City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 3:00 PM

MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM - 1st FLOOR

Board of Estimate & Contract

Roll Call:

Roll Call and reading of agenda items administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla.

Noticed in the Journal News.

OTHERS:

Chief of Staff Malcolm Clark, Asst. Corporation Counsel Johan Powell, City Clerk

Nicole Bonilla, Assistant Comptroller Condell Hamilton

OPENING OF BID FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: SEWER SYSTEM CLEANING AND INVESTIGATION

OPENING OF RFP FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: PEST CONTROL SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING ORDINANCES

- 1. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Advertisement Bids for the Resurfacing of Various Streets in the City of Mount Vernon, New York: 2025-2026
- 2. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Partners in Safety for Drug and Alcohol Testing Services for the Department of Public Works to Comply with U.S. Department of Transportation Regulations
- 3. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Three (3) Trees from Neighbors That Care, Inc. for Planting on South Columbus Avenue Near the Graham School Parking Lot
- 4. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mount Vernon Recreation Department to Co-Sponsor the Annual Juneteenth Walk and Celebration and Interfaith Health Fair in Partnership with the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center and to Appropriate Funds for the Event (Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- 5. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Recreation to Co-Sponsor 'City Fest 2025' in Partnership with Friends of Mount Vernon, Recreation and Youth Programs, Inc., and for Related Purposes (Saturday, September 13, 2025, with a rain date of Sunday, September 14, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
- 6. Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Retroactively Authorizing Attendance at the 2025 Mayors Water Council Meeting
- 7. Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of the Salary of the Senior Account Clerk Position in the Board of Water Supply
- 8. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Recreation to Sponsor the Annual Summer Breeze Concert Series and Accept Monetary Donations to Support said Series
- 9. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Twelve (12) Parking Spaces from the Montefiore Health System for the Use of the Mount Vernon Police Department

- 10. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Equipment from FARO Technologies for the Criminal Investigation Unit of the Department of Public Safety and Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements
- 11. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing Two (2) Members of Service from the Department of Public Safety to Attend the Avigilon Unity Training in Somerville, Massachusetts (May 13, 2025, to May 15, 2025)
- 12. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Adoption of the Installment Plan Standard Terms and Conditions for Delinquent Tax Payment Agreements
- 13. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Payment Plan Agreement with the New York State Department of Civil Service for Outstanding Health Insurance Premium Arrears
- 14. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Comptroller to Enter into a Partnership with Aflac to Offer Voluntary Supplementary Dental Benefits to Employees through Payroll Deduction
- 15. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Granting Permission to the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau (MVYB) to Utilize City Hall Plaza on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, to Host the Youth Mental Wellness Fest "Vibe Check" through the Ready4Life Program
- 16. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Transfer to Cover Future Purchases Within the Office of the Mayor

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE PARTIAL PAYMENT - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

17. Department of Public Works: A Resolution Authorizing Partial Payment No. 5 for Resurfacing of Various Streets in the City of Mount Vernon to Petrillo Contracting, Inc. - \$53,869.79

SALARY RESOLUTIONS

- 18. Department of Buildings: Minimum / Maximum Salary Resolution No. 1 for Plan Room Coordinator
- 19. Department of Buildings: All Positions Resolution No. 4 for Plan Room Coordinator
- 20. Department of Public Works: All Positions Salary Resolution No. 4 for Code Enforcement Officer
- 21. Board of Water Supply: All Positions Salary Resolution No. 7 for Senior Account Clerk

SETTLEMENTS

22. Settling the Claim of Stacy Mario Hines - \$2,500

23. Settlement of the Claim of Ronald Jones - \$30,000

24. Settling the Claim of Stacy Ann Melillo - \$90,000

Agenda was concluded at ____ PM

Chairwoman Patterson-Howard asked if there was new business:

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at _____

RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, authorizing the Advertisement Bids for the Resurfacing of Various Streets in the City of Mount Vernon, New York - 2026 – (funding for the resurfacing project is available through the following sources:

- New York State Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS);
- New York State Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR) Program;
- New York State PAVE-NY Program;
- New York State Pave Our Potholes (POP) Program; and
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); be, and the same is hereby approved.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

ADOPTED BY BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND CONTRACT

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT BIDS FOR THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK - 2026

Whereas, in a letter dated April 3, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works requested legislation for authorization to advertise bids for the resurfacing of various streets in the City of Mount Vernon, New York - 2026, following applicable procurement laws and regulations; and

Whereas, the infrastructure of the City of Mount Vernon requires continual maintenance and improvement to ensure the safety, accessibility, and quality of life for its residents; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the need to resurface various streets throughout the city to enhance road conditions, improve traffic flow, and provide safer transportation routes for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians; and

Whereas, funding for the resurfacing project is available through the following sources:

- New York State Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS);
- New York State Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR) Program;
- New York State PAVE-NY Program;
- New York State Pave Our Potholes (POP) Program;
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and

Whereas, the resurfacing project shall comply with Westchester County's Minority Participation Policy and may be subject to the AFL-CIO Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with The Building and Construction Trades Council of Westchester and Putnam Counties, New York; and

Whereas, the final list of streets to be resurfaced will be determined and submitted upon selection and acceptance of the lowest qualified bidder; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to proceed with the resurfacing of streets to enhance the city's infrastructure and public safety; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

- **Section 1. Authorization to Advertise for Bids**. The Department of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to advertise bids for resurfacing various streets in the City of Mount Vernon, New York 2026, following applicable procurement laws and regulations.
- **Section 2. Funding Sources.** As allocated, the resurfacing project shall be funded through the New York State CHIPS, EWR, PAVE-NY, POP programs, and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
- Section 3. Compliance with Applicable Policies. All contracts awarded under this ordinance shall be subject to the Westchester County Minority Participation Policy and may be subject to the AFL-CIO Project Labor Agreement (PLA) as applicable.

