrown its existing office space, resulting in overcrowding and operational inefficiencies that have negatively impacted staff functionality and public interaction; and

Whereas, both members of the public and departmental staff have documented concerns regarding overcrowding, accessibility, workflow limitations, and the overall functionality of the current Department of Buildings office location; and

Whereas, the proposed office relocation and renovation initiative would relocate the Department of Recreation to the current office location occupied by the Department of Buildings; and

Whereas, the Department of Buildings would be relocated to the ground floor of City Hall, thereby positioning the department closer to the primary public entrance and internal security post to improve accessibility, public safety, customer service, and operational efficiency; and

Whereas, during the transition period, the Department of Recreation shall temporarily operate from the Doles Center in order to ensure continuity of services to the public; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works and Management Services has coordinated with the affected departments to develop and implement a comprehensive transition and renovation plan designed to maximize existing municipal resources and reduce project costs by performing a substantial portion of the work in-house; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works, Maintenance of City Hall and Court Division, has identified the use of Outside Contracting funds to support the completion of the proposed project and related renovations; and

Whereas, funding in the amount of Thirty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$34,800.00) has been identified from Account No. A1620.405 – Department of Public Works, Maintenance of City Hall and Court (Outside Contracting) for purposes associated with the office relocation and renovation plan; and

Whereas, the proposed renovations and space reconfiguration are intended to ensure that each departmental location is functional, code-compliant, professional in appearance, and conducive to providing high-quality municipal services; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that authorizing the proposed office relocation, space optimization, and renovation plan is in the best interests of the City of Mount Vernon and its residents.

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

Section 1. Authorization of Office Relocation Plan. The City Council hereby authorizes and approves the proposed office relocation, space optimization, and renovation plan involving the Department of Recreation and the Department of Buildings, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Management Services.

Section 2. Relocation of the Department of Buildings. The Department of Buildings is hereby authorized to relocate its operations to the ground floor of City Hall, subject to all necessary administrative coordination and implementation procedures.

The purpose of said relocation shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Improving public accessibility and customer service;
2. Enhancing operational efficiency and workflow;
3. Increasing safety and security through proximity to the main public entrance and security post; and
4. Providing additional space necessary for departmental operations and staffing needs.

Section 3. Relocation of the Department of Recreation. The Department of Recreation is hereby authorized to relocate to the current office space occupied by the Department of Buildings upon completion of the approved transition process.

During the relocation and renovation period, the Department of Recreation shall be permitted to temporarily conduct operations from the Doles Center in order to maintain uninterrupted public services.

Section 4. Authorization of Renovations and Space Improvements. The Department of Public Works and Management Services is hereby authorized to coordinate, oversee, and implement all necessary renovations, repairs, construction activities, furniture relocation, space reconfiguration, and related improvements associated with this initiative.

Such work shall include any renovations deemed necessary to ensure that the affected facilities are functional, safe, compliant with applicable codes and regulations, and suitable for municipal operations.

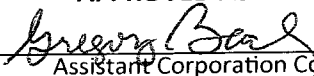
Section 5. Funding Authorization. The City Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$34,800.00) from Account No. A1620.405 – Department of Public Works, Maintenance of City Hall and Court (Outside Contracting) for purposes related to the implementation of the office relocation and renovation project authorized herein.

Section 6. Authorization to Execute Necessary Documents. The Mayor, Commissioner of Public Works, Commissioner of Buildings, Commissioner of Recreation, Comptroller, and any other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to execute and file any and all documents, agreements, purchase orders, work authorizations, or related instruments necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this Ordinance.

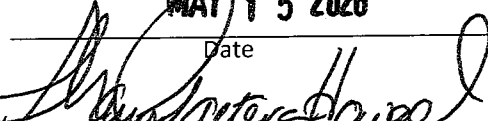
Section 7. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the specific provision directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

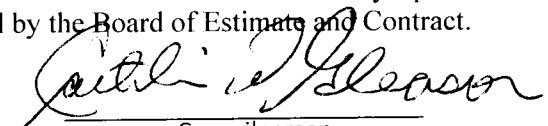
Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

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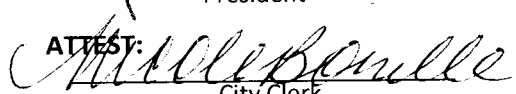
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Date
Mayor


Councilperson

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President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION TO
CO-SPONSOR THE YUSUF SHAH ISLAMIC
CENTER JUNETEENTH HEALTH FAIR AT
HARTLEY PARK**

Whereas, in correspondence dated February 13, 2026, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Recreation formally requested authorization to co-sponsor the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center Juneteenth Health Fair to be held at Hartley Park on Saturday, June 6, 2026, and annually thereafter on the first Saturday in June, subject to compliance with all applicable laws, rules, permits, and regulations of the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center has requested that the City of Mount Vernon authorize the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor the "Juneteenth Health Fair" to be held at Hartley Park on Saturday, June 6, 2026, and annually thereafter on the first Saturday in June; and

Whereas, the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center's mission is to promote a stronger sense of community, educate the public regarding Islam, its teachings, ideology, philosophy, and culture, and foster civic responsibility among members and non-members alike; and

Whereas, the proposed Juneteenth Health Fair is intended to provide community engagement, health awareness resources, educational opportunities, and family-oriented activities for residents of the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center has requested authorization for the use of Hartley Park from 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m., including designated periods for event setup, event operations, and cleanup; and

Whereas, the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center has further requested the presence of Auxiliary Police Officers to assist with public safety during the event; and

Whereas, vendor spaces will be made available to local food and craft merchants, and all vendors shall be required to obtain any necessary one-day vendor permits and comply with all applicable City regulations; and

Whereas, all vendors utilizing propane, grills, or open flames shall obtain pre-inspections from the Mount Vernon Fire Department prior to operation; and

Whereas, all cleanup activities associated with the event shall be jointly conducted by the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center and the Department of Recreation; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that sponsoring community-based cultural and health-related events serves a valid public purpose and promotes the general welfare of the residents of the City of Mount Vernon.

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

Section 1. Authorization of Co-Sponsorship. The Department of Recreation is hereby authorized to co-sponsor the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center Juneteenth Health Fair to be held at Hartley Park on Saturday, June 6, 2026, and annually thereafter on the first Saturday in June, subject to compliance with all applicable laws, rules, permits, and regulations of the City of Mount Vernon.

Section 2. Use of Hartley Park. Authorization is hereby granted for the use of Hartley Park from 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. on the date of the event, including:

1. Setup activities from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.;
2. Event operations from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and
3. Cleanup activities from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The use of the park shall be provided as part of the City's co-sponsorship at no cost to the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center.

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Section 3. Public Safety Support. The City hereby authorizes the presence of Auxiliary Police Officers during the event, subject to scheduling and operational approval by the appropriate City departments.

Section 4. Vendor Requirements. All vendors participating in the event shall be required to:

1. Submit a completed one-day vendor permit application;
2. Comply with all City licensing and permitting requirements; and
3. Obtain any required approvals from the Mount Vernon Fire Department for the use of propane, grills, or any open-flame equipment.

No vendor shall operate without the required approvals and inspections.

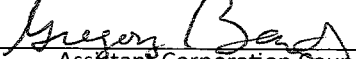
Section 5. Cleanup Responsibilities. The Yusuf Shah Islamic Center and the Department of Recreation shall be jointly responsible for ensuring that Hartley Park is properly cleaned and restored following the event.

Section 6. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, 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, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

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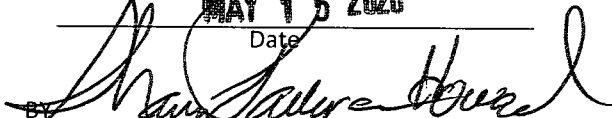
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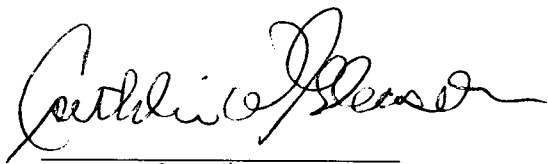

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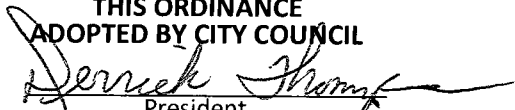
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President

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS
WEEK IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW
YORK, FROM MAY 17, 2026, THROUGH MAY 23, 2026**

Whereas, by correspondence dated April 27, 2026, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works formally requested approval to observe National Public Works Week in the City of Mount Vernon, New York, from May 17, 2026, through May 23, 2026; and

Whereas, National Public Works Week is observed annually throughout the United States to honor and recognize the vital contributions of public works professionals who provide and maintain essential infrastructure and services; and

Whereas, public works employees play a critical role in ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Mount Vernon by maintaining clean water systems, safe roadways and bridges, stormwater management systems, sanitation services, and other essential municipal functions; and

Whereas, these dedicated professionals work diligently to build, maintain, and improve the physical and environmental conditions of the City, thereby enhancing the overall quality of life for all residents; and

Whereas, the 2026 national theme, "*Rooted in Service, Powered by Community*," reflects the commitment of public works professionals to serving their communities and highlights the importance of community support in their efforts; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon desires to join municipalities across the nation in recognizing National Public Works Week by promoting public awareness, fostering community engagement, boosting employee morale, and expressing appreciation for the contributions of public works personnel;

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

Section 1. Authorization of Celebration. The City Council hereby authorizes and proclaims the observance of National Public Works Week in the City of Mount Vernon, New York, from May 17, 2026, through May 23, 2026.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this observance is to:

- (a) Recognize and honor the contributions of public works professionals;
- (b) Increase public awareness of the importance of public works services;
- (c) Strengthen relationships between the Department of Public Works and the community; and
- (d) Promote pride and morale among public works employees.

Section 3. Activities and Events. The Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to organize and conduct appropriate activities, events, and outreach initiatives in connection with National Public Works Week, consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and budgetary appropriations.

Section 4. Coordination. All City departments are encouraged to cooperate with and support the Department of Public Works in planning and executing National Public Works Week activities.

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Section 5. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, 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.

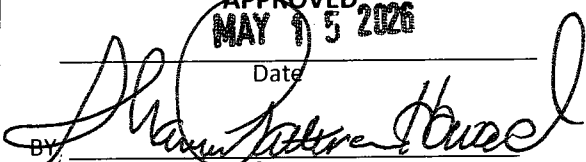
Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

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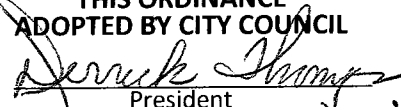
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Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED
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President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2025

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE VII-A, § 86-b
OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY CHARTER REGARDING
THE COMPOSITION OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BOARD**

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, in the County of Westchester, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The City Council finds that the efficient and transparent management of capital projects is essential to the health, safety, and economic vitality of the City of Mount Vernon. The Capital Projects Board plays a central role in reviewing, prioritizing, and coordinating the City's capital investments.

To enhance oversight, broaden representation, and strengthen coordination across departments and branches of City government, it is the intent of this Local Law to amend Article VII-A, § 86-b of the City Charter to restructure the composition of the Capital Projects Board.

