

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

4:00 PM

MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM - 1st FLOOR

Board of Estimate & Contract

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA
City Clerk*

*JORDAN RIULLANO, JD
Deputy City Clerk*

Call to Order: At 4:00 PM by Chairwoman Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard

Roll Call: Roll Call and reading of agenda items administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla. Noticed in the Journal News.

PRESENT Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Darren Morton, and Council President Derrick Thompson

ABSENT None

OTHERS: Chief of Staff Malcolm Clark, Asst. Corporation Counsel Johan Powell, Deputy City Clerk Jordan A. Riullano, Assistant Comptroller Condell Hamilton

ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING ORDINANCES

1. [TMP-1880](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Mayor Referral_NYCOM February 2026](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Comptroller Morton: Madam Mayor, can you explain the necessity of this trip

Mayor Patterson - Howard: Explains the Necessity of the trip and how she sits on the NYCOM board and the meeting will focus on water infrastructure, meet with state representatives and advocate for the needs of their municipalities.

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

2. [TMP-1879](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Mayor Referral_USCM January 2026](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Comptroller Morton: Explains the registration fee.

Council President Thompson: Can you further explain the "not to exceed" costs.

Mayor Patterson - Howard: I serve as a trustee and serve on a number of committees and will be speaking on three panels and discussed the topics. I will need a detail list of last years education and travel line from the Comptroller's Office.

Comptroller Morton: Discussed how important it is for the city to be represented because we have to be in the room in order to advocate for the city. But explained that he will be asking the tough questions because the travel line only has \$60,000 for all departments.

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

3. [TMP-1871](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Transfer of Funds - iWORQ 2025](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Comptroller Morton: Is this a budget transfer in the beginning of the year.

Deputy Comptroller Hamilton: This is for the fiscal year 2025. We legislated for the software in April and they received the bill for the software in November and this missed the last meeting.

Comptroller Morton: so this should have been encumbered after the legislation.

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

4. [TMP-1881](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [FY Budget 2026 - Referral Letter](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Comptroller Morton: This is probably the first time adopting the budget as a request from the auditors and all the documentation that we adopt include ARP (American Rescue Plan) budget and any capital budgets we develop going forward. As we do adopt their salary resolutions, we should adopt their budget as well.

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

5. [TMP](#)
[-1868](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [010526 - Referral Letter](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

6. [TMP](#)
[-1858](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter-OCFS- EmpowerMED](#)
[Award Letter - OCFS EmpowerMED \\$30K](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: Thanks assemblyman Pretlow for working with the department.

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

7. [TMP](#)
[-1859](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [GEM's Referral Letter - \\$50K](#)
[Award Letter GEM \\$50K](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Comptroller Morton: Retro with the county is normal and more of these will come even after the program is over. We will use the award letter as a promissory note.

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

8. [TMP](#)
[-1860](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter-OCFS- Youth Services](#)
[Award Letter \\$19,790 OCFS](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

9. [TMP](#)
[-1861](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter-M.I.M-2025-2026](#)
[Award Letter -M.I.M \\$25K](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion to take items #10 - 11 as a block vote

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

take items as block vote

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

10. [TMP](#)
[-1862](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [2026 Annual Youth Leadership Forum - Referral letter](#)
[Award Letter Yth Leadership Forum](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

11. [TMP](#)
[-1863](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter - FBO-Aviation \\$115K](#)
[BITTS- Aviation 2025-2026 Program Schedule](#)
[Ordinance Accepting \\$800,068 2025-2026 from WPLWDB](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:

approved the Consent Agenda

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President
Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

12. [TMP](#)
[-1864](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter - OCB-\\$20K](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President
Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

13. [TMP](#)
[-1865](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter - Toss N Press-\\$25K](#)
[Ordinance Accepting \\$800,068 2025-2026 from WPLWDB](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: happy to be in collaboration with Toss N Press and they are opening another location.

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion to take Items #14-15 as a block vote

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

take items as block vote

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

14. [TMP-1866](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter - Flying Classroom \\$20K- MS youth Mt. Vernon Youth Bureau - FC Proposal \(Students Middle School\)](#)

Moved: Mayor Patterson - Howard, Seconded by Council President Thompson

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

15. [TMP-1867](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral Letter - Flying Classroom \\$30K Mt. Vernon Youth Bureau - FC Proposal \(Students High School\)](#)

Moved: Mayor Patterson - Howard, Seconded by Council President Thompson

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

Moved: Mayor Patterson - Howard, Seconded by Council President Thompson

On the question: none.