Section 4. Selection of Contractor. The contract for resurfacing shall be awarded to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder in accordance with the City's procurement policies and procedures. The final list of streets to be resurfaced shall be determined upon acceptance of the selected bidder.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

Vote Taken As Follows; 4/23/25

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THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL
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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Partners in Safety for Drug and Alcohol Testing Services for the Department of Public Works to Comply with U.S. Department of Transportation Regulations – (funding for this acquisition is available via A1640.485 (CDL Drug Testing); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PARTNERS IN SAFETY FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COMPLY WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS

Whereas, in a letter dated April 7, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works requested authorization for the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon, Shawyn Patterson-Howard, to enter into an agreement with Partners in Safety to provide drug and alcohol testing services to the Department of Public Works in compliance with 49 CFR Part 40 and Part 382; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to ensuring the safety of its employees, assets, and the general public through adherence to state and federal regulations; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) mandates compliance with drug and alcohol testing requirements as defined in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, specifically Part 40 and Part 382; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works (DPW) of the City of Mount Vernon operates commercial motor vehicles subject to these federal regulations; and

Whereas, compliance with these regulations is essential to maintain federal funding, uphold public safety, and mitigate the risks associated with the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol in safety-sensitive positions; and

Whereas, Partners in Safety is a qualified vendor providing drug and alcohol testing services, including random testing performed by a SAMSHA-certified laboratory, alcohol testing using approved evidential breath testing devices, record management, Medical Review Officer (MRO) services, and Reasonable Suspicion Training for supervisors and foremen; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon Department of Public Works intends to piggyback off the Town of Carmel's current contract with Partners in Safety, which is in effect from October 24, 2024, through October 24, 2026, in accordance with procurement guidelines; and

Whereas, funding for this acquisition is available in the budget under A1640.485 - CDL Drug Testing; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

- **Section 1. Authorization**. The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon, Shawyn Patterson-Howard, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Partners in Safety to provide drug and alcohol testing services to the Department of Public Works in compliance with 49 CFR Part 40 and Part 382.
- **Section 2. Scope of Services**. The scope of services to be provided by Partners in Safety shall include, but is not limited to:
 - Random drug testing performed by a SAMSHA-certified laboratory.
 - Random alcohol testing using approved evidential breath testing devices.
 - Comprehensive record management services.
 - Medical Review Officer (MRO) services.
 - Reasonable Suspicion Training for DPW supervisors and foremen.

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- **Section 3. Procurement**. This agreement shall be executed through a cooperative purchasing arrangement, utilizing the Town of Carmel's existing contract with Partners in Safety dated October 24, 2024, and expiring October 24, 2026.
- **Section 4. Funding**. The cost of services rendered under this agreement shall be funded from account number A1640.485 CDL Drug Testing.
- **Section 5. Effective Date**. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/29/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, authorizing the Acceptance of Three (3) Trees from Neighbors That Care, Inc. for Planting on South Columbus Avenue Near the Graham School Parking Lot – (this donation shall not incur any financial obligation to the City of Mount Vernon, and the City shall not be liable for any future claims related to the donation, except those arising from its own maintenance duties); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF THREE (3) TREES FROM NEIGHBORS THAT CARE, INC. FOR PLANTING ON SOUTH COLUMBUS AVENUE NEAR THE GRAHAM SCHOOL PARKING LOT

Whereas, in a letter dated April 17, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works requested legislation for authorization to accept the donation of three (3) Bradford Pear Trees from Neighbors That Care, Inc., with gratitude and recognition of the intent to commemorate members of the community; and

Whereas, Neighbors That Care, Inc., a community organization dedicated to the betterment of the City of Mount Vernon and the welfare of its residents, has offered to donate three (3) Bradford Pear Trees to the City; and

Whereas, these trees are intended to be planted on South Columbus Avenue near the Graham School parking lot, in honor and commemoration of individuals from the neighborhood who have passed away; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works has agreed to facilitate the planting and continued care of said trees in the designated location; and

Whereas, the donation involves no financial cost or burden to the City of Mount Vernon, and no stipulations are attached other than the preferred location and a request for planting by May 3, 2025; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes and appreciates the generosity and civic-mindedness of Neighbors That Care, Inc., and desires to formally accept this donation and ensure its proper implementation; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

- Acceptance of Donation. The City of Mount Vernon hereby accepts the donation of three (3) Bradford Pear Trees from Neighbors That Care, Inc., with gratitude and recognition of the intent to commemorate members of the community.
- Planting Location and Deadline. The trees shall be planted on Section 2. South Columbus Avenue near the Graham School parking lot, as requested, and the Department of Public Works shall coordinate the planting to occur on or before May 3, 2025.
- Section 3. Maintenance and Care. The Department of Public Works shall be responsible for the planting, maintenance, and ongoing care of the trees in accordance with city horticultural and public works standards.
- No Cost to City. This donation shall not incur any financial obligation to the City of Mount Vernon, and the City shall not be liable for any future claims related to the donation, except those arising from its own maintenance duties.
- Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, authorizing the Mount Vernon Recreation Department to Co-Sponsor the Annual Juneteenth Walk and Celebration and Interfaith Health Fair in Partnership with the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center and to Appropriate Funds for the Event - (Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; funds for this event will be reflected in Budget Code A7620.457 not to exceed \$1,500); be, and the same is hereby approved.