This amendment ensures that key City departments and elected officials are represented in the capital planning process, thereby fostering improved collaboration, accountability, and alignment of infrastructure priorities.

Section 2. Amendment to the Mount Vernon City Charter, Article VII-A, § 86-b

Section 86-b. Capital Projects Board (Amended Composition)

The existing text of § 86-b of the Mount Vernon City Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 86-b. Capital Projects Board.

1. **Composition.** The Capital Projects Board shall consist of nine (9) voting members appointed by the Mayor in the following manner:

- (a) Two (2) members of the City Council (both appointed by the Mayor);
- (b) The Commissioner of Public Works;
- (c) The Commissioner of Buildings;
- (d) The Commissioner of Planning;
- (e) The Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply; and
- (f) One (1) member from the Land Use Boards (Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, or Architectural Review Board).
- (g) The Comptroller
- (h) The City Engineer

2. **Chairperson.** The Mayor shall designate one of the voting members to serve as Chairperson of the Board.

3. **Terms of Office.** The terms of appointment for voting members shall expire concurrently with the term of the Mayor. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Mayor.

4. **Voting Powers.** The voting powers of the Board shall be exercised by a majority of the voting members in office, excluding ex officio members.

5. **Compensation.** Ex officio members shall serve without additional compensation. Other members shall serve without pay but may receive actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

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Section 3. Purpose and Rationale.

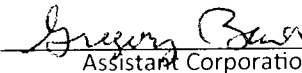
This amendment shall:

- Broaden representation and expertise by including departmental commissioners and a land use representative whose areas of responsibility directly inform the City's infrastructure and capital planning.
- Enhance accountability and legislative oversight through the inclusion of two members of the City Council as voting participants.
- Preserve financial and technical review through the participation of the Comptroller and City Engineer as ex officio members.
- Promote strategic alignment and interdepartmental collaboration in the planning and prioritization of capital projects.
- Ensure effective governance by maintaining clear voting procedures, leadership designation, and term alignment with the Mayor's administration.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Vote Was Taken As Follows:05/13/2026
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Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

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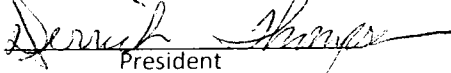
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Mayor


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President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A
PARTNERSHIP WITH OPTIMUM FOR
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY EVENT**

Whereas, in correspondence dated May 6, 2026, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Recreation formally requested authorization for the Department to enter into a partnership with Optimum for the purpose of hosting an Employee Appreciation Day event on May 18, 2026; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the dedication, service, and contributions of its employees to the effective operation of municipal government and the well-being of the community; and

Whereas, the Department of Recreation has proposed hosting an Employee Appreciation Day event on Monday, May 18, 2026, at City Hall Plaza to honor City employees; and

Whereas, Optimum, a connectivity service provider, has offered to partner with the City by providing a full on-site branded activation at no cost to the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, said activation will include a branded tent experience, an Optimum sprinter van, and interactive engagement stations designed to enhance the event experience for City employees; and

Whereas, the proposed partnership presents both direct and indirect benefits to City employees, including engagement opportunities, morale enhancement, and recognition of public service; and

Whereas, the use of City Hall Plaza for such an event serves a valid public purpose by fostering employee appreciation and organizational morale; and

Whereas, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City to authorize this partnership and event;

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

Section 1. Authorization of Partnership. The City Council hereby approves and authorizes the Department of Recreation to enter into a partnership with Optimum for the purpose of hosting an Employee Appreciation Day event on May 18, 2026.

Section 2. Event Approval and Location. The City Council hereby authorizes the use of City Hall Plaza for the Employee Appreciation Day event on Monday, May 18, 2026, for the duration necessary to conduct event activities.

Section 3. Event Coordination. The Department of Recreation is hereby authorized to coordinate all logistical, operational, and administrative aspects of the event in collaboration with Optimum, including but not limited to setup, programming, and site management.

Section 4. No Cost to the City. The partnership and associated activation provided by Optimum shall be at no cost to the City of Mount Vernon, and no City funds shall be expended unless otherwise authorized by separate resolution of the City Council.

Section 5. Compliance with Laws. All activities conducted pursuant to this Ordinance shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, including any required permits or approvals.

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Section 6. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or section 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.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

Vote Was Taken As Follows:05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
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Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

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Breton Bair
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

MAY 15 2026

Date

BY

Matthew Howard
Mayor

Cathleen Gleason
Councilperson

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Derrick Thompson
President

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Nicole Bonilla
City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY
OF MOUNT VERNON YOUTH BUREAU TO
HOST THE 6TH ANNUAL "LET YOUR COLORS
SHINE" PRIDE DAY EVENT, AUTHORIZING
THE RAISING OF THE PRIDE FLAG AT
CITY HALL, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC
SAFETY SUPPORT AND RELATED EXPENDITURES**

Whereas, in correspondence dated April 20, 2026, the Deputy Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization to host the 6th Annual "LET YOUR COLORS SHINE" Pride Day event on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 3:30 p.m. through 6:30 p.m. at City Hall Plaza; and

Whereas, the event is intended to serve approximately two hundred (200) students, parents, community partners, and residents of the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the event is being conducted in partnership with the Department of Recreation, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD), WJCS, Fidelis, The Loft, and Daisy's Dream; and

Whereas, the purpose of the event is to increase awareness of the services and programs offered by the Youth Bureau and other community-based organizations, and to disseminate resources and information supporting youth within the LGBTQIA+ community; and

Whereas, in the event of inclement weather, the event shall be relocated to the Doles Center, located at 250 South 6th Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York 10550; and

Whereas, the Youth Bureau has further requested authorization for the Pride flag, to be provided by the Youth Bureau, to be raised at City Hall on June 1, 2026, and lowered and returned to the Youth Bureau on July 1, 2026; and

Whereas, the Youth Bureau has requested the assignment of four (4) Auxiliary Police Officers and between two (2) and four (4) members of the Mount Vernon Police Department to ensure the safety and security of all event participants and attendees; and

Whereas, funding for the event shall be charged and accounted for under Budget Code A7312.401; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that hosting and supporting this event serves a valid public purpose by promoting youth engagement, community awareness, inclusivity, public health, and access to supportive services and resources.

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

Section 1. Authorization of Event. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau to host the 6th Annual "LET YOUR COLORS SHINE" Pride Day event on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 3:30 p.m. through 6:30 p.m. at City Hall Plaza.

Section 2. Inclement Weather Location. In the event of inclement weather, the City Council hereby authorizes the relocation of the event to the Doles Center, located at 250 South 6th Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York 10550.

Section 3. Authorization to Raise Pride Flag. The City Council hereby authorizes the raising of the Pride flag at City Hall on June 1, 2026. The flag shall remain displayed through July 1, 2026, at which time it shall be lowered and returned to the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau.

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Section 4. Public Safety and Municipal Support. The City Council hereby authorizes the participation and assignment of four (4) Auxiliary Police Officers and between two (2) and four (4) Mount Vernon Police Department personnel for purposes of maintaining public safety, crowd management, and general event security.

The appropriate municipal departments, including but not limited to the Department of Recreation, Office of Emergency Management, and Mount Vernon Police Department, are further authorized to provide reasonable logistical and operational support necessary for the successful execution of the event.

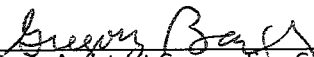
Section 5. Funding Authorization. All costs and expenditures associated with this event shall be charged to and accounted for under Budget Code A7312.401, subject to applicable purchasing, accounting, and auditing procedures of the City of Mount Vernon.

Section 6. 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 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.

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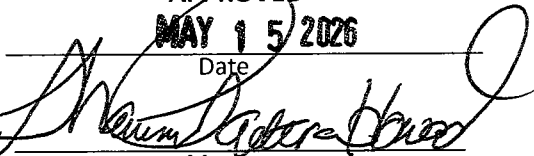
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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
FOR THE FUN-FILLED SUMMER
(PARK ACTIVATION PROGRAM) GRANT**

Whereas, in correspondence dated February 3, 2026, the Commissioner of the Department of Recreation formally requested authorization for the Mayor to execute an agreement, and any related documents necessary thereto, with the County of Westchester for participation in and funding of the Fun-Filled Summer (Park Activation Program) for the period of July 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026; and

Whereas, pursuant to said agreement, the City of Mount Vernon Department of Recreation shall receive grant funding in the amount of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$8,499.00) for the operation of the Fun-Filled Summer (Park Activation Program) for the period commencing July 1, 2026, and ending August 31, 2026; and

Whereas, the Fun-Filled Summer (Park Activation Program) shall operate Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. at various parks throughout the City of Mount Vernon, providing recreational, educational, and enrichment opportunities for youth and residents of the community; and

Whereas, the funds received pursuant to this agreement shall be deposited into Revenue Account A2229.15, designated as Westchester County Funded Recreation Grants, and appropriated into Account A7310.104 for Youth Program Salary – Part-Time and Account A7310.458 for Equipment, Trips, Guest Speakers, and Supplies; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that participation in the Fun-Filled Summer (Park Activation Program) promotes the health, welfare, recreation, and community engagement of the residents of the City of Mount Vernon.

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

Section 1. Authorization to Enter into Agreement. The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement, and any related documents necessary thereto, with the County of Westchester for participation in and funding of the Fun-Filled Summer (Park Activation Program) for the period of July 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026.

Section 2. Acceptance and Deposit of Funds. The City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to accept grant funds from the County of Westchester in the amount of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$8,499.00).

Such funds shall be deposited into Revenue Account A2229.15, identified as Westchester County Funded Recreation Grants.

Section 3. Appropriation of Funds. The funds received pursuant to this Ordinance are hereby appropriated as follows:

1. Account A7310.104 – Youth Program Salary – Part-Time; and
2. Account A7310.458 – Equipment, Trips, Guest Speakers, and Supplies.

Said appropriations shall be utilized exclusively for the administration and operation of the Fun-Filled Summer (Park Activation Program).

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Section 4. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to support recreational programming and park activation initiatives throughout the City of Mount Vernon by providing structured summer programming and community engagement opportunities for youth and residents.