Response:

approved the Consent Agenda

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

16. [TMP
-1872](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Referral Letter_OEM FY26 Budget Appropriations Transfer Request – OEM Auxiliary Police Unit](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: explained the history of moving the auxiliary police department from Police Department to Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Comptroller Morton: What is the function of the Auxiliary Police.

Mayor SPH: explained historically that auxiliary police have been used as crowd control for events and keeping the peace but now they are aiding in disasters the city has been having. Now they are getting their peace officer status and do basic VCO's.

Comptroller Morton: an idea would be to bring in the office of neighborhood safety and engagement

take items as block vote

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

17. [TMP
-1829](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Agenda Letter -Transfer Of Funds updated](#)

Mayor Patterson - Howard: maybe an encumbrance issue. We approved for the fire academy budget transfer when we did not have an extra fire academy.

Comptroller Morton: My issue is that the overtime is very high

Deputy Comptroller Hamilton: We did an initial transfer for the 10 new firefighters, but we did not include the uniform and equipment to cover those additional firefighters.

Comptroller Morton: how are we pulling funds from the salary line?

DC Hamilton: I spoke with payroll on the mis-categorization for the retirees

Comptroller: Is there a bill?

DC Hamilton: yes

Comptroller Morton: okay, ill approve the payments for now and will approve to do the transfer at another meeting.

held

18. [TMP](#)
[-1800](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [REFERRAL LETTER - COMMAND LEADERSHIP TRAINING](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

19. [TMP](#)
[-1869](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Referral Letter 255 Summit Avenue](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

20. [TMP](#)
[-1856](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Staff Report_Budget Specialist III 12-16-25](#)
[URA](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: as long as we get CDBG funding, these positions will be grant funded and they are required.

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

21. [TMP](#)
[-1857](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Staff Report Budget Specialist I 12-16-25](#)
[URA](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

22. [TMP](#)
[-1883](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Referral Letter Amendment Ordinance 12 add expenditure code for](#)
[FEC 1.8.2026](#)
[November 2023 Ordinance](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

23. [TMP](#)
[-1882](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Referral Letter Amendment Ordinance 8 add expenditure code for FEC](#)
[1.8.2026](#)
[January 2024](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: Its important to attend these conferences; we pay \$5K for membership and have received monies from them to fund projects.

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

24. [TMP](#)
[-1876](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Referral Letter Amendment Ordinance 31 add expenditure code for FEC 1.8.2026](#)
[FEC Contract Amendment Approved Legislation 8_19_2025](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: explained the Mount Vernon financial empowerment center. IT is free for Mount Vernon residence regardless of income.

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

25. [TMP](#)
[-1887](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [COMP2026 – 1 - Extension of PFK O’Connor Davies for Independent Auditing Services for the 2021 & 2022](#)
[PFK Extension Letter 2026](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

SALARY RESOLUTIONS

26. [TMP](#)
[-1888](#)

Attachments: [SALARY RESOLUTION NO. 4 \(ALL POSITIONS\) - COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS - ADMINISTRATION AND SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

27. [TMP-1889](#)

Attachments: [SALARY RESOLUTION NO. 9 \(ALL POSITIONS\) - LABORER AND SKILLED LABORER - POLICE \(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS\)](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:
approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

28. [TMP-1890](#)

Attachments: [SALARY RESOLUTION NO. 14 \(ALL POSITIONS - ASSISTANT ENGINEER, FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS\)](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:
approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING PARTIAL PAYMENTS - DPW

29. [TMP-1891](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 19 TO NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING COMPANY FOR SEWER SYSTEM CLEANING & TELEVISIONING - PHASE 1 -\\$21,119.14](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response:
approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

30. **TMP**
-1892

Attachments: [RESOLUTION FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 3 TO INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES LLC - FOR YEAR TWO SEWER CLEANING & INSPECTION PROJECT - \\$270,183.38](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Comptroller Morton: What is the reimbursement time?

Deputy Comptroller Hamilton: It is HUD (Housing Urban Development), it is a 3 month turnaround.

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

Agenda was concluded at 5:47 PM.

Chairwoman Patterson-Howard asked if there was new business:

Mayor Patterson - Howard: Discussed multiple awarded grants and expanding the Deputy Commissioner job title.

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Jordan Riullano, JD
Deputy City Clerk