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/29/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MOUNT VERNON RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO CO-SPONSOR THE ANNUAL JUNETEENTH WALK AND CELEBRATION AND INTERFAITH HEALTH FAIR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE YUSUF SHAH ISLAMIC CENTER AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE EVENT

Whereas, in a letter dated April 10, 2025, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Recreation requested authorization for said Department to co-sponsor the Annual Juneteenth Walk and Celebration and the Interfaith Health Fair in partnership with the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center, to be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and

Whereas, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and is a day of reflection, celebration, and recommitment to the principles of freedom, justice, and equality; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of Juneteenth and supports community-wide efforts to honor the legacy and resilience of African Americans through public commemorations; and

Whereas, the Annual Juneteenth Walk and Celebration, in partnership with the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center, has served as a meaningful expression of unity, cultural pride, and historical recognition for the Mount Vernon community; and

Whereas, the Interfaith Health Fair brings together diverse faith communities to promote health, wellness, and mutual support across all backgrounds; and

Whereas, the event scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., includes a walk beginning at City Hall, proceeding along Stevens Avenue to Gramatan Avenue, and concluding at Hartley Park, followed by the ceremonial raising of the Juneteenth Flag at Hartley Park and subsequently at City Hall Plaza; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon supports the continued visibility of the Juneteenth Flag at City Hall Plaza as a lasting tribute to the significance of the celebration; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety, including the Mount Vernon Police Department, is requested to assist in ensuring the safety and orderly conduct of the walk and event; and

Whereas, funding for the event shall be made available through Budget Code A7620.457 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

- **Section 1. Authorization of Co-Sponsorship.** The City of Mount Vernon hereby authorizes the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor the Annual Juneteenth Walk and Celebration and the Interfaith Health Fair in partnership with the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center, to be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- **Section 2.** Event Activities. The City shall support the walk beginning at City Hall, proceeding along Stevens Avenue to Gramatan Avenue, and concluding at Hartley Park, as well as the raising of the Juneteenth Flag at Hartley Park and subsequently at City Hall Plaza.

- **Section 3. Flag Display**. Following the event, the Juneteenth Flag shall be displayed at City Hall Plaza as a continuing symbol of remembrance and celebration.
- **Section 4. Interdepartmental Support.** The Mount Vernon Police Department is requested to assist with safe street crossing, patrolling, and ensuring public safety during the event, subject to availability.
- **Section 5. Funding**. Funds for the event, not to exceed \$1,500, shall be allocated from Budget Code A7620.457.
- **Section 6. Effective Date**. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Vote Taken As Follows: 4/29/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Abstain Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted **RESOLVED,** that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, authorizing the Department of Recreation to Co-Sponsor 'City Fest 2025' in Partnership with Friends of Mount Vernon, Recreation and Youth Programs, Inc., and for Related Purposes - (Saturday, September 13, 2025, with a rain date of Sunday, September 14, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; funds for this event will be reflected in Budget Code A7620.457 not to exceed \$25,000); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION TO CO-SPONSOR 'CITY FEST 2025' IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FRIENDS OF MOUNT VERNON, RECREATION AND YOUTH PROGRAMS, INC., AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

Whereas, in a letter dated April 10, 2025, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Recreation requested authorization for said Department to co-sponsor *City Fest 2025: Business, Food, and Culture Expo* in partnership with Friends of Mount Vernon, Recreation and Youth Programs, Inc., on Saturday, September 13, 2025, with a rain date of Sunday, September 14, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon Department of Recreation seeks to cosponsor "City Fest 2025: Business, Food, and Culture Expo" in collaboration with Friends of Mount Vernon, Recreation and Youth Programs, Inc., and

Whereas, the event is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, September 14, 2025, and

Whereas, City Fest aims to promote community engagement, local businesses, culture, and entertainment through outdoor festivities that include vendors, performances, and exhibitions, and

Whereas, various City departments will be required to assist with the preparation, execution, and safety of the event, and

Whereas, the City Council finds that the goals and purpose of City Fest 2025 serve the public interest and merit official support and authorization; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

- Section 1. Authorization to Co-Sponsor. The City Council hereby authorizes the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor *City Fest 2025: Business, Food, and Culture Expo* in partnership with Friends of Mount Vernon, Recreation and Youth Programs, Inc., on Saturday, September 13, 2025, with a rain date of Sunday, September 14, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- **Section 2. Street Closures**. The following streets shall be closed to vehicular traffic from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on the day of the event:
 - Gramatan Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Sidney Avenue
 - Oakley Avenue from Crary to Gramatan Avenue
 - North Street from Crary to Gramatan Avenue to North 5th Avenue
 - North 3rd Avenue from Sidney Avenue to Oakley Avenue

The Department of Public Safety and Department of Parking are hereby directed to post street closure signs at the above locations no later than Monday, September 8, 2025.

Section 3. Use of Public Space. Permission is granted for the use of street beds and sidewalks within the closed areas for the purposes of setting up booths, tents, tables, and chairs to accommodate outdoor dining, food, merchandise, and art vendors.

Section 4. City Department Assistance. The following City Departments are authorized and directed to provide necessary support and services in connection with City Fest 2025:

- Department of Public Safety
- Department of Public Works
- Department of Water
- Fire Department

Such assistance shall include, but is not limited to, public safety, sanitation, water access, and fire safety.

- Section 5. Promotional Banners. Permission is granted to display banners and signage promoting City Fest 2025 throughout the City of Mount Vernon, in compliance with applicable city codes and regulations.
- **Section 6. Stage Placement**. Permission is granted for the placement of a stage on Gramatan Avenue, between Lincoln Avenue and Oakley Avenue, directly in front of "the Circle." *The Circle itself shall remain open and unobstructed*.
- **Section 7. Budget Allocation**. An amount not to exceed \$25,000 shall be allocated for City Fest 2025 from Budget Code A7620.457. This allocation shall be used for event costs incurred by the Department of Recreation, which shall also provide personnel and resources as part of the co-sponsorship.
- **Section 8. Effective Date**. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Vote Taken As Follows: 4/29/2025 Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted

RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, retroactively authorizing Attendance at the 2025 Mayors Water Council Meeting – (Lancaster, Pennsylvania from April 3 to April 4, 2025; there is no registration fee for the event, and hotel accommodations are not expected to exceed \$1,000 for all three (3) attendees to be charged to Budget Code 001-581-581001 (Staff Development & Training)); be, and the same is hereby approved.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