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 adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Gregory B. [Signature]
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

MAY 15 2026

Date

BY [Signature]
Mayor

[Signature]
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

[Signature]
President

ATTEST:

Nicole Bonilla
City Clerk

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City Council:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1,
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 25,
2026, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION TO
CO-SPONSOR THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
(ABICA) INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL"**

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

Section 1. The first decretal paragraph of Ordinance No. 1, adopted on March 25, 2026, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (ABICA) INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL," is hereby amended, and additional paragraphs are added to authorize the raising of a flag representing the Antiguan and Barbadian cultures for the duration of the festival day, and to provide that all costs associated with the event, including services rendered by the Department of Public Works (DPW), shall be the responsibility of ABICA, as follows:

Whereas, by correspondence dated February 11, 2026, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Recreation requested authorization to amend Ordinance No. 1, adopted by the City Council on March 25, 2026, to co-sponsor the ABICA International Food Festival at Hartley Park on Saturday, May 23, 2026, and on the fourth Saturday in May annually thereafter; and

Whereas, the Antigua and Barbuda International Cultural Association (ABICA) is a community-based organization composed of Mount Vernon residents of Antiguan and Barbudan heritage, dedicated to promoting cultural and educational events that strengthen the community; and

Whereas, ABICA has requested that the City of Mount Vernon, through its Department of Recreation, co-sponsor the ABICA International Food Festival to be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026, and subsequently on the fourth Saturday of May each year; and

Whereas, the event will take place at Hartley Park and is intended to celebrate cultural heritage while providing opportunities for local food and craft vendors; and

Whereas, ABICA has requested authorization to use Hartley Park from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the day of the event, including set-up and clean-up times, at no cost to the City; and

Whereas, ABICA has further requested permission to raise a flag representing the cultures and heritage of Antigua and Barbuda for the duration of the festival, with all Department of Public Works costs associated therewith to be borne solely by ABICA; and

Whereas, ABICA will be responsible for the cost of Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD) or Auxiliary Officers, vendor permits, and any necessary fire inspections by the Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD) for vendors using grills, propane, or other open flames; and

Whereas, the Department of Recreation will be responsible for general cleanup of the park following the event;

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

Section 1. Authorization of Event. The City of Mount Vernon, through its Department of Recreation, is hereby authorized to co-sponsor the ABICA International Food Festival at Hartley Park on Saturday, May 23, 2026, and on the fourth Saturday in May annually thereafter.

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Section 2. Use of the park. The Department of Recreation is authorized to provide ABICA the use of Hartley Park from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., which shall include:

1. **Set-Up:** 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon;
2. **Event Time:** 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.;
3. **Clean-Up:** 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The use of Hartley Park for this purpose shall be at no cost to the City.

Section 3. Public Safety and Vendor Regulations.

1. ABICA shall be responsible for the cost of providing MVPD or Auxiliary Officers for the event.
2. All vendors shall obtain a one-day vendor permit through the ABICA vendor package.
3. Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD):
 - All fire extinguishers appropriate to the type of cooking equipment shall be inspected prior to the event. Any vendor utilizing propane, grills, or open flames must obtain a pre-event inspection from the Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD).
 - The MVFD shall conduct mandatory pre-event safety inspections for all vendors using propane, grills, or open flames.
 - All food trucks participating in the event must be inspected and approved no later than May 16, 2026, in accordance with the Fire Department of Mount Vernon (FDMV) Mobile Food Preparation Safety requirements.
 - All vendors shall comply with applicable fire safety regulations and standards.
 - Vendors are required to contact the Fire Prevention Office at (914) 665-2611 to schedule inspections at least one (1) week prior to the event to ensure timely compliance and a safe event environment.

Section 4. Flag Raising Authorization. ABICA is hereby authorized to raise a flag representing the cultures and heritage of Antigua and Barbuda during the event. Any and all costs associated with installation, removal, labor, or services provided by the Department of Public Works shall be the sole responsibility of ABICA.

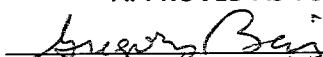
Section [4]5. Cleanup. The Department of Recreation shall be responsible for all post-event cleanup to restore Hartley Park to its original condition.

Section [5]6. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, 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, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

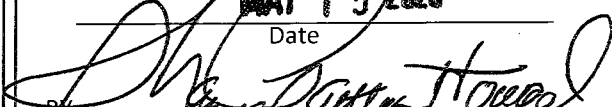
Section [6]7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council [and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract].

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APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED
MAY 15 2026
Date


Mayor


Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO EXECUTE A THREE (3) YEAR LEASE
AGREEMENT WITH BEI HOLDINGS, INC.
DBA BUSINESS ELECTRONICS FOR THE
UPGRADE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTERVIEW ROOM RECORDING SYSTEM**

Whereas, in correspondence dated May 5, 2026, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services formally requested authorization for the Mayor to execute a three (3) year lease agreement and all necessary agreements, lease documents, purchase orders, and related documents with BEI Holdings, Inc. DBA Business Electronics for the upgrade of the Mount Vernon Police Department iRecord Interview Room Recording Solution in accordance with Quote QTRB101378 v2, dated April 2, 2026; and

Whereas, the existing iRecord system currently operates on Windows 7 and older iRecord software platforms that are no longer supported by the manufacturer and no longer receive critical security updates, patches, or ongoing technical support; and

Whereas, the continued operation of unsupported software and hardware within a Police Department evidence and interview recording environment presents a significant cybersecurity, operational, and public safety risk to the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the iRecord Interview Room Recording Solution is utilized for police interview room recording, evidence capture, and related law enforcement functions, and maintaining a reliable and secure operating environment for such system is essential to the integrity of Police Department operations; and

Whereas, the proposed upgrade will transition the Police Department to supported hardware and software platforms, including Windows 11 IoT Enterprise LTSC hardware, iRecord Version 4 software, secondary evidence vault and backup storage, updated licensing and support services, installation, programming, training, project management services, and related hardware refresh components; and

Whereas, the proposal submitted by BEI Holdings, Inc. DBA Business Electronics permits certain existing components to remain in service where operationally feasible, thereby reducing costs while mitigating the risks associated with unsupported technology; and

Whereas, the proposal identified as Quote QTRB101378 v2, dated April 2, 2026, and expiring July 15, 2026, provides for a total project quote amount of Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$15,930.00); and

Whereas, the Department of Management Services recommends utilizing a three (3) year annual payment lease structure with a One Dollar (\$1.00) buyout option, including one advance payment, which will allow the City to spread the hardware costs over three annual payments while retaining ownership of the equipment upon completion of the lease term; and

Whereas, the annual hardware lease payment shall be Six Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$6,107.72), with estimated total lease payments over the three-year term amounting to Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$18,323.16), plus the One Dollar (\$1.00) buyout, exclusive of applicable fees and insurance; and

Whereas, the first year of maintenance and support shall be included under the contract and first-year warranty, with anticipated annual maintenance and support costs for years two and three estimated at Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$2,485.00) per year and billed separately; and

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Whereas, funding for the lease payments shall be made from Budget Account A1680.203 – Equipment, and annual maintenance costs shall be paid from Budget Account A1680.216 – Application Services; and

Whereas, the Department of Management Services has determined that approval of this project is necessary to address avoidable security vulnerabilities and ensure the continued reliable operation of a critical Police Department technology system supporting sensitive law enforcement activities.

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

Section 1. Authorization to Execute Agreement. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary agreements, lease documents, purchase orders, and related documents with BEI Holdings, Inc. DBA Business Electronics for the upgrade of the Mount Vernon Police Department iRecord Interview Room Recording Solution in accordance with Quote QTRB101378 v2, dated April 2, 2026.

Section 2. Approval of Lease Structure. The City Council hereby approves the recommended three (3) year annual payment lease arrangement with a One Dollar (\$1.00) buyout option and one advance payment for the acquisition and implementation of the upgraded interview room recording system.

Section 3. Funding Authorization. The Comptroller and appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to process payments associated with this project as follows:

- 1. Hardware lease payments shall be funded through Budget Account A1680.203 – Equipment; and
- 2. Annual maintenance and support costs shall be funded through Budget Account A1680.216 – Application Services.

The initial payment is hereby authorized upon execution of the agreement.

Section 4. Purpose and Public Benefit. The purpose of this Ordinance is to modernize and secure critical Police Department technology infrastructure, reduce cybersecurity and operational risks associated with unsupported systems, maintain the integrity of evidence and interview recording operations, and ensure continued reliable service in support of public safety functions within the City of Mount Vernon.

Section 5. Exclusion of Optional Services. The optional iRecord Nexus Cloud enhancement referenced in the proposal is expressly excluded from this approval and shall require separate review and authorization by the City Council prior to implementation or purchase.

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

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.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Bruce Bailey
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED
MAY 15 2026

BY *Alvin J. Patterson*
Mayor

J-S B. Hill
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Derrick Thompson
President

ATTEST: *Nicole Bonilla*
City Clerk

Vote Was Taken As Follows:05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICY FOR
WAIVER OF HEALTH INSURANCE
(COMP2026-2)**

Whereas, in correspondence dated April 16, 2026, the Comptroller formally requested authorization to establish a formal policy allowing eligible City employees to voluntarily waive participation in the City's employer-sponsored health insurance program in exchange for a financial incentive, thereby reducing duplicative coverage and controlling healthcare costs; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 91 of the Mount Vernon City Charter, the Comptroller is charged with the supervision of the City's financial affairs and the establishment of policies and practices to promote fiscal responsibility; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon continues to experience rising health insurance expenditures, necessitating the implementation of cost-containment strategies that maintain employee benefits while reducing unnecessary financial burdens; and

Whereas, the Comptroller has identified that the City currently lacks a formal policy permitting eligible employees to waive employer-sponsored health insurance coverage in favor of alternative group coverage, except as otherwise provided through certain collective bargaining agreements; and

Whereas, the absence of such a policy has resulted in instances of duplicative or dual health insurance coverage, thereby increasing costs to the City without a corresponding benefit; and

Whereas, municipalities throughout New York State commonly implement health insurance "opt-out" or "buyout" programs to reduce redundant coverage and achieve net savings; and

Whereas, New York State Civil Service Law § 167(8) authorizes participating employers in the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) to establish health insurance buyout programs, subject to local approval and compliance with applicable guidelines; and

Whereas, NYSHIP guidelines permit opt-out arrangements provided that employees demonstrate enrollment in other employer-sponsored group coverage and that incentive payments do not exceed allowable limits established by the State; and

Whereas, the establishment of such a policy must be implemented in accordance with the Taylor Law (New York Civil Service Law Article 14) and any applicable collective bargaining agreements, recognizing that health insurance benefits are a mandatory subject of negotiation; and

Whereas, compliance with applicable federal laws, including Internal Revenue Code Section 125 (Cafeteria Plans) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA), is required to ensure proper tax treatment and regulatory adherence; and

Whereas, the Comptroller has recommended the adoption of a formal Health Insurance Waiver Policy, which includes an annual opt-out incentive of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), structured to ensure that the City realizes net savings when compared to the cost of providing full coverage; and

Whereas, the proposed policy will be administered in coordination with the Department of Human Resources, Labor Relations, and Corporation Counsel to ensure legal compliance and proper implementation.

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

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Health Insurance Waiver (Opt-Out) Policy Ordinance of 2026."

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a formal policy allowing eligible City employees to voluntarily waive participation in the City's employer-sponsored health insurance program in exchange for a financial incentive, thereby reducing duplicative coverage and controlling healthcare costs.

Section 3. Establishment of Policy. There is hereby established a Health Insurance Waiver (Opt-Out) Policy for the City of Mount Vernon, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and, in any implementing regulations promulgated by the Comptroller and the Department of Human Resources.

Section 4. Eligibility.

A. Employees eligible for City-sponsored health insurance coverage may elect to waive such coverage, provided they:

1. Demonstrate enrollment in alternative employer-sponsored group health insurance coverage (e.g., through a spouse or family member); and
2. Provide proof of such coverage in a form acceptable to the City.

B. This policy shall not apply where prohibited by law or where inconsistent with the terms of an applicable collective bargaining agreement, unless and until such agreement is amended accordingly.