BOARD OF ESTIMATE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Authorization. The City Council hereby retroactively authorizes three (3) employees of the Board of Water Supply to attend the 2025 Mayors Water Council Meeting in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from April 3 to April 4, 2025.
- Expenses. All related expenses, including hotel accommodations not to exceed \$1,000 in total, shall be charged to Budget Code 001-581-581001 (Staff Development & Training).
- Retroactive Approval. This ordinance shall serve as retroactive approval for the attendance of the three (3) employees at the event.
- Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon Section 4. its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Ordinance Adopted Thompson: Yea /ote Taken As Follows; 4/23/25 Poteat: Yea

Thompson: Yea Gleason: Nay /ote Taken As Follows: 4/9/25 Ordinance Not Adopted **Browne: Absent** 3oxhill: Yea Poteat: Yea

RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, authorizing the Amendment of the Salary of the Senior Account Clerk Position in the Board of Water and Supply – (amended from \$59,630.87 (Grade 7B, Step 1) to \$71,384.38 (Grade 11A, Step 1); additional funds required to implement this correction are available in the Board of Water Supply's 2025)); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE SALARY OF THE SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK POSITION IN THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of maintaining fair and competitive compensation for its employees; and

Whereas, the salary for the Senior Account Clerk position in the Board of Water Supply was previously determined based on a salary grade that was adjusted before the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in 2024; and

Whereas, the current salary for the Senior Account Clerk position is set at \$59,630.87 (Grade 7B, Step 1), which does not reflect the appropriate salary grade adjustment; and

Whereas, in a letter dated April 7, 2025, the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply requested authorization for the salary of the Senior Account Clerk position in the Board of Water Supply to be amended from \$59,630.87 (Grade 7B, Step 1) to \$71,384.38 (Grade 11A, Step 1), effective immediately; and

Whereas, it is necessary to correct the salary and adjust it to \$71,384.38 (Grade 11A, Step 1) in accordance with the proper salary structure; and

Whereas, the additional funds required to implement this correction are available in the Board of Water Supply's 2025 Budget under Code 001-521-521002, Administrative Staff (Salaries); and

Whereas, the City Council finds that this amendment serves the best interests of the City and its employees by ensuring equitable compensation; Now, Therefore, Be It **Resolved That**

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

- Amendment to Salary. The salary for the Senior Account Clerk Section 1. position in the Board of Water Supply shall be amended from \$59,630.87 (Grade 7B, Step 1) to \$71,384.38 (Grade 11A, Step 1), effective immediately upon passage of this Ordinance.
- Budget Allocation. The funds necessary for this salary correction shall be allocated from the Board of Water Supply's 2025 Budget under Code 001-521-521002, Administrative Staff (Salaries).
- Implementation. The Board of Water Supply and the Department Section 3. of Human Resources shall take all necessary actions to implement this salary adjustment and ensure proper administrative processing.

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

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Vote Taken As Follows: 4/29/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted **RESOLVED**, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, authorizing the Department of Recreation to Sponsor the Annual Summer Breeze Concert Series and Accept Monetary Donations to Support said Series – (concerts scheduled for Tuesdays from July 8, 2025, through August 26, 2025, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., including rain dates to be held on the Thursdays immediately following any postponed event. Funding and Budget:

- (a) The total cost of the concert series shall be charged to Budget Code A7620.457, Cultural Civic Adult Education
- (b) Total expenditures for the concert series shall not exceed the allocated budget plus any monetary donations received
- (c) All donations received in support of the series shall be recorded under Revenue Code A2705.2 and shall be used solely for purposes related to the concert series); be, and the same is hereby approved.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION TO SPONSOR THE ANNUAL SUMMER BREEZE CONCERT SERIES AND ACCEPT MONETARY DONATIONS TO SUPPORT SAID SERIES

Whereas, in a letter dated April 10, 2025, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Recreation requested authorization for said Department to sponsor and coordinate the Annual Summer Breeze Concert Series during the summer of 2025; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to fostering cultural enrichment, community engagement, and recreational activities for its residents; and

Whereas, the Department of Recreation seeks to sponsor the Annual Summer Breeze Concert Series to provide free musical entertainment to the public; and

Whereas, the proposed concert series will be held at the following designated locations:

- City Hall Plaza
- 4th Street Playground
- Hartley Park
- Gramatan Avenue (between Broad Street and Center Street); and

Whereas, the concerts will occur weekly on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., beginning July 8, 2025, and ending August 26, 2025, with rain dates scheduled for the following Thursdays at the same time and locations; and

Whereas, community-based organizations, agencies, and local businesses have expressed interest in supporting this initiative through monetary donations; and

Whereas, the City wishes to authorize the acceptance of such donations to help offset production and operational costs associated with the concert series; and

Whereas, the City recognizes the need for appropriate security, traffic control, and public works support during the concert events; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization to Sponsor Concert Series. The Department of Recreation is hereby authorized to sponsor and coordinate the Annual Summer Breeze Concert Series during the summer of 2025, with concerts scheduled for Tuesdays from July 8, 2025, through August 26, 2025, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., including rain dates to be held on the Thursdays immediately following any postponed event.

Section 2. Designated Locations. The designated locations for the Summer Breeze Concert Series shall be:

- City Hall Plaza
- 4th Street Playground
- Hartley Park
- Gramatan Avenue (between Broad Street and Center Street)

Section 3. Funding and Budget:

- (a) The total cost of the concert series shall be charged to Budget Code A7620.457, Cultural Civic Adult Education.
- (b) Total expenditures for the concert series shall not exceed the allocated budget plus any monetary donations received.
- (c) All donations received in support of the series shall be recorded under Revenue Code A2705.2 and shall be used solely for purposes related to the concert series.
- Acceptance of Donations. The City is hereby authorized to accept monetary donations from community-based organizations, agencies, and local businesses to defray the costs associated with the production and operation of the Summer Breeze Concert Series. All such funds shall be deposited and recorded as outlined in Section 3.

Public Safety and City Services: Section 5.

- The Police Department is requested to provide additional police patrols and public safety presence during each concert event.
- The Police Department and Department of Public Works shall be notified in advance of any events requiring barricades, crowd control, sanitation, or logistical support.
- Promotion. The Department of Recreation is authorized to publicly promote the concert series, including but not limited to the placement of banners and other promotional materials throughout the city.
- Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted Vote Taken As Follows: 4/23/25 Poteat: Yea

Thompson: Yea

RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, authorizing the Acceptance of Twelve (12) Parking Spaces from the Montefiore Health System for the Use of the Mount Vernon Police Department – (there is no cost associates wit this donation, and no conditions or stipulations attached); be, and the same is hereby approved.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted Browne: Yea

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/29/2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF TWELVE (12) PARKING SPACES FROM THE MONTEFIORE HEALTH SYSTEM FOR THE USE OF THE MOUNT VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Whereas, in a letter dated April 10, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety requested authorization for the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon, to accept the donation of twelve (12) parking spaces from Montefiore Health System, as described herein, for the exclusive use of the Mount Vernon Police Department; and

Whereas, Montefiore Health System has generously offered to donate twelve (12) parking spaces located on the Lower Level of the Montefiore Mount Vernon Hospital Garage for the exclusive use of the Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD); and

Whereas, the designated parking spaces will be adjacent to the gate entrance of the garage and clearly marked "POLICE" for ease of identification and security purposes; and

Whereas, Montefiore Health System will also provide twelve (12) garage access cards to the MVPD, granting 24/7 access to the facility for official police vehicles; and

Whereas, the donation is made without any financial cost, condition, or stipulation to the City of Mount Vernon or the Mount Vernon Police Department; and

Whereas, the acceptance of this donation will enhance the operational efficiency and security of the Mount Vernon Police Department by providing dedicated parking for official vehicles; now, therefore, Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

- Acceptance of Donation. The Mayor on behalf of the City of Mount Section 1. Vernon hereby accepts the donation of twelve (12) parking spaces from Montefiore Health System, as described herein, for the exclusive use of the Mount Vernon Police Department.
- Authorization to Execute Necessary Documents. The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon, or their designee, is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents to formalize the acceptance of the donated parking spaces and garage access cards on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon.
- Usage and Management. The Mount Vernon Police Department shall have exclusive use of the donated parking spaces and shall manage the distribution and use of the twelve (12) garage access cards in accordance with departmental policies and procedures.

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

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Thompson: Yea

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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, authorizing the Purchase of Equipment from Faro Technologies for the Criminal Investigations Unit of the Department of Public Safety and Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements – (\$89,805.69 for the purchase of the FARO Focus Core 100m USA laser scanner and supporting items shall be satisfied from Budget Code H3120.203-C666); be, and the same is hereby approved.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Vote Taken As Follows: 4/29/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FROM FARO TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

Whereas, in a letter dated April 10, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety requested authorization for said Department to purchase the FARO Focus Core 100m USA laser scanner and supporting items from FARO Technologies for a total cost of \$89,805.69; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety has identified the need for advanced forensic technology to enhance crime scene investigations; and

Whereas, the FARO Focus Core 100m USA laser scanner is a state-of-the-art device that provides precise measurement and 3D documentation of crime scenes, thereby improving the accuracy and efficiency of forensic investigations; and

Whereas, the FARO Focus Core 100m USA laser scanner is widely utilized by law enforcement agencies across the country due to its superior capabilities in crime scene reconstruction and evidence documentation; and

Whereas, FARO Technologies holds a General Services Administration (GSA) contract #47QTCA18D003S, which allows the City of Mount Vernon to procure the equipment under a cooperative purchasing agreement; and

Whereas, the procurement of the FARO Focus Core 100m USA laser scanner is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon as it will enhance the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the Criminal Investigations Unit; and

Whereas, the total cost of \$89,805.69 for the purchase of the FARO Focus Core 100m USA laser scanner and supporting items shall be satisfied from Budget Code H3120.203-C666; and

Whereas, pursuant to the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy adopted on April 24, 2024, the City seeks to waive the competitive bidding requirements for this purchase given the availability of the equipment through an approved procurement cooperative; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization to Purchase. The City Council of Mount Vernon hereby authorizes the Department of Public Safety to purchase the FARO Focus Core 100m USA laser scanner and supporting items from FARO Technologies for a total cost of \$89,805.69.

Section 2. Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements. In accordance with the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy, the City Council waives the competitive bidding requirements for this purchase due to the availability of the equipment through the General Services Administration (GSA) cooperative purchasing agreement.

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Section 3. Funding. The total expenditure of \$89,805.69 shall be paid from Budget Code H3120.203-C666.

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

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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, authorizing two (2) Members of Service from the Department of Public Safety to Attend the Avigilon Unity Training in Somerville, Massachusetts - (May 13, 2025, to May 15, 2025; the total cost of the training, including hotel accommodations and ground transportation (gas/tolls), shall not exceed \$3,000 and shall be funded through Budget Line A3120.451 (Training)); be, and the same is hereby approved.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TWO (2) MEMBERS OF SERVICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ATTEND THE AVIGILON UNITY TRAINING IN SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

Whereas, in a letter dated April 10, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety requested authorization for two (2) Members of Service from the Department of Public Safety to attend the Avigilon Unity Training in Somerville, Massachusetts, from May 13, 2025, to May 15, 2025; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to enhancing the operational efficiency and technological capacity of the Department of Public Safety; and

Whereas, the Avigilon Unity Training provides specialized instruction on installation best practices, system configuration, and optimization techniques for the Avigilon Unity Video solution; and