Section 5. Opt-Out Incentive

A. Eligible employees who elect to waive City-sponsored health insurance coverage shall receive an annual opt-out incentive in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000).

B. The incentive shall be paid in accordance with procedures established by the Comptroller and may be prorated based on the effective date of the waiver.

C. Payment of the incentive shall be conditioned upon continued proof of alternative qualifying coverage.

Section 6. Compliance with Law. This policy shall be implemented and administered in compliance with:

1. New York State Civil Service Law § 167(8) and all applicable NYSHIP rules and guidelines;
2. The Taylor Law (New York Civil Service Law Article 14) and all applicable collective bargaining obligations;
3. Federal requirements, including Internal Revenue Code Section 125 and the Affordable Care Act (ACA); and
4. Any other applicable federal, state, or local laws and regulations.

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Section 7. Administration

A. The Comptroller, in coordination with the Department of Human Resources, Labor Relations, and Corporation Counsel, is hereby authorized to:

1. Develop and implement administrative procedures necessary to carry out this policy;
2. Establish enrollment periods, documentation requirements, and verification processes; and
3. Ensure ongoing compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

B. The City reserves the right to audit or require periodic recertification of alternative coverage.

Section 8. Collective Bargaining. Implementation of this policy for union-represented employees shall be subject to negotiation and agreement under applicable collective bargaining agreements and the Taylor Law.

Section 9. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or section 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 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption, subject to implementation timelines established by the Comptroller and Department of Human Resources, and, where applicable, the completion of required collective bargaining.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 05/13/2026

Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Gregory B. Ball
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

MAY 13 2026

Date

BY William J. Harrison
Mayor

J. B. Boxhill
Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

Derrick Thompson
President

ATTEST: Nicole Bonilla
City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF
MOUNT VERNON FINANCE POLICY AND
PROCEDURES DOCUMENT AND RELATED
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES
(COMP2026-06)**

Whereas, by correspondence dated April 15, 2026, the Comptroller formally requested authorization for the City Council to adopt the Finance Policy and Procedures Document for the City of Mount Vernon, as submitted by the Office of the Comptroller, which shall establish the governing framework for the City's financial management operations; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 91 of the Mount Vernon City Charter, the City Comptroller is charged with the supervision of the City's financial affairs and is authorized to establish rules, regulations, and general practices governing the organization and administration of fiscal operations; and

Whereas, such authority includes the responsibility to define financial roles, responsibilities, and levels of authority applicable to City staff and elected officials to ensure proper fiscal management; and

Whereas, the City Council previously authorized the Office of the Comptroller to collaborate with the City's financial advisors and external consultants to develop and strengthen the City's financial policy framework; and

Whereas, interim financial procedures were implemented to ensure continuity of operations and safeguard public funds during the development of comprehensive financial policies; and

Whereas, the City has previously adopted and continues to maintain certain foundational financial policies, including the Investment Policy, Fund Balance Policy, Debt Management Policy, and Travel and Expense Policy; and

Whereas, the Comptroller has now recommended the formal adoption of a comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, along with additional supporting policies designed to strengthen internal controls, enhance transparency, and improve financial accountability; and

Whereas, these proposed policies include, but are not limited to, Cash Management – Cash Receipts Policy, Journal Entry Policy and Procedures, Electronic Funds Transfer Policy, Municipal Credit Card Policy, Vehicle Risk Management and Reporting Policy, and E-ZPass Policy; and

Whereas, these policies are designed to standardize fiscal operations, reduce risk, strengthen internal controls, and ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and best practices; and

Whereas, the adoption of these policies further supports the implementation of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) arising from the 2021 New York State Comptroller's Audit Report; and

Whereas, the City Council recognizes the importance of periodic review of financial policies to ensure continued relevance, effectiveness, and compliance with evolving standards of governmental fiscal management;

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

Section 1. Adoption of Finance Policy and Procedures Document. The City Council hereby adopts the City of Mount Vernon Finance Policy and Procedures Document, as submitted by the Office of the Comptroller, which shall serve as the governing framework for the City's financial management operations.

Section 2. Adoption of Individual Financial Policies. The following policies are hereby formally adopted as official financial policies of the City of Mount Vernon:

1. Investment Policy (previously adopted and reaffirmed herein)
2. Fund Balance Policy (previously adopted and reaffirmed herein)
3. Debt Management Policy (previously adopted and reaffirmed herein)
4. Travel and Expense Policy (previously adopted and reaffirmed herein)
5. Cash Management – Cash Receipts Policy
6. Journal Entry Policy and Procedures
7. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Policy
8. Municipal Credit Card Policy
9. Vehicle Risk Management and Reporting Policy
10. E-ZPass Policy

Section 3. Implementation and Compliance. All City departments, agencies, boards, and officers shall comply with the policies adopted herein. The Office of the Comptroller is authorized to issue administrative guidance, procedures, and forms necessary to implement and enforce these policies.

Section 4. Review and Updates. All policies adopted under this Ordinance shall be reviewed at least annually by the Office of the Comptroller. Updates, revisions, or amendments may be recommended as necessary to maintain compliance with applicable laws, regulations, audit findings, and best practices in municipal financial management.

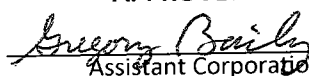
Section 5. Consistency with Prior Actions. All prior resolutions, ordinances, administrative directives, or interim procedures inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby superseded to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the City Council.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 05/13/2026
 Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
 Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
 Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

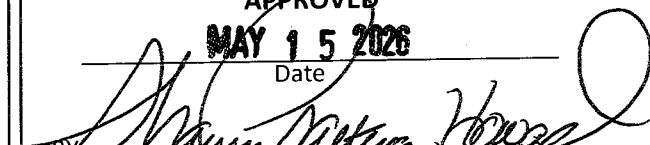
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 Assistant Corporation Counsel

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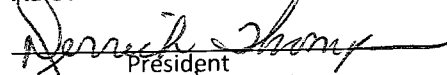
MAY 15 2026

Date


 Mayor


 Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
 ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL


 President

ATTEST:

 City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
ADOPTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE FINANCE
POLICY AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENT AND
RELATED FINANCIAL POLICIES - (COMP2026-06)**

Whereas, in correspondence dated April 15, 2026, the Comptroller formally requested authorization to adopt the comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, as submitted by the Office of the Comptroller, together with the following individual policy components; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 91 of the Mount Vernon City Charter, the Comptroller is charged with the supervision of the City's financial affairs and is authorized to establish rules, regulations, and general practices for the organization and administration of fiscal operations; and

Whereas, such authority includes defining the financial roles, responsibilities, and levels of authority of City staff and elected officials; and

Whereas, the City Council previously authorized the Comptroller's Office to collaborate with the City's financial advisors and external consultants to develop and strengthen the City's financial policy framework; and

Whereas, as part of that effort, interim procedures were implemented to support ongoing operations, and the City has formally adopted and maintained certain financial policies, including the Investment Policy, Fund Balance Policy, Debt Management Policy, and Travel and Expense Policy; and

Whereas, the Comptroller has now developed a comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, together with additional policy components intended to further standardize, strengthen, and enhance the City's fiscal controls and operational procedures; and

Whereas, the proposed policies include: Cash Management – Cash Receipts Policy, Journal Entry Policy and Procedures, Electronic Funds Transfer Policy, Municipal Credit Card Policy, Vehicle Risk Management and Reporting Policy, and E-ZPass Policy; and

Whereas, these policies directly support the implementation of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) stemming from the 2021 New York State Comptroller's Audit Report and promote transparency, accountability, and sound financial management practices; and

Whereas, each of the aforementioned policies shall be reviewed at least annually, or more frequently as necessary, to ensure continued relevance, compliance, and effectiveness;

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

Section 1. Authorization and Adoption. The City Council hereby authorizes and adopts the comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, as submitted by the Office of the Comptroller, together with the following individual policy components:

- Cash Management – Cash Receipts Policy
- Journal Entry Policy and Procedures
- Electronic Funds Transfer Policy
- Municipal Credit Card Policy
- Vehicle Risk Management and Reporting Policy
- E-ZPass Policy

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Section 2. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish uniform financial policies and procedures that enhance internal controls, ensure regulatory compliance, promote fiscal accountability, and support the efficient administration of the City’s financial operations.

Section 3. Implementation. The Comptroller, in coordination with all relevant City departments, is hereby authorized and directed to implement and enforce the Finance Policy and Procedures Document and associated policies adopted herein. All City officers, employees, and departments shall comply with the provisions set forth therein.

Section 4. Annual Review and Updates. The Finance Policy and Procedures Document and all associated policies shall be reviewed by the Comptroller at least annually, and updated as necessary to reflect changes in laws, regulations, best practices, or operational needs. Any substantive amendments shall be presented to the City Council for approval, where required.

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 adoption by the City Council.

Vote Was Taken As Follows:05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Gregory Banks
Assistant Corporation Counsel

A. S. B. Smith
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Donna Thompson
President

APPROVED

MAY 15 2026

Date

BY William H. House
Mayor

ATTEST: Michelle Bonner
City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
ADOPTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE FINANCE
POLICY AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENT AND
RELATED FINANCIAL POLICIES – (COMP2026-06)**

Whereas, in correspondence dated April 15, 2026, the Comptroller formally requested authorization to adopt the comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, as submitted by the Office of the Comptroller, together with the accompanying individual policy components, which shall collectively be known as the “Finance Policy and Procedures Adoption Ordinance”; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 91 of the Charter of the City of Mount Vernon, the Comptroller is charged with the supervision of the City’s financial affairs and is authorized to establish rules, regulations, and general practices for the organization and administration of fiscal operations; and

Whereas, such authority includes defining the financial roles, responsibilities, and levels of authority of City staff and elected officials; and

Whereas, the Comptroller’s Office, with prior authorization from the City Council, has collaborated with the City’s financial advisors and external consultants to develop and strengthen the City’s financial policy framework; and

Whereas, as part of this effort, interim procedures were implemented to support ongoing operations, and the following policies were formally adopted and remain in effect: Investment Policy, Fund Balance Policy, Debt Management Policy, and Travel and Expense Policy; and

Whereas, the Comptroller has recommended the adoption of a comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, together with additional policies designed to enhance fiscal controls and standardize financial operations; and

Whereas, the proposed policies include:

- Cash Management – Cash Receipts Policy
- Journal Entry Policy and Procedures
- Electronic Funds Transfer Policy
- Municipal Credit Card Policy
- Vehicle Risk Management and Reporting Policy
- E-ZPass Policy; and

Whereas, the adoption of these policies will further strengthen internal controls, promote transparency and accountability, and ensure consistency in financial operations across all departments; and

Whereas, the proposed policies support the implementation of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) developed in response to the 2021 New York State Comptroller’s Audit Report; and

Whereas, the Comptroller has advised that each policy will be reviewed at least annually, or more frequently as necessary, to ensure continued relevance, compliance, and effectiveness;

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

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the “Finance Policy and Procedures Adoption Ordinance.”