Whereas, the training will be held from May 13, 2025, to May 15, 2025, at 450 Artisan Way, Suite 200, Somerville, Massachusetts, and includes both lecture and hands-on practical exercises to ensure comprehensive skill development; and

Whereas, the participation of two (2) Members of Service in this training will directly benefit the City's public safety initiatives by improving system implementation and efficiency; and

Whereas, the total cost for the training, including hotel accommodations and ground transportation (gas/tolls), will not exceed \$3,000 and will be funded through Budget Line A3120.451 (Training); and

Whereas, the Members of Service will be authorized to use a Department vehicle for travel to and from the training location; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

- Authorization. The City Council hereby authorizes two (2) Members of Service from the Department of Public Safety to attend the Avigilon Unity Training in Somerville, Massachusetts, from May 13, 2025, to May 15, 2025.
- The total cost of the training, including hotel Funding. Section 2. accommodations and ground transportation (gas/tolls), shall not exceed \$3,000 and shall be funded through Budget Line A3120.451 (Training).
- Travel Authorization. The Members of Service attending the training Section 3. are authorized to use a Department vehicle for travel to and from the training location.
- Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its Section 4. adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted Boxhill: Yea Poteat: Yea

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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, authorizing the Adoption of the Installment Plan Standard Terms and Conditions for Delinquent Tax Payment Agreements; be, and the same is hereby approved.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE INSTALLMENT PLAN STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR DELINQUENT TAX PAYMENT AGREEMENTS

Whereas, in a letter dated April 11, 2025, the Comptroller requested authorization to establish and adopt a uniform set of terms and conditions governing installment payment agreements for delinquent property taxes in the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to promoting fair and consistent practices in the administration of delinquent property tax accounts; and

Whereas, property owners with outstanding property tax liabilities have been offered the opportunity to enter into installment payment plans, in accordance with applicable state and local laws, including the In Rem Law; and

Whereas, the Comptroller's Office has submitted a list of delinquent parcels to the Honorable City Council and has identified parcels whose owners have requested and have been approved for participation in an installment plan; and

Whereas, these approved parcels were excluded from the list submitted to the County Clerk's Office for enforcement actions in accordance with their participation in payment plans; and

Whereas, the Comptroller's Office is now preparing to execute formal installment agreements with the approved property owners and requires the adoption of standardized terms and conditions to ensure legal compliance, consistency, and clarity in administration; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

- Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as COMP2025 04: Installment Plan Standard Terms and Conditions Ordinance.
- **Section 2.** Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish and adopt a uniform set of terms and conditions governing installment payment agreements for delinquent property taxes in the City of Mount Vernon.
- Section 3. Adoption of Standard Terms and Conditions. The City Council hereby authorizes the adoption of the *Installment Plan Standard Terms and Conditions* as proposed and attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A. These conditions shall apply to all payment plans approved by the Comptroller's Office for delinquent taxes, in compliance with the In Rem Law and all other applicable statutes and regulations.
- **Section 4. Authorization to Execute Agreements.** The Comptroller, or their designee, is authorized to execute installment payment agreements with approved property owners using the Standard Terms and Conditions adopted herein.
- Section 5. Administration and Enforcement. The Comptroller's Office shall be responsible for the administration, monitoring, and enforcement of all installment agreements executed under this Ordinance. Any material breach of these agreements by a property owner shall be grounds for termination of the agreement and resumption of enforcement actions as permitted by law.
- Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Payment Plan Agreement with the New York State Department of Civil Service for Outstanding Health Insurance Premium Arrears; (Terms of Agreement. The payment plan shall:

- Commence on April 25, 2025, and conclude on March 30, 2030;
- Include monthly installment payments of \$209,570.61;
- Be in addition to the City's ongoing obligation to make current NYSHIP premium payments during the term of the agreement;

(Budget Appropriation. The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to ensure that funds are appropriated and disbursed in accordance with the payment plan and the City's financial policies); be, and the same is hereby approved.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

ADOPTED BY BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND CONTRACT

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PAYMENT PLAN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE FOR OUTSTANDING HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM ARREARS

Whereas, in a letter dated April 15, 2025, the Comptroller requested authorization for the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon to enter into a Payment Plan Agreement with the New York State Department of Civil Service, substantially in the form attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance, to address the City's outstanding health insurance premium liabilities from the 2021 fiscal year; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon participates in the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) and is obligated to make timely premium payments as a condition of participation; and

Whereas, due to limited cash flow and ongoing fiscal challenges, the City has carried a liability related to unpaid health insurance premiums incurred during the 2021 fiscal year; and

Whereas, since January 2022, the Comptroller's Office has engaged in regular communication with the New York State Department of Civil Service to address the outstanding arrears and to keep the City's participation in NYSHIP in good standing; and

Whereas, the New York State Department of Civil Service has agreed to enter into a payment plan agreement with the City of Mount Vernon, commencing April 25, 2025, and concluding on March 30, 2030, to resolve the outstanding premium liability in a fiscally responsible manner; and

Whereas, the negotiated agreement includes monthly installment payments of \$209,570.61, to be made in addition to the City's regular monthly health insurance premiums, and this arrangement is deemed reasonable and necessary to maintain vital health insurance benefits for City employees and retirees; and

Whereas, the City Comptroller recommends that the City Council approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement to avoid further financial and administrative complications; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Payment Plan Agreement with the New York State Department of Civil Service, substantially in the form attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance, to address the City's outstanding health insurance premium liabilities from the 2021 fiscal year.

Section 2. Terms of Agreement.

The payment plan shall:

- Commence on April 25, 2025, and conclude on March 30, 2030;
- Include monthly installment payments of \$209,570.61;
- Be in addition to the City's ongoing obligation to make current NYSHIP premium payments during the term of the agreement;
- Be subject to such additional terms and conditions as set forth by the New York State Department of Civil Service and agreed to by the City.

Section 3. Budget Appropriation. The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to ensure that funds are appropriated and disbursed in accordance with the payment plan and the City's financial policies.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Board of Estimate and Contracts.

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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, authorizing the Comptroller to Enter into a Partnership with Aflac to Offer Voluntary Supplementary Dental Benefits to Employees through Payroll Deduction - (the City Comptroller's office, specifically payroll staff, shall implement and manage the necessary payroll deductions for participating employees. These deductions shall be pre-tax and consistent with applicable tax and labor regulations. There shall be *no* financial obligation or cost to the City of Mount Vernon associated with the offering or administration of this voluntary benefits plan; be, and the same is hereby approved.

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Vote Taken As Follows: 4/29/2025
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Resolution: Adopted

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPTROLLER TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH AFLAC TO OFFER VOLUNTARY SUPPLEMENTARY DENTAL BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES THROUGH PAYROLL DEDUCTION

Whereas, in a letter dated April 17, 2025, the Comptroller requested authorization to enter into a partnership agreement with Aflac to offer voluntary supplementary dental benefits to City employees through payroll deductions; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of providing quality, affordable benefits options to its employees to enhance overall employee well-being; and

Whereas, Aflac currently partners with the City of Mount Vernon to offer voluntary supplemental insurance benefits, such as Short Term Disability and Hospital Insurance, during an annual enrollment period held in June; and

Whereas, numerous City employees have expressed interest in additional dental benefits beyond those currently available; and

Whereas, Aflac has proposed a voluntary supplementary dental benefits plan to meet this employee demand, to be offered on a trial basis; and

Whereas, participation in this plan will be entirely voluntary, incur no cost to the City, and will be administered through pre-tax payroll deductions, resulting in reduced taxable income for participating employees; and

Whereas, the City Comptroller, in collaboration with payroll staff, has reviewed the proposed process and is prepared to facilitate the necessary payroll deductions; and

Whereas, all employee communication, education, and enrollment activities will be managed by Aflac Representatives and the City's Benefits Specialist; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization. The City Comptroller is hereby authorized to enter into a partnership agreement with Aflac for the purpose of offering voluntary supplementary dental benefits to City employees through payroll deductions.

Section 2. Terms of Participation.

- a. The supplementary dental benefits plan shall be made available on a voluntary basis during the established annual benefits enrollment period.
- b. The plan will be offered on a trial basis in 2025, with continued offering contingent upon sufficient employee interest and participation.
- c. Employees who enroll in the plan shall have the option to retain their coverage for life, regardless of City participation in future years.
- **Section 3.** Payroll Deduction. The City Comptroller's office, specifically payroll staff, shall implement and manage the necessary payroll deductions for participating employees. These deductions shall be pre-tax and consistent with applicable tax and labor regulations.
- **Section 4.** Communication and Enrollment. All employee communications, plan education, and enrollment processes shall be conducted by the City's Benefits Specialist in collaboration with Aflac Representatives.

Section 5. No Cost to the City. There shall be no financial obligation or cost to the City of Mount Vernon associated with the offering or administration of this voluntary benefits plan.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 24, 2025, granting permission to the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau (MVYB) to Utilize City Hall Plaza on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, to Host the Youth Mental Wellness Fest "Vibe Check" through the Ready4Life Program) – (all costs associated with the event shall be funded through the Ready4Life budget under code A7335.458); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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Vote Taken As Follows: 4/29/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE MOUNT VERNON YOUTH BUREAU (MVYB) TO UTILIZE CITY HALL PLAZA ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025, TO HOST THE YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS FEST "VIBE CHECK" THROUGH THE READY4LIFE PROGRAM

Whereas, in a letter dated April 21, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau (MVYB) requested legislation for authorization to use City Hall Plaza on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., to host the Youth Mental Wellness Fest, entitled *Vibe Check*, under the Ready4Life Program; and

Whereas, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau, through its Ready4Life Program, has proposed hosting a community-focused Youth Mental Wellness Fest entitled *Vibe Check*; and

Whereas, the event is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at City Hall Plaza, a central and accessible location for youth and families in the community; and

Whereas, May is recognized nationally as Mental Health Awareness Month, a time dedicated to promoting awareness, understanding, and support for mental health and well-being; and

Whereas, the MVYB seeks to create a safe, engaging, and educational environment for youth and parents, emphasizing the importance of mental wellness and connecting attendees to local resources and support systems; and

Whereas, the proposed event will feature interactive wellness activities such as kickboxing, paint therapy, journaling, yoga, reiki, game tables, and sound bath sessions, all aimed at promoting emotional expression, stress reduction, mindfulness, and community support; and

Whereas, the event will be held in partnership with various local organizations, including but not limited to the Mount Vernon Police Department Wellness Division, Planned Parenthood, Children's Village Sanctuary, Health First, Westchester Jewish Community Services, Montefiore, and the Westchester Health Center, and will include a licensed therapist booth to provide brief mental health consultations; and

Whereas, all costs associated with the event shall be funded through the Ready4Life budget under code A7335.458; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

- **Section 1. Authorization to Use Cit Hall.** The Youth Bureau is hereby granted permission to use City Hall Plaza on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., to host the Youth Mental Wellness Fest, entitled *Vibe Check*, under the Ready4Life Program.
- Section 2. Event Purpose and Objectives. The purpose of the event is to promote mental health awareness and education among youth and parents through interactive and therapeutic activities, community engagement, and access to local wellness resources.

Section 4. Funding. All expenses related to the event shall be charged to and accounted for under the Ready4Life Program Budget Code A7335.458.