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Section 2. Authorization and Adoption. The City Council hereby authorizes and adopts the comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document submitted by the Office of the Comptroller, together with the following individual policy components:

- Cash Management – Cash Receipts Policy
- Journal Entry Policy and Procedures
- Electronic Funds Transfer Policy
- Municipal Credit Card Policy
- Vehicle Risk Management and Reporting Policy
- E-ZPass Policy

These policies shall be incorporated into the City’s official financial management framework.

Section 3. Continuation of Existing Policies. The previously adopted policies, including the Investment Policy, Fund Balance Policy, Debt Management Policy, and Travel and Expense Policy, shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or repealed by subsequent action of the City Council.

Section 4. Implementation and Administration. The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to implement, administer, and enforce the Finance Policy and Procedures Document and all related policies adopted herein. The Comptroller may issue additional administrative guidance consistent with this Ordinance as necessary to ensure effective implementation.

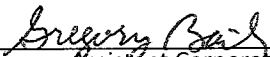
Section 5. Annual Review and Updates. All policies adopted pursuant to this Ordinance shall be reviewed at least annually by the Comptroller’s Office and updated as necessary to maintain compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and best practices. Any substantive amendments shall be presented to the City Council for approval.

Section 6. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, 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, section, or part directly involved in the controversy.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

Vote Was Taken As Follows:05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson:Yea Ordinance: Adopted

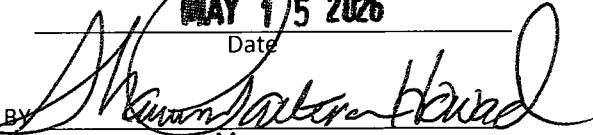
APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

MAY 15 2026

Date

By 
Mayor


Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL


President

ATTEST:


City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING
THE FINANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES
DOCUMENT AND RELATED FINANCIAL POLICIES
(COMP2026-06)**

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Whereas, in correspondence dated April 15, 2026, the Comptroller formally requested authorization to approve and adopt the comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, as submitted by the Office of the Comptroller, which shall serve as the governing framework for the City's financial operations, together with the accompanying individual policy components, which shall collectively be known as the "Finance Policy and Procedures Adoption Ordinance"; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 91 of the Mount Vernon City Charter, the Comptroller is charged with the supervision of the City's financial affairs and is authorized to establish rules, regulations, and general practices for the organization and administration of fiscal operations; and

Whereas, such authority includes defining the financial roles, responsibilities, and levels of authority of City staff and elected officials; and

Whereas, the City Council previously authorized the Office of the Comptroller to collaborate with the City's financial advisors and external consultants to develop and strengthen the City's financial policy framework; and

Whereas, as part of that effort, interim procedures were implemented to support ongoing operations, and the following policies were formally adopted and remain in effect: the Investment Policy, Fund Balance Policy, Debt Management Policy, and Travel and Expense Policy; and

Whereas, the Comptroller has submitted for adoption a comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, together with additional policy components designed to further standardize, strengthen, and enhance the City's fiscal controls and operational procedures; and

Whereas, the proposed policies support the implementation of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) stemming from the 2021 New York State Comptroller's Audit Report; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that adoption of the Finance Policy and Procedures Document and related policies will promote transparency, accountability, and sound financial management practices within the City of Mount Vernon.

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

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Finance Policy and Procedures Adoption Ordinance."

Section 2. Adoption of Finance Policy and Procedures Document. The City Council hereby approves and adopts the comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, as submitted by the Office of the Comptroller, which shall serve as the governing framework for the City's financial operations.

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Section 3. Adoption of Additional Financial Policies. In addition to the Finance Policy and Procedures Document, the City Council hereby approves and adopts the following policies:

1. Cash Management – Cash Receipts Policy
2. Journal Entry Policy and Procedures
3. Electronic Funds Transfer Policy
4. Municipal Credit Card Policy
5. Vehicle Risk Management and Reporting Policy
6. E-ZPass Policy

Section 4. Continuation of Existing Policies. The following previously adopted policies shall remain in full force and effect:

1. Investment Policy
2. Fund Balance Policy
3. Debt Management Policy
4. Travel and Expense Policy

Section 5. Purpose and Intent. The policies adopted herein are intended to strengthen internal controls, ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, improve financial oversight, and enhance the efficiency and integrity of the City's fiscal operations.

Section 6. Review and Updates. All policies adopted pursuant to this Ordinance shall be reviewed at least annually by the Office of the Comptroller, and may be updated as necessary to ensure continued relevance, compliance, and effectiveness, subject to approval by the City Council where required.

Section 7. Implementation. The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to implement the Finance Policy and Procedures Document and all policies adopted herein, and to take all actions necessary to ensure compliance by all City departments, officers, and employees.

Section 8. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, 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.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Gregory Bailey
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

Date

BY _____
Mayor

J. L. Boxhill
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Derrick Thomas
President

ATTEST: Melissa Brumfield
City Clerk

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Nay Wallace: Nay
Thompson: Yea
Ordinance: Not Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FINANCE
POLICY AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENT
AND RELATED FINANCIAL POLICIES
(COMP2026-06)**

Whereas, in correspondence dated April 15, 2026, the Comptroller formally requested authorization to adopt the comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, as submitted by the Office of the Comptroller, which shall serve as the governing framework for the City's financial operations, together with the accompanying individual policy components, which shall collectively be known as the "Finance Policy and Procedures Adoption Ordinance"; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 91 of the Mount Vernon City Charter, the Comptroller is charged with the supervision of the City's financial affairs and is authorized to establish rules, regulations, and general practices for the organization and administration of fiscal operations; and

Whereas, such authority includes defining the financial roles, responsibilities, and levels of authority of City staff and elected officials; and

Whereas, the City Council previously authorized the Office of the Comptroller to collaborate with the City's financial advisors and external consultants to develop and strengthen the City's financial policy framework; and

Whereas, as part of that effort, interim procedures were implemented to support ongoing operations, and the following policies were formally adopted and remain in effect: the Investment Policy, Fund Balance Policy, Debt Management Policy, and Travel and Expense Policy; and

Whereas, the Comptroller has submitted for Council consideration a comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, together with additional policies intended to enhance fiscal controls, operational consistency, and accountability; and

Whereas, the proposed policies include: Cash Management – Cash Receipts Policy; Journal Entry Policy and Procedures; Electronic Funds Transfer Policy; Municipal Credit Card Policy; Vehicle Risk Management and Reporting Policy; and E-ZPass Policy; and

Whereas, the adoption of these policies will further standardize and strengthen the City's financial operations and internal control environment; and

Whereas, such policies support the implementation of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) developed in response to the 2021 New York State Comptroller's Audit Report; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that adoption of the Finance Policy and Procedures Document and associated policies is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to promote transparency, accountability, and sound financial management;

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

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Finance Policy and Procedures Adoption Ordinance."

Section 2. Adoption of Finance Policy and Procedures Document. The City Council hereby adopts the comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, as submitted by the Office of the Comptroller, which shall govern the administration of the City's financial operations.

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Section 3. Adoption of Supplemental Policies. The City Council hereby adopts the following individual financial policies, which shall be incorporated into and made part of the City's financial governance framework:

1. Cash Management – Cash Receipts Policy
2. Journal Entry Policy and Procedures
3. Electronic Funds Transfer Policy
4. Municipal Credit Card Policy
5. Vehicle Risk Management and Reporting Policy
6. E-ZPass Policy

Section 4. Continuation of Existing Policies. The following previously adopted policies shall remain in full force and effect and shall be read in conjunction with the Finance Policy and Procedures Document:

1. Investment Policy
2. Fund Balance Policy
3. Debt Management Policy
4. Travel and Expense Policy

Section 5. Authority of the Comptroller. The Comptroller is hereby authorized to implement, administer, and enforce the Finance Policy and Procedures Document and all policies adopted herein, including the issuance of rules, procedures, and guidance consistent with this Ordinance and applicable law.

Section 6. Annual Review and Updates. All policies adopted pursuant to this Ordinance shall be reviewed at least annually by the Office of the Comptroller and may be updated as necessary to ensure continued relevance, legal compliance, and effectiveness. Any material amendments shall be submitted to the City Council for approval where required.

Section 7. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, 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, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Gregory Bailey
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

MAY 15 2026

Date

BY

Mayor

A. & B. Beahill
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE

ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Derrick Thompson
President

ATTEST:

M. Colabonilla
City Clerk

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
ADOPTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE
FINANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES
DOCUMENT AND RELATED FINANCIAL
POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON**

Whereas, in correspondence dated April 15, 2026, the Comptroller formally requested authorization to adopt the comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, as submitted by the Office of the Comptroller, which shall serve as the governing framework for the City's financial operations, together with the accompanying individual policy components, which shall collectively be known as the "Finance Policy and Procedures Adoption Ordinance"; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 91 of the Mount Vernon City Charter, the Comptroller is charged with the supervision of the City's financial affairs and is authorized to establish rules, regulations, and general practices governing the organization and administration of fiscal operations; and

Whereas, such authority includes defining financial roles, responsibilities, and levels of authority for City staff and elected officials; and

Whereas, the City Council previously authorized the Office of the Comptroller to collaborate with the City's financial advisors and external consultants to develop and strengthen the City's financial policy framework; and

Whereas, as part of that effort, interim financial procedures were implemented to support ongoing operations, and the City has formally adopted and maintained the following policies: Investment Policy, Fund Balance Policy, Debt Management Policy, and Travel and Expense Policy; and

Whereas, the Comptroller has recommended the adoption of a comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, together with additional policies designed to enhance fiscal controls, standardize financial practices, and improve operational efficiency; and

Whereas, the proposed policies include: Cash Management – Cash Receipts Policy; Journal Entry Policy and Procedures; Electronic Funds Transfer Policy; Municipal Credit Card Policy; Vehicle Risk Management and Reporting Policy; and E-ZPass Policy; and

Whereas, these policies support the implementation of the Corrective Action Plan developed in response to the 2021 Audit Report issued by the New York State Comptroller and are intended to promote transparency, accountability, and sound financial management; and

Whereas, the Comptroller has further recommended that all financial policies be reviewed at least annually, or more frequently as necessary, to ensure continued relevance, compliance, and effectiveness.

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

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Finance Policy and Procedures Adoption Ordinance."

Section 2. Authorization and Adoption. The City Council hereby authorizes and adopts the comprehensive Finance Policy and Procedures Document, as submitted by the Office of the Comptroller, which shall govern the financial operations of the City of Mount Vernon.

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Section 3. Adoption of Additional Policies. In addition to previously adopted policies, the City Council hereby approves and adopts the following financial policies and procedures:

- 1. Cash Management – Cash Receipts Policy
- 2. Journal Entry Policy and Procedures
- 3. Electronic Funds Transfer Policy
- 4. Municipal Credit Card Policy
- 5. Vehicle Risk Management and Reporting Policy
- 6. E-ZPass Policy

These policies shall be incorporated into the City’s overall financial management framework.

Section 4. Continuation of Existing Policies. The following previously adopted policies shall remain in full force and effect:

- 1. Investment Policy
- 2. Fund Balance Policy
- 3. Debt Management Policy
- 4. Travel and Expense Policy

Section 5. Implementation and Administration. The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to implement, administer, and enforce all policies adopted pursuant to this Ordinance, including the issuance of any necessary procedures, guidelines, or administrative directives consistent with Section 91 of the City Charter.