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

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RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on February 11, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on February 11, 2025, authorizing a Budget Transfer to Cover Future Purchases Within the Office of the Mayor - (\$5,000.00 from Budget Code: A1210.405 (Contracted Outside Service) to Budget Code: A1201.402 (Travel Expense); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A BUDGET TRANSFER TO COVER FUTURE PURCHASES WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Whereas, by letter dated January 28, 2025, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing the transfer of funds for \$5,000.00 within said office for future purchases and to prevent a negative balance; and

Whereas, funds are available in Budget Code A1210.405 (Contracted Outside Services); Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Transfer of Funds. The following budget line transfer is hereby authorized:

From:	Amount:	To:
Budget Code: A1210.405 Contracted Outside Service	\$5,000.00	Budget Code A1201.402 Travel Expense

Section 2. Purpose. The funds will cover future purchases and prevent a negative balance within the Mayor's Office.

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

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 5 FOR RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PETRILLO CONTRACTING, INC.

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 31, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has certified that the work performed under the contract between the City of Mount Vernon (the "City") and Petrillo Contracting, Inc. (the "Contractor")—for the resurfacing of various streets in the City—has been completed in a good and substantial manner by the Contractor; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is entitled to receive Partial Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$53,869.79, in accordance with the terms of the contract; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to process Partial Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$53,869.79 to Petrillo Contracting, Inc., as certified by the Commissioner of Public Works. The payment draft shall be delivered to the Corporation Counsel, who will release the funds to the Contractor upon receipt of proof that no liens exist against the project. This payment is contingent upon the Contractor's submission of all required documentation; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that funds for this payment are available under Budget Code H5110.203.C955, and will be fully reimbursed through the New York State Consolidated Local Street & Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS).

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 1 adopted by this Board of Estimate & Contract on January 7, 2025, is hereby amended for the position shown below as follows:

Position: Plan Room Coordinator				
Grade	Minimum Salary	Maximum Salary	Annual Increment	
5B	\$51,004.17	\$69,834.87	\$2,092.30	

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 4, adopted by this Board of Estimate & Contract on January 7, 2025, is hereby amended as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS		
Position:	From:	<u>To</u> :
Plan Room Coordinator	\$55,188.77	\$61,465.67

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Vote Taken As Follows: 4/29/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted **RESOLVED**, that Resolution No. 4, adopted by this Board of Estimate & Contract on January 7, 2025, is hereby amended as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS		
Position:	From:	<u>To</u> :
Code Enforcement Officer	\$1.00	\$71,282.87

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 7, adopted by this Board of Estimate & Contract on January 7, 2025, is hereby amended as follows:

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY		
Position:	From:	<u>To</u> :
Senior Account Clerk	\$-	\$71,384.38

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Vote Taken As Follows: 4/29/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF MARIO HINES

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2024, Mario Hines filed a Notice of Claim against the City of Mount Vernon (the "City") alleging property damage resulting from a tree branch that fell onto his 2011 BMW 7 Series 4D Sedan from a tree located on City property during an incident that occurred on October 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations between the parties, the City has agreed to settle the claim with Mario Hines for \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 22, 2025, the Corporation Counsel has recommended that the Board of Estimate and Contract approve the proposed settlement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Estimate and Contract of the City of Mount Vernon as follows:

Section 1. Approval of Settlement. The settlement of the claim filed by Mario Hines against the City of Mount Vernon is hereby approved in the total amount of \$2,500.00, inclusive of all claims, costs, and attorney's fees.

Section 2. Authorization of Payment. The City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to allocate and disburse the amount of \$2,500.00 from Budget Code A1910.469 (Insurance Claims), as appropriated in the 2025 City Budget, in satisfaction of the settlement.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF **RONALD JONES**

Whereas, on January 14, 2021, Ronald Jones filed a Notice of Claim against the City of Mount Vernon (the "City") alleging violations of his civil rights arising from an incident on November 14, 2018; and

Whereas, on February 23, 2022, Ronald Jones commenced a federal lawsuit against the City of Mount Vernon, asserting claims related to the incident mentioned above; and

Whereas, following negotiations between the parties, the City of Mount Vernon has reached a settlement agreement with Ronald Jones in the total amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00), inclusive of all claims, costs, and attorney's fees; and

Whereas, the Corporation Counsel, by letter dated March 18, 2025, has recommended that the Board of Estimate and Contract approve the \$30,000.00 settlement; Now, Therefore, Be It

Resolved by the Board of Estimate and Contract of the City of Mount Vernon, as follows:

Section 1. Approval of Settlement. The settlement of the claim and federal lawsuit filed by Ronald Jones against the City of Mount Vernon is hereby approved in the total amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00), including all claims, costs, and attorney's fees.

Section 2. Authorization of Payment. The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to allocate and disburse the sum of \$30,000.00 for the settlement of said claim from Budget Code A1930.494 (Judgments & Settlements), as appropriated in the 2025 City Budget.

This Resolution shall take effect Section 3. Effective Date. immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

ADOPTED BY **BOARD OF ESTIMATE** AND CONTRACT

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF STACY ANN MELILLO

Whereas, on April 8, 2021, Stacy Ann Melillo filed a petition against the City of Mount Vernon (the "City"), alleging wrongful termination related to an incident that occurred on December 10, 2020; and

Whereas, after negotiations between the parties, the City of Mount Vernon has agreed to a settlement with Stacy Ann Melillo in the total amount of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00), inclusive of all claims, legal costs, and attorney's fees; and

Whereas, the Corporation Counsel, by letter dated April 23, 2025, has recommended that the Board of Estimate and Contract approve said settlement; Now, Therefore, Be It

Resolved by the Board of Estimate and Contract of the City of Mount Vernon, as follows:

- **Section 1. Settlement Approval**. The settlement of the claim and federal lawsuit filed by Stacy Ann Melillo against the City of Mount Vernon is hereby approved in the total amount of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00), including all claims, costs, and attorney's fees.
- **Section 2. Authorization of Payment**. The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to allocate and disburse the amount of \$90,000.00 from Budget Code A1930.494 (Judgments & Settlements), as provided in the 2025 City Budget, for the settlement of said claim.
- **Section 3. Effective Date**. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Vote Taken As Follows: 4/29/2025
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