Section 6. Annual Review. All financial policies adopted herein shall be reviewed by the Office of the Comptroller at least annually, or more frequently as necessary, and any recommended amendments shall be submitted to the City Council for consideration.

Section 7. 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.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

Vote Taken As Follows:05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson:Yea Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Gregory Bailey
Assistant Corporation Counsel

A. L. Boxhill
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Derrick Thomas
President

APPROVED

MAY 15 2026

Date

BY James Wallace Hurd
Mayor

ATTEST: Michael Bonilla
City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A UNIFORM WORKERS'
COMPENSATION REPORTING AND CLAIMS PROCESS
FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON (REF. COMP2026-05)**

Whereas, in correspondence dated April 15, 2026, the Comptroller formally requested authorization to establish a uniform, centralized, and standardized process for the reporting, filing, review, and administration of workers' compensation claims within the City of Mount Vernon in order to ensure timely reporting, regulatory compliance, fiscal accountability, and consistent treatment of all claims; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 91 of the Mount Vernon City Charter, the City Comptroller is entrusted with the supervision of the City's financial affairs and is authorized to establish rules, regulations, and general practices for organizing and regulating fiscal operations, including defining financial responsibilities and administrative procedures for City personnel; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to the efficient, transparent, and accountable administration of public funds and employee benefit programs, including workers' compensation; and

Whereas, the City recognizes the importance of establishing clear, consistent, and standardized procedures for the reporting, processing, and management of workers' compensation claims to ensure timely handling and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and collective bargaining agreements; and

Whereas, the absence of a centralized and uniform process may result in inefficiencies, delayed reporting, increased costs, and administrative inconsistencies across City departments; and

Whereas, the City seeks to improve oversight and coordination of workers' compensation matters through centralized administration under the Employee Benefits Office and the Department of Human Resources; and

Whereas, the Comptroller has recommended the adoption of a formal Workers' Compensation Reporting and Claims Process to enhance operational efficiency, ensure compliance, and promote fiscal accountability; and

Whereas, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to adopt such standardized procedures.

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

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "City of Mount Vernon Workers' Compensation Reporting and Claims Process Ordinance."

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a uniform, centralized, and standardized process for the reporting, filing, review, and administration of workers' compensation claims within the City of Mount Vernon in order to ensure timely reporting, regulatory compliance, fiscal accountability, and consistent treatment of all claims.

Section 3. Adoption of Policy.

A. The City of Mount Vernon hereby adopts the Workers' Compensation Reporting and Claims Process, as recommended by the Office of the Comptroller and administered through the Department of Human Resources and Employee Benefits Office.

B. The adopted process shall govern all City departments, agencies, boards, and employees unless otherwise required by applicable law or collective bargaining agreement.

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Section 4. Reporting Requirements.

- A. All City employees shall report any work-related injury or illness immediately, or as soon as practicable, to their direct supervisor.
- B. Supervisors shall be required to document and report such incidents to the Department of Human Resources and the Employee Benefits Office within the timeframe established in the adopted policy.
- C. Failure to comply with reporting requirements may result in administrative review consistent with applicable personnel policies and collective bargaining agreements.

Section 5. Claims Administration and Processing.

- A. All workers' compensation claims shall be centrally managed by the Department of Human Resources in coordination with the Employee Benefits Office.
- B. The Employee Benefits Office shall be responsible for:
 - 1. Reviewing and processing initial injury reports;
 - 2. Coordinating with the City's workers' compensation carrier;
 - 3. Monitoring claim status and documentation;
 - 4. Ensuring compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.
- C. The Comptroller's Office shall maintain oversight of financial reporting and cost monitoring related to workers' compensation claims.

Section 6. Departmental Responsibilities. All City departments shall cooperate fully with the reporting and claims process, including but not limited to:

- A. Immediate notification of incidents;
- B. Submission of required documentation;
- C. Participation in investigations as necessary;
- D. Compliance with directives issued by Human Resources and the Employee Benefits Office.

Section 7. Compliance with Laws and Agreements. This Ordinance shall be implemented in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state laws, City policies, and collective bargaining agreements. In the event of a conflict, applicable law or collective bargaining agreement shall govern.

Section 8. Administration and Implementation. The Department of Human Resources, in coordination with the Employee Benefits Office and the Office of the Comptroller, is hereby authorized to develop and implement any forms, procedures, training materials, and administrative guidelines necessary to effectuate this Ordinance.

Section 9. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Gregory Bailey
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

MAY 15 2026

Date

Mayor
BY
Mayor

A. S. Boxhill
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President
President

ATTEST:

City Clerk
City Clerk

Vote Was Taken As Follows:05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson:Yea Ordinance: Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2021 ANNUAL
INDEPENDENT AUDIT PREPARED BY
PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES AND THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY NECESSARY
CORRECTIVE ACTION MEASURES**

Whereas, in correspondence dated April 27, 2026, the Comptroller formally requested authorization for the acceptance and acknowledgment of receipt of the 2021 Annual Independent Audit prepared by PKF O'Connor Davies for the City of Mount Vernon fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, which shall collectively be known as the "2021 Annual Independent Audit Acceptance Ordinance"; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 98 of the Charter of the City of Mount Vernon and the applicable provisions of the New York General Municipal Law, the City is required to conduct an annual independent audit of its financial records and operations; and

Whereas, the independent accounting firm of PKF O'Connor Davies was retained to perform the Annual Independent Audit for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021; and

Whereas, the Office of the Comptroller has submitted the completed 2021 Annual Independent Audit to the City Council, the Mayor, and the Comptroller in accordance with the requirements of law; and

Whereas, the Comptroller has advised that copies of the audit documents shall be made available for public inspection and posted on the official City website in furtherance of transparency and accountability in municipal government; and

Whereas, the City Council recognizes the importance of reviewing and accepting the independent audit as part of its fiduciary oversight responsibilities and further recognizes the necessity of implementing any corrective action measures or recommendations contained therein; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that acceptance of the 2021 Annual Independent Audit serves the best interests of the City of Mount Vernon and promotes sound fiscal management and compliance with applicable laws and accounting standards.

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

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "2021 Annual Independent Audit Acceptance Ordinance."

Section 2. Acceptance of Audit. The City Council hereby accepts and acknowledges receipt of the 2021 Annual Independent Audit prepared by PKF O'Connor Davies for the City of Mount Vernon fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

Section 3. Corrective Action Measures. The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the appropriate City departments, officers, and officials to review, develop, and implement any corrective action plans, recommendations, or remedial measures identified in the audit report, in accordance with applicable law, fiscal best practices, and administrative procedures.

Section 4. Public Availability. The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to maintain copies of the audit report for public inspection and to ensure that the audit documents are made available on the official website of the City of Mount Vernon consistent with the requirements of Section 98 of the City Charter and applicable law.

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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 specific provision directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 6. Repealer. All ordinances, local laws, resolutions, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 05/13/2026

Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Garrison Bailey
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

MAY 15 2026

Date

Sharon Patterson Howard
Mayor

A. D. Boxhill
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Derrick Thomas
President

ATTEST:

Nicole Bonilla
City Clerk

MAY 13 2026

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH ARUP FOR PHASE II OF
THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(NYSERDA) PROJECT**

Whereas, in correspondence dated February 3, 2026, the Commissioner of the Department of Planning & Community Development formally requested authorization for the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with ARUP for the City's participation in Phase II of the NYSERDA-funded climate resilience and urban heat mitigation project, together with such other documents as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon has undertaken ongoing efforts to modernize its zoning ordinance, strengthen environmental sustainability initiatives, and advance climate resilience planning consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

Whereas, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA") sponsors and funds programs designed to support municipalities in implementing climate-responsive planning, environmental equity, and sustainable land use strategies; and

Whereas, the City Council previously authorized the Mayor to execute a Letter of Commitment with ARUP, an international environmental and engineering consulting firm, in support of ARUP's submission to NYSERDA for Phase I of a climate resilience and urban heat mitigation initiative; and

Whereas, ARUP has subsequently been selected by NYSERDA to advance the initiative into Phase II, which focuses on implementation-oriented planning, policy integration, and the development of actionable climate resilience strategies; and

Whereas, Phase II of the project will support the City of Mount Vernon in refining and applying urban heat and environmental data, evaluating zoning and development standards through a climate resilience lens, and developing practical policy tools to be incorporated into the City's zoning ordinance update; and

Whereas, the project will provide the City with advanced technical expertise, planning resources, and policy guidance that will strengthen local decision-making capacity, public health protections, environmental equity initiatives, and climate mitigation efforts; and

Whereas, participation in the project will further position the City of Mount Vernon as a leader among municipalities undertaking innovative climate resilience and zoning modernization initiatives throughout New York State; and

Whereas, the proposed Professional Services Agreement with ARUP requires no direct cash expenditure by the City of Mount Vernon, and the City's contribution shall consist solely of in-kind services provided through staff time from the Department of Planning and Community Development related to work already underway on the zoning ordinance update; and

Whereas, the estimated value of the City's in-kind contribution is approximately Seventy-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$74,700.00), which shall be credited toward the overall project budget submitted by ARUP to NYSERDA; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that authorizing the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Agreement with ARUP is in the best interests of the City of Mount Vernon and its residents.

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

Section 1. Authorization to Execute Agreement. The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Professional Services Agreement with ARUP for the City’s participation in Phase II of the NYSERDA-funded climate resilience and urban heat mitigation project, together with such other documents as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Scope and Purpose. The Professional Services Agreement shall provide for collaboration between ARUP and the City of Mount Vernon, including the Department of Planning and Community Development, for the purpose of advancing implementation-oriented climate resilience planning, integrating urban heat mitigation strategies into land use and zoning policies, and supporting the City’s ongoing zoning ordinance modernization efforts.

Section 3. CITY CONTRIBUTION

The City’s participation in the project shall be satisfied through an in-kind contribution consisting of staff time and related planning services provided by the Department of Planning and Community Development.

The estimated value of such in-kind contribution shall be approximately Seventy-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$74,700.00), with no direct cash expenditure required from the City.

Section 4. Administrative Authority. The Mayor, Corporation Counsel, Commissioner of Planning and Community Development, Comptroller, and any other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purposes of this Ordinance.

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 adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Breonna Bailey
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

MAY 15 2026
Date

Alvin Harrison Howard
BY Mayor

J. S. Beshoff
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Derrick Thomas
President

ATTEST: *Michelle Benilla*
City Clerk

Vote Was Taken As Follows:05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson:Yea Ordinance: Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO A 24-MONTH MANAGED
SERVER, STORAGE, AND BACKUP SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH HI-LINK TECHNOLOGY
GROUP THROUGH SHI INTERNATIONAL
CORP. PURSUANT TO SOURCEWELL
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
CONTRACT NO. 121923-SHI**

Whereas, by correspondence dated May 8, 2026, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services formally requested that the City Council authorize the Mayor to enter into a twenty-four (24) month Managed Server, Storage, and Backup Services Agreement with Hi-Link Technology Group through SHI International Corp., pursuant to Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 121923-SHI, together with such related documents as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance; and

Whereas, the Department of Management Services has requested authorization for the City of Mount Vernon to enter into a twenty-four (24) month Managed Server, Storage, and Backup Services Agreement with Hi-Link Technology Group through SHI International Corp. pursuant to Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 121923-SHI; and

Whereas, the proposed agreement authorizes monthly payments in the amount of Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$4,656.91), for a total contract amount not to exceed One Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$111,765.84); and

Whereas, the agreement includes an option to extend on an annual basis upon mutual written agreement of the parties; and

Whereas, the City's current server infrastructure is operating in an unsupported and vulnerable condition, creating significant operational, cybersecurity, and continuity risks for municipal departments and the Mount Vernon Police Department; and

Whereas, the City's prior information technology support vendor, Softchoice, was awarded the server support contract through the City's competitive procurement process but was unable to perform required Dell VxRail firmware updates because such updates are restricted to Dell Technologies as the original equipment manufacturer; and

Whereas, the inability to maintain current firmware prevented the City from operating a supported virtualization platform and required the City to downgrade its VMware virtualization environment; and

Whereas, following the downgrade, Broadcom, the VMware licensor, declined to provide technical support due to the unsupported software revision notwithstanding the existence of an active support agreement; and

Whereas, the City's support contract with Softchoice expired in April 2026, and the City's backup infrastructure support contract has also expired, leaving critical systems without vendor-backed support coverage; and

Whereas, the City explored restoring direct support services through Dell Technologies, but Dell required retroactive payment for the prior unsupported year before reinstating coverage, which the Department of Management Services determined would not provide sufficient operational value or fiscal justification; and

Whereas, Hi-Link Technology Group has proposed a comprehensive managed technology solution under Service Order No. HL09031 that addresses the City's infrastructure, virtualization, backup, and support needs through a single coordinated engagement; and

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Whereas, the proposed services include:

1. The provision of three (3) Cisco Hyper-V server hosts and HPE SAN storage systems at both City Hall and the Mount Vernon Police Department under a rental model that eliminates the need for a substantial upfront capital expenditure;
2. A controlled and staged migration of all existing workloads from the current VMware environment to Microsoft Hyper-V infrastructure in order to minimize operational disruption;
3. Deployment and configuration of a new Veeam backup solution to replace the expired backup infrastructure; and
4. Twenty-four (24) hour per day, seven (7) day per week hardware and infrastructure support for all covered systems, including the Police Department environment; and

Whereas, the Department of Management Services recommends the twenty-four (24) month agreement term over a shorter twelve (12) month term because enterprise server infrastructure requires long-term operational stability, predictable budgeting, and continuity of support services; and

Whereas, the agreement provides the City with a predictable monthly operating expense and preserves flexibility through annual renewal options beyond the initial term; and

Whereas, this procurement is being conducted pursuant to Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 121923-SHI (Technology Products & Solutions) through SHI International Corp., which satisfies all applicable procurement requirements without the necessity of a separate competitive bidding process; and

Whereas, Year One costs in the approximate amount of Fifty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$55,882.92) shall be charged to Budget Code A1680.203 (Equipment), and Year Two funding shall be incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2027 departmental budget request; and

Whereas, implementation of the project shall be coordinated between Hi-Link Technology Group and the Department of Management Services, including migration scheduling, testing, and deployment activities; and

Whereas, all City departments utilizing the shared server infrastructure shall benefit from this agreement, and the Mount Vernon Police Department shall additionally receive dedicated local twenty-four (24) hour per day, seven (7) day per week vendor-backed hardware support; and

Whereas, this procurement utilizes a cooperative purchasing contract and therefore does not require a bid opening before the Board of Estimate and Contract, and no enforcement activity is associated with this agreement.

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

Section 1. Authorization to Execute Agreement. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a twenty-four (24) month Managed Server, Storage, and Backup Services Agreement with Hi-Link Technology Group through SHI International Corp., pursuant to Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 121923-SHI, together with all related documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Term of Agreement. The agreement authorized herein shall commence upon execution and shall remain in effect for a period of twenty-four (24) months. The agreement may thereafter be extended on an annual basis by mutual written agreement of the parties, subject to any required approvals and appropriations.

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Section 3. Contract Amount. The total amount authorized under this Ordinance shall not exceed One Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$111,765.84), payable in monthly installments of Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$4,656.91).

Section 4. Funding Authorization. Funding for the first year of the agreement shall be charged to Budget Code A1680.203 (Equipment). Funding for subsequent years shall be subject to appropriation through the City's annual budget process.

Section 5. Procurement Compliance. The City Council hereby determines that procurement through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 121923-SHI satisfies all applicable procurement and purchasing requirements of the City of Mount Vernon and applicable law.

Section 6. Implementation Authority. The Department of Management Services is hereby authorized to coordinate implementation of the agreement, including migration scheduling, system testing, deployment activities, and related operational planning with Hi-Link Technology Group.

Section 7. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, 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, but shall be confined in its operation to the specific provision directly involved in the controversy.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

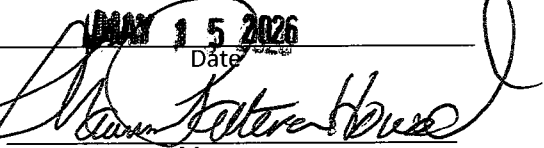
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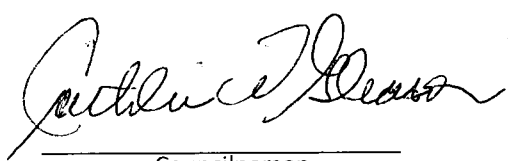
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Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

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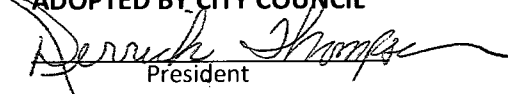

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED


MAY 15 2026
Date
Mayor


Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL


President

ATTEST

City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
OFFICE OF THE CITY COMPTROLLER TO
ESTABLISH A CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE
THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 230
WEST THIRD STREET, MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK**

Whereas, in correspondence dated May 12, 2026, the Legislative Assistant to the Mount Vernon City Council formally requested authorization the Office of the City Comptroller to establish a custodial account the development project located at 230 West Third Street, Mount Vernon, New York 10550, for the purpose of receiving, holding, managing, and disbursing funds associated with the review and administration of the proposed project; and

Whereas, in correspondence submitted to the City Council, a request was made for authorization permitting the Office of the City Comptroller to establish a custodial account for the development project located at 230 West Third Street, Mount Vernon, New York 10550; and

Whereas, the proposed development project involves the construction and operation of a self-storage facility; and

Whereas, the custodial account shall serve as a temporary holding account for funds associated with the review, administration, and processing of the proposed development project; and

Whereas, the custodial account shall be utilized to receive, hold, manage, and disburse funds related to required project submissions, presentations before the City Council, application processing, and reimbursement of attorney fees and other professional expenses incurred by the City in connection with the development review process; and

Whereas, the proposed applicant and contact for the development project is:

Mark Blanchard
Blanchard Law Group, PLLC,
914-779-1100
mark@blanchardlawgroup.com; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that the establishment of such a custodial account is necessary and proper to ensure the orderly administration of development-related funds, compliance with municipal requirements, and the efficient processing of the proposed project.

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

Section 1. Authorization to Establish Custodial Account. The Office of the City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to establish a custodial account for the development project located at 230 West Third Street, Mount Vernon, New York 10550, for the purpose of receiving, holding, managing, and disbursing funds associated with the review and administration of the proposed project.

Section 2. Purpose of Account. The custodial account established pursuant to this Ordinance shall be utilized for costs and expenses related to the development review process, including but not limited to:

1. Reimbursement of attorney fees and professional consultant expenses incurred by the City;
2. Administrative and processing costs associated with project review;
3. Fees related to applications, submissions, and presentations before the City Council and applicable boards; and
4. Any other lawful expenditures associated with the proposed development project.

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Section 3. Conditions of Use. The custodial account shall remain subject to all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and procedures of the City of Mount Vernon. No funds shall be disbursed except in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Office of the City Comptroller and applicable municipal requirements.

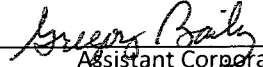
Section 4. Authorization of City Officials. The Mayor, City Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, and any other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take all actions and execute any documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

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.

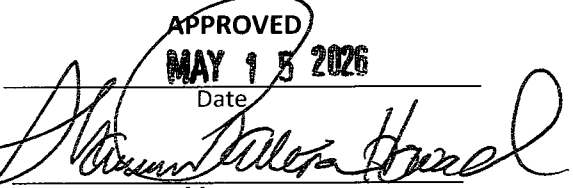
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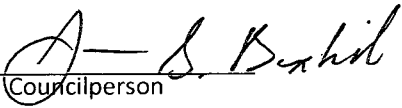
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Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED
MAY 15 2026
Date


BY Mayor


Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**


President

ATTEST


City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED
AT 150 EAST FIRST STREET, MOUNT VERNON, NY**

Whereas, in correspondence dated May 12, 2026, the Legislative Assistant to the Mount Vernon City Council formally requested authorization the Office of the City Comptroller to establish a custodial account for the development project located at 150 East First Street, Mount Vernon, New York 10550, for the purpose of receiving, holding, administering, and disbursing funds associated with the review and processing of the proposed development project; and

Whereas, the proposed project contemplates the demolition of an existing commercial structure and the construction of a new twenty-one (21) story, two hundred twenty-eight (228) unit mixed-use building; and

Whereas, the property owner is Richard Giacovas, c/o AA Air Filters, whose contact information is listed as (914) 663-1300 and email address aaairfilters33@aol.com; and

Whereas, legal representation for the proposed development project is being provided by Mark Blanchard, Blanchard Law Group, PLLC, located at (914) 779-1100; and

Whereas, the custodial account shall serve as a temporary holding account for deposits and reimbursements associated with the proposed development project, including but not limited to attorney review fees and other professional expenses incurred by the City; and

Whereas, the establishment of the custodial account is necessary to ensure proper management, safeguarding, and disbursement of funds in compliance with all applicable City requirements and procedures; and

Whereas, the custodial account will facilitate the orderly onboarding and review of the development project pending the developer's formal presentation before the City Council and submission of all required applications and documentation; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that authorizing the establishment of said custodial account is in the best interests of the City of Mount Vernon and promotes efficient administration of development review procedures.

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

Section 1. Authorization to Establish Custodial Account. The Office of the City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to establish a custodial account for the development project located at 150 East First Street, Mount Vernon, New York 10550, for the purpose of receiving, holding, managing, and disbursing funds associated with the review and administration of the proposed project.

Section 2. Purpose of Account. The custodial account shall be used to collect and administer funds for professional review costs, attorney fees, consultant fees, application-related expenses, and any other reimbursable costs incurred by the City in connection with the proposed development project.

Section 3. Conditions of Use. The funds maintained within the custodial account shall remain subject to all applicable City policies, procedures, rules, and regulations governing custodial and escrow accounts. No funds shall be released except in accordance with authorization by the Office of the City Comptroller and applicable law.

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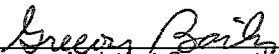
Section 4. Project Review Requirements. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as approval of the proposed development project. The developer shall remain responsible for completing all required presentations, applications, land use approvals, permits, environmental reviews, and any other approvals required by the City of Mount Vernon and any other governmental agency having jurisdiction.

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.

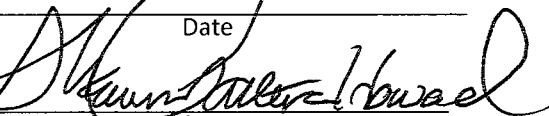
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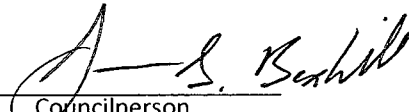
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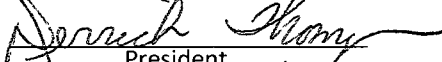

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED
MAY 15 2026

Date

Mayor


Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL


President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON DECLARING
ITSELF AS LEAD AGENCY, ISSUING A
DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO SEQRA, AND
GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION
OF MACQUESTEN STATION TAKEOVER, LLC
FOR THE STATION PLAZA PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Macquesten Station Takeover, LLC (“Applicant”) seeks approval of the Applicant’s Project, known as Station Plaza (as further defined herein), to be developed on the property known as 20 South West Street, designated on the City of Mount Vernon Tax Map as Section 164.67, Block 1057, Lot 16 (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, Applicant is the owner of the Property, which comprises approximately 21,970 square feet (±0.50 acres); and

WHEREAS, the Property is located in the MVW-H (Mount Vernon West Transit Oriented Development “Hub”) District; and

WHEREAS, the Application seeks approval for the construction of a 13-story tower on podium mixed-use building, consisting of 100 affordable for-sale condominium units with various amenities, 73 associated structured parking spaces in a 48,810 square foot parking garage, and 2,635 square feet of ground floor retail space with 6 surface parking spaces (“Project,” or “Proposed Action”); and

WHEREAS, following meetings with the Applicant and review of the Project supporting materials, the City’s Expedited Review Committee (“ERC”) determined that the Project qualifies for expedited review in accordance with Section 267-19(B)(10)(a)[1][b] of the City Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, in its March 5, 2026 Memorandum recommending approval of the Project, the ERC also found, among other things, that the Project “is generally consistent with the Mount Vernon West TOD 267-19(5)(d) – Tower on Podium requirements”; and

WHEREAS, the ERC concluded that the Project requires: (i) review and approval from the City Council; and (ii) a Certificate of Appropriateness from the city Architectural Review Board (“ARB”); and

WHEREAS, on or about March 5, 2026, Applicant submitted to the City Council certain materials in support of the Application for the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617 (collectively, “SEQRA”), Applicant submitted to the City Council with its March 5, 2026 Application materials a Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 1, together with an Environmental Assessment Report, with Appendices, dated August 2025, revised December 2025 (collectively, “EAF”), for the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Action is an Unlisted action under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the City Council held March 11, 2026, the City Council declared its intent to act as Lead Agency for the review of the Project under SEQRA pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.6(b)(1), and authorized the City Clerk to circulate its Notice of Intent to all Involved and Interested Agencies, together with the Application and EAF; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, at its March 11, 2026 meeting, also authorized the City Clerk to refer the Application and EAF to the Westchester County Planning Board pursuant to Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law; and

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WHEREAS, at a meeting held on March 25, 2026, the ARB reviewed the Project and granted the Applicant a Certificate of Appropriateness, subject to the following conditions: (i) historic elements must be incorporated within the walkway area to tell a story about local history; (ii) Applicant must work with local artists and historians to incorporate public art into the publicly accessible spaces on the site; (iii) Applicant must ensure that bird-resistant glass is incorporated into the facade of the building; (iv) Applicant should work with the City to incorporate planters and street trees along the building frontage, wherever possible; and (v) exterior lighting shall be consistent with Passive House standards; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 14, 2026, the Westchester County Planning Board issued its recommendations with respect to the Project pursuant to Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law and Section 277.61 of the County Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, as the approval authority for the Application and the Project, after due deliberation, finds that the Proposed Action is generally consistent with the Mount Vernon West TOD requirements as set forth in Section 267-19 of the City Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant's affiliate, Macquesten Takeover Partners, LLC, previously received approval by Resolution dated April 2, 2018, for a residential/commercial building located at the adjacent property at 22 South West Street ("2018 Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, Section 2(a) of the 2018 Resolution requires the Applicant for this Project to provide approximately 3,000 sf of publicly accessible street-level pedestrian open space on the Property for this Project ("Open Space Requirement"); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has requested that the City Council modify the Open Space Requirement to permit the Applicant to satisfy the Open Space Requirement by providing both on-site and off-site improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has discussed certain proposed off-site community open space and recreational improvements at the Grove Street Playground with the Office of the Mayor, as described in a letter of support sent by the Mayor to the City Council dated May 8, 2026 ("Mayor's Letter"); and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the City Council held May 11, 2026, the City Council and the Applicant discussed the Applicant installing improvements at the Grove Street Playground, as well as at Union Arms Park, in a total amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 to satisfy the Open Space Requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby declares itself Lead Agency for the SEQRA review of the Proposed Action; and **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the City Council finds that the Project meets all of the thresholds of the Mount Vernon West Form-Based Code and that the Project will not result in any new potential significant adverse environmental impacts that were not previously studied during the SEQRA Generic EIS review of the MVW Rezoning; and **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the City Council, as Lead Agency has taken the requisite hard look at the underlying SEQRA information, including the EAF, and finds that no additional or supplemental environmental review is required under SEQRA for the Project pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.9(a)(7); and **BE IT FURTHER**

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RESOLVED, that the City Council, as Lead Agency for the SEQRA review of the Project, hereby determines that procedural steps of SEQRA and its implementing regulations have been fully satisfied in connection with the Project; and **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the Project as depicted on the set of drawings entitled "Site Plan Approval Drawing Set for Station Plaza," prepared by AKRF, dated August 28, 2025, last revised January 22, 2026 ("Approved Site Plan"), subject to the conditions set forth in the Certificate of Appropriateness; and **BE IT FURTHER**

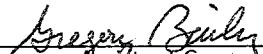
RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby further approves the Applicant's request to modify the Open Space Requirement in the 2018 Resolution through a combination of on-site and off-site improvements; and **BE IT FURTHER**

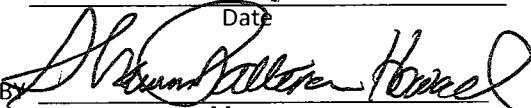
RESOLVED, that the City Council finds that it is reasonable and appropriate for the Open Space Requirement in the 2018 Resolution to be fulfilled through: (i) the Applicant installing improvements on the Property in the form of (a) an outdoor public space/pocket park (approximately 309 sf), and (b) outdoor public space/access to Metro North train station (approximately 1,300 sf), both of which are shown on the Approved Site Plan; and (ii) the Applicant installing upgrades, repairs and other improvements off-site at the (a) Grove Street Playground in accordance with the proposed scope of work set forth in the Mayor's Letter, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, subject to ongoing consultation and finalizing the scope of work with the Office of the City Mayor (collectively, the "Grove Street Playground Work"), and (b) Union Arms Park, the details of which shall be coordinated and finalized with the Office of the City Mayor (the "Union Arms Park Work," together with the Grove Street Playground Work, the "Park Improvements"), *provided* that the cost to the Applicant to install the Park Improvements shall not exceed a total of \$70,000.00, and *provided further* that the Applicant shall return to the City Council for further public discussion and a Council determination about satisfying the Open Space Requirement in the 2018 Resolution in the event that either the Grove Street Playground Work is not implemented for any reason or the scope of such Work materially changes as compared to what is set forth in the Mayor's Letter, or the Union Arms Park Work is not implemented for any reason; and **BE IT FURTHER**

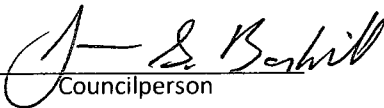
RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to circulate this Resolution to all Involved and Interested Agencies; and **BE IT FURTHER**

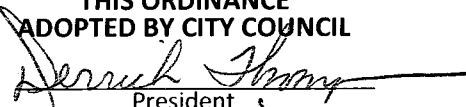
RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
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Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED
MAY 15 2026
Date

Mayor


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THIS ORDINANCE
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City Council:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO RETROACTIVELY EXECUTE
A FIRST CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH
MERCY UNIVERSITY FOR THE CONTINUED
OPERATION OF THE MOUNT VERNON
FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER
(MVFEC) DURING A TRANSITION PERIOD**

Whereas, by correspondence dated April 14, 2026, the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Community Development formally requested for the Mayor to retroactively execute a First Contract Amendment with Mercy University for the continued operation and administration of the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center for the period commencing April 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, together with such other documents as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance; and

Whereas, in correspondence submitted for consideration at the April 22, 2026, meeting of the City Council, the administration formally requested retroactive authorization for the Mayor to execute a First Contract Amendment with Mercy University for the continued operation of the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center ("MVFEC") during a transition period while the City identifies a new service provider; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon and Mercy University have mutually agreed to establish a temporary transition period in order to ensure continuity of financial empowerment services to City residents while the City conducts a thoughtful and competitive procurement process for future program operations; and

Whereas, pursuant to the terms of the proposed First Contract Amendment, Mercy University shall continue operating the MVFEC through September 30, 2026, at a monthly rate of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00); and

Whereas, the total cost for the transition period shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), to be funded through the previously approved MVFEC budget; and

Whereas, the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center, in partnership with Westchester County, officially launched services in December 2024 and has since provided residents with access to financial counseling, debt reduction assistance, and other economic empowerment services designed to improve financial stability and economic opportunity; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that maintaining uninterrupted operations of the MVFEC during the transition period is necessary and in the best interests of the residents of the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the City Council further finds that authorizing the proposed First Contract Amendment will support an orderly and responsible transition process while preserving the progress and community engagement achieved through the MVFEC program.

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

Section 1. Authorization of Contract Amendment. The Mayor is hereby authorized to retroactively execute a First Contract Amendment with Mercy University for the continued operation and administration of the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center for the period commencing April 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, together with such other documents as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Compensation and Funding: Pursuant to the terms of the First Contract Amendment, Mercy University shall receive compensation in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), payable at a monthly rate of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), to be paid from funds previously appropriated and approved for the MVFEC program.

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Section 3. Purpose of Transition Period. The transition period authorized herein shall allow the City sufficient time to conduct a competitive procurement and evaluation process to identify and select a future provider for the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center while ensuring uninterrupted delivery of services to residents.

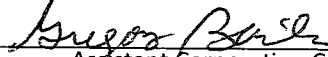
Section 4. Implementation. The Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, and any other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance.

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 adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 05/13/2026
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Turnquest-Jones: Yea Wallace: Yea
Thompson: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

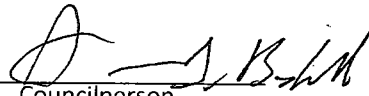
APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

MAY 15 2026

BY 
Mayor


Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL


President

ATTEST: 
City Clerk